

HERE AND THERE WITH THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Bruce North, Cape Croker: This Institute on the Indian Reserve presented a cheque for \$300.00 to the building fund for the Bruce Peninsula and Red Cross Memorial Heights Hospital at Wiarton.

Elgin West, Dutton: On January 9th, using the 'Ode' as their theme song, Dutton Women's Institute were on the air in the first of a series of weekly broadcasts on the programme "Your Community and You" over CHLO, St. Thomas. The programme took the form of a dialogue between two members, covering the history of the Institute in that area and high-lighted the commendable work accomplished by Dutton and neighbouring branches and the methods used to finance their undertakings. The second broadcast presented the winning contestants in the oratorical contest sponsored by Dunwich and Dutton Institutes, and the third will feature an address on the recently opened Bobier Convalescent Home which has been another project of local interest to the Women's Institute.

Elgin West, Rodney: The December meeting included a humorous monologue, "Grandma's Dream" arranged and directed by one of the members. As Grandma's dream unfolds she is seen wearing her first long party dress which Grandma describes. Two characters portray Grandma and Grandpa as sweet-hearts and husband and wife. Two university graduates and two trained nurses also enter into the story of Grandma and her dreams.

Grey North, Annan: It is so easy to forget those to whom we owe so much, but Annan Institute has adopted a soldier at Sunnybrook Hospital. They take turns in writing him a letter each week and also send gifts of candy, cigarettes, etc., on special anniversaries. A few of the members have visited him when ever possible.

Hastings East, Phillipston-Zion: An inspiring story in which this Institute played a part concerns a blue baby. From birth Larry Schwager required constant attention. One hundred feet was the greatest distance he was able to walk before he became exhausted. After receiving permission from the parents the Institute in co-operation with the reeve of Thurlow Township and Belleville Shrine Club arranged to take the child to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto where a successful operation was performed. On the morning of the operation a small group of sympathetic friends came to wait through the long hours with the anxious parents—Now Larry can run, shout and play like any other normal boy and at last he can go to school.

Hastings West arranged a unique event in Stirling, when they entertained the new Canadians of Batawa. The officers of the district under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Roy Bush, were in charge of all the details involved in such an undertaking.

Mrs. Bush welcomed the guests and said they wanted to become better acquainted with their neighbours, the new Canadians, and become more friendly with them.

Mr. Arthur Duncan, formerly of Stirling, now residing in Batawa, who is director of Public Relations in that town was master of ceremonies. He said there were 400,000 new Canadians in Canada, which is a challenge to the people of the land to set a good example in citizenship to the newcomers.

The Slovenian Glee Club were heard in outstanding choral singing under the direction of Mr. Lozor, a recent arrival in Canada under the Federal Department of Labour scheme.

Eight junior members of the Democratic Czechoslovak National Alliance of Canada presented several numbers of folk-dancing in full national costumes. This group is composed of Canadians who have been here ten years. Their beautiful costumes suggested a lovely garden of flowers as they danced to the music provided by Miss Sheka. They were trained by



Upper left: ESSEX COUNTY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS ARE GUESTS OF WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL AT NORTHVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL. One hundred and fifty members of North Essex Women's Institutes visited Wayne County Home Demonstration Achievement Day on November 9, 1949, and now are making plans to invite the Wayne County women to their District Annual in 1950. We commend this friendly "Hands Across the Border" gesture. Pictured above left to right: Mrs. W. R. Sales, Dist. Pres., Roseland; Mrs. Ernest Souilliere, Windsor; Mrs. Edmund Hansuld, Chairman, London Conv. Area, Tavistock; Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Woodslee, Dist. Sec.; Mrs. Clifford Lavadie, Comber; Mrs. J. W. Brown, Comber; Mrs. J. Jones, Comber

Upper right: JARVIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, WEST HALDIMAND PUBLICIZES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WORK BY USING A FLOAT. Each standing committee was represented by an appropriate Display.

Lower left: A PROJECT OF ORILLIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Orillia Women's Institute each year take charge of a booth at Champlain Park from which they realize a considerable sum. Included in the picture are Mrs. MacPherson in charge and Mrs. Lorne Hill an assistant. Mrs. Hill, now of Orillia Women's Institute came originally from County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and last year while in Ireland she spoke to two Northern Ireland Institutes namely Barnescourt and Newtonstewart.

