

## News at Random

One local leader in Glove Making reported, "One gentleman made a pair of gloves for himself and they were a credit to the class. He also made a pair for his wife". Another leader wrote, "All the gloves fit perfectly. I have made over a dozen pairs myself and still have more to make. It is a nice way of making an extra bit of pin money". One ambitious leader reported, "My husband and father learned to make gloves and since they both made such good gloves, other men in the township have become quite interested". A girl in one of the Glove Making classes finished her two gloves at the second meeting and came back to the next meeting with half a deer hide to make men's gloves.

An institute member who had studied Buymanship under a local leader reports that she has found the information most useful when buying household linens for her daughter's trousseau. She said she knew just what to ask for and, therefore, got excellent service from the clerks. She said her daughter's linens were a better selection than they otherwise would have been. One local leader reports that her institute expects to refer to the work in Buymanship in some way at every meeting next year.

One of the institutes which participated in the summary day for the Kitchen Ensemble in Norfolk County had dresses especially fine in colour and design. The group had spent a whole afternoon planning their colour schemes and their dresses certainly showed the benefit of this study.

Fifty-one members wearing their Kitchen Ensembles took part in the dress parade at the summary day for the Kitchen Ensemble held in Dufferin County on April 8. The dresses and aprons were very attractive, as were also others which were displayed but not modelled.

A secretary of an institute which recently completed a short course on the Use of Commercial Patterns reported, "Many who had not made a dress for years, or who had never made one, are now eager to continue making their own garments. The instructor helped us to make patterns fit and her style and colour talks were wonderful in helping to make becoming clothes".

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get a blackboard and list the various subsidiary motions. In this way the members of your group could see that an amendment which is a subsidiary motion is voted on before the main motion or 'that the question be postponed to a definite time' would be voted on before the main motion."

"Yes, I think some drill on the blackboard would be a good thing," Mary agreed. "The different types of motions are all listed in our Women's Institute Hand Book and explained."

"I picked up your hand book when I came home last night and noticed instruction on 'Procedure for Women's Institute Meetings' from page 20 to 26. They were very clearly stated. Certainly every officer should not only have read them, but should study them over and over," advised Agnes.

"We might get a little reading group together and read the sections aloud and then discuss them," said Mary. "If a few of us were well informed, the whole group would be better off. I know I am always confused about an amendment and an amendment to the amendment."

"I think that is an excellent idea," commended Agnes. "You would find it would save valuable time in your institute meetings for something other than just the transaction of business. It would prevent difficulties, and little misunderstandings, too. A meeting conducted with despatch and efficiency can be a real joy."

"Right now," said Mary, "I move that we return to the house and, on our way, pick enough raspberries for lunch."

"Carried," said Agnes.

## News Flashes From the Institutes

**Waterford, Norfolk Co.**—Enlisted the services of the local postmaster to present the story of Postal Service. The address was illustrated by pictures.

**Raymond, Centre Muskoka District**—Focused attention on the institute paper "Home and Country" by means of the roll call which required an item taken from the paper. The seasonable topic at this meeting was the Maple Syrup Industry.

**Drayton, Wellington Co.**—Selected three industries for consideration on a Canadian Industries programme. One member gave an address on woollens and tailoring, which was followed by a buttonhole contest. An address on corn and its use revealed many valuable facts regarding this product; a third address dealt with the sugar beet industry. Samples of products related to the addresses were on exhibit.

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printing of old records. In the coming year, they expect to sponsor a variety of enterprises for the young people.

One of the main purposes of well-organized standing committees is to enable the institutes to systematize their methods of reporting. District conveners should compile all institute reports for presentation at the district annual meeting. It takes time and skill to write a terse, comprehensive, yet interesting report, but it is time well spent. If the conveners of standing committees would come prepared to discuss the work of the committee they head, all reports would be more valuable.

Every institute should send its full quota of delegates to the district annual meeting. When a group fails to do this, they lose immediately the touch with the larger sphere of the work which is so essential to the well-being and life of every institute.

In planning the district annual, officers should keep in mind that it is definitely a working meeting concerned with district affairs of the institutes. The prime purpose is to consider a district co-operative programme in home economics for the coming year. Ample time should be allowed for the address of the Provincial Board director. Her message concerns every institute member. She has been elected by the members to represent them provincially and because of the information and experience gained through the Provincial Board, she should be of service to the districts.

Many improvements in district annual meetings were quite general. There was a noticeable improvement in the luncheons in a number of districts, abundance of jellies, cakes and pastries were replaced by seasonable, hot vegetables and simple desserts. In the majority of cases, a fee of 25 cents or more was charged. In some cases, the hostess institute secured a local organization to cater for the guests, thus relieving the local members and making it possible for them to attend the district meeting.

The majority of the meeting places were made attractive by a decoration of lovely Ontario flowers.

With only a few exceptions, a register was in evidence in the entrance halls. Printed programmes were used at many district annuals and were a decided help.

Many excellent presiding officers, with good speaking voices and an understanding of parliamentary procedure, were in charge of the district annuals held in Ontario this spring.

District secretaries have an appreciation for efficient local institute secretaries who make prompt and accurate financial statements and reports of work accomplished.

Carefully appointed nominating committees which were representative of the district gave greater assurance of a wise choice of officers.

