



An exhibit at Milton Fall Fair prepared by the Hornby 4-H Homemaking Club working on the project "Meat in the Menu."

Not much mention has been made in this article about the part played by the Senior Women's Institutes who turned out in very encouraging numbers and served delightful afternoon tea at the close of the programme. The role played by the Juniors is featured only because it was less usual and noteworthy for that reason.

Peel and Halton Juniors will be happy to hear of others who have answered the plea for help in these now not-so-distant lands. It is still not too late to send layettes to the U.S.C., 78 Sparks St., Ottawa. They need not be new!

### A WEDDING STORY

Mrs. Borgstrom who, as many of our readers know, is Home Economist for Peel and Halton counties, also sent this report:

"A Burlington newspaper report of May 10th, 1958 reads, in part, 'Nelson United Church will be the scene of this afternoon's wedding ceremony in which Mabel Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vivian, is to become the bride of John David Biggs.'

"Behind the brief account of a pretty wedding is a story of one 4-H Homemaking Club girl and her determination to have a wedding to be proud of but one which would be a real 'home' occasion and not a professional display.

"Helen is a Provincial Honour girl from the Nelson Club in Halton County, a past-president of the Palermo Junior Institute, Chicago Trip winner in 1955. Her Matron of Honour was an older sister, Mary (Mrs. Glen Campbell) who had also been a member of the Nelson Club and a president of the Palermo Junior Institute. Bridesmaids, Glenna Rose and Audrey Featherstone were school-mates of Helen's from the age of six and fellow club members for seven years. All received their Provincial Honours in 1956.

"Helen says it had always been her ambition to make her own wedding dress 'even though everyone who was superstitious informed me that it was bad luck to do so.' Her attendants, too, were in favour of making it a completely home-produced wedding. So they bought brocaded taffeta for all dresses—white for the bride and pale green for the attendants — and each made her own dress.

"The bride's father gave her, as a wedding gift, a new sewing machine and on this Helen made

her bridal gown—and all her trousseau garments except her going-away outfit!

"Helen reports, 'The material for my dress cost \$20.00 and since I wore last year's white shoes, borrowed a veil and a hoop, my outfit cost my parents about \$22.00—a far cry from buying a wedding dress alone for about \$100.00!'

"Attendants' costumes were a little more expensive, being about \$35.00 complete. The extra cost was incurred by shoes and custom-made hats. Each girl made her own gloves, however.

"In a tribute to her mother, Helen says 'I would never have attempted the task I undertook if it had not been for my mother who would say 'Helen, you go sew and I'll do the other work!'

"Mrs. Vivian's part in this wedding was truly tremendous for she not only made the wedding cake but prepared **all** the food for the reception including dressing, cooking and carving eight turkeys! Food was then transported from the Vivian home to the Nelson Hall where Church ladies served it at the reception for one hundred guests.

"Both the bride and her mother are justifiably proud of their wedding story and now in her suburban home in Port Credit Helen is busy putting into practice her other Homemaking Club and Junior Institute experience. We are sorry to lose her from club work but wish her all happiness in her new life."

### A HALLOWE'EN EVENT

Edna Strong of Bolton Junior Institute reports: "The members of Bolton Junior Institute were asked by the committee in charge of the Junior Farmers' October meeting to come to the meeting in Halloween disguise. The girls co-operated very well by coming in the costumes of a farmer, a Wes'erner, a bent-over old lady, a ghost with the chemise look, an elderly gentleman with high hat, tails and all the trimmings, a glamour girl and a paper doll. The costumes were judged by the boys and prizes were awarded to the winners.

"The penalty for those who did not dress up was to bag homemade candy, brought by the members to be sold in the Junior Farmers' booth at the fall fair.

"Following the regular business of the meeting all the girls attempted to make the hula-hoop work but only one could make the amazing thing go 'round and 'round."