

ROYAL WINTER FAIR

Mrs. Wm. G. Miller co-ordinated the promotion of W. I. at the Fair. A small rest area was staffed by W. I. members who were responsible for promoting the work of the Women's Institute during the days of the Royal. Approximately 899 persons signed the register from 26 different countries.

Mrs. Diamond and Mrs. Barbara Saari attended the Trophy Luncheon when tributes were paid to winners.

Mrs. Saari reported that potatoes were highlighted at the Royal and as a result an exhibit created by PEI-New Brunswick and Ontario will be travelling across Canada to draw attention to this major crop produced in Canada. Next year the feature exhibit will highlight Canola (Rape) Seed.

Guest speaker, Malcolm McLeod, Minister Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, New Brunswick enlightened those in attendance to the many changes occurring in the potato industry in New Brunswick. A seed potato quality program has been instituted and includes enforcing and monitoring disease control, controlling production practices, improving management and the establishment of Buonocore seed from potato production research.



SECOND YEAR BOARD DIRECTORS Front row L-r Mrs. E. J. Wilson, Mrs. George Dixon, Miss Molly McGhee, Director, Home Economics Branch; Mrs. Harold Blasing, Mrs. Wm. Skinner, Mrs. Willis Matheson, Back row — Mrs. Hugh Coons, Mrs. Clare Freer, Mrs. E. A. Rauhala, Mrs. Ernest Depencier.

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY CURATOR

Mrs. Fred Howe

The Provincial Archives, Toronto, continue to microfilm the books. This is a slow process. If your book is completed and you wish it microfilmed, let the Provincial Curator know. She will notify the Archives, who in turn will notify the branch curator.

If a branch has their book microfilmed elsewhere, please notify Mrs. Howe that this has been done.

Many have been asking about book covers and paper? Grand and Toy no longer handle this, however, most good book-stores will handle a #70 cover manufactured by Hutchings and Patrick, Ottawa. This does not have the W.I. crest on it. The print litho shop in your city or town probably will stock the paper and will cut it to size. Take along a sample sheet.

Mrs. Howe encouraged Curators to conduct a Work-

shop, have special activities and display the book, also, take a turn at having a branch monthly meeting during the year.

AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Mrs. Calvin Carmichael, Convener

A popular and timely topic in many of the reports was, What are you doing to conserve energy? Papers were given on solar energy, wood burning stoves, gasohol and its potential.

The story of wool, including a demonstration of spinning and a display of hand knit garments proved of interest. Explanations on the various techniques of sheering, dying, spinning and the final process, knitting, were discussed.

A butcher explained the new grading system of beef and cut and trimmed a rib roast. He explained how to cook it and discussed the many other cuts of meat and the various ways of cooking. Cheaper cuts help keep within a budget but with proper cooking less tender cuts can still be tender and nutritious.

A paper on irrigation and draining the Holland Marsh, where vegetables are grown in one of the richest market gardening areas in Canada. Comparisons and methods of farming in other countries were discussed.

Horticulture landscaping, growing plants under flourescent lights were topics for meetings. The new Peanut Industry in Norfolk County and the Cranberry Bog near Bala only touched the surface of the vast and varied industries in the Province.

Branch members visited an iron mine, a bakery, a pottery shop, a cannery and a meat abbatoir. One of the questions asked—How are you coping with the metric system?

CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Mrs. K. C. Angus, Convener

Three Areas mentioned visits to Citizenship Courts and attending Citizenship swearing-in ceremonies.

Interest was reported concerning finances and our financial affairs through discussions on retirement pensions and orphan and death benefits. The discussions and questions about Canada Pension Plan, how to apply and the necessary procedures. Members learned about the correct method of filling out income tax forms, and all about banking securities.

The Year of the Child programs, included speakers from many agencies on adoption, foster home care for juveniles, slow learners, Children's Aid Society, Crisis Centres for Children, Big Sister organizations, who told about the reasons and priorities for existence.

World Affairs

Almost all reported that slides and films were presented in the form of travelogues.

New Canadians told about experiences in moving from one country to another. Exchange students and visitors described conditions in their homelands. Boat people and their sponsors also told about their experiences.

Papers were presented on a number of international subjects. The status of currency and the effect of world political unrest upon it. The reasons for the fluctuating cost of gold. A Study of the OPEC and how the price of oil is manipulated.