

OUR COVER STORY

Everyone who sees our Area book asks the same question "who painted the beautiful scene?" Our artist was Mrs Harold Hollomby of Sidney South W.I.

She was asked by the curator to decorate the cover with a painting to illustrate the Trent River Valley. The resulting scene has been one to catch the admiration of all. With the eye of a true artist she has seen beauty in the simple scenery around her. We are proud of her ability to capture that beauty for us of stream and trees enhanced by nature's mantle of snow.

Her story appears where all might learn to know her.

Mrs Hollomby was born in Montreal on May 13th, 1911. Her maiden name was Dora Ethel Pearce. She received her education in a public school in Montreal and later attended a High School for Girls in the same city. Her first job was that of office girl at the Family Herald and Weekly star and while there she attended night school and studied shorthand and typing. She then worked as a stenographer until she was married in 1934 to Harold William Hollomby who died December 22nd 1955. In February 1956 she started working for Dr. C.H. Austin Walters as secretary and receptionist..

For a time Mr. & Mrs Hollomby lived on the 2nd Concession of Sidney Township. While there the Sidney South branch of the Women's Institute was organized and Mrs Hollomby became the first president.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs Hollomby has moved in to the city of Belleville, but she still retains her membership in the Sidney South W.I. and is an active worker in that organization. Her duties at the Doctor's office prevents her active participation in the weekly group meetings of Christ Anglican church of which she is a member. She had previously worked in the W.A. of the church ~~and was an active worker in the W.A. of the church~~ and was an active worker in the Home and School Association.

Mrs Hollomby has a stepson Kenneth Harold Hollomby living in Montreal and a daughter Doreen, who is married to Anthony (Tony) Pearce (no relation to her family) They will be moving to Ottawa in July of 1965. She has two grandchildren.

Mrs Hollomby has many hobbies, and quite naturally she finds painting the chief one. She attended night school classes in Art at the Belleville Collegiate for about five years. She also relaxes with her knitting, crocheting or sewing. She has said she tries to learn a new hobby of some kind each year - a good challenge to all!

