

ested you will find them well reported in the Summer Issue of Home and Country 1949. This is pretty much a brief outline of what took place at that Conference 25 years ago. It was voted a tremendous success and year after year has proved itself with increased attendance and renewed interest.

I know this 25th Conference will be an outstanding one. If you ponder what you yourself have gained from your Institute experience of many years, I am sure you'll decide that one of your chief rewards was the making of friends. That has been my personal experience. Anything that I have been able to contribute is far outweighed by the good friends here and good friends there, whose interest has added so much to my life.

So, in closing I felt that I would like to leave with you the definition of a friend taken from an old Arabic proverb.

"A friend is one to whom one may pour out the content of one's heart, chaff and grain together knowing that the gentlest of hands will take it and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away."

Musical Interludes during the Conference sessions were under the direction of Mrs. Irwin Maltby who acted as pianist and song leader.



From left — Mrs. John Dunnell, President of the Prospect Hill Branch, watching Mrs. William Riddell cut the cake as the Branch celebrated the 75th Anniversary.

"YOU CAN DO IT"

Announcing the program for the Wednesday evening session, Mrs. Noblitt, President, said that she was often amazed and delighted to find so much talent among the Institute members which she discovered when attending Area Conventions and other Women's Institute affairs. She urged the members to make an effort to discover and use this talent in planning programs. "The evening session of this Conference will be an example of 'what can be done,'" she said.

Mrs. Noblitt then introduced Mrs. John Richardson of the Uniondale Branch in Oxford County who entertained with a monologue, telling of the problems of buying nylon panty hose to fit.

A second program feature was a skit, with Mrs. Emerson Emke, Mrs. Herb Maluske, and Mrs. Edward Urstadt, Board Directors from the Grey Bruce Area. They dramatized efforts to make plans for interesting new members to join the Women's Institute.

Mrs. Ford Sudden and Mrs. John T. Taylor of Galt, members of the South Dumfries Women's Institute presented a hilarious satire on the rigours of censorship as they are encountered in airing radio programs.

Aunt Martha, Mrs. Sudden, has been engaged to tell Nursery Rhymes on the Children's Hour, a radio program advertising "Bowl of Mush". For her program she is being coached by the First Vice President in Charge of Children's Program, Mrs. Taylor.

Nursery Rhymes, Aunt Martha discovers, are loaded with dangerous implications and not at all the pleasant fun verses that she had always thought them.

She lost her patience when told that the old "Little Bo Peep" must be said thus,

"Little Jo Peep has lost her only sheep
and doesn't know where to find him
Let him alone and he'll return home
Transporting his appendage in a little
wagon behind him."

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A KITCHEN PRAYER

Thank God for dirty dishes
They have a tale to tell,
While others may go hungry
We're eating very well.
With home, health and happiness
I shouldn't want to fuss.
By the stack of evidence
God's been very good to us.

(Havelock W.I.)

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