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At the home of Mrs. Arnold Somerville, Arnprior, the September meeting of the Glasgow Women's Institute was voted one of the most enjoyable of the year by the large number of members and friends attending. The members of Lochwinnoch W.I. were guests of the Glasgow ladies on this occasion, and the evening's program, in charge of the committee on agriculture and Canadian industries, was both entertaining and enlightening.

Mrs. George McNab, president of the Glasgow W.I., extended a warm welcome to the guests, at the same time expressing regret that the district president, Mrs. R. M. MacGregor, was unable to be present as the feature speaker since she was taking a trip through Western Canada. However, a letter had been received from Mrs. MacGregor, sent from Banff, in the Rocky Mountains. This, was read to the meeting by Mrs. M. Stewart, Glasgow secretary, and was much enjoyed.

The excellent program, under the convenership of Mrs. Reid Carswell, included many items of interest, especially along agricultural lines. A paper by Mrs. T. Carswell described in interesting fashion the improvement of potato crops, as worked out at the O.A.C. Another by Mrs. J. A. Young gave the story of the peach tree development, telling how Canadian peaches have been improved from small, hard, woody fruit to the luscious varieties we have today. On the other branch of the committee's line of study;-. Canadian industries, an informative paper was given by Mrs. Reid Carswell on the new aluminum industry in British Columbia, which is fast becoming one of Canada's leading exports. Mrs. Carswell also spoke of the work of the Dominion Magnesium plant in Renfrew County, one of the main industries of the Ottawa Valley.

In lighter vein, the program continued with a duet, "The Man Behind the Plow", by Mrs. J. Russett and Mrs. G. Kewley a reading, "The Farmer's Wife", by Mrs. K. Gillan, a humorous revelation, "Ma Fixes it", by Mrs. A. Carswell, and another reading by Mrs. A. Somerville, "If - with apologies to Kipling".

Community singing was also enjoyed, and the roll call, presented by members and visitors alike, gave advantages and disadvantages of farm life. From the replies to the roll, it was gathered that the members considered that there were many advantages in farm life that could not be measured in dollars and cents but neither could they ignore the disadvantages. Chief one of these, according to the remarks of the ladies, was the bugbear of the 'never ending 'chores'. The motto for the month was given by Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, on the subject, "Though the feet may be forced to tread the ways spattered with mud: one can always be seeing the stars overhead".