



Mrs. Roy Becker and Mrs. George Riest of Kitchener on the North Waterloo Women's Institute bus tour of Northern Ontario.

Waterloo Women Visit the North

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FORTY-ONE LADIES, representing ten of North Waterloo's thirteen Women's Institute branches and a few from South Waterloo, under the organizer, Mrs. George Reist, went on an educational tour to Northern Ontario in June. A chartered bus carried the women over 1200 miles. This was the fourth Women's Institute tour Mrs. Reist had conducted in four years, the others being to Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and New York.

The group spent the first night in North Bay where they were entertained by members of the Nipissing District Institutes and welcomed by Mrs. Alf. Morris, Vice-President and other representatives.

At Timmins many questions were asked about the the new mineral find. A fireman, formerly of the Elmira District, boarded the bus as it stopped to find if he knew any of the women. Later he took them on a tour of a nearby firehall.

At Thessalon, Mrs. Trivers, Provincial President, welcomed the ladies. This was a thrill as they had expected she would be away on Institute work for the convention in Wolfville.

The last night stop was at Sudbury, where the Chamber of Commerce arranged a tour of the fast growing city. The ladies were again entertained by Institute members of the Sudbury District at an informal reception, presided over by the President, Mrs. Harold Lewis of Garson. Many of the northern members had come from twenty-five to fifty miles for the event.

The ladies toured a pulp and paper mill at Iroquois Falls, Hollinger Gold Mine at Timmins and the Inco Smelter at Copper Cliff.

The bus group was met with interest wherever they stopped. Passersby on the street paused to ask questions. At North Bay the deputy mayor arrived to convey greetings.

Many said of their four trips they enjoyed this the most. It was truly an educational tour in learning to know Canada better.

Program Suggestions

HAYSVILLE INSTITUTE in South Waterloo has some very sound and interesting topics on its program for 1964-1965. The June meeting is held at Waterloo University and includes a tour of the University. The motto: "Each time you help someone up the ladder you scale the top yourself." The July program is put on by the 4-H Homemaking Club girls and most of it is left to the girls to plan; but the roll call and the motto are already stated: "Something every girl should learn to make" and "The 4-H Pledge: 'I Pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living, for my club, my community and my country'."

There is no meeting in August. The September program is on Citizenship and Education, to be arranged by those conveners, but the roll call is already given "What plans should our community make for Canada's centennial?" and "We look back with pride and forward with anticipation."

The Health program has the roll call: "What favorite food do you remember most vividly from your childhood?"; the motto: "Superior nutrition is your best health insurance policy"; and the rest of the program is on The Use and Misuse of Poisons.

November brings the Institute's fiftieth anniversary celebration. The motto for this meeting is the quotation: "We may build more splendid habitations, fill our rooms with paintings and sculptures, but we cannot buy with gold the old associations."

December has the roll call, "What does Christmas mean to me?" and the motto, "May the miracle of the first Christmas fill your home with happiness." January is the month for Historical Research and the roll call is "What in our present age do you think is worth preserving?"; the motto, "Archives are the gift of one generation to another and our care of them marks the extent of our civilization."

February will have an International program. Special plans are left to conveners but the roll call is "Name a responsibility of Canadians as world citizens"; and the motto, "Prejudice is not natural to human beings; it is an acquired trait."

Home Economics is the subject for March with apparently a slant toward labor saving. The roll call is "Give your favorite 'quickie' recipe"; and the motto, "Are you mistress or slave in your kitchen?"

The April meeting starts with a luncheon dessert at 1.15, possibly to get a good turnout