

Chisholm Institute in Parry Sound district bought one of the school houses when their central school was built. The president, Mrs. Fred Rawlinson, Box 254 Powassan, writes, "The desks are still in the old school and we have been told that there is some demand for such desks to put in museums. We would be glad to donate them if charges were paid to take them from the school or the Women's Institute Hall as it is now. In our small town we hope to do a small bit of 'sheltered work-shop' work as brought to our attention by the article in the Winter 1963 issue of Home and Country."

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A Calendar Tea

By Mrs. Reg Jordan

OUR KENT CENTRE Women's Institute had a very enjoyable "Calendar Tea." It was really a luncheon beginning at one o'clock and our plan was to use casserole dishes that we had learned to make in our course "The Third Meal". Our menu was simple: hot casserole dishes, large trays of relishes, gingerbread topped with whipped cream, and coffee.

We put several card tables together to make the long buffet table for the food, and put pairs of tables together to make twelve tables, six on each side of the hall. We got white paper from the newspaper office to cover the tables. Each table was decorated with a centre in keeping with a holiday of the month. The January table was decorated for the New Year, the February table for a Valentine party, March for St. Patrick — using a shamrock— and April for Easter. On the May table was a miniature Maypole, on the June table a centre featuring a bridal decoration, and a Dominion Day decoration for July. For August a swimming pool centre had been made with a mirror, sand and miniature bathing dolls. September featured a school house; October, Thanksgiving; November, Remembrance Day; and December, a Christmas centre.

Each member went to the table of her birthday month and as a sort of roll call contributed something to the program as indicated for each table. For example at the February table, a verse from a valentine; at the March table, an Irish joke; at the September table everyone sang "School Days." When everyone was seated those from one table after another went to the buffet table and served themselves. After lunch we played six games of cards. I think it was the most enjoyable afternoon we ever had.



Guests at Fairgrove's "Grandmothers' Night." Each member was asked to bring a grandmother and an antique. The antique display included articles shown in the picture, baby boots worn by a member's husband 75 years ago, a Paisley shawl worn by a bride coming from Scotland 100 years ago, a sword used in the Fenian raid.



The casserole buffet at Kent Centre Women's Institute's Calendar Tea.

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IN CHURCH

Helen Loomis Linham

It does not seem so very long ago
 Since I watched them every Sunday night;
 She was younger then, and he, I know,
 Not more than three, a truly lovely sight!
 Before the sermon ended he would curl
 Up close to Grandma, blue eyes closed in sleep;
 In summer she would gently fan and swirl
 A song book just to cool his slumbers deep.
 Today I watched them — he is now a man
 So tall that she must tiptoe very high
 To whisper things, and he leans all he can
 To hear her words, and smiles to catch her eye,
 And deftly turns the page for her to sing,
 And helps her with her coat and everything.

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