

Women's Institute Makes 7 Tons Strawberry Jam For Wounded

Wounded Canadian soldiers in British hospitals this winter are going to send up fervent prayers of thanks to 2,000 members of the Ontario Women's Institutes who have already made almost seven tons of strawberry jam for their hospital breakfasts. Before the snow flies it is confidently expected that the 30,000 cans supplied by the Red Cross to the W. I. will be filled with currant, raspberry, plum, peach and grape jam to the imposing total of sixty tons.

British children who have been evacuated from the larger cities and towns to the country will also get a share of this Canadian jam, states Miss Mary Clarke, Supt. of Women's Institutes, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, who is supervising this important war-time activity originated by the Norfolk County Institutes and enthusiastically backed by the Hon. P. M. Dewar, Ont. Minister of Agriculture.

Reports from 65 W. I. branches show 13,584 pounds of strawberry jam have been made to date and final reports will total over seven tons. Canning has been done in the fruit districts, in homes, church kitchens, community kitchens and in canning factories. The fruit and sugar have all been donated to or purchased by the Women's Institutes.

Jam is being made by the W. I. in the following Southern Ontario counties: Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Haldimand, Brant, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, Peel, South York, Durham, Hastings and Prince Edward.

Currants and raspberries are next on the list, and donations will be gladly received from fruit growers and others. Just get in touch with

your nearest Women's Institute Branch if you want to provide some good Ontario jam for the boys who have fought for you. It is just another way, and a very good way, of showing your appreciation. The Women's Institutes will do the work.

Norfolk County W. I. has been outstanding in this work to date, Port Dover putting up 325 cans and Simcoe 326. Jordan has prepared 152 cans, Waterdown 305 and Stoney Creek 105 cans of four pounds each.

How To Control Late Blight On Potatoes

Late blight has been the cause of heavy losses to many potato growers in Ontario during the past two or three seasons, says J. T. Cassin, potato authority of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. Fields are attacked during August and September and in a few days the leaves turned dark brown in color. The crop which was not matured ceased growing and in many cases tuber rot developed. Proper applications of bordeaux in spray or dust form at the right time (before fungi develop) will give protection.

During periods of frequent rain-falls and heavy fogs late blight fungi develop on the green leaves. Weather conditions and plant development determine when bordeaux should be used.

Women Put Up Seven Tons Of Strawberries For Troops

Late last week the Women's Institutes from southern counties of the province poured the seventh ton of strawberry jam for the breakfasts of wounded soldiers. The Ontario department of agriculture, making the announcement to-day, reports that currant and raspberry jams are next on the list and donations will gladly be received from fruit growers and others.

In addition to Wentworth, the counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford,

Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Halton and Peel were also represented. At the last official tally, 13,584 pounds of strawberry jam had been preserved by the 65 Women's Institutes taking part.

The department makes special mention in its weekly bulletin of the contributions of Waterdown and Stoney Creek. Waterdown had the third largest contribution of any Ontario town with 305 cans. Stoney Creek contributed 105 of the four-pound cans.

Delicious Jam Goes Overseas

Skilled Cooks of Women's Institutes Send Huge Amount —Stoney Creek Tops List

Almost 2,600 pounds of pure strawberry jam left Hamilton yesterday for overseas, to be used in hospitals, for evacuees and refugees in Great Britain. This generous gift was given by the Wentworth County Women's institutes to the Hamilton branch of the Red Cross society. Another thousand cans are now being filled and another thousand containers are in the warehouse awaiting the later fruits.

Miss Florence Meakins, chairman of the jam committee for the Red Cross society, reported the following strawberry jam was checked in from the institutes of the Red Cross up to, and inclusive of, July 30: Bartonville, 48 cans; West Flamboro, 72; Copetown, 48; Mount Hamilton, 12; Nelson, 24; West Hamilton, 72; Glanford, 90; Millgrove, 60; Stoney Creek, 105; Wiltona, 102; Adelaide Hoodless, 24.

"This aggregates 2,592 pounds of pure strawberry jam," Miss Meakins said. This consignment left yesterday on the first stage of its overseas journey." A cable was received by Mrs. Barrett, of Norfolk, from the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, chairman of the Women's Volunteer Services for Civil Defence, in reply to an inquiry as to the amount of jam she could use. "Can handle unlimited quantities of jam." Mrs. Barrett immediately sent Miss Meakins, the Red Cross representative of Wentworth, a copy of the cable.

"Few realize in Canada," said Miss Meakins, "the strain of feeding the thousands of innocent refugees, to whom Britain has permitted entry; or the household problems of the hundreds of thousands of evacuees plucked from their home environment and billeted in strange locations. There is the problem of the aged, the invalid and the children billeted in safer, though new locations while the adults of the family are back in the factory, or working in the many forms of defence that a beleaguered country needs for its preservation. It takes some imagination in Canada to realize the barest outline of it—the women's institutes are doing their bit."