

## OFFERED SPECIAL COURSES

Rural unemployed young women in Ontario are responding enthusiastically to the courses arranged by the Women's Institute Branch of the Department of Agriculture in connection with the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training programme.

Indications are that the demand for these courses, namely, Catering for Tourists, Marketing of Home Baked Foods, Simple Dressmaking and Remodelling, and Rug Making, is greater than the opportunity to provide them. The funds provided by the Dominion and Provincial governments allow for a certain number of courses and are designed primarily to aid rural girls who require part-time employment. No academic standing is necessary and no fee is imposed; in fact, certain financial assistance is given where such assistance is necessary.

During November and December, Departmental representatives made a survey of the demand for these courses. The arrangements for the courses are made through county advisory committees on Youth Training for Rural Young Women. These committees are comprised of the agricultural representatives, school inspectors, district presidents and secretaries of Women's Institutes, U.F.-W.O. representatives, and the county home economics coach or her substitute.

Arrangements have been made for the following courses to be held from January 4 to 28, *Catering for Tourists* at Newton Robinson in Simcoe County, at Owen Sound in Grey County, at Kinburn in Carleton County, and at Winchester in Dundas County. *Simple Dressmaking and Remodelling*, at Lansdowne in Leeds County and at Harriston in Wellington County. More than 100 girls are expected to attend these January courses.

Tentative plans have been made for courses to be held in the following counties in February: Manitoulin, Peterborough, Prescott, Bruce, Glengarry, Kenora and, probably, Kent. In March, courses will likely be held in the following counties: Huron, Welland, Northumberland, Victoria, Renfrew, Lanark, York, Wentworth, Kenora, Rainy River, Middlesex, Hastings, Durham, Lennox and Addington.

Each of the courses, with the exception of Rug Making, will be organized with sessions from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. for five days a week for four weeks. All students are expected to attend regularly. The Rug Making course may be completed in three weeks time. If the Dominion-Provincial funds for Youth Training are continued after April 1, the courses will be followed up by a constructive, educational programme helpful to young women in their efforts to establish a remunerative occupation.

Women's Institutes throughout the province have been promoters of these courses. They have brought to the attention of young women the opportunities offered by the courses and, in many cases, have taken the initiative in getting proper halls and making the necessary local arrangements. The agricultural representatives and school inspectors have also done excellent local organization work.

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ing tables, benches and swings. A diamond was levelled for soft ball.

A demand started for accommodation for tourists. Two sleeping cabins were partitioned off the girl's bathhouse. As the demand grew, another building was added with better toilet facilities. The Park Commission donated a band stand. For the last few years, the Warton Band gives a concert every Sunday evening during July and August.

In the last year or two, a refreshment booth, which caters to the needs of campers, and new cabins have been added. A protected swimming place

## News Flashes From the Branches

## NEWS AT RANDOM

**Preston, Waterloo Co.**—Presented a handsome set of Junior Encyclopedia of twelve volumes to the Public Library in commemoration of the Coronation and gave four silver medals to pupils of the public and separate schools for the best Coronation posters.

**Phillipsville, Leeds Co.**—Has sponsored two clinics where 200 children were immunized against diphtheria, and 160 children were inoculated against scarlet fever by the M.O.H. The institute has a scrap book on peace education.

**Stamford, Welland Co.**—Held a Floral Tea and a Fashion Tea to make money for their treasury. The local leader in glove making taught eight classes the secrets of how to make a well fitting leather glove.

**Clark School, Welland Co.**—Studied the Health Magazine with special attention to articles on mental hygiene.

**Montrose, Welland Co.**—Has a programme which uses roll calls to good advantage. Each month a vote on the best response is taken. These ballots are kept sealed until the close of the year when they are counted and recognition given to the member receiving the largest number of votes.

**Quaker Road, Welland Co.**—Has a chapter of the text book on Canadian Civics read at each meeting. This branch entertained the members of the Welland Women's Institute by taking them on a tour through several local greenhouses when the flowers were at their best. After the tour, tea was served at the home of a member who lives near the greenhouses.

