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"In regard to tenacity of life, no old yellow cat has anything on a prejudice. You may kill it with your own hands, bury it deep and sit on the grave, and behold! the next day it will walk in at the back door, purring."—Nellie McClung

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on atomic power applied to modern living. **Snow Road** in the Ottawa area would like "some contact with the work of the national Government, a chance to see the Agnes McPhail plaque and to meet the women M.P.'s and senators. **Kilsyth** would like more program by 4-H Homemaking clubs. **Temperanceville** asks for more about junior work, a display of work done by New Canadians with music and dance numbers in their native costumes, fewer resolutions. **Dixon** would like speakers on mental health; **Russell Village**, a fashion show; **Aldershot**, something on hobbies, adult education and travel for women whose families have grown up; **Paris Plains**, information on public speaking; **Hespeler**, more about home economics and health. A considerable number of Institutes would like to have more entertainment and social periods. **Riverside Grey North** suggests folk dancing; **Wild Rose** in Cochrane, "shorter programs and more personal contact;" **Mattawa**, a get acquainted party or an impromptu amateur concert rather than a program by professional entertainers.

### Comments and Suggestions

Here we come to a most important part of the reports—the Institutes' own replies to the request for comments and suggestions. Because of duplication, some replies have been omitted but most of them are here, quoted just as we found them, with the hope that the interchange of ideas may be stimulating and helpful.—Ed.

From **Embro and West Zorra**: "Something must be done regarding the numerous calls for money. We feel that each one is deserving but hard on the funds and we think we should stress our own community more."

**Tavistock**: "The roll call at the last meeting of the year was 'A criticism of the year's programs.' Everyone thought the programs good but too much business made the meetings too long. Recreation is included in each program but at only two meetings did we have it because of the lateness of the hour. Could the executive be given more power to deal with correspondence?"

**Woodstock North**: "In our Institute work we have two problems: How to shorten our business periods and how to deal with letters asking for donations. We have found our meetings more interesting this year because

special emphasis has been placed on the recreational features such as action songs, sing songs, duets and quartettes in costume. We also find the Home and Country a good source of help and inspiration."

**Hepworth**: "Many members are timid about giving talks or papers. We think it will help them if we give them some such task and help them with it."

**Fisherville**: "Meetings are better attended when held in homes than when held in halls. We would suggest accepting as many invitations as possible to participate with other Institutes; and entertaining other Institutes, having them give the program."

**Mansfield reports**: "At one of our meetings we asked for constructive ideas for programs for next year. Some of the suggestions were to have more educational papers, more music and group singing, more social times such as a family turkey supper or a pancake supper."

**Colborne**: "We wonder if the Institutes in a district could meet twice a year instead of once and have a conference perhaps on citizenship and education and community activities."

**Seymour East** suggests that ten minutes of each meeting be given to a study of the Hand Book.

**Lynedoch** says "We have changed our meetings from afternoons to evenings so the young mothers can attend. Programs are now more interesting and the general interest is greatly increased."

**Badenoch** asks: "Would it be possible for the Women's Institutes of Ontario, or of Canada, to get behind some movement to help prevent the terrible loss of the lives of children and adults by fire?"

**Riverside**: "A suggestion for this year would be to have our vice-presidents take part in conducting some of the meetings; then when their turn comes they would feel at home in the chair and officers wouldn't be so hard to get. Also, our members are more in favor of spending our money on some local project rather than sending so much away."

**Mono Road**, "We confined our donations to our own county this year except for the F.W.I.O. project and delegates' fares to Ceylon because we felt we were concentrating too much on money making to meet all the calls we had."

**Markstay** suggests "More get-togethers of neighboring branches for social and mutual aid purposes."

**Zion Line**: "We are proud of our Homemaking Club girls and in presenting each girl with a spoon as she completes a project we hope to encourage them to continue in club work and to make a collection of the spoons."

**Thorncliffe**: "I was instructed to write here that there is too little time at some of our meetings for social contact, interesting discussions and demonstrations, due to heavy correspondence. At almost every meeting something has to be deleted from the program