

IMAGINATIVE MEETINGS

HELENA FEASBY SING CANADIAN FOLK SONGS

Members of the Helena Feasby Women's Institute (Waterloo North District) "went back to school" when Ruth Eby, music consultant with the Waterloo Region board of education, was speaker at a recent meeting.

Miss Eby considers that "music is another language — the ear must be trained as well as the eye and the mind." She demonstrated, using the institute members as her class, how music is taught in the primary grades.

She discussed the merits and methods of several instructional programs and members responded by singing and keeping the beat with triangles, tambourines and glockenspiels.

The program ended with Miss Eby leading in the singing of Canadian folk songs.

OSTRANDER W.I. UNIQUE PROJECT

Years ago the members made 100 Easter eggs. This year their goal is 2,000. Supplies that go into the making are purchased by a member and then all gather together for the big doo. It's a rewarding time in many ways, they have fun while working, financially it's a success and even some non-members help.

SELWYN W.I. PROGRAM

Roll call — exchange of recipes from another country; **Motto** — "All aboard! with a cookbook for a passport, let's travel round the world." **Program** — story of "Use of Recipes". Display of cookbooks from all around the world, samples of cheese from various countries. A slide presentation of overseas countries completed a worthwhile program.

"THIS IS AUSTRALIA"

White School W.I. Already the Branch have enjoyed the first meeting, learning more about the Country Women's Association of Australia. At the second meeting the members were divided into four groups and worked their way through various stops. They examined a map of Australia made for tourists which showed many points of interest, places to stay and things to do. The next stop, was to browse through Australian magazines and periodicals. The members decided they were equal to ours and appeared to contain less advertising. The Women's magazines highlighted crafts, antiques and columns for the lovelorn. Next, a stop at the newsstand to examine and compare "The Australian" to the "Toronto Star". Shopping from a two page Australian food ad, it was noted with surprise how much cheaper food was. Familiar names such as Kleenex, Kraft and Ajax proved anew that the world is just a global village.

LUNCH WITH LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Mrs. W. H. Graham, Greenbank W.I. member, had lunch with Lady Tweedsmuir at Hill House, Burford, England. Lady Tweedsmuir, ninety-two, maintains a keen interest in all things Canadian, and was especially interested to hear about the progress of the Tweedsmuir Histories.

In Britain, she pointed out, the gathering and collecting of such local material has proved to be valuable source material for historians and she expressed the hope it was providing this same need in Ontario.

Lady Tweedsmuir stressed collecting and identifying old photographs of people and places. She hoped this thought was being encouraged by our local curators.

A delightful conversationalist with an animated personality, it was evident she still feels close to Canada and the Women's Institutes in particular.

A ONE-DAY TRIP TO REMEMBER

Buckhorn W.I. Educational and Cultural Activities Convener showed slides on travel across Canada and presented them in a novel way. As each slide was shown representing scenery, an historical building, an object, etc., the convener told a few facts, gave a clue, and the members were to write down what they thought the picture represented. Points were given for correct answers, thirty-five slides were shown for a possible 100 points.

The slide presentation proved to be a fun meeting as well as learning more about Canada.

MEET THE QUEEN

Dorchester W.I.'s were treated to a presentation of "Meet the Queen". Mr. and Mrs. Schwab of Dorchester attended a luncheon in honour of Her Majesty and Prince Philip in London, Ontario, last year. Mrs. Schwab told about the exciting and lovely day.

The meeting continued by a presentation of the "W.I.'s in England". Mrs. Douglas Hibbard, a W.I. member of Blackdown in Dorset County, spoke of the role Institutes play in England. While visiting in Ontario she has spoken to many branches and is hopeful of providing Ontario Institutes with link branches in England. Any interested Women's Institutes wishing to obtain a link with a branch in Dorset may contact Mrs. Russell Martin, RR 3, Dorchester, Ontario and she will pass the name on to Mrs. Hibbard.