

Holidayers in an art interest group directed by Mr. Gordon Couling, Art Professor at Macdonald Institute.



Kemptville Holiday

By a Member

FORTY-TWO ladies enjoyed the beautiful setting of the Kemptville Agricultural School for the Eastern Ontario Women's Institute Holiday held August 9, 10 and 11. Mrs. Muriel Ferguson of K.A.S. was in charge of registration.

Following the opening ode Mrs. Douglas Hayes of L'Original, F.W.I.O. vice-president welcomed the ladies to the holidays. A warm welcome to K.A.S. was given by Miss Ruth Rorke, Director of the Home Economics Department and the school's hostess. She outlined the many courses available to students at the school. Mrs. Hayes read greetings from the F.W.I.O. president, Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, in which she expressed hope that all in attendance at the holiday would find relaxation, new friendships and possibly a new skill and the experience of living together in the delightful atmosphere provided by the school.

Mrs. E. V. Thompson, holiday secretary, led in community singing. Four ladies from the Goshen Women's Institute under the leadership of Mrs. John Miller entertained with some lively instrumental music throughout the holiday. Their music was a joy to all the holidayers. Miss Isabel Leslie of Home Economics Service led an interest group in Leathercraft. She showed three different styles of coin purses that could be made in the short time available.

We were pleased to have three ladies from Highland Creek Institute as guests; also a 4-H Club member from Oil Springs, Miss Ann McLachlan who contributed to the programme.

At the close of the afternoon session Miss Ruth Rorke conducted the ladies on a tour of the Home Economics Department. A get-acquainted party was held in the Recreation room with Mrs. Thompson providing a mixer in the form of old proverbs. Each lady had to find the one with the other half of her proverb. Following this all present told of their favourite hobby and there was a wonderful display of such work as quilt making, crochet work, rugs, needlepoint, embroidery, knitting, spoon collections, bouquets from pine cones and pictures of

flower gardens. Mrs. Nancy McCuaig of Cassburn sang two solos accompanied by Mrs. J. T. MacDonald of Vankleek Hill at the piano. Miss Rorke and her staff served refreshments at the close of each evening's activities which made an enjoyable ending to the day.

Wednesday morning opened with a hymn "Unto the Hills" and the Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Hayes presented the Thought for the Day with readings, "The Homemakers Lament", "The World is Mine", and "Touching Shoulders". These thoughts gave a pleasant beginning for the day.

Mr. Douglas Walkington of the Chemical Division of Canadian Industries Limited spoke to the gathering on plastics. When discussing plastics, synthetic textiles, paints, films, foams and other end products of Chemistry, Mr. Walkington used a fascinating array of samples to illustrate his point. He emphasized that there are many types of plastics today. It is necessary for manufacturers and buyers of plastic articles to know something about these variations in order to decide which plastic is best for a specific purpose. A toy needs to be made from a tough plastic, a cup or tumbler from one which will stand boiling water, a folding door must resist frequent flexing. He touched briefly on the history of textiles and demonstrated the properties of some such as "Terylene" for permanent pleats and true "wash and wear" garments. In some cases a blend of new and old gave better fabrics than a single fibre.

The film taken by Miss Helen McKercher of her trip to A.C.W.W. Conference in Edinburgh was shown by Mrs. Thompson, also a film of a Guelph holiday.

A talent party in the common room brought out many and varied activities, readings, singing, instrumental music, amusing stories and a "Dear Aunt Abbie" contest which everyone entered.

In Thursday morning's Thought for the Day, Mrs. Hayes spoke on "A Kind of Glory". She asked "How can we experience more often those rare 'moments of illumination' when we suddenly feel joy in ourselves and in the world? Those who apply themselves too closely to little things often become incapable of great things."