

one persons, including civic officials and their wives. Speakers representing Middle Europe, Scandinavia and Australia told their reasons for coming to Canada and their impressions of their new home. At **Agincourt's** International meeting new Canadians from Holland and Hungary and returned missionaries from Formosa and India spoke about these countries. A Scottish woman in native costume sang Scottish songs. **Burwick's** International program featured a study of UNESCO and representatives from various countries provided music — vocal, piano, accordion and zither.

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To keep their members informed about their national organization, F.W.I.C., **Holyrood** has a Federated News Convener who gives a report at each meeting. At one meeting they had a "Know Your Canada" Quiz. Several branches have extracts from Federated News read at meetings. **Jarvis** studied the general set-up of the Women's Institute organization from branch to national level. **Thornton** presented F.W.I.C. badges to two members in recognition of services.

Community Activities — Public Relations

We cannot begin to report in detail the tremendous amount of community work being done by the Institutes over the province. For example, **Rosspart** with a rather small membership reports raising nearly seven hundred dollars during the year, owning and maintaining a community hall which they gave rent free for the use of churches and the school, assisting with the Tuberculosis X-Ray Clinic, canvassing for the Red Cross and other organizations giving clothing to the Salvation Army, equipping a school hockey team with uniforms, goal pads, hockey sticks and pucks, assisting in having a crippled child given medical treatment, providing gifts and candy for school children at Christmas time. Such a program must mean a lot of work for a small group of women. And it may not be the sort of program needed in other Institute communities.

Then there is a great deal of uniformity in the community activities of the Institutes over the province. This year practically every branch is contributing to the F.W.I.O. project of providing sewing machines and looms for Korean Widows. Many Institutes are canvassing for Tuberculosis X-Ray Surveys, co-operating with the county health unit in sponsoring baby clinics and pre-school child clinics, contributing to building and equipping local hospitals, community halls and community centres, maintaining first aid kits in schools, assisting local libraries, maintaining rest rooms in their town centre and giving donations to an almost endless number of causes and charities — sometimes within the community, more often beyond it. Coming to the closer neighborly things, over and over again we read of assistance to families who have been "burned out," gifts to families in time of illness or bereavement, to shut-ins and

to new babies; giving picnics and Halloween and Christmas parties to the children of the community. We cannot record all of these, but the following items may offer suggestions from one branch to others.

Elmview in Northumberland County instituted the clever idea of organizing a Book Quiz to counteract the crime comics. This is described in a separate article in this issue.

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In work for community centres and other facilities we have such reports as these: **Forestville** is raising money to repair the community hall. Evidently this is a community project, for the Institute reports serving meals to the men when they were doing the painting. This Institute arranged for Decoration Day services in the local cemeteries. **Tiverton Juniors** gave \$85 to help the senior Institute remodel their Institute kitchen. **Zurich** installed a modern cupboard and sink in their town hall. **Bayham** sponsors Decoration Day and helps in the care of the cemetery, contributing \$20 to the upkeep and \$50 for a power lawn mower. **Clavering** sponsors a library and bought eighty new books this year. Most of the Institutes in **Haldimand** county celebrated Coronation year by planting trees around the schools. Institutes in **Grey** county are contributing to a memorial cairn for Nellie McClung, on the farm of her birthplace near Chatsworth. **Ferndale Swan Lake** owns a community park with baseball diamond, booth, swings and toilets. This year they planted more trees and drilled a well.

Moncrief is compiling a cook book and enough advertising has been sold to cover printing costs and raise considerable funds for their work. They have redecorated the community hall, equipped the kitchen and planted trees and shrubs in the grounds. They arrange card parties, dances, picnics and field days and sponsor a ball team. Two "burned out" families were assisted with gifts of money and showers of canned goods. **Becher** has undertaken to put a fence around a cemetery. **Wellburn** installed a stove and cupboards for the use of the Institute and the school where they hold their meetings. This Institute sponsors a school reunion. **Erindale's** principal study this year was the needs of the community. The results were "The renovation" of the community hall, kitchen and grounds; the organization of a community orchestra; a public library and increased Institute membership. **Meadowvale** provided a playground for the children of the village. **Apsley** sponsors a public library, the members taking turns acting as librarians. **Pelham** keeps a library of 120 books in a member's home for the use of the community during the winter. **Cookstown** contributed to the erection of a bulletin board in the town "as they have no weekly newspaper," **Orkney** held two "scrap drives" to raise funds for playground equipment and plywood for the school.

At **Barnhart** in Rainy River the Institute hall was burned some years ago. Now they