

DISTRICT CONVENERS TO SUBMIT REPORTS

Committee Work for Convention Reports

District Conveners of Standing Committees are now preparing summaries of the accomplishments of the committee programmes in their districts. Each District Convener should examine the chart listing the Convention Area Conveners published in this issue of "Home and Country" and send to the Convention Convener of her particular committee a report of the work accomplished in her own district, together with recommendations for future activities. District Conveners are requested to send this report at least one month in advance of the Convention date.

A former issue of "Home and Country" explained that the Federated Board of the Women's Institutes of Ontario at the Board meeting in November, 1934, re-organized the standing committees by amalgamating the committees on Agriculture and Canadian Industries, and also those of Community Activities and Relief. A new committee was organized to develop a programme in Peace Education and International Relationships. This re-organization should be kept in mind for the reports and elections of conveners at the conventions.

The following brief explanation defines the function of each standing committee. Conveners should keep their reports in line with these definitions.

Education—Co-operation with and assistance to the schools; study of literature, music and dramatics; promotion of libraries; sponsoring debates, public forums and discussions on topics of community betterment.

Home Economics—To promote interest and activities in raising the standard of homemaking and obtain recognition of homemaking as a profession and highly important vocation; co-operate with the Department in developing work in clothing and textiles, foods and nutrition, housing and household arts, economics and management of the home.

Health—To develop interest and action in establishing public health facilities; encourage health education, preventive measures, medical and dental services, home and community sanitation, proper care of mothers and children.

Agriculture and Canadian Industries—To study production and consumption of both raw and manufactured commodities; encourage the purchase and use of Canadian foods; study standards and qualities, labels and performance of goods under service; study crops and scientific farming methods and markets; promote farm beautification, vegetable gardens; assist with school and fall fairs wherever desirable.

Legislation—To study laws concerning inheritance, property rights, custody of children, care of the unfortunate, schools, agriculture, etc.; study the yearly changes in legislation of direct influence on the home.

Historical Research—To compile local and township history of settling, pioneer families, industries, buildings, public enterprises; make collection of historical records and articles; keep records of important local current events; keep exhibits of antiques; co-operate in establishing local museums and with the provincial archivist.

Community Activities and Relief—To improve the community by establishing and maintaining (or by assisting or encouraging other agencies to do so) community halls, rest rooms, parks, libraries, fire equipment, street lighting, community recreation, musical festivals, etc., assist families in need of clothing, food, household equipment or temporary help in the home; assist children's shelters and homes for the aged; give financial assistance to individuals unable to secure special treatment and care from any other agency.

Canadianization—To spread greater familiarity with the traditions of our national life; study the flag of the Dominion and what it stands for;

GIRLS' CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

Tenth Annual Was Popular and Profitable

On May 7, 421 girls from rural Ontario gathered at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, to enjoy the tenth annual three-day conference programme prepared by the Women's Institutes Branch in co-operation with the members of the College staff. Delegates came from as far as Essex on the west, Peterborough on the east and Simcoe on the north. The honors for the largest number of representatives from one county went to Wentworth with 40 girls in attendance.

A varied programme dealing mainly with nutrition, clothing and home beautification held the interest of the delegates for the entire period.

A system of student government instituted on the first night was the first step to make each girl feel that she had a real part in the conference programme.

Instructive food demonstrations showing the importance of vegetables and eggs in the diet were given by Macdonald Institute students. "Dressing to Suit the Personality," a clothing exhibit arranged by members of the College staff stressed the value of suitable and becoming clothes as well as personal grooming. An address, with coloured slides, by Mr. A. H. Tomlinson gave much practical information on home beautification to the delegates.

The characteristics of a good Junior Institute were thoroughly discussed and many problems solved by discussion during the regular sessions as well as in spare moments when small groups would talk over their difficulties with the leaders.

Pleasant evening entertainment was also provided. On the first night, Doctor Christie welcomed the visitors to the College in a short address. The Macdonald Institute Physical Education Demonstration given that night showed the Conference girls another phase of College life. An illustrated address on "Birds" by Mrs. Stuart L. Thompson, of Toronto, was thoroughly enjoyed. The closing banquet on the last night with Miss Ethel M. Chapman of Toronto as guest speaker was a very fitting climax to the three Conference days.

THIRTEEN CONVENTIONS PLAN PROGRAMMES FOR AUTUMN

Thirteen Women's Institute Conventions will be held in Ontario this fall to receive the reports of work of the past year and ascertain the trends of opinion so important to know in building constructive work for the future.

The places where these conventions will be held are indicated in the chart on page 4, together with the dates and the area served by the convention. Examine the chart and mark the dates of the convention in your area on your calendar so that you will be sure to attend. Go prepared, not only to listen, but also to give constructive suggestions.

The officers listed on the chart, together with their committees, are largely responsible for the convention agenda. An effort will be made to keep the discussion and addresses in line with the situation and problems of to-day.

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study types of nationalities now resident in Canada; study immigration laws and assistance given to newcomers; help the new Canadian to become adjusted to the Canadian community, and help the foreign-born to learn the English language and Canadian ways.

Peace Education and International Relationships—To promote a better understanding by the study of international relations and help women formulate their own opinions of the problem of establishing peace; help create an intelligent public opinion.

News Flashes From the Branches

Bradford, Simcoe Co.—Discussed the need of garbage collection, appointed a committee to interview the council in the matter, with the result that the council secured a man to make weekly collection, ten cents per week being the cost to each home utilizing the service.

Clifford, Wellington Co.—Has had a mock trial carried on under the direction of the teachers of Continuation and Public Schools. This meeting resulted in a crowded house.

