

national program was considered the outstanding program of the year. New Canadians were especially invited and there were representatives from England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, Finland, Japan, Peru, Newfoundland. Each representative brought an exhibit of her native crafts and cookery. They all took part in the program speaking in their native tongue and translating their speeches into English. Some were dressed in their native costumes.

At **Clachan's** International Day they had papers on N.A.T.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., U.N.I.C.E.F., and A.C.W.W.; and the song "This is My Land." **Brampton West** had songs by Dutch children accompanied by their father. **Doon-Blair** had a German New Canadian tell of pre-war, wartime and post-war life in Germany, the talk followed by a question period. **Lunenburg**, close to the United States border, on its International Day had as guests a Home Bureau from across the line. They also invited the thirteen other branches of Stormont District and the women of their own community who were born in other countries. **City View Merivale** had a very good International skit put on by members. **Ilderton Seniors** invited New Canadians to come to the meeting and bring an article from their homeland. One German lady gave an impressive talk on a hand painting of Christ. **Bowen Road** reports: "Our convener for the day gave an interesting paper on 'Brotherhood and Good Will,' a New Canadian member told how her homeland is helping along this line; and another member spoke on how A.C.W.W. is spreading good will and friendship." **Romney** had an International Day program with a paper on Australia and an exhibit of articles from that country. At **Molly Creek** a native of Belgium told about her home country and showed pictures of interesting places. **Centre Vespra** had a picnic to entertain the New Canadians in the district.

### Historical Research

Steadily increasing numbers of Institutes are compiling local history in their Tweedsmuir History books, and working for their county museums. **North Oxford District** published a fiftieth anniversary booklet recording the history of the district. **Thornton** helped in compiling and publishing the township Centennial Review. **Brook** published a history of Brooke township. **Embro** and **West Zorra** branch is trying to collect the histories of the local farms and antiques for the county museum. **Pleasant View** reports that some of the photos of interesting old houses in the neighborhood are being printed in a local history. **Innerkip** arranged to have a history of the early school buildings, farms and families of the section given in the school with the children in attendance. **Providence** is writing the histories of farms and local historic places, preparing material for their Tweedsmuir history.

**Newboro** reports "From articles in the Tweedsmuir history, the Institute has helped families to trace their early homes, their ancestors and where they were buried." **Baltimore**: "Through a folk school held here a county historical society was formed and our convener and other members belong. Our Tweedsmuir history was used extensively at the folk school." **Roseneath** appointed their convener as a member of the local historical society and paid her membership fee. The convener of **Scotland** Institute's historical research committee assisted a Toronto press reporter to get local history for his paper. Many branches in **Grey County** are contributing to the Nellie McClung Memorial. **Pickering** "made a record of a cemetery before it was moved." And here is a significant note from Iroquois in the path of the St. Lawrence seaway: "We are compiling a history of our town to have when the seaway is completed."

### To Gain New Members

Replies to the question "What are your plans for gaining additional members next year?" carried a good deal of repetition and where several institutes gave the same answer only one may be reported.

**Wellburn** plans to contact New Canadians and other new members of the community. **Zion Jubilee** "We keep asking our new neighbors to come to the meetings with us." **Sunnisdale Corners**. "We try to make our meetings so interesting that people will come." **Singhampton** and **North Yarmouth** plan to have evening meetings when more members can attend, especially the younger women. **Maple Valley** distributes programs to non-members and invites everyone to meetings. **Duntroon** "invites new members and tries to make them feel at home." Along with the usual ways of bringing in new members **Hanbury** advises "Do good in the community."

**Avonton** has an annual "Friendship Meeting" in May when all the women of the community are invited. This helps to get new members. **Hillcrest** says "Some members are dropping out of Institutes on account of continuous calls for money." **Colborne** hopes to attract and hold members by condensing the business part of the meeting. **Mountain** is changing its meetings from afternoon to evening to attract more "working" women. **Aylmer** is having a membership drive, the losing side to treat the winners. **Woolers** is planning house-to-house visits; **Anna P. Lewis** branch a membership drive.

**Bethany's** plan for adding to its membership is "to make the meetings interesting." **Brooksdale** invites new brides as they come into the community. **Lakeside** held two euchre parties and invited prospective members, hoping to get them interested in the Institute. **Tavistock** plans to visit all new-comers to the community. **Woodstock North** says: "Just invite people to the meetings and try to have