

Chisholm Institute's Rug Making Class, with instructor, Miss Florence Wright of the Women's Institute Branch, standing.



considered a great success. Aside from this project we have had meetings where a number of our members have demonstrated their special hobbies or accomplishments. We find that almost everyone has at least one talent and it is the aim of the Institute to find that talent and make it of use to the community at large."

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A considerable number of Institutes are sponsoring or assisting with clinics for babies and pre-school children. When we heard that the **Waubashene** women were not only sponsoring a child health clinic but were also taking care of the hall where the clinics were held we asked for more details about the project. Mrs. Mildred Hodgins who was president when the clinic was started reports: "Dr. King and Miss Killorin, R.N. of our County Health Unit approached me about a clinic where mothers could bring their babies and pre-school children. I put it before the members at our next meeting and our clinic was opened in September, 1948. We arrange for the hall and the health unit provides pamphlets on the care of children, weighing scales, oilcloth to cover the tables, pads to lay the babies on while undressing them. There is always an Institute member in attendance to assist the nurse and help the mothers in any way she can, also to see that the fire is on in time to have the hall warm. At first only a nurse came to conduct the clinic, but now we have both nurse and doctor. Inoculations for contagious diseases and vaccinations are done at the clinic. As it is six miles to our nearest doctor the clinic has been a great help to the mothers, also a saving in doctor bills."

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**Richard's Landing** on St. Joseph Island sponsors a Children's Library which the secretary, Mrs. Frank Brason, says "is unique in that it was the second library entirely for children to operate in Ontario." Mrs. Brason gives this report of the project: "The Library was conceived and donated to the village children

by Mrs. W. C. Orrell, of Detroit, a philanthropist who has occupied a summer home on St. Joseph Island for many years. In connection with the Library is a Museum, in which are many historic items and curios of interest to children. An interesting display of elephant figures, of all sizes and materials, the collection of the late Miss Ross, also attracts childish interest. The Library consists of two large reading rooms, with approximately 1,500 volumes on the shelves. One of these rooms is fitted up as a living room, with easy chairs and fireplace. In this room every Saturday morning, children of the village and surrounding district gather for the "Story Hour," taken by the Librarian, Mrs. D. Dixon. The Library is open every day of the week for reading and obtaining books. Several years ago three Women's Institutes of St. Joseph Island undertook the sponsorship of the Library, and since then their yearly project has been to raise sufficient funds for the upkeep and salaries. This has been done by voluntary donations and special events sponsored each year for this purpose.

The Evening Group or **Auxiliary of Stamford** Institute, mostly young mothers who cannot leave their children in the daytime but who can get out to evening meetings when their husbands are at home, are doing an interesting piece of library work for children. The secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Bean, reports: "We started our Library in January, 1948 for members' use only. Most of our members had children of bedtime-story age and there was no library nearby, so we rented about fifty books from the Welland County Co-Operative Library for our own use. One of our members took the books to each meeting in a market basket and we exchanged them there. In October, 1949, we felt that other young mothers would be glad of this service, so we made it a community project. At first the Library was open one afternoon a week in the Stamford Women's Institute Memorial Hall with one member on duty each time. Pre-school to adult books were carried. The Membership fee was set at five cents; two books to be