

Stroud Women's Institute float in the Simcoe County Centennial Parade, demonstrates the work of the pioneer rural homemaker. (Photo courtesy Barrie Examiner).



International Parade—14 women in national costumes and the singing of songs of these countries. **Teeterville:** International and Family Night. Eleven nationalities were represented.

In **Norfolk County** several branches chose an illustrated talk on Farm Life in Britain by Eleanor Syracuse who was one of the young people selected for the Ontario Government's trip to Britain in 1952. **Sunderland** made a similar comment on a talk by Harold Beattie, another member of the trip-to-Britain party. **Lynn Valley**, also **Zephyr:** a nursery man's illustrated talk on Landscaping, improving home grounds and the care of trees, shrubs and perennials.

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Altona like best its programme put on by the young mothers of the Institute. A dentist spoke on: "The Young Mother and Her Diet." **Brooklin** also chose a programme of special interest to young mothers with the topics "Teaching health in the home," "Mother to-be" and "Growth of a Child."

Kinsale: the historical research programme when four members gave the histories of four local churches and old time pictures were on exhibition. **Athlone:** the meeting where they had a shower for a neighbor whose home had been burned.

St. Mary's Juniors: a programme on "Looking Your Best." **Belmont** in Peterboro placed first a "Seth Parker radio broadcast" put on by members and their families. **Buckhorn:** a talk by a representative of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. **Havelock:** a talk by a member on "Literature in the Home." **Painswick:** a panel discussion on nursing services by nurses representing the county health unit Victorian Order of Nurses, Industrial nurses and nurses in hospital. **Eady:** a doctor's talk on obstetrics—very important to young women in the Institute. **Churchill:** The Christmas meeting with the Federation of Agriculture as guests.

Centreville enjoys its meeting each year on music and art. **Winterbourne:** an address on Landscaping farm grounds by Mr. Weall of the O.A.C. **Greenbush:** family night with a local talent concert. **King Ridge:** variety concert by members. **Aurora:** an address on cerebral palsy, deaf, blind and retarded children. **Elm Grove:** the health programme dealing with the work of the V.O. Nurse. **Dymond:** a demonstration on pasteurizing milk. They said "We considered this outstanding because it is vital to our everyday living." **East Pearson and Pardee** especially liked the films dealing with the effect of home environment on children, shown by a representative of the Department of Education.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Community interests were classified in the reports under the headings of health, recreation, school, junior work, co-operation with other agricultural organizations, cultural activities and social service. Here are some of the activities reported:

In the health field a steadily increasing number of Institutes are assisting in building and furnishing local hospitals. A great many branches—we note especially Waterloo, Welland and Prince Edward counties—are sponsoring baby clinics and pre-school clinics in co-operation with their county health unit. The **Waubauskene** women not only assist with the clinics but take turns in caring for the hall. A fair number of Institutes have group hospitalization and several report having a member of the county Co-operative Medical Services speak to them about their new surgical benefits.

Following are some of the individual projects reported: **Cloyne** is trying to arrange for a visit of the Red Cross Dental Coach for their school as they are thirty miles from a dentist. **Vandeleur** sponsors a dental clinic. Many branches arranged public health meetings with talks and films on Tuberculosis, Cancer, Mental Health, Dentistry, Care of the Eyes,