

AN ADVENTURE IN FRIENDSHIP

By Mrs. H. V. McKenney

We had such an interesting International program at our Victoria Crescent Branch Meeting last Thursday. The motto was "What United Nations means to me"; the roll call "What I think of the World Refugee Plan", followed by "The Hymn of all Nations". It was really an evening giving us food for thought and most touching as we had a New Canadian who had spent three years in refugee camps with her family. Finally they were released but the woman's mind up to last year had not regained the trust to associate and speak freely with other humans as when in camp just a smile or a yes or no might mean that the husband or one of the children or even herself might be subjected to human indignities.

The Editorial in Home and Country last year on the story of how World Refugee Year came about, the woman's close association with our Women's Institute, our constant friendship and encouragement and an occasional hug around her shoulders finally won her over. So she was able to talk and take part in our program this year with a warmth in her heart she had thought was gone from her forever. She is most gifted in the Crafts and made us many beautiful articles for our Annual Bazaar last summer.

I feel that if every Branch of the Women's Institute could reach only one of these poor dear women, what an accomplishment it would be in good citizenship. They don't want charity but to regain trust and confidence in the human race.

A HOODLESS HOMESTEAD SOUVENIR

By Mrs. J. S. Holden

Our Women's Institute District of North Brant is selling a towel with a design of the birthplace of Adelaide Hoodless. We feel that this is meeting the need for a good souvenir or gift item which will be on sale at the Hoodless Homestead later. At present we hope it will help us to build up a fund to provide something required for the home in the future.

The towels, made of linen, are washable with the design silk screened on by hand and they sell at two dollars each. We have them in three sets of colors, brown for the heavy parts of the design with green or turquoise or rust.

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BRIEFS

Erindale's Historical Research meeting came in January this year. Because the time marked the beginning of the year and because of the historical interest of the program, the hall was decorated with calendars which were later sent to residents of the County Home. It is difficult to imagine what a colourful decoration an array of calendars can make. When members were asked to contribute calendars some sent calendars for the past year; so the resourceful president, with the idea that the beginning of the year is a time for looking backward as well as forward, had these hung at the back of the room. To make sure of an adequate supply of 1961 calendars



Evelyn Dunkeld of the Altona 4-H Homemaking Club receives her Provincial Honours certificate from Mrs. W. A. Brown, District President of South Ontario Women's Institutes.



Members of three generations in Kettleby Institute: Mrs. E. West, her daughter Mrs. A. Farren and granddaughter Mrs. R. Warlow.

In honour of Beamsville Institute's fifty-sixth anniversary, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair and Mrs. Harry Banks presented the Institute with a Roll of Honour. The parchment scroll's motif features the Niagara Peninsula's orchards and vineyards and gives names of members who have taken leading roles in the Institute's affairs.

