

# Here and There With the Institutes

## A Timely Exchange of Ideas

**T**HE notes recorded here are offered not as news nor for casual information. They were selected from many excellent reports because we believe they offer suggestions or inspiration for Women's Institute work over the Province. If your Women's Institute has done some new or unusual or especially effective piece of work, please let us know about it.

Anniversaries are marked in various ways. **Wallbridge**, at its fiftieth anniversary banquet, along with the usual speeches and presentations, had a fashion parade showing women's dress styles since the turn of the century. **North Wentworth** district, also fifty years old, celebrated with a tea and had as their guest speaker, Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen who spoke at their first district annual. **Oxford Mills** at its fortieth anniversary had a two part programme — one for the branch, one for all Women's Institutes. Both had effective candle-lighting ceremonies. **Colborne**, at its twentieth birthday tea, presented a life membership to a charter member.

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Institutes are taking an active interest in Homes for the Aged and the general welfare of older people:

**East Haldimand** furnished the women's sitting room at their Home. They hope to help with a similar room for the men, and in the meantime to provide rocking chairs for the bedrooms. At Christmas time the members bought gifts and had them especially wrapped for each person in the Home.

**North Ontario** Institutes presented their County Home with a radio phonograph.

**Rural Ridgetown** voted twenty-five dollars toward a television set for their Home.

**Newmarket**, giving a party at their County Home, had a sing song using the old favourite songs in which the old people joined. The old folk enjoyed this so much that it is recommended for any party for old people.

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**Welland District** held a most creditable International Day with addresses on international relationships, greetings from affiliated organizations abroad and from Mrs. Raymond Sayre, President of the Associated Country Women of the World. Guests of the branches were introduced as New Canadians from England, The Netherlands, Denmark, Hungary, Estonia, Germany, Malta, Ukraine and Serbia.

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**Pine Grove** had a showing of films of Holland by a Hollander recently settled in the district. The man's wife, dressed in her native costume, gave a talk on Holland and several

Dutch families joined in the singing of their native songs.

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Many Institutes are trying to learn more about our newest province, Newfoundland. **Elmview** reports a talk on "What Newfoundland Has Done Since Confederation". **Arnott** had a lecture on the work of Dr. Grenfell and a quiz on Newfoundland. **Simcoe** Institute is making a study of each of the ten provinces.

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**Unionville** Institute is very proud of a gift from the Eversley Women's Institute of Hampshire, England. The gift is a table cloth, nine feet long, with the Hampshire rose in each corner and the Institute crest in the centre. This was the Eversley women's way of thanking the Unionville Women's Institute for food parcels sent during and since the war.

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**Black Creek** is inviting girls of sixteen or over to join the Women's Institute and whether they join or not, to attend the Department speaker's lecture on "Cultural Activities".

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**Bond Head** had a lawyer speak on "The Question of Wills". (Would such an address be good for a family night when both men and women could hear it?).

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At their "Men's Night", **Williamsburg** Institute had the Kemptville District Forester, W. E. Steele, as their speaker. Mr. Steele also showed films stressing the importance and care of the farm woodlot.

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The Women's Institutes of **Rainy River District** inaugurated a music festival, "with the hope", their report says, "that it would inspire more young people to a greater appreciation of good music and a desire to perform it."

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**Humberstone** and **Morrisburg** and **Iroquois** Women's Institutes staged very successful Spring Fashion Revues, co-operating with their local clothing stores.

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In a talk on Historical Research at **Riverside** Institute, Mrs. Roy Shields had as exhibits a pioneer farm paper and a mail order catalogue of 1894. We are told that "the women found it interesting to compare styles and prices with those of today".

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At **Wellburn** Institute, the convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Hugh McKay, speaking on "Agriculture Through the Years", brought an old harvesting cradle to exhibit.

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A motto for discussion at a **Silver Maple** Women's Institute meeting was "Of all the