

Welland City Institute members brought these articles for display in a course on Home Crafts — Past, Present and Future, conducted by Miss Audrey Spencer, Women's Institute Branch.



Women's Institutes have had a large part in getting music taught in country schools. The campaign still goes on. Recently **Beckwith** in Lanark County asked their new school board to consider appointing a music teacher for the area. **Nassagaweya** in Halton had a school music teacher give them a demonstration of how music is taught in schools; they report that "everyone enjoyed learning the fundamentals of music appreciation". And at **Tavistock's** December meeting, the women heard the story of Handel's life and a record of the Hallelujah Chorus".

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Many Institutes are assisting in building or equipping community centres. **Sparta**, in Elgin County, is building a sizeable addition to the Forge and Anvil, an historic mud-walled building 140 years old, which the Institute several years ago procured for a community centre for the village and countryside. The addition will have a full-sized basement for furnace, washrooms and utility room, and the upper floor will accommodate a modern kitchen and a meeting place for the Institute and other groups. To get the cement poured for the basement walls the Institute made a bee and served meals to twenty-five men, members of the Sparta Community Club and others. To raise money for the improvement of their centre the Institute is putting on a series of dances and other social affairs where the people of the community can have a good time at very reasonable cost.

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Typical of the welfare work of a service-minded Institute is this report of a meeting of the **Lindsay** branch: It was decided to provide an oxygen humidifier for the local hospital, to donate \$25 to the Crippled Children's Fund, and \$100 to the near-by Little Britain Nursing Home which had been destroyed by fire. In addition to a programme of papers by members, and music, three films were shown,

"Canada Dances", "Brazil" and "Farm Homes."

Now that County Homes for the Aged are being established all over Ontario, the Women's Institutes are making their contribution in doing what they can to make their County Home more homelike.

A common project is to contribute some added comfort in the way of furnishings. As reported in an earlier issue the Institutes of **East Haldimand** furnished the women's sitting room at their Home. They hope to help with a similar room for the men, and in the meantime to provide rocking chairs for the bedrooms. The **North Ontario** district Institutes presented their County Home with a radio-phonograph. **Rural Ridgeway** branch voted \$25 toward a television set for their Home. In **Halton** the Institutes have provided magazine subscriptions and two radio-phonographs for the men's and the women's sitting-rooms.

Having found that the people in these Homes need company and diversion as much as material comforts, Institutes sometimes visit the Home and put on an entertainment. **Newmarket** branch, giving a party at the York County Home, had a sing-song, using the favorite songs in which everyone joined. The old people enjoyed this so much that "community singing" is likely to have a place in any future parties this Institute may have at the Home.

At Sunset Lodge in **Atherley** a new chapel was opened just before Christmas. The Women's Institute along with various lodges, service clubs and the Salvation Army brought gifts to the people living in the Lodge, and some of the best musicians of the locality were there to put on a concert. What really made the day was that the people of the Lodge were asked to help with the programme. It is reported that "a man ninety-six years of age gave two good recitations and everyone had a part in singing Christmas carols and familiar hymns."