

very valuable before it was completed and we are glad to hear that the Hailsham ladies cherish it."

Mrs. Patterson also reports the Institute's

production of a play "Pennies for Peace," written by Mrs. Lymburner depicting a meeting of A.C.W.W. executives which she attended on her visit to London last year.

Parody Poets at Summary Days

SKITS and other variety numbers at extension service Summary Days seem to bring to the fore a lot of talent in writing parodies of well known poems and relating them to the project in hand.

Here is one by Mrs. Joanne Barrie of South Thunder Bay District, on the "143 Pounds of Meat" project. Mrs. Barrie introduced her verses by saying:

"Many of you are familiar with the poem 'If' written by the famous poet 'Rudyard Kipling'. I am going to quote a few lines from the poem 'If'.

'If you can keep your head when all about
you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men
doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting
too',

"and the last four lines:

'If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance
run—
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And what is more—you'll be a Man, my
son!'

"This is a sequel to Rudyard Kipling's 'If':

If you can cook your meat when all about
you
Are buying roasts and using them in
stews;
If you can train yourself to buy the right cut,
Then the culinary arts have met your cues.

If you can fill the pocket of a beef heart
With dressings seasoned to the right de-
gree;
And cook it in a moistened heat procedure,
My ladies, you will earn a pedigree.

If you can take some carrots and some
celery
Some turnips, onions maybe one or two;
And add them to your meat browned **without**
flour
And from these make a very tasty stew.

If you can take the meat course we have
taken,
Where problems are discussed and
thoughts conveyed;
Yours is the Cuisine filled with information,
And—what is more—you are a Cook,
self made!"

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A member of Mt. Brydges Institute wrote a piece to be sung to the tune of "Waltzing Matilda" at Middlesex Summary Day. Here is part of it:

"Once a jolly Institute, Mt. Brydges Institute,
Took a little meat course at Strathroy
one day.

Cook this way, not that way, for this way's
the best way

And so they learned the new way at
Strathroy one day.

They learned the little cheap cuts, they also
learned short cuts,

On how to cook most every meat any
old way,

Roast this one, fry that one, broil this one,
bake that one—

They taught us all together at Mt. Brydges
one day."

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Cloverleaf Institute has sent in a good skit "The Crooked Hookers" by Mrs. Carl West, presented at the Summary Day on Hooked Rugs. It may be borrowed from the Loan Library, Home Economics Service, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto. We suggest that ready made skits be used only as a guide. A great deal of the interest of a skit comes from having it related to the Institute presenting it.

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At Grey County's Summary Day on Block Printing the Briar Hill and Annan sang this parody composed by Mrs. Harold Scott. Here are two verses and the chorus. The tune of course is "Jingle Bells".

Dashing thru' the snow
On cold dark nights we went
To join with other girls
And learn to lino print,
With cutting tools so sharp.