

others in Peel County make layettes for distribution by the county health unit. **Port Credit** had the provincial Public Libraries Inspector speak at a meeting and later a local library was established.

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**Fullarton** has a meeting once a year when the men put on the programme after a pot luck supper. **Rednersville** and **Price's Corners** are among the branches taking charge of the books from the County Library when they are in the community.

Most of the **Simcoe County** Institutes help to support the children's swimming classes under the Recreation Director and arrange for children of the area to get to these classes. **Painswick** sponsored a ten-day "Day Camp" for small children under the direction of the County Recreation Service. **Allenwood** held a picnic for the young mothers and children of the district. **Price's Corners** arranges a summer picnic and a Hallowe'en party for the children of the community. **Hillsdale** put on a crokinole party to raise funds towards a radio and record player. (We think this might be for the County Home.) **Aylesworth** in Centre Rainy River holds regular showings of National Film Board pictures. **Elmsdale** gave monthly showings of educational films in the schoolhouse for the community. **Avening** holds an annual flower show. **Allenwood** sent food to families in time of bereavement. **Gilford** along with donations to many good causes sent gifts to a woman whose finances had been exhausted through illness. **Alliston** helped a New Canadian music teacher by giving her the use of their room, rent free, for her teaching.



When Woodford Women's Institute in England wrote to all the Woodfords in the Commonwealth asking for something to put in their "coronation exhibit," Woodford Institute in Ontario sent this quilt. The women in the picture were the committee chosen to plan and make the quilt. (Photo courtesy Owen Sound Sun-Times).



At South Wellington District Annual a member from each Institute appeared in the national dress of an overseas country.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR CONVENTIONS

Following are some of the answers to the question, "What would you like featured at your next Area Convention?": "Less reports and more worth while and interesting suggestions for the newer branches." "An hour of fellowship to get acquainted with members of other Institutes." "Further study of world relations." "Cut down on resolutions as they become very tiresome." "Have a time limit for all reports." "More about World Peace." "Study of the Small Community." "More speeches and discussions on our everyday needs." "Attention to how to keep the Women's Institute from becoming over-organized and to keep it a society that all homemakers can enjoy without feeling it a burden."

### GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Reports in general showed a growing interest in citizenship—its privileges and responsibilities; an appreciation of the freedoms we enjoy in Canada; and an eagerness to know more about people the world over and to work with them and through the United Nations for World Peace.

**Teeswater Juniors** say, "To create interest it is very important to work every member into some part of some meeting during the year."

**Whitechurch** gives this advice: "The women of the community derive a great deal of benefit from the Institute both educationally and socially. But we must be careful that the Institute does not demand too much money from its members. This could lose us members as well as discourage prospective members."

One Institute complains that reports of standing committees overlap; that conveners of different committees often report the same activity. (We would suggest that this overlapping could be avoided if conveners at branch level would get together before they