

News Flashes From the Branches

Beamsville, Lincoln Co.—Celebrated its 30th anniversary with a party. The tea table was decorated with W.I. colours, the centre of interest being the three-story cake. Different coloured tapers, white, gold and blue, were lighted for members who had passed on, for pioneer workers, and for continuing members, respectively. Among the guests were provincial directors, district officers and Mrs. Bostwick, daughter of the late Mrs. Hoodless.

Kuhryville, Perth Co.—Featured a historical programme, which included the history of local schools dating back to 1856, a parade of old-time school girl costumes, a picture naming contest, and the singing of old school songs.

Gould's, Perth Co.—Had an enjoyable community party and raised funds to finance the hospitalization of a member requiring special treatment.

Friendship Circle, Cochrane District.—Is interested in wool. Following a demonstration of carding, carders were purchased by the branch and warm comforters made. One of the members spins and another one is able to weave both blankets and cloth.

Lyn, Brockville District.—Had the Public School Inspector address a meeting on "Financing the School". The members of the Board of Education and other interested citizens were present. One of the results of this address was the retention of an efficient and desirable principal at an advanced salary.

Avon, Perth Co.—Has studied Buy-man-ship under the guidance of its local leader at regular meetings. Each member was expected to look up trade marks of the products she used, and test the wear of the materials.

Wellesley, Waterloo Co.—Has undertaken the renovation of the town dump, an unattractive spot in the centre of the town, and, in co-operation with the council, is making a beauty spot of the former unsightly, insanitary place.

Beaver, Cochrane District.—Studied food in relation to health for four regular monthly meetings, had a discussion on patching garments, a demonstration on dressing a wound and another on the cutting of hair. This has resulted in the children having better school lunches, more neatly patched garments and more sanitary dressings for wounds. The teacher has been cutting the hair of both boys and girls.

Castleton, Northumberland Co.—Co-operates with the Agricultural Representative in arranging poultry culling demonstrations.

SPEAKERS AT CONVENTIONS BROADEN INTERESTS OF MEMBERS

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formation on Mental Hygiene, Dr. Phair of the Department of Health, described public health services.

Miss Ethel Chapman, editor of the women's section of "The Farmer" emphasized the need of a well balanced plan of living in the rural home. Honourable Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, vividly pictured with humour and pathos the satisfactions of country life. Dr. G. I. Christie, President of Ontario Agricultural College, spoke of the need of special education for successful farming.

Reverend Sydney Lambert, Padre of Christie St. Hospital, gave an illustrated lecture on the Vimy Pilgrimage. Mr. E. A. Smith, Hamilton, told the story of his trip to Europe on the Graf Zeppelin.

In addition to the above named guest speakers and a number of others, Miss Florence Eadie, Miss M. V. Powell, and Miss Bess McDermid of the Women's Institute staff and Miss T. J. McDowell, president of the provincial board, were helpful on the convention programmes.

West Chamberlain, Temiskaming District.—Visited two Finnish families and invited the women to the Institute meetings. One of the women is now a member of the branch and she does not speak English. They have helped supply the refreshments for the social hour, and their children are remembered by the branch at Christmas.

Banner (West Korah), Algoma District.—Held its Educational meeting at the school house, and brought parents, teachers and children together to discuss common problems.

Harmony, Algoma District.—Has united with Patricia branch in sponsoring dental and baby clinics.

Moyle-Tranquility, Brant Co.—Devoted one meeting to the study of "The Weeks' Work". Five members outlined the work for the different days of the week in five minute talks.

Lion's Head, Bruce Co.—Has a clean-up day every spring and pays for a truck to collect and dispose of all refuse around the town.

Malakoff, Carleton Co.—Aroused interest in planting and caring for trees, shrubs and vines by holding an open evening meeting at which Homes in Canada and Home Beautification was the topic presented through lantern slides.

City View and Merivale, Carleton Co.—Had a representative from the Kempsville School address the branch on buying baby chicks, culling, grading and selling poultry.

