

News Flashes

Pefferlaw, York Co.—Placed Wild Flower booklets in the nine schools which are within the area covered by the Institute membership.

New Lowell, Simcoe Co.—Reviewed local history through a talk on the origin of libraries and their expansion up to the present time. The speaker was the librarian of the county town.

Reidville, Addington Co.—Realized an objective in the establishment of a school flower garden. The school board co-operated by furnishing the necessary tools, the Institute financed the preparation of the beds and supplied the required soil and the individual members contributed plants and seeds.

Frankville, Brockville District—Is co-operating with the branches in the district in the establishment of a rest room in Brockville, which will meet a long felt need. This is a district undertaking.

Harrowsmith, Frontenac Co.—Finds the question box a valuable source of information. Members prepare questions each month which are placed in the hands of a member appointed for the month, thus giving opportunity for the member in charge to secure satisfactory answers to the questions presented. These vary from household helps to national service.

Jubilee, Frontenac Co.—Distributed the recent publication, "Food for Health in Peace and War" and now gives assurance the members are conserving food for the family without lowering the nutritive values. A local doctor, speaking on Food Values at the same meeting, gave added emphasis to this guide book.

Perth Road, Frontenac Co.—Combined research and information in a study of the township which brought before the members the story of the early township settlers. This fostered a sense of gratitude for the privileges of to-day secured by the sacrifices of the pioneers.

Komoka, Middlesex Co.—Reviewed early immigration to Canada through the roll call, which required the reason for ancestral migration to this country.

Dunnville, Haldimand Co.—Is carrying on fine health work through the school nurse who is a member of the Institute, and reports school health needs. This Institute includes assistance to the milk fund as part of the health service.

Decew Falls, Welland Co.—At the December meeting the honorary president, Mrs. C. Becker, who was 89 in November last, presented to the Institute, with a suitable letter accompanying it, a beautiful quilt top, the work of her own hands. In her letter, she expressed hope that the members would be able to complete the quilt and use it to raise funds for their work. Mrs. Becker seldom misses a meeting.

Kintore, Oxford Co.—Had a flower display and address on flower arrangement with the result that decorations in church and in public places show better floral arrangement.

Verschoyle, Oxford Co.—Had a demonstrated talk by the local butcher on "cuts of meat". The speaker used for this purpose half a beef carcass, and for each cut gave the market name, the cooking method and told which cuts are most economical. This was deemed the most educational demonstration yet presented to the branch.

Staffa, Perth Co.—Benefited by the Canadianization programme, in which the "New Canadian" was studied. The speaker named the countries represented in Canada, describing their national habits, dress and foods.

Elmhurst, Perth Co.—Discussed "Neighbourliness" following an address on the subject of being good neighbours. Practical suggestions for attaining the objective were given.

Marmora, Hastings Co.—Reviewed the history of their library, which was opened twenty years ago with 182 books catalogued. To-day 4,196 volumes are available through the co-operation of interested citizens.

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO Subdivisions and Board Members

Subdivision	Districts	Board Member
1.	Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Russell, Stormont	Mrs. W. D. Payne, R.R., Brinston
2.	Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew	Mrs. G. Hamilton, R.R. No. 3, Pembroke
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12.	Middlesex E., Oxford, Perth S., Huron W.	Mrs. T. Burn, Brownsville
13.	Elgin, Essex, Kent	Mrs. Earl Haney, R.R. No. 4, Aylmer
14.	Huron South, Lambton, Middlesex North and Middlesex West.	Mrs. Hugh McCrie, R.R. No. 3, Sarnia
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18.	Algoma, Manitoulin, St. Joseph Island	Mrs. Roy VanZant, Little Current
19.	Thunder Bay	Mrs. C. J. Russell, 251 Wolseley St., Pt. Arthur
20.	Kenora, Rainy River	Mrs. F. Pearson, Fort Frances

PROVINCIAL CONVENERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES — 1940-41

Education	Mrs. James Gordon, Beaverton
Health and Child Welfare	Mrs. H. Pettibone, Capreol
Canadianization	Mrs. T. Burn, Brownsville
Home Economics	Mrs. J. K. Kelly, Almonte
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Historical Research	Mrs. L. Reesor, Scarboro Junction
Resolutions	Mrs. D. Z. Gibson, Caledonia
Publicity	Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater

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Sent \$800 to the Federal Minister of Defence for the purchase of Bren guns. Districts raised more money for defence.

Started a refugee fund last June, which in three months totalled \$1,200.

Quebec.

