



#### COMMONWEALTH VISITORS

Ramsay Women's Institute entertains wives of delegates attending Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, Ottawa, in August.

While the Prime Ministers were busy at work, 35 wives were enjoying an outing at the Mill of Kintail (Tait McKenzie Memorial) Almonte. The guests wandered through the grounds and toured the museum and then did full justice to the meal which we had prepared with all the skill at our command.

The ladies were friendly and gracious and enjoyed the formality of the occasion. Mrs. James Brown, P.R.O., said the Almonte members decided this was really a highlight in a long history of catering to interesting people at the Mill.

### *Imaginative Meeting Brings Back Memories*

"Solway Women's Institute Members Relive Their School Days"

An interesting and unique meeting took place at the home of a member, Mrs. Robt. Ferguson, whose home now occupies the former site of Todd's School. Members returned to their school days for a brief afternoon. A school room was made possible by much imagination on the part of Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Caslick.

School desks were brought in, chairs arranged, as in a school room of days gone by. A dunce cap was in evidence, as well as a pointer and bell. Some lovely old lace valentines were hung around the room. An old water tank that had been used in "Todd's" was resurrected and it added its role.

The spelling lesson was in the form of spelling different diseases, the geography — name a Province and its Premier. Science was in the form of naming country grasses, as teacher held each specimen up for all to see.

School was interrupted several times by "spit balls" and a boy who spent his years at the school rushed in telling teacher he was sure Jimmy fell in the well.



An art seldom seen, making bobbin lace, is a specialty of Mrs. C. Platteeuw, Aylmer. She makes her pattern by changing position of the many bobbins, but the process is a slow one. Mrs. Platteeuw learned the art in Belgium.

Craft Festival sponsored by Jean Brumpton W.I. were responsible for the "Fall Festival of Crafts" Fair in Tillsonburg.

Approximately 50 hobbyists took part in the show, many being newcomers to Tillsonburg.

The wide variety of hobbies and crafts was almost endless, and the displays included antique dolls, police badges, china, glassware, and combs. Demonstrations included Lithuanian weaving, fine needle craft, papier maché, chair caning, copper tooling, needlepoint and soap stone sculpturing. Other booths which drew crowds, were the bus stop flower making, apple dolls, bobbin lace, resin casting and candles.

The second annual show was a huge success, when approximately 700 people crowded into the Community Centre not only to see displays and demonstrations but to purchase articles as well.

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Aim at the sun, and you may not reach it;  
but your arrow will fly far higher  
higher than if  
aimed at an object on a level  
with yourself.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs. J. Philip Matheson, Prince Edward Island, Area Vice President of A.C.W.W. and Past President of F.W.I.C., in receiving the Order of Canada. This honour was conferred August 2nd in Ottawa, at an investiture, from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.