

Here and There With the Institutes

WITH movies, radio and television providing more and more ready-made entertainment, it is good to find so many Women's Institutes making a place for the "talent" in the local community. Many branches report variety concerts on their "family night", with men, women and children taking part in the programme. At **Mildmay's** family night the women gave a variety show of musical numbers sung in costume, a sketch of Pauline Johnson's life and poetry, a dance by five girls and a humorous one-act play "Rumours Wanted".

Blue Lake and Auburn put on a show "Shooting Stars", impersonating well-known radio artists and commentators; both men and women took part in this. **Gadshill** Institute and Farm Forum co-operate in a regular film showing in the local school. On special occasions they add a home talent concert.

Hickson presented two skits, "The Public School Curriculum" on education and "A Strange Malady" on citizenship.

Many Institutes find bus trips a most satisfactory sort of entertainment. **Coleridge Union**, with a few members from **Campania**, **Shelburne** and the Girls' Club, report an interesting trip to Peterborough where they saw the lift locks and other points of interest, and visited several manufacturing plants. **South Simcoe** Institutes announce a week's bus trip to Washington in May.

Avening Institute put on a beautiful pageant, "Canada Calls," which had been performed for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada by the Vaudreuil-Dorian Institute of Quebec at the biennial meeting last year. The play was written and directed by Mrs. L. A. Wyse, and the script was loaned to Mrs.

W. G. Carruthers of Avening who directed the Avening group. The theme of the pageant is what women can do for Canada and the characters are Canada, Justice, Faith, Age, Education, Art, Music, Motherhood, Handicraft, Business Women, Professional Women, Youth, New Canadian, Industrial Worker, Red Cross, Homemaker. This is an excellent pageant and worthy of wider use. It has not been printed, but perhaps copies could be obtained for a small fee from Mrs. Wyse. The address is Mrs. L. A. Wyse, Box 195, Dorion-Vaudreuil, Que.

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Richard's Landing Institute, famous for converting the local jail into a library some years ago, has been improving the library service ever since. Now they are raising funds to maintain a Children's Library, a rather unique venture in a rural community.

Limehouse has provided a library for the community.

Addresses and discussions on citizenship are popular on Institute programmes. **Claverlea** in Simcoe County organized a meeting and invited all the Institutes of the district to hear a speaker on "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The convener sent to the United Nations' headquarters at Ottawa for posters and photo spreads, the flags of the United Nations and the United Nations' flag, and the whole programme was so good that another women's organization in a neighboring town arranged a similar meeting. **Mill Creek** Institute in Waterloo had a playlet "Neonlighting the Declaration of Human Rights", written by their president. **Decew Falls** reports a study of the Declaration of Human Rights.



Coleridge Union Institute's Dramatic Club coaches and cast in the play "Superstitious Sadie." This club is made up of Institute members, their husbands and young people of the community.