

## INSTITUTE SPONSORS VILLAGE FAIR

The Warton Women's Institute assisted by the Rotary Club and the Warton Sports Committee sponsored a Village Fair, July 29-August 1, inclusive. The Fair was a financial success returning a net profit of \$1,100.00.

The Village Fair was held in the Women's Institute Park and the booths for the midway were made out of scantling and evergreens or tents. The Rotary Club took charge of the midway and the Women's Institute was responsible for the tea-room, home-made baking, hobby booth, fortune telling, home-made candy, handicrafts, and Indian booth. Two launches were hired for each day and passengers taken out for a ride on the bay. Three ponies also helped to provide enjoyable entertainment for the children.

The amusements at the park on Friday were sports, competitive dancing and a street dance. An open-air concert, barn dance, soft ball and the choosing of a Village Queen were the highlights of Saturday. On Monday, there were a League Ball Game and music by a Kiltie Band, community singing and fireworks. On Sunday evening the ministers of the town assisted in an open-air service at the park.

Books of tickets admitting the holder to the park, a boat ride, the street dance, and the old time dance, were sold for 25 cents. Merchants responded liberally to a canvas for money for prizes.

On Friday, a children's parade was staged with entries of pets, kiddie cars and tricycles. The business concerns provided floats for a parade on Monday. Music was supplied for each parade.

A great deal of effort was required to obtain successful results, but everyone, including the workers, enjoyed the occasion. The tourists were especially enthusiastic. Much was learned which will be of help another year.

(Contributed by Mabel B. Duncan).

## CHILD GUIDANCE ON THE AIR

Women's Institute members will be pleased to know that Dr. Elmer Reaman, psychologist, will talk once a week over the radio on Child Guidance. The talks will be broadcast by CFRB every Friday afternoon from three to three-fifteen. Everyone interested in children should plan to listen in and if possible discuss the talk with neighbours afterwards. The talk might well be reported at Women's Institute meetings. While each talk will be complete in itself, the listener who follows the talks from week to week will profit most.

**Sombra, Lambton Co.**—Has given special attention to safety measures and prevention of motor car accidents. Closer supervision and better road signs were among the measures advocated.

**Lakefield, Peterboro Co.**—Benefited by an address on trees and reforestation work given by the agricultural representative of the county. The speaker stressed the need and value of planting trees and shrubs not only for beautification, but for economic profit.

**Lakeside, Oxford Co.**—Selected shoes and footwear as the phase of Canadian Industries for consideration during the past year. The roll call brought out information about raw materials. A qualified speaker discussed proper shoes for different occasions. Good types of shoes were exhibited.

**Lynnville, Norfolk Co.**—Reports the Kitchen Ensemble project as the most interesting feature of the season's programme. A large number of dresses and aprons were completed.

**Crowland, Welland Co.**—Made a study of legislation through a roll call which was answered by a municipal law. Problems on taxes were presented for discussion, and members took part in answering a questionnaire on the Women's Institute Hand Book. A paper brought recent legislation before the membership and furnished material for thought and action.

**Ridgeville, Welland Co.**—Plans to make a systematic study of some definite interest such as health. A paper on the subject is presented each month, and a copy of the Health Magazine is furnished each member. A hot beverage is provided for the public school children through the co-operation of the institute and the trustees. Music is also being taught in the school.

**Decew Falls, Welland Co.**—Benefited by the story of the evolution of methods in agriculture, from hand labour to modern mechanization. The discussion of agricultural interests resulted in an exchange of seeds, bulbs and shrubs with suggestions for successful growing.

**Dutton, Elgin Co.**—Stressed the value of a local library through an address on "the library as an educational factor". Demonstration was made of the proper classification of books and magazines. The result of this programme has been an increased circulation of books.

**Bayham, Elgin Co.**—Had a talk on Canadianization, and a further study of the subject through the roll call answers, after which members were appointed to visit families of New Canadians recently settled in the community and to whom were given magazines and also garden seeds.

**Lakeview, Elgin Co.**—Selected the well known Canadian writer, Nellie McClung, as their literary interest at one meeting. The address on the life of the writer and readings from her book *Lantern Lane* showed how one may enjoy the most simple everyday events.

**Port Stanley, Elgin Co.**—Studied the life of one of the leading artists and exhibited copies of his work.

**South Yarmouth, Elgin Co.**—Worked on the vegetable project which was found very instructive. Not only did it introduce vegetables hitherto unused by the members, but information was also given on new attractive ways of cooking and serving well known and commonly used vegetables.

**Anderdon, Essex Co.**—Responded splendidly to the Vegetable Cookery and Glove Making projects taken up by the district. Non-members as well as members have become interested and plan to become identified with the institute. The institute appreciated the work of the local leader in Glove Making, under whose leadership several of the menfolk made gloves for themselves.

**Leamington, Essex Co.**—Learned something of international interest from a talk on the Women's Institute in South Africa. The speaker who had lived in South Africa for some years has the distinction of being a charter member of the movement in that country.

**Comber, Essex Co.**—Participated in the vegetable cookery project work. This provided recipes which were furnished by the local leaders in the project and given in response to the roll call. The demonstrations, talks and other features presented by the leaders have been the means of promoting the use of more vegetables and improved methods of cooking. In addition to this the summary day gave the members the additional knowledge of gardening.

**Woodslee, Essex Co.**—Is aware of the enrichment of our national life by the contributions of New Canadians, and included in the Canadianization programme brief sketches of New Canadians who have been successful in this country.

**Parham, Frontenac Co.**—Held an evening meeting when reforestation slides were shown. Following this

meeting, a number of farmers, who had attended, ordered trees for planting.

