

# The Junior Women's Institute Convention

By Sharon Passmore

Green hills, trees in their autumn splendour, quietness and solitude; this was a perfect setting for a perfect weekend. Rain perhaps dampened outdoor activities but it failed to dampen the lively spirits of the twenty-five girls who attended the Junior Women's Institute Convention at Cedar Glen Camp, Bolton, on the weekend of October 2, 3, 4, 1970.

Enthusiasm was the password. Active involvement and friendship were the ingredients for making the theme — Home, Health, and Happiness, the key to a fun-packed and successful weekend for those very active girls.

Crafts, singsongs, games, hikes, guest speakers, and just plain fun were on the agenda for the weekend.

Friday evening began with the girls trying their hands with their creative talents. They made crepe paper flowers and papier-maché bracelets. Later everyone became better acquainted by playing a 'Who's Who?' game. The evening session ended with a vesper service, the Teeswater girls were in charge. A snack completed the evening.

Everyone adjourned to the one-room dormitory. Sleep was not what they had in mind; but what can you expect with twenty-five girls in the same room? Of course, some of them are still full of life and vitality at twelve o'clock. Eventually, though, silence reigned and sleep came to the weary.

Bright and early the next morning the girls got their exercise and fresh air, along with some fun. A scavenger hunt was the reason.

With Miss Sylvia Shaw, now past president of the Ontario Junior Women's Institutes, in the chair Saturday sessions opened at nine o'clock. After a short greeting by Miss Shaw, introduction of the three visiting Home Economists and the executive, the girls learned what was happening in the Junior Women's Institutes in Ontario. Miss Susan Eller, Junior Board Director was in charge. Annual reports were heard from the Junior Women's Institutes in Ontario.

Following was a brief talk on the meaning of Public Relations and the duties of the Public Relations Officer. Promoting Public Relations is not the sole responsibility of the Public Relations Officer. Every member, whenever in the public eye, is promoting the Public Relations of her club through her actions and words.

## The Election of Officers

The following people were elected to act as officers of the Ontario Junior Women's Institutes for the coming year.

Past President — Miss Sylvia Shaw, R.R. 5, Caledon East.

President — Miss Margaret Oliphant, Apt. 601, 30 Tullamore Rd., Brampton.

Vice-President — Miss Marion Ruttan, Box 73, Teeswater.

Secretary Treasurer — Mrs. Frank (Carolyn) Schulz, R.R. 1, Fonthill.

Public Relations Officer — Miss Sharon Passmore, R.R. 3, Exeter.

Programme Advisors — Miss Mary Hamilton, R.R. 2, Mississauga; Miss Donna Jackson, R.R. 2, Hornby.

Junior Board Directors — Miss Susan Eller, R.R. 3, Fenwick; Mrs. David (Jere) Brown, R.R. 1, Fenwick.

## Table Arranging

"Do you hate doing dishes? Then use the term China and you'll love to wash and dry your 'China'." These were the words of Mrs. Rita Hardstone, an Eaton's representative, and guest speaker for the afternoon session. Her theme was "Table Arranging." She demonstrated various table settings, china, crystal, and ways to adorn the table to make it look attractive. Mrs. Hardstone's demonstration proved most interesting and beneficial. She passed along many helpful tips and hints on being a gracious hostess. "Etiquette books," Mrs. Hardstone pointed out, "are just guides to what you might do."

Mrs. Hardstone is never afraid of colours not blending. Her theory is, "That if nature can put any colour it chooses with another colour, then why can't I?" Another philosophy of hers is, "Set the table and dinner is half ready."

In conclusion she stated, "When it comes to table setting and arranging, use your own common sense."