



Panel Discussion Group, "Start Where You Are With What You Have." Left to right: Mrs. Keith Edwards, R.R. 6, Chatham; Mrs. Leslie Davis, Eganville; Mrs. R. G.

Purcell, Fort William, chairman of panel; Mrs. James Haggerty, Napanee; Mrs. Ernest Duke, Port Carling.

help them but those they can help. They handle meetings well because they know parliamentary procedure. Differences of opinion are discussed openly. They have good programs with talks and panel discussions on matters of vital interest. Money is raised to cover any planned project but no member is obligated or embarrassed over the raising of money. These are the Institutes that have given us our good reputation.

Mrs. Ernest Duke said "Each community has a need. Find the need and the material you have to work with, then form your plan of action. Do we need social or practical or cultural subjects on our programs? Do we look at every woman in the community to see if she is a potential Institute member, then make our programs worth while for every woman? Could some effort be made to get women out to meetings who can't come otherwise? Are we bringing in New Canadians? They have much to give to us, too. What about the brides in the community? Perhaps some of us who are experienced could show them the tricks of the trade in work that is new to them. Let us take up projects that are really needed, keep our dreams and enthusiasm alive, and like the ancient craftsmen, know that we won't see the end of our work but we will build the best we can in our time."

Mrs. Keith Edwards stressed the need of a balanced program. There should be practical demonstrations that the members can put to use in their homes. Educational features should have a broad scope, from household hints to the United Nations. We must have a good social spirit. "We're trying to increase our membership," Mrs. Edwards said, "but some women think we're cliquey, they don't feel a friendly spirit in the Institute. And what is wrong that we don't encourage women to

bring their children to meetings?" Often the younger women would like to have the meetings at night when their husbands could be at home with the children. If this is not agreeable to the older women, perhaps the young women could start another branch outside a radius of four miles. Where business takes too much time in the meetings perhaps some of it could be dealt with by the executive before the meeting.

Mrs. James Haggerty dealt with the problem of money-raising in the Institute. On the question of raffles and bingos, she referred to the "advice" on page 53 of the Hand Book, that "the provincial board does not encourage or commend holding raffles or bingo parties to raise funds but the final decision is left to the discretion of the branch Institute." Mrs. Haggerty pointed out that other ways of raising money—ways generally approved—might become objectionable, such as card parties where there is cheating or unchaperoned dances for young people. Among the sound ways of raising funds Mrs. Haggerty suggested plays, children's concerts (which all the children's relatives would be sure to attend); white elephant sales sometimes called "superfluity sales" and rummage sales of "used but not abused articles"; a "country luncheon," a "vanishing tea." The plan for a vanishing tea is for about four women to have tea together each paying say, twenty-five cents. Each of the four then gives a tea to three, each of the three to two, each of the two to one, every guest paying twenty-five cents to the fund. Other suggestions were, a sale of articles by tender (articles are put on display and every prospective buyer writes her name and her bid on a piece of paper and slips it under the article, the sale going to the highest bidder). A "farmers' frolic" with all sorts of booths,