



Elder's Mills Women's Institute chorus, in dress styles of the earlier years of the century, sang a number of song parodies in keeping with the Historical Sketch of

the Central Ontario Women's Institute Convention. The songs were composed by their leader, Mrs. John Boddy, front row, fourth from the right.

providing the programme. **Chandas** tries to have at least one activity a month for the young people.

During the last five years, **New Hamburg** has contributed \$4,200 toward the local community centre as well as \$700 to furnish the kitchen.

Chisholm sponsored swimming classes for children last summer.

When **Warwick** had an address on Folk Art and Canadian Crafts by Thor Hansen, they invited the school teachers as well as the neighboring institutes.

Princess Elizabeth Institute in Algoma brought in three travelling libraries for the community last year.

Marmora Institute gives the local library \$75 every year to be used to buy books or for the upkeep of the library. They have been doing this consistently for years.

When the **Orono** Library Board found it necessary to find new quarters the Institute gave a grant of \$100 and promised to contribute \$50 yearly to the library's supply.

Richmond Hill has done so much to support the Public Library, that the Library Board recently put a plaque in the library commending their work. The plaque is decorated with the Institute crest in bronze. Incidentally, at their November meeting the Institute members answered the Roll Call by giving a parcel of dried fruit to send to their "friendship link" Institute in England.

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The **Kintore** Girls' Homemaking Club uses any money that comes to the club from fairs as a "Sunshine Fund." The girls have already given help to two families whose homes were burned. It has been suggested to them that they use some of the money for a trip for themselves, but they like to help the community.

Halton Women's Institutes have presented their county Home for the Aged with two

combination radio-phonographs, one for the men's and one for the women's day rooms.

Trout Mills has made plans to buy a home canning machine for use of members.

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A Correction: In our last issue we reported that Kincardine had organized a bus trip to Ottawa. This was an error. The trip was organized by **Ripley** Institute. Our humble apologies. — Ed.

Help for Arthritics

A circular will go to the Ontario Women's Institutes outlining the work of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. This is a national voluntary health agency endeavouring to help sufferers from arthritis and rheumatism in three ways: 1. By research, in an attempt to ascertain causes of the disease and the effects of the new treatments including ACTH, Cortisone and Compound F. 2. By providing selected doctors with fellowships for special training in diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases. 3. By preventing further crippling and helping to relieve suffering until a cure is found.

Individuals who would like more information from the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, should get in touch with the nearest branch office. The addresses are: Ottawa, c/o National Office, 270 MacLaren Street; Kingston c/o Dr. H. Garfield Kelly, Kingston General Hospital; Oshawa, c/o V.O.N. Office, Bank of Commerce Building; Toronto, 410 Bloor Street East; St. Catharines, c/o Physiotherapy Department, General Hospital; London, c/o Dr. Douglas Becking, Victoria Hospital; Leamington, c/o Dr. M. J. Settingington, Memorial Hospital. It is hoped that branches will soon be established in Sudbury, Belleville, Peterborough, St. Thomas and other centres.