

make their reports and decide which committee should report each activity.—Ed.)

One report says: "We try to make our meetings a social relaxation as we believe a busy mother needs this."

Chesterville advocates more discussion at meetings.

Coldstream suggests: "Competition between Institutes should be discouraged. Try to keep the Institute from being used as an advertising agency."

One branch recommends that "if the different offices were taken in turn by the members everyone would have more knowledge of the work and more interest in it."

Another says: "Perhaps if someone in Institute work could visit the branches and tell us what other Institutes do, it might create interest." (A thought here for district presidents. Also, some of this would be included in the Extension Service on Programme Planning.—Ed.)

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Jean Brumpton suggests that every Institute make a study of the Hand Book.

Reidville gets the Royal Bank Monthly Letter and passes it on to the convener of the standing committee concerned with the subject; the convener summarizes the material and gives the summary at the next meeting.

Here is evidence that an Institute is getting the young mothers into its membership. The secretary reports: "A number of our members had new babies this past year and consequently had less time for Institute Work."

Several Institutes felt that less time should be spent on business at the meetings. One secretary added "so that the members would have time for a friendly chat" and "so that the Institute could take up more projects."

This comment comes from **St. Helen's**: "We would like to see more discussions on special topics. Business seems to be monopolizing the meetings—so many organizations demanding money and these letters when discussed take up so much time." **Woodhouse** says: "We find that sometimes there is so much correspondence and business that there is little time for companionship and very little time for programmes."

Another secretary suggests: "We need some younger members and members who aren't in all the other organizations in town." (Another argument for trying to bring in young mothers and homemakers not yet too busy with public affairs.—Ed.)

NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

The Women's Institutes of **Grey County** have been working for some time on the project of a memorial cairn to honor **Nellie McClung** who was **Nellie Mooney**, a native of the County. The cairn is to be built on the old



Quilt making helps Malden Institute to raise funds to help their boys' baseball team and the school band. This quilt was pieced by a member seventy-four years old and quilted by the quilting committee.

Mooney homestead near **Chatsworth**. The property has now been acquired by the Institutes and plans to erect the cairn are under way.

The **Grey County** Institutes' scholarship fund of \$2,000 was completed last summer. The scholarship is to go to a homemaking club girl who has shown special achievement and it is to be called "The **Flora Durnin** Grey County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship," honoring the Grey County Home Economist.

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"Farm and Community Night" was a high light in the year's programme of **Maple Grove Durham West** Institute. This meeting was attended by men and young people as well as women. The motto "If vain our toil we ought to blame the culture, not the soil" was discussed by a member, **Mrs. L. C. Snowden**. Another member, **Mrs. A. J. Campbell**, spoke briefly on conservation. From reports of these talks we would infer that the men must have been impressed with the women's knowledge of soil conservation and soil building. Guest speakers were **Mr. Charles Weir**, district biologist of the Fish and Wild Life Division of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and **Mr. Ken Tolmie**, county conservation officer. The films "Return of the Trees" and "The Three Bears" were shown. Advice was also given on the use of fire-arms, stressing the point that "Twenty-two rifles are not safe