

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INSTITUTES BRANCH

SAMPLE PROGRAM

We have pleasure in submitting a sample program which, we trust, will be of value to the officers and members when making plans for the year. It is not expected, of course, that this program will be anything more than suggestive to those who are responsible for planning the local programme. Please see the February and preceding numbers of "Home and Country" for general suggestions regarding Program Planning.

MAY

Theme: The Homemakers' Month.
Motto: "The ornaments of a house are the friends that frequent it."
Roll Call: Exchange of Shrubs, or small fruit bushes.
Five-minute talk on duties of a hostess and the motto of the day.
Music: General Business.
Collection of officers and installation.
Current Events of the Country for the Month.
Demonstration: How to conduct group games.
Suggestion for Showers for Brides—Wedding Refreshments.
Social half hour—Topic for conversation drawn from "topic box".

JUNE

Motto: "Now if ever come perfect days".....(J. W. Riley)
Opening Exercises.
Five-minute talk on the meaning of Recreation.
Roll Call: Canadian Beauty Spot. Music.
Business. Music or Reading.
Contest—Identification of leaves of trees or shrubs.
Display—Table bouquet for living-room—homegrown.
Social Period.

JULY

Canada's Month.
Motto: "In the love of home, the love of Country has its rise".
Roll Call: Noted Canadian woman and her work.
Five-minute talk on Canadian books. Sing Song.
Topic: Imaginary trip across Canada (bring picture post cards of Canadian places).
Demonstration: Simple Summer Desserts—by 3 members.
Picnic Lunch.

AUGUST

Motto: "The world is full of beauty, and its days are filled with Music".
Roll Call: A labour-saving device.
Display of and talk on Department bulletins and helps.
Discussion—Developing neighbourhood talent through the Institute.
Music or Reading.
Topic—The Beauties of Friendship. Social Period.

SEPTEMBER

Motto: "Doors of Opportunity are marked 'Push' and 'Pull'".
Roll Call: Exchange of patterns—bring your best.
Five-minute talk on School Buildings in the county (or district).
Two-minute talk on Motto.
Music:
Topic: How to keep fit—local Doctor or Nurse.
Demonstration: How to make a bed.
Six, one-minute stories of interesting things in my summer vacation.

OCTOBER

Community Night.
Motto: "Let us charge these guests with the electric current of our good feeling".
Roll Call: Stories from local history.
Exhibit—Antiques.
Topic—What the voter should know about civics.
Debate—Has the introduction of machinery done more harm than good.
Reception to School Teachers.

NOVEMBER

Motto: "Do your best at all times and in all things".
Roll Call: A Good Law.
Short address from local lawyer.
Music or other selection.
Topic—Methods and cost of heating and ventilating the farm home.
Discussion—Ways of Neighbouring.
Contest—Hidden Laws.
Demonstration—or Exhibit—Preparing Poultry for Market.

DECEMBER

Motto: "Scatter gladness, joy and mirth, all along the ways of earth".
Roll Call: A White Gift.
Exhibit—A Christmas decoration—favour—or gift.
Music—Christmas Carols.
Topic—Keeping Christmas Spirit.
Demonstration—Christmas Sweets—by 2 members.

JANUARY

Family Night.
Motto: "Come, let us make merry together".
Musical Number—different instruments—or home talent.
Roll Call: Humorous story or joke.
Cafeteria tea with trimmings—6.30 p.m.
Debate: Is Modern Civilization a Failure
Demonstration: Cutting grade beef.
Costume Character Singing.
Contest: Apple Naming.

FEBRUARY

Motto: In the heart of the bulb is the promise of Spring".
Roll Call: Keeping Moths out of Clothing.
Music:
Demonstration: Disinfecting a cut or wound.
Topic: What to eat, how and why
Discussion—on the topic.
Contest: Hearts.
Exhibit: Canadian Industries—products.

MARCH

Motto: "Cheer up! There are pleasant days ahead of you".
Roll Call: An emergency and how to meet it.
Assembly Singing.
Five minutes on Current Events in the Province for the month.
Topic: Education as a factor in efficient homemaking—or educational play.
Demonstration: How to mend underwear.
Contest: Garden Friends.
Social Period.

APRIL

Motto: "We must not be afraid of change: it is the essence of life".
Roll Call: Name a qualification desirable for an officer.
Assembly Singing.
Reports of Committees: One outstanding piece of work from each.
Discussion (10 minutes)—Storing winter clothing—led by—
Music:
New Business:
Topic: Possibilities and Benefits of a Home Garden.
Topic—Household Cleansers (15 minutes).
Exhibit and **Contest:** Homemade Soap.
Discussion of last year's work and its benefits "Over the Tea Cups".

Institute Creed

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed,

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking;

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid,

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great woman's heart common to us all, and

O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

—Mary Stewart.

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STAMFORD BRANCH

OF

Welland County

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"For Home and Country"

Program 1933-34

Meetings held first Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m., in

MEMORIAL HALL, STAMFORD

Everybody Welcome

INSTITUTE ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet,
 In friendship's circle bright;
 Where nothing strains the pleasure sweet
 Nor dims the radiant light;
 No unkind words our lips shall pass,
 No envy sour the mind,
 But each shall seek the common weal—
 The good of all mankind.

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HOME AND COUNTRY

Among the special committees appointed by various branches are found the following: Flower Committee, Emergency Fund Committee, Sunshine Committee, Musical Committee, Cemetery and Parks Committee, Home and School Committee, Refreshment Committee, Library Committee, Social Committee. Then a number of branches have a chairman for each line of work in keeping with the committees of the Convention area: Health and Child Welfare, Home Economics, Education, Agriculture, Legislation, Canadianization, Relief, Community Activities, Historical Research, and Canadian Industries. Then it is usual to appoint a press reporter and pianist. Of course no one branch has all these committees, but it is well for each branch to consider the advisability of appointing committees suited to their needs and, so far as possible, giving each member some definite responsibility.

Please show this program to your President.