

South African language. A Swiss music-box played several numbers. A German lady showed a display of pottery and some interesting articles from the Black Forest; also recited a poem "Sing to the Child" in German and translated it into English. A member who has lived for some years in Peru showed an Inca doll and gave a Spanish greeting. A local schoolteacher, Miss Aminaroor, wearing the traditional Japanese kimono, showed slides of flower gardens as her contribution. Many of the visitors brought samples of special dishes of their country. The meeting closed with the singing of "O, Canada."

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Rylstone last summer sponsored a series of Sunday night open air music concerts in the picnic grounds. The proprietor of the picnic grounds provided seats, lights and a microphone. At the opening concert of the series, the Institute president, Mrs. Wilfred Spencer, welcomed the audience and the program was introduced by the Convener of Community Activities, Mrs. D. Kerr. Mrs. Ernest Irwin, F.W.I.O. Board Member explained the aims of the Institute in arranging the concerts. The Campbellford Citizens' Band gave a variety of classical and sacred numbers. A Pipe Band of men from several communities, and a piano-accordionist added to the program. And the report says: "Mrs. Kerr introduced one of the older and much respected citizens, Mr. Fred W. Barnum, who led the crowd in singing 'The Church in the Wildwood' and other well-known hymns."

BELOW:

Aldershot Institute in Wentworth county has as a link Institute, Upnor and Wainscott, in England. Last year Mrs. Russell Lemon, an Aldershot member, and her husband on a trip to England were entertained by one hundred Upnor and Wainscott members. Mrs. Lemon was presented with a Women's Institute brooch and a spray of red roses, and she presented her hostess Institute with a tray she had made. The Lemons are photographed here at the Upton and Wainscott handicraft stall.

Of this English Institute, Mrs. Lemon says: "They have wonderful choirs, put on their own plays and pantomimes and do marvellous handwork and fruit and vegetable preserving. They are near Rochester, Kent, in the middle of the Dickens country. This Christmas they sent us a lovely little brass bell to call our meetings to order. The handle is a replica of Rochester castle."



In **Grey County** the Women's Institutes, the Federation of Agriculture, the Farm Forums, and the Junior Farmers and the Co-operatives worked together to arrange a Sunday afternoon worship service—a non-denominational service held, not in a church, but in a beautiful outdoor setting by the side of a lake.

Wales Institute with a special concern for small children and traffic accidents, took the initiative in establishing a children's playground in the village. This soon became a community project. The wardens and rector gave the use of a lot beside the Anglican Church. (The school is a mile from the village so the school grounds did not meet the problem.) One man made the sandbox and other woodwork; another attended to the cement bed for swings and teeters and the older boys and girls helped in placing these; still another man welded the pipe for the frames; others provided the lumber. Funds for other equipment were raised by an Institute tea and donations.

At **Washago** the Women's Institute suggested to the Community Centre Board that the old jail building, close to the rink, be converted into a kitchen which the Institute could use to provide—and sell—refreshments at hockey games and skating parties. The Institute made use of the building in this way all winter.

For the last two winters **Bury's Green** has supplied cod liver oil capsules for the children of the two public schools in the Institute community.

The Institute women of **Algoma** and **St. Joseph Island** have interested themselves in a boy who requires expensive and prolonged treatment for a serious eye trouble — just another case of assisting a family to give a child the medical care it needs and which — even with the finest co-operation of doctors — runs into an expense which the family alone cannot provide.

North Wentworth Institutes are doing a fine piece of work for patients in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium in the County. One of their official visitors at the Sanitarium, Mrs. Walker Drummond, reports: "The branches send me donations of money and jam and sometimes cookies. Another member, Mrs. Torrance who has shopped for the girls for years, goes with me. She finds out the patients who come from a distance or who have few visitors or who need a special boost. With the funds I buy any little treat needed or materials to make cookies and with these or apples or flowers to pass around one can start a conversation and soon become so interested in the progress of the patient that it is always a privilege to call."

The **Hespeler** Institute working with the local Kinsman's Club carries on periodic salvage collection in the town to raise funds for welfare work. One of the Institute's projects is sending out about one hundred Christmas cheer baskets each Christmas. The Kinsmen use their funds for Boy Scout work.

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