

## District President is Guest of Honour at Glasgow WI

Mrs. Archie Bennett, recently elected district president of South Renfrew Women's Institute, was guest of honor, at the July meeting of the Glasgow W.I. With Mrs. Kenneth Gillan as hostess, the Glasgow members also welcomed as their guests the Castleford branch of the WI, together with some members from Goshen. With an excellent attendance from both branches, the evening proved it a most enjoyable get-together.

Introduced to the gathering by Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Bennett expressed pleasure at this her first invitation to a branch meeting as district president. She had accepted the office with all humility, Mrs. Bennett said, and asked for the cooperation of all members in carrying out her own task.

Since arrangements for this meeting had been in charge of the committee on citizenship and education, the speaker took this for her subject, stressing the fact that citizenship, like charity, should begin at home, but, also like charity, it should not end there. Mrs. Bennett touched particularly on the need for the training of young people to be good citizens, to allow them responsibilities rather than trying to shield them from life because they were too young".

Youth should not be called upon to bear the burdens of the world, she said, but they should be taught to look to the future,

"Don't let us be discouraged", the speaker continued, "if all the reforms we should like to see in the world seem slow in coming. Difficulties will always arise, but with faith and courage they can be overcome". She closed her address with the well-known poem, "The Bridge-Builder".

Mrs. A. Somerville extended the thanks of the meeting to Mrs. Bennett for a most interesting and inspiring talk, and Mrs. John Johnson, of Castleford, voiced the appreciation of the members of that branch for Glasgow's invitation to join in a delightful meeting. Other features of the program were a brief account of the recent garden tea held in Ottawa, in honor of Mrs. Alice Berry, given by Mrs. J. Cherry, and a reading by Miss Margaret Stofko, which told the story of Beatrix Potter, the creator of "Peter Rabbit". Another interesting reading by Mrs. A. Cara, well described the work of a young teacher who was blazing a new trail in an Indian community near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Mrs. A. Somerville contributed some comments on "The Menace of Litterbugs", and Mrs. J. Cherry a humorous reading "June Showers". The motto for the month, prepared by Mrs. George Code, was "Treat age with respect; we shall be old ourselves some day". This was read by Mrs. T. Carswell in Mrs. Code's absence, and contained a good deal of thoughtful wisdom. Roll call for the evening took the form of a "geography match".

During a short business session, arrangements were made for a community picnic to be held on the school grounds on the closing day of the school term, and toward the close of the evening a presentation was made of a gift to Miss Margaret Stofko, who has had charge of the Glasgow school for the last two years, and who leaves at the end of the term to take up another position. In making the presentation, Mrs. A. Carswell expressed the warm appreciation of the Institute members for the active interest Miss Stofko had taken in their work, and the helping hand she had always been willing to

Following adjournment, refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed.