

At Grey County's Summary Day, Ravenna Institute showed these block-printed kitchen curtains, towels, under-glass lining for a tray and an exhibit of the blocks used. At the left, the local leader Mrs. Norman Shaw. Right, Miss Isabel Leslie, Handicraft Instructor from Home Economics Extension Service.



A Project in Block Printing

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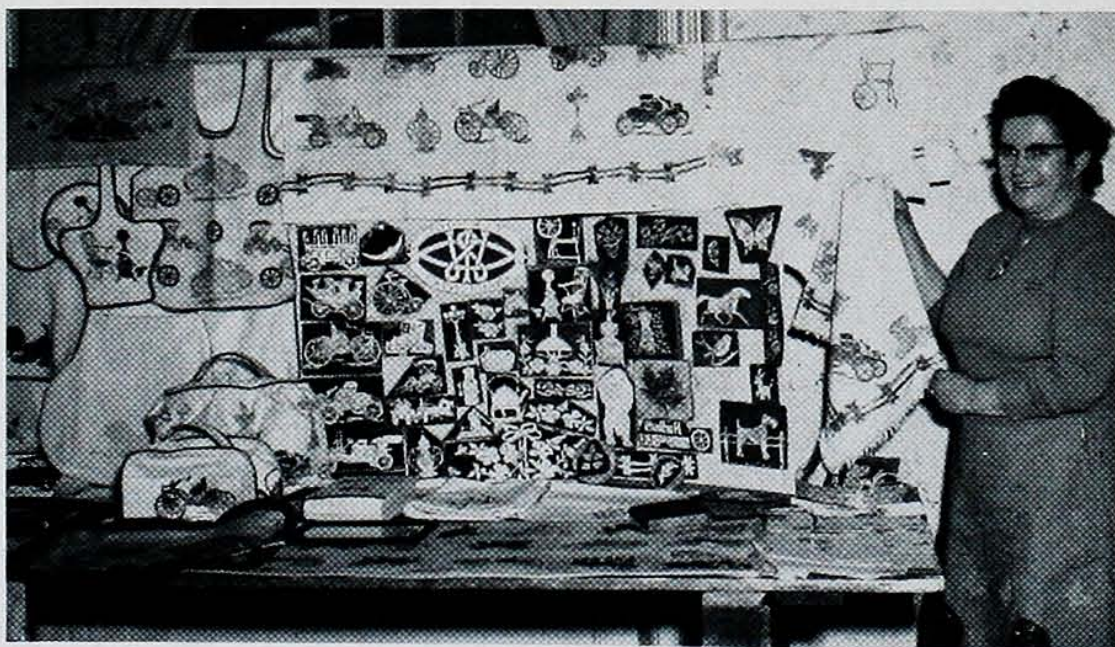
GREY was one of the first counties in the Province to attempt a project in block printing. It was very successful. 27 communities completed the work. Summary Days were held at Owen Sound and Meaford with 200 people present. The work was under the direction of Home Economics Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture. Miss Isabel Leslie trained the local leaders and was delighted with the results.

There were approximately 500 block-printed articles on display at the two Summary Days. There were small and large articles such as cards and wrapping paper, blocks for signs for gates and trucks, school crests on shirts and books, many house furnishings—pillow covers, sheets, cushions, curtains, hand and tea

towels, luncheon cloths, place mats, flower containers, trays, pot holders and pictures. There was such clothing as little girls' dresses, blouses, shirts, skirt and square dance costumes.

The designs were varied — large and small, geometric and realistic, dull and bright, quiet and bold, copied and original. Marmion gave an excellent demonstration on different types of designs and different ways of using them, with samples.

The majority of the club members used battle ship linoleum for cutting their blocks. Miss Miller and her sister of Meaford experimented with other material. They made successful blocks with heavy cardboard from the fabric centres, rubber from the sole of an old rubber, a piece of plywood. Mrs. Patterson of



Mrs. Haines of Third Line group shows her designs for block printing secured from a needlework firm, and their application as decoration for aprons, bag, toaster cover, curtains, towels, luncheon cloth. The old snake fence border seems very effective. Mrs. Emerson Knott is Third Line's local leader.