

Everyone was sorry when it came to a close, but everyone left for home much more knowledgeable, much more aware of needs, very much enthused, and with a deep sense of commitment to do far more for ACWW. It had been, as a former ACWW Area-Vice-President for Canada, Mrs. Florence Matheson said "This was total immersion in ACWW".

The idea for such a Conference was not a new one. ACWW Regional Conferences are held in each triennium in most of the regions. But never in Canada. So this was a first, even though it was not a true Regional Conference, it was a region within a region. Just as Dame Roe told us about the first ACWW Conference, so it was with Memramcook. The Organizing Committee asked: will they come, how many will come, will they like the program? They came — and at a hazardous time of the year for travel; almost one hundred came, and from every indication they liked the program, and went away hoping that this would be repeated, and that all of Canada can do it.

No one who was there will soon forget the Memramcook Conference. The opportunity we had to learn to know and to love our World President; to listen to the expertise of the resource persons; to meet and talk with ACWW members from other Women's Institutes, and from the National Farmer's Union and our French-speaking sisters in Les Cercles des Fermières; all enriching experiences for the participants, and there is no doubt but that the repercussions of this 'total immersion' are going to be felt for a long time.

MINI-QUILT FAIR

April was an important month for the LOCHWINNOCH WI, RENFREW SOUTH DISTRICT members.

A successful mini-quilt fair was held in the home of Mrs. Noreen McGregor, with over 50 quilts on display.

The new quilting film "Patterns of Love" was viewed by all those present at various times during the afternoon.

Afternoon tea was served to about 75 women with Mrs. Mary MacGregor, Mrs. Ruby Storie and Mrs. Isabel McGregor all charter members of the Branch pouring tea.

At the annual meeting, Mrs. Ruby Storie was presented with a life membership certificate for her faithful membership in the branch over the last 40 years.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SYDENHAM WI, FRONTENAC DISTRICT members were indeed thinking ahead when in 1947 they realized that public access to Lake Sydenham was rapidly diminishing because the public were buying the land surrounding the lake and soon entrance would be blocked.

The WI decided to purchase a piece of property. Over \$5000.00 was raised by the Branch, as a result "there is a jewel in the middle of town known as the Loughborough Memorial Park".

A plaque was unveiled commemorating the transfer of the Loughborough Memorial and Recreational Centre to the Township jurisdiction. Because of vandalism in the park, the plaque originally slated to be outdoors now hangs in the local Township Hall.

WI HALL

THE MAPLES W.I. DUFFERIN SOUTH DISTRICT took over the vacant Bethel Presbyterian Church in 1919 and have never looked back.

It has become the meeting place for many community activities. The Maples W.I. have celebrated five anniversaries ranging from the 25th to the 65th.

Many changes have been made, including a kitchen and cupboards, installation of running water, a basement and furnace with the latest addition, complete washroom facilities.

The members estimate they have spent over \$17,000.00 and are still thinking about further improvements.



Former presbyterian church turned into a Community Hall owned and incorporated by The Maples WI, Dufferin South District.



Present at the unveiling ceremonies of the plaque L-r Mr. Gord Orser, President of Central Frontenac Board of Trade; Mrs. Jean Tousignant, Past President of Sydenham WI and Mrs. Ilene Kemp, President and Mr. Wm. Halligan, Loughborough Township Reeve.