

Women's Institute Holidays

Holiday at Guelph

By Mrs. P. Y. McCandless

Happy women, fine weather, beautiful surroundings and wonderful meals all contributed to the success of the annual F.W.I.O. Holiday held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, July 12 to 17th. One hundred and sixty members of the Women's Institutes registered on Monday morning all eager to participate in the programme arranged for them by the committee in charge. Mrs. E. V. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Holiday, was on hand to welcome the guests.

Opening ceremonies took place in the afternoon with Mrs. Fred Bonnett, Regional Vice-President, Fort William, presiding. Dr. D. N. Huntley in the absence of Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President of the O.A.C., welcomed the guests to the College. In his address Dr. Huntley compared agriculture of today with that of a few years ago when horse power meant just that — horses, and today it means a large 30 or 40 horse power machine, and the fuel instead of oats and hay is oil from 1,000 miles away. Much more has happened in the advancement of agriculture in the last 50 years than ever before, said Dr. Huntley, and to carry on today, and survive, agriculture must have technically educated people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd gave a piano and organ recital during the afternoon and conducted the community singing. Padre, the Rev. W. A. Young, who usually conducts the community singing at the Holiday was unable to attend because of illness.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. James Haggerty, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, arrived. She had just returned from the biennial meeting of the Federated Women's In-

stitutes of Canada where she had been elected First Vice-President. On Wednesday morning Mrs. Haggerty started the day with an inspirational address on Leadership.

Two ideas prevail as to the meaning of Leadership, said Mrs. Haggerty and she preferred Leadership as defined in these words — "The unique work of a leader is in so organizing vast enterprises that in them other people might express their highest possible capacity."

It is not enough for a leader to give orders, said Mrs. Haggerty, but rather to provide others with opportunities of serving; to bring out in others the ability to share, to grow and to contribute to group life. A leader must put into practice what she preaches, she then creates trust in her followers. She must be wise, loving and true, and loyal to her group. She should give them a feeling of belonging and make them feel that she belongs to them, too. True leadership never scorns even the smallest contribution made by anyone, she said.

The followers, Mrs. Haggerty said, are just as important as the leaders. They have an important part to play, and without them a leader would be lost. The leader is one who in a crisis can lay aside personal interests and think only of the good of her group, and bring out kindness and love in her followers.

Mrs. Haggerty said one of the finest examples of leadership she knows is that of Miss Ethel Chapman, Editor of our own Home and Country. Miss Chapman is beloved by all rural people not only in Ontario but throughout Canada for her leadership, guidance and understanding. Mrs. Haggerty closed her address with a poem:

"A leader comes to break the barriers down,
Raised up by barren creeds.



Class in Reading and Drama led by Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, front row, extreme right.