Clute, Cochrane District.—Is co-operating with the school trustees in financing the digging of a well for the school, and also supplies prizes for school work.

Nestleton, Durham Co.—Is making a scrap book in connection with its study of peace education and international relationships.

Mattawa, Nipissing District.—Encourages school pupils in the study of English and History by donating medals for high standing in these subjects.

Ferona, Nipissing District.—Held a 10c. social to raise funds for the purchase of glasses for children with defective eyesight.

Altona, Ontario Co.—Holds, each fall, an annual exhibit of home grown flowers, featuring four or five classes. Awards are made and then the flowers are given to the shut-ins.

Beaverton, Ontario Co.—Co-operated with the Rotarians in providing special medical treatment and care for a child in the community. The secretary opened her home for the operation and one of the members, a nurse, gave nursing assistance.

Hastings, Northumberland Co.—Had a roll call on The Spot in the Community that Should be Improved. The remodeling of the stage of the Town Hall resulted.

Burnaby, Welland Co.—Is providing treatments for a baby with a club foot.

Montrose, Welland Co.—Has started a Scrap Book Library. The convener of Peace Education started a scrap book and now each convener has a book for her line of work with all the members contributing materials.

Bowen Road Juniors, Welland Co.—Has a lesson in good English at each meeting with members taking turns in leading the study.

York Road, Northumberland Co.—Has interested women in the annual school meeting by the programmes of two monthly meetings, when "Who Pays for, Manages, and Plans the School" was presented by the school inspector, and "The Woman Trustee" was discussed by six members.

Puet Colborne, Welland Co.—Had a roll call on a local historical event which resulted in 75 per cent. of the membership making fine contributions. An address was given on the North American Indian.

Powles Corners, Victoria Co.—Used a roll call which was answered by cheese recipes. A paper on Uses of Milk in the Family Menu, was

followed by an animated discussion. **Mill Creek, Waterloo Co.**—Held a meeting on Health Education at which the school children displayed health posters and contributed songs and dances.

New Dundee, Waterloo Co.—Devoted one meeting to hobbies, when different members outlined activities which had given them satisfaction.

New Hamburg, Waterloo Co.—Studied the lives of Handel, Strauss and Chopin. The music teachers co-operated and selections from the composers were played and discussed.

Berwick, Stormont Co.—Benefited by a roll call on Remedies for Colds or Burns. This was followed by a paper on The Value of Milk in the Diet.

Navan, Russell Co.—Enjoyed a day at school with teachers and pupils. Demonstrations and lectures were given on Artificial Respiration, Alkaline and Acid Forming Foods, and Civics.

Dorchester Juniors, Middlesex Co.—Completed the project on Being Well Groomed. This was followed up by a debate entitled Ready to Wear versus Home-made Clothing.

Adolphustown, Lennox Co.—Co-operates with another branch in sponsoring a bus service for the benefit of children who attend High School in a neighbouring town.

Blackwell, Lambton Co.—Catered for a Hollanders' re-union dinner at which 150 Hollanders were served. The dinner was planned and served in accordance with the wishes of these New Canadians.

Conway, Lennox Co.—Organized a toxoid clinic where 75 children were immunized against diphtheria by the M.O.H. A small nominal fee was charged. For any family unable to make this payment, the Institute met the charge, thus enabling every family to take advantage of this service.

Brooks, Lambton Co.—Has published a book telling the history of the township for the last 100 years.

Forest, Lambton Co.—Celebrated on June 25, its thirtieth birthday by holding a banquet, Mrs. S. Rawlings, oldest charter member cut the birthday cake. Mrs. T. J. McDowell was the guest speaker.

Warton, Bruce Co.—Supplies milk, clothing, books and other necessities to the undernourished and needy children of the community.

Chesley, Bruce Co.—Sent local leaders to the training school on Vegetables. The first lesson has been given in the branch by the local leaders. They gave demonstrations and used charts to help convey the new ideas.

