

planned. We feel that departmental mimeographed material could be curtailed, e.g. our provincial president's address to fall conventions was mimeographed and sent out and then summarized for "Home and Country," as also were area convention reports. It is impractical for us to call an executive meeting to handle correspondence before regular meetings, as has been suggested, and we hardly feel that this should be done in any case. The average farm woman has difficulty in following some of the material sent out, especially those not conversant with our language."

Upsala: "This year a greater interest is shown in the girls and boys of the district, which we are finding, more and more, to be more important than anything else."

North Perth Maple Leaf: "We did not have as many outside speakers this year and our members prepared many splendid papers. We have a number of young members and it was gratifying to find that they could do such good work."

Mountsburg: "It is a good idea for an Institute to have an entertainment committee so that members can fill gaps at meetings and have something ready for social events."

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Belgrave: "We are weary of so many business items and the need of raising money to fill the ever increasing demands upon us. We are trying to localize our interests so that our community may really benefit from our organization. Through our yearly concert we are trying to develop talent in our community and an interest in dramatics and good music."

Blyth: "Everyone seems to be overburdened with local activities. Blyth like a lot of other urban municipalities is over organized and the women are worked to death."

Mattawa: "We feel that the branches in a district should try to be better acquainted with one another's work. Perhaps if the district directors could get together to discuss their plans it might result in a feeling of closer unity and fellowship."

Nephton: "We have a tendency to get off in little groups, especially during the social half hour, and some are 'left out in the cold.' Couldn't we endeavor to make it a family group and see that everyone is in the circle? Also have activities that all members can participate in and make them feel that they would really be missed if not at the meeting."

Battersea: "The activities of the Women's Institutes are broadening out a great deal and a great deal of effort is being put forth to help those who need it. Our branch believes in helping at home first, although we do help outside our own community."

Glenburnie: "We endorse the advice of the Provincial President not to subscribe to many outside calls for money. It has become a burden, as we do not like to refuse and we have our local appeals for help."

Callander: "There are eleven organizations for women in Callander and the township,

and the population is one thousand. That is the reason our attendance is low. We just try to keep going." (A rather common problem but this Institute reports some good work in spite of its difficulty.—Ed.)

Rural Ridgetown asks that the provincial organization "form a proper ceremony for presenting the flag at each Institute meeting."

Riverview finds that having monthly notices sent to members stimulates interest and attendance.

Lucan reports: "We have divided our members into two sides giving points to each member for attendance and answering the roll call. At the end of the year the group with the fewer points will entertain the winners."

King Ridge: "Outside demands for contributions take up too much time and too much money raising. We should be more interested in activities to improve conditions in our own communities such as conservation, high cost of education, necessary health measures." This branch also recommends a central listing of speakers who might give talks of interest to Institute members."

South Gillies: "We would like to see Institutes take more positive action against alcoholism which points directly to unsound mental health. Also we would like more education at school on this subject and on combatting racial prejudice."

Mimosa: "Our Institute has been of great value to us in getting women and families together as in these days people do not visit in their homes very much."

Maple Grove: "We tried evening meetings to encourage younger women with small children to come. This was well received and the response encouraging."

Richview: "This year our district president and our district secretary each held a meeting with the branch presidents and branch secretaries. These meetings helped greatly. This we think is a wonderful idea, and for standing committees to meet the district leader, too, preferably before the branch annual meeting. It would give help for the new programs."

Mount Royal: "Give the new members something to do as soon as possible so they get to know the members. This creates friendliness and we gain many ideas from the new members, too."

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"In the old days we did not hear much of discontent among women because they had not time to even talk and certainly could not get together. The horse on the treadmill may be very discontented but he is not disposed to tell his troubles for he cannot stop to talk."

—Nellie McClung

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