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Women's Institutes.

The Colombo Plan and all our other friendly associations with Asia in recent years have been concerned primarily with men's business—the improvement of fishing methods, the development of irrigation projects, the training of technical workers (almost all of whom are men) and the betterment of transportation services.

Understanding of the West never will be achieved unless the women of Asia are able to tell their children of our good feeling towards them. A noteworthy effort to show Asian women that they have sisters in the West just as their men have brothers is being made in Malaya where organization work has been undertaken by the Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales. The effort was inspired by Lady TEMPLER, wife of the general who attempts to bring peace to a land harried by Communist-inspired guerillas since the war, and MARGARET B. HERBERTSON went out from the English WI to get the work started.

It was a rare challenge for an organizer, from England or any other country where the WI has operated in the West. Many Chinese and Indian women in Malaya are manual workers, laboring with their men in mines and fields and building activities. On the other hand, tradition has made the Malay woman a gentle reticent person, encouraged to spend her life in the quiet

of her home, watching the world go by. Now there are 150 institutes in Malaya, where women of various races meet. They find their greatest pleasure in plain sewing and cutting out children's and adults' clothes. They like patchwork lessons, are attracted by bright colors, and they show remarkable ingenuity and artistry in designs. In cooking, they displayed particular interest in recipes for European cakes rather than the nourishing vegetable dishes the health experts favored. But a start has been made.

Canada saw the beginning of the Women's Institutes and knows how the movement grew and satisfied an aching need. No doubt there were those who predicted failure for the WI in Canada but from happy experience we can look towards Malaya with confidence in a tested instrument of goodwill.

Interesting History Marks

Union Jack Construction. "Flags go back to the time of the Israelites." The word "Jack" is derived from the word "jaques," meaning jacket, the original flag of St. George having its origin in the white jacket with a red cross back and front, which St. George protector of front, which St. George, protector of the weak, wore when put to death in

The cross of St. Andrew came into being with the martyrdom of the Scottish saint, who, when given the choice of a cross, deemed himself unworthy to use the same type of cross used by his Divine Master, and chose the X-shape, now part of the Union Jack. The two were combined when James VI of Scotland became James I of England, a compromise being effected between the two countries whereby the cross of St. Andrew was laid underneath that of St. George, and in return the white field of St. George was sacrificed for the blue one of St. Andrew. Under this flag Britain grew to a world power. Wolfe planted it on the Plains of Abraham and watered it with his blood, adding to Britain the brightest jewel in her crown. Drake

lew it in the battle of the Spanis It was not until 1801 that the flag of St. Patrick was embodied by

a constitutional vote of the Irisl people, thus the right position is which to fly the flag is with the cross of St. Andrew uppermost, relating that it was a signal of distress to have it otherwise.

The cross of the Irish flag came from a K-like cross which topped the staff of St. Patrick, and had its origin in a similar Greek letter standing for Ch. (Christos). Out of this arose the dispute which led to the English law being passed forbidding propaganda about the flag and inspiring the song about "The Shamrock is forbid, by law, to grow on Irish 'ground."

The Coronation stone used at the eremony at Westminster was first used to crown the Irish kings. It was loaned to King Fergus of Scotland because of the luck which was

Jarvis Described

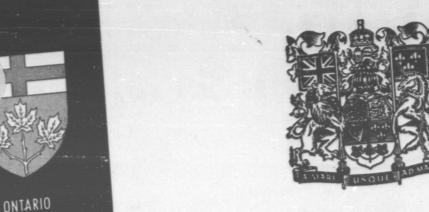
The new Encyclopedia Canaca a ten-volume Canadian refer work, describes Jarvis, Ont., as



centre of a fertile farming area. Am ong community activities it includes the grist mill, apiaries and the powdered milk plant. The Record is named weekly newspaper for the community and district. The encyclopedia states that the village was named for Lt.-Col. Jarvis, aide-decamp to Governor Simcoe; several of the village streets commemorate the names of his daughters. In 1842, W C. Shannon became the second settler and the first toll-gate keeper on the newly opened Plank Road.



Mrs. Robert A. McCarter Highly esteemed resident of farvis and a native of Rockford, Townsend Township, who observed her 83rd birthday on - Photo by Moore.



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paper on "past and present
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which was the highlight of afternoon. Mesdames Marr, llwood and Belbeck gave a sume of their bus trip to the radian East Coast, Boston the World's Fair. and conducted

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be held at York United Church September 20th at 1.30 P.M. Final arrangements were mad for completing the exhibit be shown at Caledonia Fa

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were Principal Mrs. Mary Ha uests of the Jarvis Women's who gave a thought-provi Institute on Wednesday even- address, stating that in ing of last week. The meet- era—knowledge has outsting was held in the Christian ed wisdom —stuffing children and Education Building of Wesley with facts is not enough learning must be adapted Mrs. Evan Higgins, President, was in the chair with Mrs. Wm. Blake as secretary. Note was made of the West Haldimand Fall Conference to the science of number of the science of numbers must be adapted its science and prediction the science and predictions. education thinkers must duced—fact finding is

duced—lact finding is ugh. The President tha Mrs. Hazlett for her sple. id talk. Mrs. Joseph Harr son gave timely current event At the close of the meeting the lunch committee served refreshments and a social half hour was spent with the teach ers.
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