

Members have come from nearly every province and from as far away as England and the Philippines.

When a newcomer arrives in your neighborhood, when a friend moves into a new home, or when a special event occurs in your family or in the family of one of your friends, a call to the Welcome Wagon Hostess will bring her to the door with congratulations and greetings from the community and a basket of gifts for the family.

## CO-OP GUILD

Virden Co-op Women's Guild was organized in October 1956 with Mrs. J. madge President, Mrs. C.H. Webster Vice-President, and Mrs. M.T. Heritage Secretary-Treasurer. The Directors were Mrs. J. Watton, Mrs. W. Tapp, Mrs. L. Chapple, Mrs. J. Sproat and Mrs. A. Milne. Four of these original members continued to work over ten years for this society.

The meetings were educational with programs promoting some phase of co-operative effort. The Guild worked here, giving valuable assistance to the store management whenever requested. The relations were always most harmonious. Quite recently, this organization under the new management, decided their work was no longer necessary.

## VIRDEN CREDIT UNION LIMITED

By John Lund

The Credit Union was moved from the home of W.N. Lund in April, 1959 to a rented office in the Derrick Theatre. At this time, Virden Credit Union had 849 members with assets of \$421,523.92. From 1952 to June, 1961, Virden Credit Union was managed and operated by Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Lund. since that time, our office staff has increased steadily until at the present time, there is a staff of nine.

In 1961 Virden Credit Union took a big step in building a new office. Membership was 1,110 with assets of \$678,917.53. July of 1963 was another milestone as assets reached \$1,000,000 with membership of 1,379. Whereas it required 23 years of hard struggle to reach the \$1,000,000 mark, it required only 30 months to reach assets of \$2,000,000.

By April 30, 1970, Virden Credit Union has grown to a membership of 2,219 with assets of \$3,426,769.75.

With this growth has come the need for more office space. The Board of Directors have planned a new office building to be constructed and opened this year on the corner of Nelson and Eighth.

We feel this is a banner year for the Virden Credit Union as we are not only planning the erection of our permanent building office, but also celebrating our 30th business anniversary which ties in with the 100th birthday of Manitoba.