

rally benefits more members than any other meeting.

A Hobby Display of weaving, painting, leathercraft, needlework was a worth while part of our meeting — Teeswater and the vicinity had a hobby club last winter with one hundred and fifty attending. As a result of this display I believe other hobby clubs may be started in the county.

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Grey county, by Mrs. Emerson Knott:

This year Grey county held its forty-ninth annual rally. It is one of the highlights of our Institute year. It unites our four districts. Through the rally we make Institute friends in all parts of the county.

Comparing work done in the districts is interesting. We have an address from each district. These are excellent.

We have county projects. We established the Flora Durnin Grey County Women's Institute of Ontario Scholarship which is presented each year to a girl who has done outstanding work in 4-H clubs.

Our present project is a memorial to Nellie McClung. Having bought a plot on the farm where she was born, a mile south of Chatsworth, we are planning to erect a cairn to her memory. Picnic tables will be placed on the grounds.

Working together broadens our outlook and gives each member pride in her county.

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York county, by Mrs. Charles Agnew:

When York county went over the top in raising a fund for a county scholarship the committee in charge decided that a special occasion should be planned at which the scholarship would be presented to the deserving girl.

Such occasions require organization and so York County Women's Institute was formed. One by-law stated that the annual meeting would be called a rally. The first rally was held on July 7, 1955 with informality as the key-note.

The second objective of the rally was to give the members throughout the county an opportunity to get to know each other and to exchange ideas pertaining to Women's Institute work. A picnic lunch at noon did much to stimulate friendliness.

The very brief morning session included a talk on conservation, and so our education was not neglected.

The 4-H Junior Homemaking Club girls and Junior Institute members who were in charge of the afternoon program out of doors, proved that the Women's Institute will be in very efficient hands in years to come. The presenting of the scholarship provided the thrill of the day.

The members left for home early and the expressions of pleasure and satisfaction in a day well spent answered the question, "Why a County Rally in York?"

Lambton county, by Mrs. David Brown:

Ever since the re-division of our districts from two to three there have been requests for a get-together again, as some of the old friends have not an opportunity to meet. As far as we were able to ascertain, it was fifty years ago that the first Women's Institutes began in both East and West Lambton, so we thought it a good opportunity to make it a Golden Jubilee as well as our first county conference, when we got together on a very hot day in August at the United Church, Petrolia.

A great deal of work on the part of our chairman, Mrs. Ronald Turner, and the district presidents, past and present, was carried on in tracing up old records and presenting them so that those attending might appreciate the work of the Women's Institutes many years ago; and in reading over old minute books, we found that they were then, as now, dealing with practical things to better the lot of rural women.

One of our purposes was to bring inspiration to our groups and to individuals and to bring information to them about our Provincial Federation of Agriculture (Women's Division), our Provincial Institute work and information on setting up a museum which is being studied now in our county.

At the close of our day's activities the fact that the ladies voted to hold another conference should indicate that the effort was successful. Our speakers were Mrs. Newman Tuckey, Chairman Women's Division Federation of Agriculture; Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Provincial President Women's Institutes; and Mrs. J. R. Fitcher who spoke on county museums.

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Huron county, by Mrs. Kenneth Johns:

Huron County rallies have been held annually since November '52 with each district in turn being responsible for the program.

To date as a county, Huron Women's Institute members have contributed personally designed and autographed hot pads as gifts to members of the A.C.W.W. convention in Toronto; set up a scholarship fund which is to be concluded at our rally in November; rallied to the aid of our County Council in perpetuating records of the Huron county museum; begun thinking of their next project — that of beautification of home and country.

We have found that the rallies are not so full of business as the district annuals and we have increasing attendance each year. We have good discussion periods and in this way we get to know one another better. To date we are not officially organized but we hope to be in the near future.

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From **Oxford county**, by Mrs. J. D. Hossack:

Women's Institute geography divided Oxford into two districts, North and South, which although they both belong to London Convention area, work in different subdivisions