**Dornock, Grey Co.**—Enjoyed Colonel Hunter's talk on his life in India.

**Glen Eden, Grey Co.**—Had a Victorian Order nurse give a demonstration on the use of old newspapers in making useful sickroom articles.

**Lamash, Grey Co.**—Arranged for three car loads of Women's Institute members to go to the Ontario Agricultural College for the flower show.

**Greensville, Waterloo Co.**—Has found that its new plan of appointing three of its members, one hostess and two conveners, to be responsible for each meeting, increases the general interest in the meetings.

**Lakefield Junior, Peterborough Co.**—Visited factories in Peterborough.

**Kentvale, St. Joseph Island.**—Has enjoyed the local leader project on Vegetable Cookery. The dental work sponsored by the institute has met an outstanding need.

**Cobden, Renfrew Co.**—Has profited from talks and discussions on The Meaning of Coronation, and the new high school curriculum.

**Blackstock, Durham Co.**—Planted two trees in the community park in honour of the Coronation. Removed a dumping ground one mile east of the village and offered a prize for the best essay on how to improve the fall fairs.

**Hampton, Durham Co.**—Has been studying one chapter of "Canadian Civics" at each meeting.

**Orono, Durham Co.**—Donated two seats to the community park.

**Nestleton, Durham Co.**—Gave donations to the schools in its territory for awards to the pupils with the greatest improvement in writing. Purchased good books for reading.

**Fairfield, Brockville.**—Enjoyed a discussion on flax and linen.

with spring boards and slides for little children has been provided. This fall holes have been dug for the planting of more trees next spring.

The first year the camp was self-sustaining was in 1936. All money taken in was used to pay the expenses of the splendid caretaker, laundry, equipment and improvements for the camp.

The institute manages this good-sized enterprise by having a park committee to take care of all the business. (Information given by Dorothy M. Seymour, District Secretary of North Bruce.)

**Patricia, Algoma.**—Has organized a dental clinic through which approximately 426 cards were signed by parents living in the area covered by two institutes.

**Sunnyside, Algoma.**—Is responsible for a dental clinic and a yearly health clinic for one school. This institute also has a circulating library.

**Williamsburg, Dundas Co.**—Hired a man to take charge of the cemetery and appointed a cemetery committee.

**Highgate, Kent Co.**—Is planning to have a paper to be called "The Institute Echo". The conveners of the standing committees are to be mainly responsible for the items in this paper.

**Morpeth, Kent Co.**—Had a meeting devoted to explanations of the Coronation rituals. A paper on The Two Queens at Sandringham was also given. The roll calls of this institute are planned to give labour saving suggestions for the home.

**Rural Ridgetown, Kent Co.**—Planted a tree to commemorate the Coronation. At the June meeting, the agricultural committee reported that 139 trees and a number of shrubs had been planted.

**Townline, Kent Co.**—Helped a flood sufferer who makes his living by gardening and who had lost all his hot beds through flood. A contribution for flood sufferers was sent to the Red Cross. A flag was given to each school in the community to mark Coronation Day.

**Holyrood, Bruce Co.**—Has adopted a new plan of making the programme by giving the conveners of standing committees more responsibility.

**Clayton, Lanark Co.**—Heard an address by a local physician on shock and toxoids for small-pox and diphtheria.

**Union Hall, Lanark Co.**—Made it possible for the entrance classes from three schools to visit Ottawa and see many of the government buildings.

**Bowmanville, Durham Co.**—Appreciated talks and demonstrations on Care and Arrangement of Flowers and China.

**St. Lawrence, Grenville Co.**—Provided the means whereby school girls might receive training in singing during their holidays.

**Roebuck, Grenville Co.**—Aims to have both educational and recreational activities at each meeting.

**Pittsburg, Frontenac Co.**—Receives a suggestion from each member to help plan next year's programme.

**West Lorne, Elgin Co.**—Profited by a lecture given by a local doctor on the prevention and treatment of some common diseases.