Each branch has knit at least one blanket of scrap wool for refugees.

All branches are actively engaged in Red Cross work and each keeps complete record of this.

Have canned for the Red Cross.

Ontario.

The work of Ontario Women's Institutes has been covered more fully elsewhere and so is omitted from this report.

Manitoba.

Raised \$632.32 for refugees on a per capita levy of 25 cents.

Helped find suitable homes for refugee children who came to Canada.

Majority doing Red Cross work, many especially interested in Junior Red Cross work.

Saskatchewan.

Members are "loyally and lovingly plying knitting needles, running sewing machines making money for the Red Cross."

Collected \$3,000 for the Red Cross on basis of 50 cents a member.

Purchased two bed units which cost \$2,500 in the Canadian Red Cross base hospital No. 1.

Are opening homes for Overseas Guest Children.

Alberta.

Great activity in Red Cross work. Inaugurated A.W.I. Emergency War Fund, which has reached the two thousand dollar mark. Will be used for whatever emergency arises. Has purchased \$400 worth War Savings Certificates.

Carry on a Food Conservation Campaign with the slogan "Not an Empty Sealer in the Pantry."

Has collected wool scraps to be made into blankets for refugees.

British Columbia.

Cooperated in the Red Cross Food Conservation scheme, which has resulted in the making of two tons of jam and processing more than twelve thousand cans of fruit and vegetables.

Sent \$74 to England to pay the A.C.W.W. fee and to finance the restoration of a home economics and handicraft school at Turku, which was bombed in the war.

Have filled special war chests with canned food and clothes for war refugees and Overseas Guests. At present making wool comforters for bomb victims.

North Fraser Institutes have raised \$50.00 for a Queen Elizabeth Fund to help victims of air raids.

(Contributed by Elizabeth Bailey Price, Publicity Convener, F.W.I.C.)

FORT FRANCES ACTIVE IN CANADIANIZATION

The secretary of the Fort Frances Women's Institute tells us of the following interesting enterprise.

"One of our activities was an exhibition representing the ingenuity of nearly a score of different nations. A committee was formed to arrange an exhibition and to approach and interest New Canadians in this undertaking, and for several weeks members of the committee were busy visiting key women among the New Canadians. They met with the very finest kind of friendliness and co-operation. Not only were the women anxious to display their handicraft, but they were also proud and eager to bring with them heirlooms and other articles of interest from their native lands, and samples of their own cooking. Unique invitations were sent out and a small admission charged included tea and cakes served from a table on which was a very old linen table cloth and a very old and beautiful silver service. Nationalities represented were Belgian, Scottish, English and Irish, Norwegian, Swedish, Ukrainian, Rumanian, Dutch, Finnish, French Canadian, Polish, German, Czechoslovakian, Jewish, N.A. Indian, American and Canadian.

Many of the ladies were in the very colorful costumes of their native land, and many of them displayed their native cookery on their tables. Pictures were taken which appeared with an article in the papers in Ft. Frances, International Falls, Minnesota and Duluth.

More than 500 persons visited the exhibition and spent an interesting and educational afternoon and evening. The nice sum of \$73.00 was realized for the branch. Apart from this, however, and of more importance, the committee felt that besides keeping alive old handicrafts of other lands and encouraging budding talent, this outstanding event had created a friendliness and neighborliness between Old and New Canadians particularly valuable at this time. Thus is being carried on the work of the Women's Institute for Home and Country."

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without library facilities and to give this service as much publicity as possible.

Participation in the activities of the Federation of Agriculture was commended to local Institutes in those countries where the Federation is active.

Two conveners of standing committees attended the meeting to present their reports, Mrs. David Porter on Peace Education and International Relationships, and Mrs. James Gordon on Education. A vote of appreciation acknowledged the contribution made by the provincial conveners to Women's Institutes through the activities of their respective committees. Resignations were received with regret from Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Craven.

The Provincial Federation agreed to continue its policy of co-operating with the Department in publishing "Home and Country".

The Ontario Institute pin with bar was chosen as a distinctive recognition for service of Board Directors. It was arranged that purchase should be made through the secretary of the Board.

The resolutions submitted by the convention areas were thoughtfully considered. These are reported elsewhere in this issue.

In closing, the directors expressed their appreciation of the privilege of sitting on the Provincial Board, of the leadership and inspiration they had received. Mrs. Duke's parting reminder was that Women's Institute members endeavor to retain their identity and their Institute activities in their zeal for war work.

(Contributed by Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Secretary F.W.I.O.)