Rugby, Simcoe Co.—Had a competition on "Identification of Cuts of Beef", followed by discussion on the food value of these cuts, and throughout the year discussions are held on matters relating to domestic economy.

Cape Croker, Bruce Co.—Is planning a Health Booth at the fall fair as follow-up work on the course in Health Education.

Listowel West, Perth Co.—Holds the deed of the cemetery and have three members on the Board of Management. The W.I. finances caretaker and other workmen and has donated two lots to the Perth Cemetery Welfare Community.

Durham, Grey Co.—Held a successful bake sale, the proceeds being used to purchase milk for under-nourished children in the public school.

Zion, Grey Co.—Devoted one meeting to the study of "Milk", its care, value in the diet, and various ways of using in the family menus.

Camden East, Addington Co.—Is keeping a folio of sketches of public buildings in the community for future reference. Records of important local events are also being kept in permanent form. This branch suggests each branch post at the District Annual a list of papers given at their branch as a help for the paper exchange.

Madoc, Hastings Co.—Aims to use the ability of each member of the Institute to create a social interest each month and to help in child welfare work. They appoint the conveners of standing committees as a programme committee. Current events are reviewed each month by a different member and a place is given to world news.

Zone Centre, Kent Co.—Held an open meeting at which the feature was a mock parliament conducted by a local ex-M.P. Men of different political thought acted in the various offices.

Ridgetown, Kent Co.—Has study club taking up music, art and literature. This branch also had their municipal clerk address them on county council procedures, selection of jurors and other municipal affairs.

Townline, Kent Co.—Held a debate on amending the present egg-grading law, to provide for sale of eggs by weight.

South Woodilee, Essex Co.—Has secured the co-operation of the township council in administration of diphtheria toxoid to all children in the township.

Castleford, Renfrew Co.—Had a health talk on the use of toxoid for the prevention of diphtheria and also a paper on the care and prevention of goitre.

Abingdon, Lincoln Co.—Organized a literary society in which the young people of the community took an active part. The funds of the society are applied toward the building of a new community hall.

"A" Line, Algoma District.—Held two dental clinics in the school, in May and September, and financed a tonsil operation for a child in the school section, in addition to making contribution of two bed lights for the hospital.

Kentville, St. Joseph Island.—Started in 1934 to purchase proper food for a local diabetic case, and have continued this for some months. When funds became low the neighbours contributed cream, eggs, vegetables and other foods.

Rosport, Thunder Bay District.—Erected and financed a local hall costing \$3,500 in a little fishing community of 70 families. The hall is a social centre for both local people and road

camp men, who assisted in raising funds for the building.

Antrim, Carleton Co.—Packed and sent two parcels of shrubs and perennial plants to an Institute branch in Rainy River district.

North Gower, Carleton Co.—Sponsors a Musical Festival covering vocal and instrumental music which is open to everyone within a radius of nine miles of the village.

Smithville, Lincoln Co.—Had an excellent address on "Banking and the Gold Standard" by the local bank manager.

New Hamburg, Waterloo Co.—Has been working in co-operation with their Public Library Board, taking charge of the juvenile section.

Kars, Carleton Co.—Had paper on Art following which two art pupils described some of the pictures by Canadian artists.

Metcalfe, Carleton Co.—Held a competition where pupils from the six school sections represented in the branch took part. Each school supplied two pupils for spelling, two for a duet, one for a recitation, and one for public speaking and a short play not exceeding 15 minutes. Each pupil taking part received recognition, while the players taking first place received an award for the school presenting the play. The school scoring the highest number of points for their numbers was awarded a shield.

Kincardine, Bruce Co.—Served tea at a "Furniture Exhibition" put on by a local dealer, and received a percentage of the proceeds of sales made during the week.

Islay-Zion, Victoria Co.—Has five-minute health talks at each meeting given by a registered nurse.

Reabro, Victoria Co.—Appointed a school committee to co-operate with the agricultural representative in school fairs and other ways.

Hawthorne, Carleton Co.—Had an art exhibit consisting of prints of famous paintings loaned by the Ottawa Art Gallery, and an address was given on pictures and artists.

Malakoff, Carleton Co.—Had a question box at one meeting at which each member gave a two minute talk on the subject presented on the question slip drawn by her.

Beamsville, Wentworth Co.—Will celebrate their thirtieth birthday in June, 1936. A tea party with a giant birthday cake will be a part of the celebrations. Among the guests of honour will be the first officers.

Castleton, Northumberland Co.—Solved their roll call problem by a fine of one cent from each person not responding to her name. Only 16 cents were collected in fines.

Hastings, Northumberland Co.—Bought a piece of property in the village, have filled in old cellars, cut the weeds, removed stumps, and levelled the ground, and established a creditable community park.

Percy, Northumberland Co.—Had 33 visitors at their March meeting when a demonstration was given on table setting and papers on social usages were featured.

York Road, Northumberland Co.—Held a community night with an attendance of 200. The children from five school sections formed a school choir. Addresses were given by the school inspector and the agricultural representative. An exhibit was shown of health posters, county maps and penmanship, the work of the pupils.

Alton, Peel Co.—Provided an emergency outfit for infants, placed a needy medical case under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health, and helped to finance musical instruction in the school. Their "travelogues" have made the members better acquainted with Canada and her resources.

Komoka, Middlesex Co.—Had a member give a talk and demonstration on shrinking and pressing of materials, while another member dealt with care of walls and floors and a third speaker took for her subject the three F's—flies, food, fingers.