Lower right: ELMA CENTRE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEET AT MRS. ARTHUR HAMILTON'S HOME, Back row left to right: Mrs. W. Struthers, Mrs. Elgin Smith (Pres. North Perth Dist), Miss Grace Dewar, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Mrs. Stanley Lockwood, Mrs. A. Dakmer (Pres. Elma Centre Institute), Mrs. Boyd Hammond (Sec. North Perth Dist), Mrs. T. Hurst, Mrs. Roy Hamilton. Front row: Russell Lockwood, Mrs. T. Hird, Mrs. L. Coghlen, Mrs. H. Bedwell, Miss Jean Ballantyne. Seated: Mrs. Eric Love, Mrs. G. Bell, Mrs. A. Matheson, Miss Edith Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cheka.

A group of five gymnasts of the famous Sokal Gymnastic Club of Batawa gave a magnificent demonstration of parallel-bar performance, directed by Mr. Jaroslav Janecka, who became a naturalized citizen last year.

Among those taking part were several new arrivals in Canada who as yet are not familiar with the English language.

The district Women's Institute gave to their Batawa friends twenty-five dollars as a donation to the Trenton Hospital Fund and to the Batawa Ladies' Association a copy of "Fifty Years of Achievement".

Mrs. Clarence Holmes, convener of "Citizenship", expressed the thanks of the district Women's Institute to all who had contributed in any way to the success of the evening.

This happy occasion ended with a social get-together. Here the young people of Batawa entertained with several songs, and the members of the eight participating Institutes served refreshments to more than three hundred guests.

Huron West, Wingham, are to be congratulated on their "Hobby Fair" of handicrafts. In the crocheted and embroidered section there was a great variety of exquisite work ranging from dollies to table cloths. Other sections displayed needlepoint, tatting, knitting and weaving. An exhibit of shell-craft, the work of the High School pupils claimed much attention and admiration. The exhibit of paint-

ing was the work of eight local artists which included some beautiful hand-painted china. Providing a background were thirty quilts. Rugs, too, added to the interest. The male part of the community had entries in each of the following classes,—woodwork, painting and weaving.

Huron South, Kippen East entertained their husbands and families at a Turkey Supper. Public School children contributed to the programme and motion films were shown by an officer from Clinton Radar School.

Lambton Centre, Enniskillen had an address on "Facts and Fables" of the many holidays during the year 1949, that are marked in red on the calendar.

Lambton West, Aberarder: Each member received a leather change purse from a Women's Institute in England in appreciation of food parcels sent to their Institute.

Larnark North, Hopetown: The members are using the booklets, "Your Money's Worth in Food", "Salads all the Year Round" and "Canning Ontario's Fruits and Vegetables" in their study in Health in Nutrition for the year.

Leeds North, Crosby: Three Crosby ball teams were tendered a banquet by Crosby W.I. in recognition of their season's victories in winning cups in their respective fields.

Lincoln, Grantham proudly accepted Thirty Dollars from their winning team on the Crews Quiz Show of St. Catharines.

Lincoln, Beamsville received a book "The Life Story of Her Majesty, Queen Mary" from West Grinstead Institute in England.

Middlesex North, Prospect Hill, invited one of the new Canadians in their village to describe her native Hungary and the present conditions in that land. She made a plea to send warm clothing to the needy in Europe.

Middlesex West, Delaware: The members and friends of this Institute travelled by chartered bus to Dearborn, Michigan, where they visited Greenfield Village and the Edison Institute Museum. Along the streets of the village are mills, shops, stores, laboratories, historic structures, schools and homes such as were used in the days of the country's early development. In many of the buildings industry is carried on as it had been in the past.

Oxford North, Embro and West Zorra also visited this interesting town.

Muskoka South, Reay, gave individual baskets of fruit to the residents of the Home for the Aged, in Bracebridge.

Norfolk South, St. Williams, enjoyed a Christmas party for Women's Institute members which included a delightful programme, followed by a turkey dinner and exchange of gifts.

York West, Vellore: Donated One Hundred Dollars to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and the purchase price of a wheel chair for the new hospital in Weston.