

History of South Saugeen W. I. cont'd:

"In 1959, one of our members, Mrs. Jas. McEwing, brought honour to our community by placing third in a competition for composing the words and music for an appropriate Institute song. This was a Provincial contest with the entries of 1st and 2nd prize winners going on to the Dominion contest.

Following are the words of her song:

"Throughout our broad Dominion,
From the east to western sea,
We've forged a chain that binds us fast,
It's links are you and me.

"We stand united, firm and strong,
Our joys and sorrows share,
We work and play in sweet accord,
For those around us, care.

"We recognize no race or creed,
God's love will all refine,
'For Home and Country' He will guide,
And bless your life and mine!"

Since that time, Mrs. McEwing has composed words and music for a hymn which equally reflects on her talent, a talent that she uses unstintingly, to the benefit of us all.

There was also another entry in the contest from our Institute, and while it did not win a prize, it is worthy of high praise, for it is delightful to listen to and its words are full of meaning. This entry was submitted by Mrs. Mel. Black, who is also one of our faithful members. The words are as follows:

"You'll find us in the Maritimes,
you'll find us on the prairies,
We're found in every province
from the east to western shore;
We work for Home and Country,
whate'er our nationality,
We're all Canadian citizens,
with energy galore.

"In groups we work and learn and play,
we try to help the needy,
By resolutions formed and sent
we strive for better laws,
They call us Women's Institutes,
or Guilds or just Homemakers,
Whate'er the name, the aim's the same,
we have a worthy cause.

"We study agriculture, home-making,
education,
We don't forget the long ago,
as Tweedsmuir Books can tell,
We look towards the future with
deep abiding yearning,
To make a better country for
our children here to dwell".

Written by Mrs. Jas. Bell.

Our Branch has taken advantage of the Extension Services quite often. Courses taken have been, Choosing and Using Fabrics, Millinery, Hooked Rugs, Sew to Save Dollars and Make Sense.



Mrs. Black and Mrs. McEwing.
May 1960.

Pictured below is the February 1959 meeting, when the roll call was "Model a hat made of kitchen utensils, or pay a 25¢ fine!" Front row left to right - Roderick McKinnon, Mrs. R. Eby, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Jamieson. 2nd row - Mrs. A. MacDougall, Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. A. McCulloch, Mrs. A. Reoch, Mrs. W. Howe, Mrs. A. Virtue, Mrs. C. Kelly, Mrs. H. Sutherland, Mrs. J. Reoch, Mrs. W. Topham. 3rd row - Mrs. Jas. Wright, Mrs. Ed. McLean, Mrs. N. McDermid, Mrs. T. Lawrie, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. W. Leeder, Mrs. S. Karcher.



We have applied for the course, New Lamps for Old, to be taken in the Fall of 1960.