



Commemorating the 65th Anniversary of Women's Institutes, the Institutes of Norfolk County staged this showing of a parlor of 65 years ago at their county

fair. See how many antiques you can find in the picture. A bedroom and a kitchen of the period were other parts of the exhibit.

A committee of Women's Institute members from North and South Norfolk Districts planned the exhibit and secured the antique furnishings and costumes. As the building is leased for industrial storage it was not vacated until the day before the fair. A small group of women slapped six quarts of paint on the walls, trimmed them with wide cut-out wallpaper borders of another day and arranged furniture and equipment.

A beautifully kept organ graced the parlor and was played frequently, sometimes as accompaniment to solo, duet or quartette numbers. Whatnots displayed family treasures and a brass doll's bed was much admired.

An iron box stove was installed in the kitchen complete with pipes and elbow, but with modern artifice, giving the appearance of fire and boiling water in an iron tea kettle.

Carpets and mats showed the effect of years of use, but furniture including horsehair chairs was in perfect condition.

The exhibit created much interest. Passersby lingered to speak about items which were like those they had known in childhood and pointed out to younger people such things as the spinning wheel, apple peeler, stone churn, wrought iron bootjack, etc. One lady said she came to the building every day to see the different ladies in costume as they viewed pictures through a stereoscope, cut quilt blocks on a shaped lap-board, examined plush photograph albums or knitted socks — all acting the parts of a family and guests.

Several hundred leaflets outlining the history and purpose of Women's Institutes were given out and those in charge of the booth had

friendly chats with Institute members from many points in Ontario.

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Mrs. Bruce Nicks adds to this report:

"Over 1,700 leaflets were handed out to visitors during the five days of the fair. We had a registration book and I find that it reached out as far as Alberta in the West and Nova Scotia in the East with many names recorded from across the border. We feel that this display gave our organization excellent publicity and several people told the Fair Board that they considered it the best exhibit at the fair."

More A.C.W.W. Broadcasts

By Vida E. Harmansen

This schedule of spring broadcasts completes our York County Women's Institutes' year of A.C.W.W. radio programs. Through these programs in the fall and winter months we have made the work of the Women's Institute known far beyond York County. Our international studies of some of the A.C.W.W. affiliated countries in this spring's broadcasts will, we hope, urge our listeners to a further study of the countries and so to understand the problems of women in these lands.

The talks will be broadcast from CFGM Station, Richmond Hill every Friday at 9.30 p.m. from February 1st to May 31. These are the topics: "Women of Denmark", "Ceylon—Life in the land of the tea", "Switzerland—In the shadows of the Alps", "South Africa—Land of the Kaffir huts", "England—The heart of the Commonwealth", "Holland—Land of dykes and windmills", "Northern Ireland—The Land of the Leprechaun", "Greenland — Our