**Matheson, Cochrane District.**—Keeps members informed of world happenings by a review of current events each month. One meeting brought to them the Japanese situation, and the news of the catastrophe of the Niagara Bridge.

**Porquus Junction, Cochrane District.**—Is interested in securing hydro service in the village. The institute is making a survey and securing requested information for the Hydro Company, and hopes to have service installed in the near future.

**Clute, Cochrane District.**—Has encouraged the fourth class school children by reading their compositions on the Industries of Canada at a regular institute meeting. Maps of the Cochrane District showing centres of industries prepared by the third class students were exhibited. A contest on the elimination of weeds was planned.

**Silver Water, Manitoulin Island.**—Had suggestions for community improvements as the response to a roll call. This brought the suggestions of furnishing tables and seats for the recreation grounds and also other desirable improvements. Eventually this interest resulted in the formation of a committee representing various local organizations whose responsibility was to carry through the suggested improvements.

**Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island.**—Is health conscious. The institute provides and maintains first aid kits in two schools, holds baby clinics and sponsors dental clinic work in schools. Mothers with small children are showing appreciation of the services of the institute by becoming members.

**Sandfield, Manitoulin Island.**—Is utilizing the leader of the Vegetable Cookery project at each meeting. The leader demonstrates and explains one vegetable or dish at a meeting, the members go home and try out the particular dish demonstrated and are then ready to report and to receive instruction on another dish.

**Maple Park, Oxford Co.**—Staged a Kitchen Ensemble Parade, demonstrating a variety of the different styles in dresses and aprons which were made from the same pattern. Members realized as never before the versatility in clothing patterns under skilled leadership.

**Duntroon, Simcoe Co.**—Had a debate on Resolved That Wealth Causes More Crime Than Poverty. The judges' decision resulted in a tie.

**Jack's Lake, Simcoe Co.**—Debated the question of Automobiles—Resolved That Automobiles Do More Harm Than Good. The judges decided in favour of the affirmative by only a few points.

**Woodstock North, Oxford Co.**—Found interest in quilts and quilting much increased after participation in the local leader projects in Home Utilization of Wool. Special attention was given to designs. The local leader held special meetings for the project.

**Stayner, Simcoe Co.**—Sponsored a Hobby Show for school children. This proved so successful that the institute plans to make it an annual event.

**Coldwater, Simcoe Co.**—Visited the local council at one of the regular meetings to learn by observation how the council carried on its work.

**Guthrie, Simcoe Co.**—Selected the Federal Member of the House of Commons for the Yukon, as their study subject of interesting people in politics.

**Hydro Glen, Simcoe Co.**—Focussed attention on the kitchen by studying kitchen equipment with emphasis on proper heights and locations.

**Norland, Victoria Co.**—Honoured the memory of the late district president, Mrs. J. McFarland by reviewing the valuable service she had given the district and resolving to increase their own service through the inspiration of her unselfish work.

**Theford, Lambton Co.**—Displayed scrap books at its June meeting in response to the roll call. Some thirty books were on exhibit, featuring miscellaneous interests including stamps, health hints, garden helps, table setting, the Coronation of George VI, etc.

**Golden Valley, Parry Sound Dist.**—Studied the legislation related to schools under the direction of the convener. After facts had been presented, a discussion followed, with the result that the institute requested that the annual school meeting be held in the afternoon instead of in the forenoon, as formerly, to permit the women to attend.

**Woodville, Victoria Co.**—Formed a study group which met one night a week throughout January, February and March to study literature and art. The programme was carried on by reading and discussing books together. They purchased from Ottawa and Toronto Art Galleries six prints of paintings by noted artists. These were framed and presented to the school as an encouragement in the study of Canadian Art.

**Crozier, Rainy River East Dist.**—Studied better housing by means of a questionnaire on a model kitchen. Each person was provided with paper and pencil and was asked to show how she would like to have her kitchen arranged.

**Adamsville, Bruce Co.**—Was encouraged to study the needs of the community by a paper on community activities. As a result, a local lending library was established in the local store.

**Ingram, Temiskaming Dist.**—Allowed time at four meetings for the study of Vegetable Cookery. One meeting was devoted to the preparation and cooking of vegetables, another to the preparation and serving of salads, and a third took the form of an Irish stew supper. The fourth meeting featured a tomato soup supper, which was followed by an entertainment for the people of the community.

**Middleville, Lanark Co.**—Profited by demonstrations on table setting and salads given by a student who had attended a course on "Catering for Tourists."

**Snow Road, Lanark Co.**—Has devoted some time to study of hygiene. A well attended short course in Health Education encouraged the institute to secure the services of the Medical Health Officer for a toxoid clinic. Forty-three persons were treated.

**Pakenham, Lanark Co.**—Has aroused interest in music by starting a choral society, and also has planned for musical instruction in the local school. This institute has had the four local teachers give addresses on their work.

**Brooke, Lambton Co.**—Built its programme for the past year around education. Literature was featured and included monthly book reviews, good poetry and books. Papers, addresses and roll calls on literary subjects were used.

**Forest, Lambton Co.**—Listened to an address on "Canadian Canning" by the manager of the local branch of a Canning Company. The members were greatly surprised when they were told that only one woman in ten knows how to buy canned goods to advantage.

**Blackwell, Lambton Co.**—Studied the Women's Institute Hand Book as a part of their work on legislation. Questions revealed the need of more intimate knowledge of the organization of Women's Institutes.

**Central Enniskillen, Lambton Co.**—Had a paper on general legislation, which was followed by three short papers dealing with wills, county government, and the highway traffic act.