

**Wales:** "Each member takes some part in our programs and social get-togethers. We find that some are good at demonstrations, others at preparing papers. We find out what new members can do and like to do and we have them take part."

**Holyrood:** "We have our members divided into six groups, each having its own convener. They automatically take turns in looking after any event which needs a committee. No one refuses to help and no one is overworked."

**Wallbridge's** recommendation is that Institute members and mothers "stand behind the girls and help and encourage them in their 4-H Homemaking Club work."

**Drew:** "We should have more get-togethers like district picnics and bus trips."

**Pendleton:** "Have more social gatherings at places of interest. Our two bus trips last year were interesting and educational to many."

**Sunshine Fournier:** "Following a quiz on the hand book, by our district president, our members and officers (privately) resolved that we would profit by studying the hand book."

This encouraging note comes from **Hillsburgh Senior Institute:** "All our programs were educational and entertaining. All members had a chance to help and they are all willing to take their turn."

**Comnock:** "We have tried to interest three groups in our community, two community clubs and one group of young mothers who are unable to attend afternoon meetings and who could meet in the evenings, into organizing into Institutes where they would have a helpful planned program. But they feel that too much money from the Institute goes out of the community and they prefer to keep their clubs."

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This comes from **Avonton:** "Our Institute is improving its programs each year and we think they are educational and worth while. Each member is taking her part and we all know that the one who prepares a paper, talk or demonstration receives the most value from it. Thus we are trying to become better educated and useful citizens in our community."

**South Mountain:** "Have the meetings start on time and spend less time on business, leaving more time for the program."

**Eden:** "We would like more than one extension service course in the year."

**Central Yarmouth,** to get more members taking part in the programs, at each meeting has a member give a two-minute talk related to the month as in January, The New Year; February, St. Valentine's Day, and so on.

**Dunvegan:** "Members would like to have more time for the program at the meetings. Communications and necessary business seem to demand too much time."

**South Tarentorus** and **Prince** both suggest having more courses of interest to young mothers and homemakers in order to draw more young women into the Institute.

**Princeton-Woodbury:** "We feel there is no better way to make newcomers feel at home among us, whether they be New Canadians or not, than to ask them to come to our meetings and to take part in our community projects."

**Paris Plains** recommends more interest and information on home economics and handicrafts.

**Cedarville:** "There are too many requests for money from outside sources, too much correspondence sent to the secretary, too many meetings to attend."

**Dromore:** "We feel there is too much correspondence and too many wanting donations which take up so much time at some meetings that we have no time left for program or our own social life."

**Newbury-Mosa:** "We would like to suggest that our meetings be shortened by less discussion and getting down to facts; that when a subject requires lengthy discussion a committee be put in charge to bring in a decision at the next meeting."

**Willow Grove:** "Generally too much correspondence from the Department."

A branch which we will not name suggests: "We feel that offices and responsibilities should be distributed through the branch. A clique holding all the offices from year to year is the death sentence not only of the branch but of the district."

**Selkirk:** "We would like less literature to be read by the secretary so that we could have more time to devote to the program."

**Varency:** "We should try to get as many members as possible to attend the district annual meeting and the area convention. In this way they would learn what a worth while organization they belong to and should therefore be more interested."

**Bradford:** "We have found our meetings more interesting since we began having a short report from each standing committee convener at each meeting."

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**Stroud:** "There are more organizations in the community than there were a few years ago. These all have their appeal for women's time and interest. So long as the Women's Institute can offer something distinctive it will be able to attract members."

**Thornton:** "Our average attendance has increased because of having the majority of our meetings in homes rather than in halls or church basements as in the previous year. We have also tried to start earlier (yet we are never on time) and we have condensed our business as much as possible."

**Star of the North:** "Which is more to be desired, having all the women in the community on the roll and paying their membership fee and only ten or fifteen active among them to give their time, strength and resources to keep the branch going, or trying to retain the active membership by letting others join only if they seek membership, with no coaxing, resulting in a smaller membership