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At **Glen Gowrie's** meeting on Agriculture and Canadian Industries, a local clergyman, Rev. B. Daynard, spoke on the history of the marketing schemes developed by the farm commodity groups in Ontario.

Yarmouth had a representative of the St. Thomas fire department speak on the prevention of fires in homes.

Belgrave's variety concert program put on by men and women included a short play, "The Gossip", vocal, violin and accordion solos, step dance numbers and "Thirty Minutes From the Life of Stephen Foster", in dialogue and song. "Susanna", "Miranda" and "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair" were there and a good chorus of men and women to sing other Stephen Foster favorites.

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Glenmorris reports an interesting Citizenship program feature in the form of a two-act play showing how aliens in Canada get their citizenship papers. In the first act the Citizenship convener acted as clerk and a woman dressed in the costume of a European peasant applied for her papers. The secretary says "Speaking in broken English she made the clerk understand what she wanted and answered the questions to the best of her ability and to the amusement of those present. Then another woman, representing the middle-class European whose husband had been a professional man, applied. In the second act the former clerk dressed in black robes acted as judge. The two European women appeared in turn, dressed in Canadian style clothes and speaking good English. They received their citizenship papers and seemed very happy about it. The skit was based on authentic information on acquiring Canadian citizenship and it was also very amusing."



Mrs. Wonch and Mrs. Taylor of Rocklyn Institute are shown with life membership certificates just received and in the background the rug their Institute entered in the 1954 competition.

Fonthill combined its citizenship program with "grandmothers' day." The county president, Mrs. F. E. Hagar, gave an address on citizenship, and the grandmothers, under the direction of Mrs. Loftus, provided the rest of the program in the form of a skit depicting an Institute meeting of long ago. The women, dressed in old-time costumes, provided old-time music and spoke of old-time things. The report indicates that some old-time articles were on display such as "a shoe that had been worn by an ox when oxen were used for hauling loads."

A great many life memberships have been given this year, but Central Dumfries branch must have outstepped all others when it presented seventeen life memberships at its May meeting.

About twenty new Canadians of the district were guests of the **New Hamburg** Women's Institute at a special meeting on citizenship and education. The visitors were welcomed by an Institute member, speaking in German, and the roll call was "How to welcome a New Canadian to this country." A skit "When We Are Women" was presented by nine New Canadian school girls, and two New Canadians, Messrs. Voegel and Nelessin, provided accordion and piano music. A schoolteacher who conducts classes in English for New Canadian adults explained some of the difficulties in teaching the English language. Another feature of the program was "a citizenship contest relating to the community."

Glen Gowrie Institute entertained the New Canadian farmers' wives of the community at a special meeting. Each of the eight guests told interesting facts about her former homeland. A press report says: "Mrs. Siries spoke of the many differences in the customs of Canada and Holland. Mrs. Mingre showed beautiful knitted suits and dresses she had made for her five daughters. Mrs. Sievel brought her wooden shoes and told about Holland's homes. Mrs. Kamarrat spoke about her children's difficulties in learning the English language and how much they like Canada. Mrs. Onosaun described Holland's climate, its transportation and its crowded villages and compared the cost of everyday commodities in Holland and Canada. Mrs. Allison spoke about England and Mrs. Mitchell about a mining town in Scotland. All mentioned the great differences in the educational systems in Canada and their former countries." Other features of the program were a talk on the motto, "My country is the world—my countrymen are mankind"; a talk on citizenship based on the poem "The House by the Side of the Road"; and a round-table conference on current subjects including the St. Lawrence Seaway, labor laws and child psychology.

Talbotville had a New Canadian evening with Mrs. Vanderveen who came to the community from Holland six years ago, as guest speaker. Mrs. Vanderveen explained some of the problems of adapting to the ways of a new country. Mrs. Nordheim sang in her na-