

# Here and There With the Institutes

## *A Timely Exchange of Ideas*

**T**HE notes recorded here are given not as news, but because we believe they may offer suggestions from one Institute to another. If your branch has done some new or unusual or especially effective piece of work, please let us know about it.

**Simcoe** Institute as part of their study of Canadian Industries had a conducted tour through a local factory. The report says "On the return of the members from the tour of the factory Mrs. Smith gave an interesting outline of the industrial situation in Simcoe, mentioning the importance of both the small and large firms operating here and explaining how the Chamber of Commerce assists in promoting new industries in the community."

Women's Institute representatives took an active part in this year's third annual conference of the women's committee of Wentworth county Federation of Agriculture. Mrs. Kenneth Emberley brought greetings from F.W.I.O.

**South Yarmouth** as the feature of its program on agriculture had a talk from a member of a Boys' Club on "Experiences in the Club Work I've Gone Through."

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Several Institutes are bringing to their community, health services of a sort usually found only in cities. **Mount Forest** sponsors a Child Health Centre. **Southampton** regularly supplies voluntary workers to assist at the County Health Unit's Child Health Clinic. **Tavistock** sponsors a monthly Child Health Conference. At the last meeting reported, fifteen children were immunized against childhood diseases. **Chesley** helps to support a Well Baby Clinic. **Rockwood** also sponsors a Well Baby Clinic. **Alliston** assists with a Baby Clinic.

**Beeton** arranged a very successful "Health Conference."

**Fisher's Corners** had the secretary of their Simcoe County Co-operative Medical Services speak on the new plan of surgical benefits now being introduced.

**Lincoln** Institutes have an annual Garden Tea to raise funds for their county Victorian Order Nursing Service. So far as we know Lincoln county is the only place in Canada with a V.O.N. service for rural people and the Institutes have been active in the project from the beginning.

**Hoath Head** and **Ridgeville** report addresses by a doctor and a nurse on "Medicine of Today" and "Medicine, Past and Present."

A great many Institutes are working to publicize and promote tuberculosis surveys.

**Royal** Institute, Wellington county, has raised \$600 to furnish a room in the new general hospital in their area.

A local paper reports: "**King City** Institute will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Clair Burrows describe how she rebuilt her famous 'Mud House,' called Charm, in a picturesque wooded section on concession 6. The home was made of earth taken from the side of a hill nearby and mixed with the water of a clear running stream . . . There is a beautiful stone fireplace and flagstone floors under which is radiant heating." We mention this because it suggests that there are a great many interesting homes in Ontario which nearby Institutes might well visit, if the owners would give permission. A "tour" of newly built or remodelled homes in the district is a practical way of studying home improvement.

**Allenford** reports an interesting demonstration on "Working With Wool" by girls of the Homemaking Club taking this project. **Grimsbury** had a Fashion Revue by their girls. **Peel Junior** Institute puts on an annual Blossom Tea and Fashion Show, modelling clothes for summer.

**Capreol** had an interesting fashion parade, "Hats Through the Years."

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**Uniondale** had, as guests at a meeting, the members of an Indian Women's Homemakers' Club from the nearby Reserve. A member of the Homemakers' Club gave a talk on the history of the Mohawk tribe and explained the purpose and program of Homemakers' Clubs. The women brought with them a display of their handwork—hooked rugs, crochet work, quilts and children's dresses.

**Grand Bend** had members of the county Children's Aid staff come to a meeting to discuss various ways in which the Institute could help the children lost from families of their own.

**Ferndale, Swan Lake** bought a few acres of land which is open to the public for picnics. Its baseball diamond is used by neighboring ball teams. This Institute sponsors a junior ball team.

**Highland Park** in Algoma is working with the Home and School Club and other groups to establish a playground for the children.

**Port Lambton** was instrumental in getting the community hall, rent free, for teenagers' Friday night parties.

**Rockwood** organized a skating carnival for the school children.

**Kincardine** organized a bus trip to Ottawa, stopping at points of interest along the route and spending two days in the Capital, visiting