



**SILVER MEDALLIST** — Miss Joyce Perkins, third-year student at Delta Collegiate and widely known figure skater, recently passed her fourth test at the Toronto Skating Club, qualifying for her silver medal.



**VISITOR**—Miss Elizabeth Christmas, national organizer of the Women's Institutes in Great Britain, who is in Hamilton and district to-day and to-morrow, and will address a meeting to-morrow afternoon at Battlefield House, Stoney Creek, where this great organization for country women was first organized.

### Busy Program

During her visit to this district, Miss Elizabeth Christmas will be guest of honour at a luncheon to-morrow given by Mrs. Angus B. Jackson at her home in Stoney Creek, prior to addressing a meeting at Battlefield House, arranged by the Stoney Creek Women's Institute, which is the mother institute of this now world-wide organization. Miss Christmas is going to St. Catharines to meet representatives of junior groups following the conference here this afternoon with the leaders of Homemaking Clubs, and to-morrow morning is to visit Vineland and inspect the Farm Service Force Camps. On Friday she will be in Niagara Falls.

### Meets Rural Girls

Miss Elizabeth Christmas, national organizer of the Women's Institutes of Great Britain, who is touring Canada under the auspices of the War-time Information Board and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, is the guest of the Department of Agriculture in Hamilton to-day. At a luncheon at the Staff House, she met leaders of the more than a dozen Homemaking Clubs for Rural Girls in Wentworth county, when the following were among those present: Miss Florence Eadie, Toronto, provincial director of junior clubs; Miss Edith Collins, of the department's head office in Toronto; Miss Marion Humphrey, director of the clubs in the four counties in this section, and Miss Lulu Row, also a club director. Afterward, Miss Christmas is conferring with the leaders about the various phases of their work here at a meeting arranged by Mr. W. G. Marritt, agricultural representative, at the local office of the Department of Agriculture.



### Treasures

has begun to "unearth" treasures from their secret hiding places. Soon they displayed again — their untouched — in their old throughout the country. Sir Mark, director of the Nary and surveyor of the treasures, has been to see caves in a Welsh mountain-avens as big as parish and 300 feet below ground, as Jewish Rabbi, Venus and Cupid (the genus), Titian's Baachus, Tintoretto's Origin of Way have remained un- or more than five years.

R. Stewart

## News About People

Rt. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara, was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Marsh during his visit to Welland this week to officiate at the service in St. James' Church when 40 candidates were confirmed.

### The Windsors

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are spending a few days in Florida before proceeding west—possibly to the Duke's Alberta ranch. They arrived in Miami yesterday after an overnight sea trip from Nassau, where the duke recently relinquished the governorship of the Bahama Islands after nearly five years in office.

They are guests in Palm Beach of Miss Grace Amory, until next week, before going on to Miami and New York.

### Luncheon

Miss Elizabeth Christmas was the guest of honour at a delightful luncheon given by the executive of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute, at the hospitable home of the President, Mrs. Angus Jackson, before the annual meeting held at Battlefield House yesterday. Mrs. J. H. Carscallen, Miss Clara Parish and Mrs. Thomas Dale presided at the attractively arranged tea tables.

### Commendation

I.O.D.E. officials in Toronto announced last night receipt of three communications from the Dominion Council of the Navy League of Canada, the Ontario division of the Navy League and Ontario House in England commending the order for its national services.

### In Queen's Guild

In a recent letter from Queen Mary, Mrs. H. C. Delamere Strange, Toronto, was appointed a member of Her Majesty's London Needlework Guild. Among other members in Canada are Mrs. G. A. Heather, Kitchener; Mrs. J. S. Campbell, St. Catharines, and Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

### Bonus Recipient

Recognition of the mother as the recipient of the allowance provided under the Family Allowance Act which comes into effect July 1, was asked in the meeting of representatives of national women's organizations, under the convener-ship of the National Council of Women, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, yesterday. Of the 56 groups invited to send representatives 20 responded.

### Busy Member

A busy member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Security Conference is Mrs. Cora Casselman, Liberal member of Parliament for Edmonton East. She is the only woman member of the delegation and her desk in her suite in the St. Francis hotel is piled with communications from women's organizations all over North America.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCarter and their son, Beverley, and daughter, Shirley, will be in Ottawa on Saturday.

## W.I. in Britain Force For Good

### National Organizer Visits Birthplace of Institutes

In speaking to the Women's Institute meeting at Battlefield House, Stoney Creek, yesterday afternoon, attended by many members from Hamilton and district, Miss Elizabeth Christmas said that her visit to the centre where the Women's Institutes was organized had been looked forward to by her as the outstanding event of her tour of Canada. She explained that while Canadians may think of England as the mother country, the institutes of Great Britain look upon Canada as the mother of their organization. Miss Christmas is national organizer of the British institutes and is touring Canada under the auspices of the Canadian institutes and the Office of War Information.

Miss Christmas briefly recalled the growth of the Women's Institutes in Britain, which started in 1915, organized by a Canadian, Mrs. Alfred Watt, there now being 5,870 institutes with a membership of about 350,000. She spoke of the influence for good which was engendered by the W.I. spirit of co-operation and fellowship—an influence that was at work in every part of the Empire and most parts of the world, knowing no distinction of race or creed.

A touching first-hand account of the struggles of British housewives to carry one of the greatest burdens of the war in keeping the home, feeding the family and taking part in the many voluntary emergency services, part-time war work, and looking after evacuees and land army girls was given. Increased attention to the importance of diet for the well-being of the people, and an equality of food distribution was commented on by Miss Christmas, as having made extraordinary strides in Britain under war conditions. She told of the part the institutes had played in adapting egg and milk powder and other substitutes for practical use in the regular menus of families. The institutes of Britain had also engaged in the task which those in Canada had undertaken in such a large way—that of making jam. Over there, about 6,000 tons were made last year and put into the general store for use by all. She told of the thousands of tons of rosehips gathered for vitamin syrup for infants, and the foxglove, nettles and other seeds and herbs collected for medicinal purposes.

The heartfelt appreciation felt by the British women for the concern of those in this country for their welfare was emphasized by Miss Christmas. How the gifts of so many varieties which helped them over the most difficult times had heartened them was described. As an example, she told of how the garden seeds the institutes had been instrumental in sending had met a particular need.

One of the interesting things touched on by the speaker was the effort manifested, and particularly encouraged by the British institutes, of developing the cultural side of life in spite of the war, through music festivals, drama guilds, etc.

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