

# Special Programmes and Projects

*Editor's Note: Will Public Relations Officers please read the article on page 16 of the Winter 1960 issue of Home and Country, for suggestions regarding material for this page.*

## A Gift to Mohawk Chapel

**O**UR INFORMATION on this accomplishment was contributed by Mrs. L. E. Harrison, Chairman of Brant County Women's Institute Rally and convener of the Chapel Window project.

The Mohawk Chapel on the Indian Reserve near Brantford is of province-wide historical interest. It was the first Protestant Church in Ontario and was built with the aid of a grant obtained by Chief Joseph Brant from King George III. In 1904 Edward VII made it a Royal Chapel, the only Royal Chapel outside the British Isles. In 1785 Mohawk Institute, a school for Indian children, was built close to the Chapel. In 1834 residential quarters were added. The present school, built after the original building was destroyed by fire in 1912, accommodates 140 Indian children and six teachers.

In 1956 a committee was set up to work toward having the eight windows of the Chapel replaced by stained glass windows. The president of Sour Springs Women's Institute on the Reserve, Mrs. Sam Powless, was a member of this committee and she appealed to Mrs. Harrison to see if the Women's Institutes of Ontario might provide a window. The result was that Archdeacon H. F. Appleyard, chairman of the window committee, was invited to speak at the Brant County Women's Institute Rally, giving the historical significance of the windows and the financial set-up; and the thirty branch Institutes of the county accepted the project. The cost was estimated at from \$850 to \$900.

Each of the eight windows was to be given by a different donor and each was to mark a milestone in the steps taken to bring Christianity to the Indians.

In her speech at the formal presentation of the window as a gift to the Mohawk Chapel from the Women's Institutes of Brant County, Mrs. Harrison said:

"The subject of the window is the ascended Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life as well as the Door by which all men are called on to enter the Kingdom of God. The portrayal of God's Kingdom and Household uses the Indian concept of the heavenly teepee; and the Christ who invites His Indian people into God's Teepee, as the ascended Lord of the Indian race as of all races of mankind. We present this window to be dedicated to the glory of God and for the



Left, Mrs. L. E. Harrison representing the Women's Institutes of Brant County, who presented the window to the Mohawk Chapel. Right, Miss Susan Hardy, aged 93, a former pupil and for 50 years a teacher at the Mohawk Institute, a school for Indian children.

adornment of this ancient House of God, the first Christian Church in this district, Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks."

At the base of the window is a plaque inscribed: "This window portraying the Lord of all Nations is the gift of the Women's Institutes of Brant County."

## A Party for Eskimos

By Mrs. J. C. English

**R**ECENTLY our Institute, Pittsburgh in Frontenac district, held two social events which we thought might be of interest to other Institute members.

First, we entertained our husbands at a pot luck dinner and for our speaker we had Dr. J. H. Richards who has made several trips to the Canadian North by boat; he also flew over the North Pole. During his talk he showed slides of the Eskimo people and conditions in their part of the country. He told many interesting facts about the North that one would not know from reading newspaper articles.

We also had the opportunity of entertaining a number of Eskimo men ranging in age from seventeen to forty-one, who are stationed at Barriefield Military Camp, taking the electrical mechanical engineer's course. These men are from Frobisher Bay, Chimo, Sugluk, Churchill and Hamilton Inlet and will return to their own communities when they finished their course. The men, along with their interpreter, enjoyed a sleigh drive and later a square dance was held, with