**Greenbush, Wellington Co.**—Had two local teachers speak on the new school curriculum. One gave an outline of the courses and the other spoke on the advantages of the new plan. A discussion followed.

**New Lowell, Simcoe Co.**—Secured Mr. R. Fenwick, Provincial Supervisor of Music, to give an address on "Why and How Music Should Be Taught." The speaker stressed the value of music to the individual. As a result of this address, definite interest has been aroused and music is now being taught in some of the local schools.

**Beeton, Simcoe Co.**—Stimulated interest in literature and writers through a Book Tea. Each table represented a definite period or an author, and the titles of books described the menu. A poster competition was held, and the winner received a new Walpole book. The proceeds of the tea went to the local library.

**Everton, Wellington Co.**—Held a spelling match in which nine schools out of the eleven in the township entered. Eighteen pupils participated. Parents, teachers and pupils were keenly interested.

**Maple Leaf, Lennox Co.**—Sent a girl to the Girls' Conference at Guelph. Held a picnic at Springside Park to entertain the young people. At a recent meeting, an address on conditions in Saskatchewan was given by a lady who recently came from that province. Has a play prepared for Napanee Fair. Donated \$15.00 to Crippled Children's Fund.

**Poland, Lanark Co.**—Has enjoyed the travelling library.

**Canboro, Haldimand Co.**—Was addressed by Mrs. L. B. Duff at the Historical Research meeting held at the Cayuga Museum. Many interesting relics were donated by the members of the institute.

**Mohawk, Hastings Co.**—Furnished paint and paper for redecorating the home of an aged person, and members helped in practical ways with the renovation.

**Anderdon, Essex Co.**—Has become more interested and more active in Women's Institute work since taking up the projects on Buymanship and the Kitchen Ensemble, and is looking forward to other projects.

**Elm Centre, Perth Co.**—Has furnished and replenished First Aid Kits for five local schools. This institute also keeps the doctor's office supplied with a layette that may be used in needy cases. Twenty dollars of the institute funds have been used to make two local boys more comfortable at the sanatorium.

**Maidstone, Essex Co.**—Has benefited by the instruction on Vegetables given by its trained local leader. Demonstrations in the cooking and serving of vegetables were given along with talks on the importance of vegetables in the diet. The vegetable dishes were served to those attending the meetings.

**Kearney, Parry Sound Dist.**—Is interested in civics. At each meeting, this institute reads and discusses a portion of the Canadian Reader in Civics.

**Sailor's Encampment, Algoma Dist.**—Studied Vegetable Cookery under the guidance of local leaders who gave demonstrations at two meetings. A summary day was held when the vegetables and salads, prepared from recipes given on their lesson leaflets, were served at a dinner.

**Stroud, Simcoe Co.**—Is co-operating with the local school and hall boards in preparation for a centenary celebration of the opening of the first school in Stroud (then Victoria) in 1838.

**Barrie, Simcoe Co.**—Invited two neighbouring institutes to a social afternoon, at which pictures were shown on "The Development of the Telephone."

## Achievement

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wishes to do, it decides upon the way it will be done. In an educational programme, such as every institute wishes to support, it employs ideas to solve the problems and it also has to select ways of using these ideas. This means the institute decides upon subjects to be studied and how they are to be studied. Although the schedule of activities is what is usually thought of as a programme, it is really the calendar resulting from the programme and usually lists only the regular meetings and names of talks scheduled. Practically every institute carries on enterprises not mentioned in this calendar and many times such activities represent work of the highest quality and superior to the work listed in the calendar.

Each institute then should examine its programme of work with great thoroughness. This will include the calendar, but the list of events on the calendar will not likely show up the whole programme.

The following standard of achievement is set up for the purpose of checking the programme rather than the calendar. Enumerated in this standard of achievement are desirable functions for local institutes.

- (1) Have regular enjoyable meetings for whole membership for the purpose of studying and considering common interests and problems.
- (2) Raise the standard of homemaking in the community. Carry a homemaking project with leaders who function.
- (3) Report the results of project work.
- (4) Report work of institute to district secretary.
- (5) Have a reporter who acts as publicity secretary.
- (6) Have a game and song leader at the regular meeting; also to help in community good times and to stimulate better music.
- (7) Sponsor homemaking programme for girls.
- (8) Appoint conveners for standing committees which are needed in the community and see that these committees function. Each functioning committee should have its own plan of work which should be approved by the institute and the accomplishments reported from time to time.
- (9) Sponsor health and child development work.
- (10) Discuss the legislative changes of the year at one meeting, at least.
- (11) Stimulate better reading by obtaining a loan library, having book reviews and establishing a magazine exchange.
- (12) Record the history of the community.
- (13) Improve parliamentary procedure at the meetings.
- (14) Carry on the community enterprises required by the times.

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and entertainments will be arranged, some on a large scale for all the delegates, and others for individuals. The English County Federations are anxious to entertain country women from overseas and to show them the work of the Women's Institutes and rural life of their counties, in addition to the historical sights for which each county is noted. Some counties may also show folk singing and dancing, pageantry and dramatic production for which the English Institutes are famous.

The hospitality offered will include week-end visits to country houses, farm houses, etc., thus giving the delegates and visitors an opportunity of actual experience of English life.