

## Holstein WI travel to Collingwood

Nov 1976

The members of the Holstein Women's Institute, their friends, and ladies of the community enjoyed a bus trip to Collingwood, Thursday, November 4.

This tour was organized by the conveners Mrs. Norman Shelton and Mrs. Murray Aitken of the Canadian industries, program for the Women's Institute. The group left Holstein at 8:30 a.m. with reliable and courteous bus driver, Wilmer Vollett of Durham. They arrived in Collingwood at 10 a.m. where they were taken on a tour of the Blue Mountain pottery plant. This proved quite interesting, seeing the processes that the pottery goes through before going on the market. Blue Mountain pottery is shipped all over the world from Collingwood.

The ladies then toured a small candy factory and received a sample of candy, which had just been made. It was still warm. Then they journeyed down town to the "Little Red Hen" restaurant and had dinner.

After dinner they went to Kaufman's Furniture and were taken on a tour of 20 rooms of modern furniture. As they still had some time, they were taken to Woolworths' second floor department store to shop for an hour or so.

Leaving there at 4 p.m. in a heavy snow flurry, they arrived back in Holstein at 5:30.

## WI hosts families

Feb. 1977

**HOLSTEIN** — A most interesting and entertaining Family Night was held in the Holstein United Church Auditorium on February 21, by the Holstein Women's Institute. The evening opened with the singing of "O Canada". Mrs. E. MacCannell, president welcomed the guests and then asked Mrs. D. Fidler to act as mistress of ceremony. A mixed choir consisting of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alles, Mrs. L. Rawn, Mrs. N. Shelton and Harold Long with Mrs. G. Ireland at the piano favoured the gathering with some lively songs and then invited the audience to join in a sing song of familiar songs. An accordion solo was played by N. Shelton. D. MacCannell then entertained with some musical selections on his violin. He was accompanied by Mrs. J. Alles on the piano.

Patrick Smith of Harriston, director of the Grey-Wellington Little Theatre group, was guest speaker. Mrs. Charlotte Gibson, a member of the group introduced Mr. Smith. After telling of the group's activities and inviting anyone interested in acting, directing, producing, etc., to join the group, he portrayed "Mark Twain" at the age of 70. Everyone enjoyed his acting and expressed a desire to hear more from the Little Theatre group.

Barbara Matthews, a student at The John Deffenbaker Secondary School in Hanover and a contestant in the Canadian Legion public speaking contest gave her winning speech. She chose as her topic "Humanity". Two young men contestants in the Egremont Central School speak-

ing contest gave their addresses. Keith Rawn chose "Jack Benny" as his topic and Larry MacCannell chose "Stompin' Tom Connors" as his. These young people are to be congratulated on their ability to speak.

A few more humorous songs by the mixed choir were enjoyed. Mrs. E. Love gave a reading entitled "Your Wife is Like That". Needlework done by the creative stitchery class under the leadership of Mrs. G. Ireland, Mrs. D. Fidler and Mrs. D. MacCannell was on display. There were 26 pieces of needlework on display. The class on "New Ways to Sew With Knits" which was conducted by Mrs. N. Holliday and Mrs. V. Morrison displayed the pant suits, dresses and men's slacks and jackets made by the members of the class. The evening closed with the singing of "God Save The Queen" and the "Women's Institute Grace". A delicious lunch was served.

## Altering basis of WI short course

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The Holstein W.I. held their first meeting in their short course entitled Personalize your Pattern on October 3 in the United Church basement. Mrs. George Ireland and Mrs. Dan MacCannell are the leaders for the course, based on the alterations of patterns and redesigning of old patterns. Each member is to make a blouse, skirt or dress by re-designing a pattern.

The next meeting will be held October 17 and the president is hopeful that those wishing to take the course will attend the meeting. The course is only five weeks long.