

armchair travelogue by Board Director, Mrs. Austin Zoeller.

For an International Day Meeting, a panel discussion on India drew attention "to her enviable record of achievement against enormous obstacles, her spirit and will to meet her people's needs but also the substantial help she requires to show her people that democracy means freedom to live and develop as dignified human beings." India was chosen because it is in the current news and also in an effort to introduce the Women's Institute members to more basic knowledge and understanding of the homeland of Madame Aroti Dutt, our A.C.W.W. President.

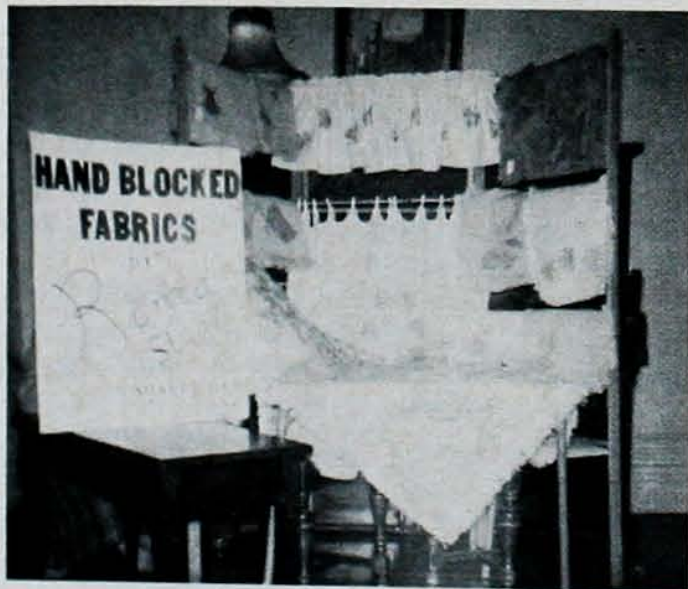
Block Printers Set Up Studio

By Mrs. Paul Robins

OUR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRANCH Shanty Bay, took the Block Printing short course in November of 1964 and ten members participated in the required number of lessons. For various reasons, as in any project, after "Achievement Day" most of our ladies went on to other interests. However, three of us were so keenly interested that we continued meeting once a week at each other's homes to pursue this fascinating hobby.

After showing some of our work to friends we found ourselves with orders. At this point we thought our little group should have a name. We chose "Rima," which is a combination of our names — Ruth, Irene, Margaret, Associated.

Our work was shown over the local television station by Mr. Garnet Pratt, owner of Garnet's Hobbies, in Barrie. Our work is on display and on sale at this same shop. In the summer we have an outlet at Wasaga Beach — The Huronia Gift and Craft Shop. We also have an outlet at a Barrie Antique and Decorative Fitting Shop.



Display of block-printed articles from Rima Studio at the Simcoe Women's Institute Area Convention.



Left to right: Irene Levison, Margaret Brooks, Ruth Robins — members of the Rima Studio, working on their block printing craft.

We were honored to be asked to demonstrate Block Printing at the three-day Barrie Fair. This was the first time that they had ever had a demonstration of this kind and everyone, including the directors, felt this was very well received. We have been invited back for this year.

We have been asked to join the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association, but as yet we have been unable to attend their meetings. And we were invited to set up a display at the Area Convention at Cookstown.

Before Christmas we were very busy making up custom tablecloths, placemats and tea cushions for special orders. Most of our block designs are made up to specification, so we have many varied designs and our scope, as yet, is unlimited.

We each intend to make ourselves a dress, with a hat to match, with block printed designs. In this way we will be making use of the last two courses in which our Institute has participated. We look forward to taking advantage of future courses.

A Float on a County's Resources

By Mrs. Robert C. Webster

THE THEME for the parade at our county fair was "Resources of Leeds County"; and Lansdowne Women's Institutes entered a float picturing our maple syrup industry.

We used a regular farm wagon with a large platform. The husbands of two of our members cut some trees about six feet tall and eight inches in diameter. These were wired and nailed to the platform and extra limbs were wired to the trees. Spiles and buckets were hung on the trees with water in the buckets to resemble sap. On the back of the wagon a tripod of poles was set up and an