**Kentvale, St. Joseph Island.**—Has furnished tablets to the schools, distributed codliver oil, provided a dental clinic, and paid for an operation for a needy resident.

**Model Institute, Middlesex Co.**—Divided the membership into three groups with each group responsible for one social evening during the winter.

**Little Britain, Victoria Co.**—Uses the Health Magazine to furnish informative material on maintaining and developing good health.

**Woodville, Victoria Co.**—Has a steadily growing membership due to the interest in the work of the standing committees and in the educational facilities provided by the Department.

**Adolphustown, Lennox Co.**—Had a wonderful description of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. Pictures were shown.

**Lombardy, Brockville.**—Urges the members to read and keep in touch with current events by having interested members report at the regular meetings.

**Lee Valley, Algoma.**—Has provided dental clinics and inoculation against diphtheria for the school children.

**Lyn, Brockville.**—Had an optician speak to the institute on different conditions of the eye, and explain some of the modern instruments used to improve muscular conditions of the eye.

South Huron told a forceful story of their Refinishing of Furniture project at the summary day with their "before" and "after" pieces. Over forty articles were shown from the three branches exhibiting that day.

Visitors at the East Lambton summary day had scarcely time for their cup of tea, so interested were they in the exhibit of refinished furniture.

North Oxford had some exceptionally fine pieces of furniture to exhibit at the summary day. Unfortunately, a severe wind storm had damaged the power line and the slides of old furniture could not be shown.

"Enthusiasm runs high" was the comment of some strangers at the North Lanark summary day.

As an outcome of her study of the homemaking club unit "Clothes Closets Up-to-Date", one club member has received requests to make clothes closet accessories for her friends. She makes them to order according to the customer's choice of colour and materials and is building up an unexpected source of pin money for herself.

Excerpts from club girls' record books explain the girls' reaction to the homemaking clubs. One young leader of a foods unit says: "I, myself, learned a great deal this winter. At home it had always seemed easier for mother to do the cooking, but I found I had to do practice work at home in order to help the members at the club meetings". To quote another girl: "I have found that girls living quite near each other are never really friendly until they have worked together in a homemaking club". One girl says: "I thought I had a clothes closet, but since I have completed 'Clothes Closets Up-to-Date' it seems to me mine was only a shell and that this unit has provided the means to fill it". And again, a girl who has reached the age limit of twenty-six after completing only two units, says: "My only regret is that I did not take up the girls' work sooner".

Attention was drawn at East Durham to a fine old chair which had been badly marred, the seat having been covered with shoe peg marks. Through knowing how and using, of course, elbow grease, the owner now has a chair of which she is justly proud.

Congratulations are due North Ontario in having every branch send a leader to the training school in Refinishing of Furniture this fall. We are expecting big things from them.

"I would not have missed the project on Quilts and Quilting for anything", writes one Women's Institute leader in Eastern Ontario. "It made me colour conscious even in my clothes. I hope we can do some such work again next year."

Several of the Women's Institutes of Dundas and Stormont held a joint summary day at Farran's Point in the early fall. It was the last public meeting connected with the projects on Quilts and Quilting and Glove Making which had been carried on by trained local leaders. Miss Edith Hopkins, instructor in Homecrafts, of the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, in discussing the exhibits, pointed out where they had excelled and failed. Among the exhibits were 30 quilts, five tufted bed spreads, six collections of six patterns of quilt blocks, and many pairs of gloves.

Two local leaders travelled from Hearst to Clute, a distance of over 140 miles, to attend a training school on "The Use of Whole Wheat". The training school in Clute was the most northern one given this year and was attended by leaders from seven institutes. They met for two days in the large living room of one of the few homes in Clute.

Keward, Grey Co.—Profited by a demonstration given by a local butcher on how to cut a quarter of beef.