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HERE AND THERE WITH THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

All over the province Women's Institutes continue to live up to their motto "For Home and Country" and render valuable service to the community. In this issue we are featuring "newsy bits" received from **HERE AND THERE WITH THE INSTITUTES**—a "pot pourri" of Institute activities which we consider worthy of mention. We regret that we cannot comment on all our 1,375 Branches nor publish every picture received. Nevertheless we do welcome your increased interest in Home and Country and hope you will continue to send us snaps and photos of your activities. We are glad to have these for our records even though space does not always permit their use in our publication. Contributions to Home and Country should be addressed to Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. A.P.L.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT" the film in technicolour with the thrilling portrayal of the inception, growth and features of practical developments of Women's Institutes of Ontario has been shown to appreciative audiences in many parts of the province during the year.

Institutes will welcome the information that additional copies have now been procured hence it will not be necessary to wait long for your "turn". Requests for the film should be addressed to Film Extension Division, Department of Public Relations, O.A.C., Guelph.

Port Elgin, Bruce East, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the local Branch held a turkey banquet. Mrs. J. Haines, president, acted as chairman. Congratulations were extended from the Department and the F.W.I.O. Board. Mrs. W. J. Peirson, charter member, was presented with a beautiful picture. After an interesting program of appropriate toasts and greetings those assembled adjourned to the library for an evening of games and recreation.

Burford, Brant South, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its organization on January 11, 1949, with Mrs. James Cummiskey, president, as chairman. The parish hall was beautifully decorated in the Institute colours—blue and gold and a three-tier anniversary cake centred the lace-covered tea table. By unanimous vote of the women, this cake, along with tea, sugar and dried milk were sent to Burford Women's Institute, England in order that they, too, might celebrate this anniversary with their Canadian sisters. Corsages were presented to all past presidents and greetings extended from the F.W.I.O., the Department, the districts of North and South Brant and from Burford council. Miss Anna Lewis, after warmly congratulating the Institute and bringing an inspirational message closed with the statement "Throughout the next years, aim high—maintain your ideals—but keep down to earth with practical ideas. It is through service to others that we achieve our greatest happiness".

Mrs. J. C. Hall, a past president reviewed the accomplishments of the past which included, as well as untiring work during the two world wars, the furnishing of a ward in the Brantford General Hospital and continued maintenance of it; the yearly donation of a nurses scholarship; continued interest in the local schools and homemaking club work. The pillars and gates of the Burford pioneer cemetery will always stand out as a lasting memorial to early workers in Burford Women's Institute.

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Brethour at whose home the Institute was organized and who gave untiring leadership in the work.

After the meeting many members sent greeting cards to Mrs. Laura



Upper left: A new project for F.W.I.O., the Women's Institute Tent at the Ploughing Match in Lindsay.

Upper right: Reid's Corners Women's Institute, Bruce South District were proud to receive \$10.00 prize money for their float at Ripley Reunion. From left to right on float: Mrs. Sam Geddes (Citizenship), Mrs. Gordon Fair (Home Economics), Mrs. Roy Geddes (Publicity), Mrs. Walter Steele (Historical Research), Mrs. Bert Irwin (Social Welfare), Mrs. Gordon Emmerton (Agriculture and Canadian Industries).

Lower left: Unionville Women's Institute, East York, won first prize in the Early Canadian Fashion Show at the C.N.E. Left to right: Mrs. Thos. Burnett, Mrs. Harry Boadway, Mrs. Jas Donaldson, Mrs. G. G. Maynard, Mrs. R. Perkin, Mrs. Jas Sabiston, Mrs. Duncan McRae.

Lower right: Members from Goderich Branch won second prize in Goderich drama festival for their portrayal of "The Spinsters of Lushe".

Rose Stephen who organized this institute.

Goderich, Huron West: The Women's Institute not only has 2 members on the city recreational council but also assists materially in its support. Sizeable donations are given to the Goderich Girls' Trumpet Band and a scholarship of \$25 is given each year at the musical festival. At the drama festival members of this Branch were awarded second place for the production of the one-act play "Spinsters of Lushe".

Blyth, Huron West: have adopted the fascinating custom of having "Sunshine Sisters". At one of the meetings members' names, with birthday dates, are written on separate slips of paper. These slips of paper with the names on are well mixed and each member draws out of the hat her "Sunshine Sister" for the year. The idea is to do all sorts of kindly acts for your sunshine sister and yet try to keep your identity a deep dark secret. On special occasions you remember her with a card, small gift of cookies, flowers, vegetables, etc. "The butcher the baker and the candlestick-maker" all enter into the fun of secretly delivering the gifts.

At the end of the year a banquet is held at which time you divulge your secret.

Rosspport, Thunder Bay, sponsors the school boys' hockey team.

Kakabeka Falls, Thunder Bay,

served hot tea and sandwiches to the men in the community who worked on the skating rink community project.

Massey, Algoma East, held a mass T.B. mobile clinic. Residents of Massey, Spanish and the surrounding district were X-rayed. Many in this district are Indians and active members of our Women's Institute.

Rylstone, Hastings North, celebrated its 25th anniversary on Feb. 15, 1949, in the form of a Family night banquet and variety program. A packed hall greeted the special guests on their arrival. Mrs. Chas. Stewart as chairman, introduced the head table guests, which included our director, Miss Lewis, the district president, Mrs. Clifford Clancy and the present officers, past presidents and their husbands.

Wingham, Huron West: The convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries planned a visit to the local flour mill. The manager went to considerable trouble to arrange an exhibit of wheat from the time of entrance into mill up to the finished product flour. Each stage of procedure was demonstrated on a blackboard by drawings. As well, he had the result of each procedure on exhibit in a small jar. This was all an education and helped the group to understand much more when touring the mill. They also visited a creamery where they saw how cream is

pasteurized and kept and how eggs are graded.

Jubilee, Frontenac Co.: Provided funds to send 2 local boys to R.K.Y. (Rotary, Kiwanis, Y.M.C.A.) camp for two weeks. The result was so rewarding that they hope to send other boys to camp next year.

Lakefield, Peterboro: The drama group has been very successful. Last year the play "A Trip to Happy Town" with a cast of 22 players was staged at several centres.

Wilton, Lennox: A miscellaneous shower was sponsored for a D.P. couple who came to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shea. The couple were most appreciative of this kindly gesture. Kitchen utensils, tablecloth, towels and all kinds of home canned pickles and fruits, as well as meat and butter, were among items received. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

Tavistock Women's Institute, Perth South, presented awards to the winners of East Zorra, South Easthope and Downie Music Festivals before a capacity audience in Library Hall.

Elgin, Leeds County, several of the best posters made by the junior pupils of the Public School showing illustrations on Health and Safety Hints were judged at a regular Women's Institute meeting. Prizes were awarded.

Sydenham River, Kent West, gave (Continued on Page 8)