River Road, Elgin Co.—Sponsors serving hot lunches in the school, assists in financing musical instruction and co-operates in the county public speaking competition for pupils.

Wallacetown, Elgin Co.—Had a traffic officer address a meeting. He gave many suggestions for safety on the highways.

Delta, Leeds Co.—Financed the services of a supervisor for the bathing pavilion three times a week during July and August.

East Korah, Algoma Dist.—Sponsored a dental clinic for the school children. Ninety-one children were treated. Follow-up work is planned.

Nipissing Junction, Parry Sound Dist.—Held a travel meeting. The response to the roll call was naming a place one would like to visit. Papers were given on Be a Good House Guest and A Trip to New Brunswick.

Utaka, Wellington Co.—Has a slogan each month. At each meeting a name is drawn from a box containing the names of the members. The selected member is expected to give an impromptu speech on the slogan for the month, or pay a fine of 25c. Only one fine has been called.

Tilsonburg, Oxford Co.—Provided a young girl with suitable clothing to attend the Institute for the Deaf at Belleville.

Monteith, Cochrane Dist.—Studied

cleansers at one meeting. Different kinds of soap and soap flakes were secured from the local store, tests were made and the results discussed.

Bowman-Currie, Cochrane Dist.—Appointed a committee to wait upon the school trustees to find out the cause of delay in the erection of a school house. The inquiry resulted in speeding up the building and the opening of the school.

Kent Bridge, Kent Co.—Sponsored a spelling match for third and fourth classes in several schools.

Quinn, Kent Co.—Provided first aid kits for 10 schools and keeps them filled.

Bayham, Elgin Co.—Raised funds for cemetery care by giving a Hand Time social at the school house. Everyone in costume took part in a grand march.

Kingsmill-Mapleton, Elgin Co.—Has increased responses to the roll call by arranging the roll call as a contest.

Middlemarch, Elgin Co.—Encouraged public speaking competitions by giving awards to competitors.

Scotch Block, Halton Co.—Has found that the depression has tended to encourage more neighbourly spirit and better work among members.

Lakefield, Peterborough Co.—Added eleven new members to their roll, as the result of a course in Food selection and Meal Planning.

Keekatin, Kenora Dist.—Profited by a talk by a local insurance agent who explained all forms of insurance now in operation.

Everton, Wellington Co.—Has held weekly meetings to study the value, cookery and use of vegetables.

Holly, Simcoe Co.—Is doing some reforestation work. Each member promised to plant at least one tree.

Colborne, Northumberland Co.—Studied music at one meeting when the speaker presented his subject with such enthusiasm that the Women's Institute was influenced to sponsor a musical festival for the local school. In four years this branch has made and donated 28 quilts to the needy.

Percy, Northumberland Co.—Encourages each member paying her membership fee at the annual meeting to suggest what should be included in the programme for the coming year.

South Neebing, Thunder Bay District.—Uses the April roll call to assemble suggestions for the programme of the ensuing year.

Omeme, Victoria Co.—Augmented the treasury by filling quilting orders. During the year 30 quilts were quilted at a charge of \$1.00 each.

Annan, Grey Co.—Asks non-members to contribute music, readings and suggestions, thus securing their attendance and interest.

Keward, Grey Co.—Has a few girls, daughters of members, who are associate members and to whom all privileges but that of voting are extended. The girls make definite contributions to the programmes.

East Pearson, Thunder Bay District.—Is co-operating with the school board and the Red Cross Society in securing a dental car for the district.

MARY WRIGHT BELIEVES IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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two or more discussion groups on specific issues or problems?"

"No, we haven't," answered Aunt Mary. "We have to know how to lead discussions before we can do that successfully."

"A good discussion leader has a definite technique, partly her own and partly general principles," replied Donald, in quite an authoritative manner.

"I promised Dad I would clean out the car and must go home, but I shall be back at Christmas. Let's try to think out some help for a leader of discussion."

"And in the meantime you will see your professor. Don't you think I should talk to him, too?" inquired Aunt Mary with a twinkle in her eye.