



West Ops Women's Institute, Victoria County, on its fortieth anniversary, June 11, 1952. Many former members and guests were entertained and tribute was

paid to the memory of the late Edith Hopkins who organized the Institute at a meeting in her own farm home. Children seem to be welcome here.

"The Place of Social Studies in the Present Curriculum."

South Renfrew chartered buses, picked up passengers at Institute centres all over the district and visited the Kemptville Agricultural School; had lunch at the school and went on to Iroquois to visit the Caldwell linen mills. At Iroquois they were entertained at a delightful dinner as guests of the Dundas district Institutes and the Iroquois branch.

Among the cultural enterprises carried on by the Institutes, many branches in **Bruce** county are members of the county film council and enjoy cultural films. **Eden Crest** communicated with the village and county library and offered to support a local rural library system. **South Mountain** sponsored a library membership drive. **Price's Corners** has a library, kept in a member's home, where over 500 books were handled last year. **Eramosa** sent a delegate to the county folk school. A number of **Vandorf** members sing together regularly, calling themselves the "Vandorf Choristers"; another group, with the help of their husbands, put on a very good play.

Many Institutes have had New Canadian women taking part in their programs. **Dunchurch** had an International Day and made a study of the flags of the nations. The roll call took the form of a quiz on international affairs.

A number of Institutes are making interesting contacts in other parts of the world. **Kemble** is supporting an orphan boy in Greece. The **Millbrook** Institute received a letter from an Institute in England as a result of the English women finding the Canadian name on a package of cake mix sent in a parcel from the Millbrook Institute. The British Institute used the mix to make cakes to sell to raise

funds. **Port Dover** branch has sent boxes of canned meat to the Dover Institute in England. **Clyde** and **Scott's** Institute sent food boxes for the aged to an Institute in Britain. **Irwin** has been sending boxes regularly to an Institute in England; an eight-pound cake was sent to mark the English Institute's anniversary. **Stroud** received a box of gifts for its members from the Stroud Institute in England. **Scarboro Junction** received from its adopted Institute in England a parcel of gifts to sell at a bazaar. **Forest** held a drive for good used clothing to be sent to Greece. Members added dozens of diapers and safety pins.

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West Ops sponsored an essay contest in the three schools of West Ops, on any of these topics: "The History of Our Farm," "The History of My School," "A Number of Pioneer Stories Relating to My Community," "A Landmark in My Community and its Story."

Ajax is purchasing a cupboard to be placed in the Whitby library to store museum pieces.

River Valley is undertaking to beautify an old, neglected cemetery in memory of the pioneers of the district.

Port Credit was instrumental in forming a county historical society.

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A.C.W.W. CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of the A.C.W.W. Conference to be held in Toronto, August 12 to 23, 1953, is "How can the countrywoman as an individual, and through her society, take a more active part in international work?"

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