

## VISITOR Cont'd

Victor Beachin and viewed the dining room table on which the original constitution was hand-penned by Mrs. Erland Lee. Members from Wentworth South District and Hamilton Area were on hand to meet and chat with her.

Peel North District Annual officers and members were pleased to greet the Exchange visitor and Mrs. Rockwell spoke to the gathering providing information and drew comparisons between the two organizations.

A visit was made to the Peterborough and Northumberland East Districts of the Women's Institutes and a meeting of the National Farmers' Union.

A stop-over in Ottawa provided all too short a time for sight seeing and then on to Quebec, all the Eastern Provinces, a long flight to British Columbia, and travelling back over the prairies and home to Michigan.

Many members were involved in every Province to make Mrs. Rockwell's visit enjoyable.



The Grace E. Frysinger Fellowship Exchange Visitor, L — Mrs. Parker Rockwell, Troy, Michigan, Fellowship winner, looks at Brant North District Tweedsmuir History Book during her visit to Brant County. Her hostess during the stay, Mrs. Virgil Turnbull, points out some interesting items. Mrs. Herb Maluske, FWIO President, looks on with interest.



An old-fashioned quilting bee

Members of Bogarttown Women's Institute quilted at the Whitechurch Stouffville Museum. The quilt top was made by the late Mrs. Albert Penrose and the quilt when completed will be on display at the Museum. L-r Mrs. Carl Greenwood, Mrs. Henry Huyck, Mrs. Earl Lockie, Mrs. Verne Sheridan, Mrs. Wm. Walker, Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. Doreen McMillan.

## Rural Ontario is in His Blood

In every community there are farm families who contribute much, both to the community and to voluntary organizations. The Barrie family is one of the many in rural Ontario.

The forefathers of W. C. Barrie and his children all have something in common, the keen desire to be good neighbours, church goers and tillers of the soil.

Mr. W. C. Barrie of Cambridge and his wife Agnes raised a family of seven children — who have all contributed to the community through the school board, council, music, crafts, community organizations, and the list could go on and on.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrie have always had a keen interest in history and "Will" served and helped build the Doon Pioneer Village contributing many artifacts. Mr. Barrie was a Director and President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, serving as its President in 1918-19 and going overseas with the Ontario Plow Team to Sweden. He has never missed a Provincial Plowing Match since the beginning, except the year the Ontario Plow Team were in Sweden at the time of the Match.

Both belong to many community organizations. Mrs. Barrie is a life member of Central Dumfries Women's Institute.

Hospitality was most generous and everyone was welcomed at the Barrie Century Farm over the years.

Mr. Barrie, during his retirement years, decided to make gavels and at 91 is still going strong. Prime Ministers to personal friends have received one of the hand made gavels, the last count was 1,761.

This is a family who have contributed so willingly during the last century to community and country. The salt of the earth, "Will and Agnes" have exemplified a high standard in every way and probably there is no greater tribute can be paid, than to say, it's families such as the Barries, that have given rural Ontario such a strong character.



Mr. R. G. Bennett, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, accepts a gavel presented by W. C. Barrie, Cambridge, at the official opening of the Ontario Agriculture Museum at Milton. This was the 1,675th gavel.

You say it's this or that,  
That nothing lies between.  
Here is all black and foul,  
There is all white and clean.

Wilson MacDonald