

session on "Small Kitchen Equipment" with Dr. Margaret McCready, Director of Macdonald Institute; the talk on "What's New in Your Garden" by Mr. John A. Wall of the Department of Horticulture; the demonstration on "New Styles in Floral Arrangement" by Miss Louise Heringa; Prof. E. C. Stillwell's demonstration "Let's Know Our Meat Cuts"; "Eggs and Poultry Products" by Prof. E. S. Snyder and the Macdonald Institute classes in Food, Textiles, Sewing, Community Catering and Home Planning.

Cultural Activities Day was filled with another popular programme—Prof. V. C. Lowell of the Department of English introduced the subject "Art, Music and Literature" and Prof. Carpenter, also of the English Department, spoke on books written by Canadian women,

especially humorous books. Mr. Hugh Funnel delighted the audience with a number of songs from various countries. Oil paintings by students from the Art School at Doon and other Canadian artists were on display throughout the holiday.

Mrs. Eydt's report concludes:

"And now back to our chores. Before we go let's say a sincere word of thanks to our Provincial Board members and Miss Lewis for arranging such a wonderful holiday for us and to the Ontario Agricultural College and its staff for the excellent programme provided. Parting is such sweet sorrow, but how nice it is to know that we have friends now all over the province. Why don't **you** plan to go to Holiday Week next year and have as much fun and fellowship as we had."

District Annuals Reviewed

WHEN the District Annuals were over for the year, a review of reports from Departmental Representatives and Board members who attended the meetings brought out a few commendations and recommendations that might be helpful in planning District Annuals next year.

Everyone was enthusiastic about the quilts exhibited in the Salada Tea Competition. Other exhibits were commended too, such as **West Huron's** display of leather work done in the Extension Service Workshop and **South Huron's** Homemaking Club exhibit of bedroom accessories.

These interesting programme features were reported: **South Oxford's** convener of Historical Research read the minutes of the first meeting of the first branch in the district, organized in 1903. At South Oxford also the Resolutions convener is reported to have put on "a revealing skit, very applicable." (Evidently someone has found a way of giving a light touch to resolutions.) **South Lambton** had a skit showing the right and wrong ways to conduct a meeting. At **South Perth** a girls' homemaking club gave a demonstration on the cuts of beef and how to cook them—a good way to promote club work in the district. An **Ontario** county district had an International Pageant put on by eight branches.

South Huron had an effective publicity scheme: The Wingham Radio station recorded part of the programme and used it in its broadcast the next day.

The reports showed that in most districts the branches are working together in some special project. Most districts are providing a fund for scholarships for rural girls. **East and West Elgin** are planning to raise a county scholarship fund of \$2,000 at the time of their county centennial celebration this year. **North Parry Sound** is working for a district museum, South Bruce for a county museum, Prince

Edward county is also considering a museum. **East Algoma** Institutes are trying to secure a Public Health Nurse for the district. **South Temiskaming** has contributed \$2,150 for a two-bed ward in the new hospital and will give \$500 more for the furnishings. **West Manitoulin** is working toward a Home for the Aged and a museum. **St. Joseph Island** Institutes had an important part in getting a new ferry from the mainland to the island. They will sponsor a picnic when the new ferry is launched. All the **Lambton** districts are specializing in work for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. **Algoma Centre** is working toward a hospital.

The **South Wellington** Institutes at their District Annual voted to support the movement to have a pioneer village set up near the Ontario Agricultural College to preserve models of pioneer homes and industries.

The Institutes of **Grey** county are planning to erect a memorial to Nellie McClung, who was a native of the county. They have suggested to the Historic Sites Committee at Ottawa that the birthplace of this Canadian writer, on a farm near Chatsworth, should be the site of a memorial.

It was noted that a few Institutes—**Huntsville** and several branches in West Victoria were especially mentioned—had buses to take their members to the District Annual.

A few districts made arrangements to relieve the hostess branch from the responsibilities of preparing a noon meal. **North Lambton** had a box lunch and the hostess branch provided tea.

A number of reports especially commended those Institutes that had provided toilet facilities. Where running water was not available, foresighted Institutes had provided wash basins and paper towels. As everyone knows, it is sometimes difficult to arrange for toilet accommodation for a large gathering, but