

went to the fund for the tornado sufferers in a neighbouring district. This Institute maintains a rest room in the park, also a booth with tables to rent to picnickers for a small fee. Several branches sponsored a bus trip to the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford. **Aurora** and **Norwich** report this.

**Mount Healy** gives an example of how an Institute can co-operate with other groups in the community. Members attend farm forums and night schools. They assisted with the county charities drive and in cleaning up a cemetery and they had a representative of the County Co-operative Medical Services speak to them about the new surgical benefits.

**Minesing** sponsored a hobby show. **Coulson's Hill Seniors** brought in a travelling library, held parties in the school house — euchre and square dancing “for old and young.” **Little Britain** as a result of healthy study gave government health booklets to the members and the book “Children of One to Six” to all the new mothers in the community. **Rainy River West** has the use of a vacant school house in return for its maintenance and they have installed electricity. This Institute holds a community picnic in the summer and brings in a travelling library in the winter. At **King Ridge** the meeting during National Health Week featured a discussion on the lack of health services in the township and how to improve the situation.

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Community welfare is a serious interest of most Institutes, and they are learning how to use their influence with other welfare groups and civic authorities. As an example of what an Institute can do by petition, **Allanburg** “secured a reduced bus service instead of its termination.” **Garden River** appealed to the council for more street lights and they were provided. **Keewatin** took up the town water situation with the result that an engineer was brought in to investigate. From **Penage Road's** report we gather that the Institute influenced the local council to promise to restore an old cemetery; and **Hanbury** says “Our cemetery is greatly improved with the help of the municipal council.” **Durham** sent a letter to the local paper appealing to voters to vote “No” in the approaching plebiscite on opening beverage rooms and liquor stores in the town. The Institutes' objectives — home and community betterment — were given as sound reasons for making this appeal.

**Binbrook** helped to finance the Victorian Order Nurse. **Penage Road** is trying to improve the Health standard of the community so they are “sponsoring a nurse for their three schools, have supplied the schools with first aid kits and taken the course. Hints for the Home Nurse. **Garson** in Sudbury district is working closely with the district sanitarium. They sent an individual gift to each child patient at Christmas time, and they keep a loan cupboard supplied with pyjamas, bathrobes, slippers, tooth paste and stationery for needy patients. They raise funds for this

work by card parties in their homes, “bring and buy” evenings and saving pennies. **Massey** keeps a “Sick Loan Box” supplied with sheets, pillow slips, towels, blanket, quilt, rubber sheet, bed pans, ice-pack, syringe, gowns, robes, pads, breast pump, bands, thermometer, hot water bottle, pail and crutches. These are loaned free of charge to anyone needing them temporarily. The box is kept at the home of a member who is a registered nurse. **Hilton Beach** is in this work too. We are told that they bought a hospital bed at a sale, painted it, put on large castors and that they loan it out as it is needed. **St. Andrews Glanworth** is in charge of hospital supplies formerly owned by the Red Cross — hospital bed, wheel chair, crutches and other equipment. These are loaned without cost to anyone in the district who needs them.

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Perhaps there isn't much difference between what we class as welfare work and just “neighboring” but the neighboring is a little more intimate and personal.

**Renton** gives a blanket to each baby born in the community. **Plainfield** had a stork shower for a member newly from England and sent a Christmas box to a Ukrainian family. **Carmel** gave a quilt to a new Canadian family, bought groceries for a family who had been burned out and sponsored a food shower and a general community shower for them. **Pine Grove** helped to buy a hearing aid for an aged man. **Victoria Number Two** gave money for glasses to a man who had to have an eye operation. Following a talk on neighbourliness, **Inglewood** gave a substantial grocery shower to a member whose husband was out of work. **Belfountain** collected clothing for people in need in the district. **Alton** provided two layettes for families in need. **Glen Gowrie** made a layette for a city hostel. **Ridge Adjala** gave a shower of baby clothes when twins were born in the neighborhood. **Zion Line** reports: “We helped a family who were all in plaster casts as the result of a car accident, by dividing our members into groups of four and taking “baking” to them each weekend.” **Fishers' Corners'** members took turns in taking a treat each week to an invalid woman. **Alexandra** “looked after” four patients in the sanitarium — no doubt this means that they tried to “make it up” to patients who had no friends to do anything for them. **Forest Rainy River West** provides gifts for polio victims and showers for new neighbors and new babies. **Lee Valley** hired help for a sick member. The **O'Connor** women planted flowers in their cemetery on the graves of the dead who have no relatives left in the community.

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Interest in the school and school children is noted in the reports of most Women's Institutes.

**Blyth** says “We donated a book to each of the eight grades in the public school to be