

At a Leathercraft Course in Grey county, Mrs. Charles Agnew of Home Economics Service (centre) gives instruction in making leather covers for books such as community and family histories.



gested that the approaching centennial of Canada has stimulated a very live interest in compiling and preserving local history; anyway the women of Grey county seem to be especially active in this project. During the 1964 class leather covers were made for the Women's Institute's county Tweedsmuir history and for the histories being compiled by five branch Institutes: Riverside, St. Vincent, Kemble, Vandeleur, and Bothwell's Corner's second volume—this matches the first volume made under Mrs. Agnew's direction in 1961. Covers were also made for two family history books. Annan Institute had previously made arrangements with a book-binding firm to assemble their book cover when the leather had been prepared and a member came to the course to learn how to carve the design in the natural cowhide.

With the exception of the Annan book, the covers were made of English morocco. Colors were varied and the soft mottled lining in tones matching the outside cover gave a decorative touch. For the Tweedsmuir histories, each Institute had its own design and the Women's Institute crest. A reporter says: "Simplicity seemed to be the keynote and the fine tooling showed excellent craftsmanship."

### Commemorative Spoons

**T**HE SECRETARY of Saltfleet Institute reports the selling of the Commemorative Issue of spoons as a most successful way of raising Institute funds. The Institute started selling spoons before Christmas and at the first of March had cleared \$90. These spoons are shaped and engraved in sets to commemorate President Kennedy, Sir Winston Churchill, Men of Peace, the Pope and others. The Secretary says: "One member sold two dozen of the Kennedy spoons to be used as prizes in her bridge club. Another member

who belongs to an organization that has a lot of guest speakers purchased five sets of The Men of Peace to have on hand as 'thank you' gifts for future speakers. A number of members bought the Ontario spoons at Christmas time to give to school teachers, Sunday School and music teachers. We have several orders for sets of the six provinces from people who want them for girls' graduation gifts. The Pope spoons have been well received in our local Catholic Women's League. The Churchill spoons are selling well. Several members bought them to send overseas as gifts."

Editor's Note: Since this report came to us another spoon has been issued in commemoration of Adelaide Hoodless. The spoon is engraved with a picture of Mrs. Hoodless and is accompanied by a brief record of her achievements. It is retailed at the new price for all commemorative spoons, \$1.25. When a Women's Institute buys a quantity of spoons wholesale the profit is 44 cents on each spoon retailed. For full information write to the Sales Representative, Miss Pearl Clark, 66 Rosedene Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.

### Notes From a Year's Work

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**T**O RAISE FUNDS for work in the community, Coleridge Union Women's Institute catered for banquets for the Dufferin County Tuberculosis Association, the Association for Mentally Retarded Children, and for a summer wedding. From the proceeds the Institute donated \$100 to the Shelburne Artificial Ice Fund and \$75 to Shelburne hospital to buy bed linens. Proceeds from an auction sale of plants, slips and bulbs went into the Pennies for Friendship fund. The members helped with a canvass for the Cancer Society and assisted in the tuckshop in the County Home for senior citizens. Christmas