

taken out on each card for a period of two weeks, and fines were charged for overdue books. Later it was found that the adults were not as interested as the children, so we now carry books for young children to teenagers and have changed our Library hours to Saturday mornings. We now rent 350 books and they are changed four times a year. We have approximately 90 members and about 75 books go out each week. Now we need two and sometimes three members on duty during library hours."

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Rideau's Report of Meetings stated that they "had their district recreation director speak to them on how to start a recreation program, and as a result they have organized a skeet shooting club for boys, craft classes for girls and folk dancing for all the young people." Asked for more details about this, the secretary, Mrs. Alex. Kirkman, explained that four members of the community, two men and two women, were sent to the recreation director's classes to take lessons in folk dancing and these leaders organized and instructed folk dancing groups at two places in the district. A local man was enlisted to organize a skeet shooting group for boys, teaching them how to handle a gun and the good manners of a sportsmanlike hunter. The Institute helps with expenses. For the girls' craft classes a felt-mill in the area donated "patches" for felt craft. The girls paid a small fee which went to buy other materials. As the people of this area are widely scattered and farm roads are uncertain in winter, classes are held during the summer months. To start activities the Institute gives a supper for the boys and girls in May. This Institute sponsors a Boy Scout group so a Scout leader usually comes to the supper and helps to find leaders and to get the classes started.

WI

Rainy River District's Musical Festival was started by the Women's Institutes in 1932. A report says "As big oaks from little acorns grow this festival has grown from a syllabus of 36 numbers to 110 classes taking in all phases of music, choral reading and spoken poetry. There is no question as to the part the musical festival has played in the cultural life of the district."

A project of the Institutes of **North Lanark District** this year is to provide an incubator for the District Memorial Hospital.

Patricia Institutes in **South Wentworth** donated over two truck loads of articles to Amity, the Wentworth centre for crippled civilians. These articles would go through the centre's process of reconditioning and selling to provide an income for the crippled workers. A bit of local neighborliness by this Institute was to provide a blanket for a sick boy.

Prince of Wales Institute in Centre Algoma co-operated with a local industrial firm and a

labor union in sponsoring a dance to raise funds for a young man stricken with polio.

Londesboro's fund raising project last year was the publication of a cook book. About half of the book's 116 pages were sold to advertisers; the rest were filled with the members' best cooking recipes. The five hundred copies printed were sold within a few weeks.

An entertaining item at **Seaforth's** Family Night party was a roll call "My opinion of the Women's Institute" to be answered by the husbands of the members.

At **Wroxeter's** Family Night, eight members of the Institute put on a skit, "Second Class Citizens," a two-act, forty-five minute skit depicting life in Canada with little attention paid to race prejudice and the threat of communism.

At a **Seaforth** meeting each member brought her first photograph. As a contest everyone tried to name the pictures correctly.

Belgrave Institute had a most satisfactory experience presenting a musical comedy "Happiness Ahead." There were a number of men in the cast, and the play seems to have been in great demand in neighboring towns. (A pleasant way of raising funds and providing community entertainment—though we aren't overlooking the work and worry of the directors and others responsible for making the venture the success it was—Ed.)

Sunnyview "had a lot of fun in a whistling contest."

WI

Newport appointed three members to meet with the school board to discuss putting washrooms in the school. This institute sponsored a program of films on landscaping home grounds.

Smithville Institute sent a resolution to their Council, asking that "the Council forward to the proper persons a request that consideration be given to extending the time between Local Option elections" (or referendums); "and that those sponsoring the election pay the cost of it."

Dayton in Algoma is following up its project of dental service for school children. At a recent meeting it was agreed "to see what could be done so that the children of both schools could have a further check-up."

Massey Institute also in Algoma, co-operated with the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus in providing a wheel chair for a local man crippled with arthritis.

Keene, at our last report, had made plans to honor two school girls, Janet Wilson and Isobel Irwin, for their heroism in saving two smaller girls from drowning.

Mount Albert sponsored a spring Fashion Show presented by the merchants of Newmarket. The proceeds, \$102 were given to the fund for new washrooms in the hall. (This