

which will not be sold through stores. These retail at \$1.50 and can be sold through the branches at a profit of 50 cents per spoon.

At the time of the annual board meeting the following were on hand for competition:

- 3 Tweedsmuir Histories
- 6 Samples of drawn thread work
- 6 Centennial stories
- 8 Poems

F.W.I.O. spring board meeting will be held at the University of Guelph April 25-28 inclusive (1967).

(Names of the Provincial Board and officers elected for 1966-67 are given on the Contents Page of this issue. Ed.)

Hospitality at the Homestead

MRS. JOHN CHARLTON, F.W.I.O. Hospitality Convener at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead reports that the first "welcomed guest" after her appointment was the F.W.I.C. President, Mrs. J. Philip Matheson. Mrs. Charlton met Mrs. Matheson in Toronto, took her to her home for dinner, then to the Officers' Conference

at Guelph and the next day to visit the Homestead. Mrs. James Haggerty visited the Homestead when she was guest speaker at North Brant District Annual.

Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Maurice Irwin, a F.W.I.O. Board member arranged to welcome a busload of Women's Institute members from the province of Quebec.

Through the cooperation of Board Directors Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Digweed, arrangements were made to have a Women's Institute member from England attend the Trent Valley convention at Peterborough.

Mrs. J. S. Holden, Board Director, went to the Homestead to welcome a guest from England, and entertained another in her home for the evening and took her to Niagara Falls.

Letters of introduction for English visitors have been received from Mrs. L. J. R. Delfosse, A.C.W.W. Secretary of Public Relations, and the following have been welcomed to the Homestead: Miss Mary Willcock, Mrs. E. G. Tatnall, Mrs. E. Watson, Mrs. L. Hughes, Mrs. Joy Little. Two of these ladies attended a branch meeting of the Blue Lake and Auburn Institute.

Agriculture by Correspondence

By Gary Hutchison, P.Ag.

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE has recently initiated a correspondence course program in soils, crops, livestock and farm management. This program is in addition to the horticultural program which has been underway for approximately six years. A specified program of fifteen courses plus a thesis in various specialized areas of horticulture can lead to the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture, a diploma highly recognized in the industry in Canada and the U. S. We presently have 600 students enrolled in the three-year program including 33 women and 80 students from the U. S. In addition to the commercial horticulture program there is a one-year course for the home garden enthusiast. We presently have 400 enrolled in this course including 160 women.

Although the program in soils, crops, livestock and farm management is just nicely under way we have over 100 students. Our experience in the extension service and the inquiries and enrolments to date would indicate the female partner in many farm operations is eager to learn. I believe it is established that many women are delegated to keep the records on the farm. Because of this we have had more inquiries about our Farm Records, Record Analysis and Income Tax Filing course from women than from the farmers themselves.

The ladies are also interested in some of the other courses for themselves or interested in enrolling their husbands in them. We visited several students one day and in one instance we found the wife had learned more from studying the soils course than her husband had. They intend to drain 40 acres this fall from what they learned from the soils course.

In checking our recent enrolments we find we had a recent graduate from the University of Saskatchewan enroll in the records course and she enrolled her husband, a cow-calf rancher, in the economics course. A '41 Macdonald Institute graduate living near Claremont, Ontario is enrolled in the records course and intends to take the dairy bacteriology course next. Because of the varied background of our present enrolment, we can expect our potential students from various backgrounds also.

For complete information about these courses — the contents of each course, the opportunities for graduates in addition to the value of the knowledge gained as it can be used on the home farm. For rates of tuition fees and for awards and scholarships, write the Office of Correspondence Courses, Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, Ont.