

It is reported that early in the summer **Beachburg** secured a travelling library with an excellent assortment of children's books. (It would seem that this library had been ordered with the thought of providing reading material for children during the school vacation.—Ed.)

A woman in a new suburban development reports that when she and two others were invited to join **Richview** Institute in West York, they "were so thrilled that they held a luncheon in honour of the woman who invited them and gave the proceeds to the Institute." They called the luncheon "an appreciation party."

Women's Institute Holidays

The Guelph Holiday

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MEMBERS of the Women's Institutes of Ontario to the number of 160 arrived at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on July 11, in anticipation of a restful and happy five days' holiday. They were not disappointed. The guests were accommodated in Macdonald and Watson Halls and all entered wholeheartedly into the programme prepared for them.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. E. V. Thompson, Conference and Holiday Secretary, welcomed the guests as they assembled in Memorial Hall. Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President of the O.A.C. welcomed the guests to the College and in his address said that seventy per cent of the O.A.C. budget is now being used for research and that the education at the College is being kept at a very high standard. Problems in agriculture are very great and at O.A.C. they are striving to get the answers for the Ontario farmer.

Padre, the Rev. W. A. Young, also spoke, telling his audience that O.A.C. depends on the right kind of student to attend the college, and that there is more and more need for the best brains in the country to do the work at O.A.C. An organ and piano recital was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd, and Padre Young led in community singing. Mrs. Ford Sudden contributed to the programme with a humorous reading, "Why I joined the Women's Institute."

Each morning during the week the Padre gave "A Thought For The Day" and Mr. Kidd played for the singing of the hymns. The Padre's theme through the week was "Living an Abundant Life." To do this he said we must have faith which robs the unseen of its terror; we must have "busyness", because idleness is emptiness. For an abundant life we need each other. All of us cherish dreams and fond hopes. All of us suffer defeat in one form or another, but defeat is only real when spirits are low and we give up. Look to yourselves, he said; because failures are usually

As Burford Fair will celebrate its centennial this year the Institutes of **South Brant** are having the Women's Institute exhibit feature articles found or made in homes of the early days. The articles listed are: 1. An Antique Shawl, 2. Framed Picture (old) in needlepoint, cross stitch or embroidery, 3. Piece of Antique Silverware, 4. Piece of Antique Glassware, 5. Antique Household Utensil, to be judged on rarity and state of preservation, 6. Girl's Knitted Set of Scarf and Mitts, plain, six to twelve years, 7. Half Apron made from white cotton bag, bias trim, 8. Cornmeal Johnny Cake, 9. Loaf of Homemade Bread, 10. Cherry Pie.

to be found in ourselves. He quoted, "He is greater who tries to do something and fails than he who does nothing and succeeds." He concluded his talks by saying, "Faith is the force that can turn defeat into victory."

The Interest Groups were very well attended and at the end of the session all agreed they had gained a great deal from the instruction received.

The Group Singing was conducted each morning by Mr. Ralph Kidd, Mus. Bach. Director of Music, O.A.C. On Friday afternoon, demonstrating what they had learned during the week, it was evident that great progress had been made. The demonstration represented a Cavalcade of Song, beginning with songs of many years ago, on up to the present day, with Mr. Kidd supplying the commentary of history which inspired the song to be written.

Miss Isabel Leslie, from the staff of the Home Economics Service, Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, gave instruction in leathercraft. Each member of the class completed a hand-made leather wallet. These were displayed at the end of the session and the owners were very proud of them.

The Art Class, under the direction of Gordon Couling, Professor of Art at Macdonald Institute, were most enthusiastic about the instruction received from him. Only those who had some previous instruction were in this class. Lectures were given and instruction in painting was given on the campus and in the greenhouse. These women were fortunate as there was a banana tree in bloom in the greenhouse and two of the members completed a painting of this unusual bloom. These were displayed on Friday afternoon along with other work done by these women.

An event always looked forward to at the Holiday is a visit to Macdonald Institute, through the kindness of Dr. Margaret S. McCready, Principal of the Institute. Guests were shown through the Institute by members of the staff and they saw stoves, refrigerators, washing machines and dryers of many kinds which are being tried out at the Institute for their efficiency. A display of clothing made by the students was also shown,