

as a library. At the same meeting the members voted to join the Film Council being set up in the town.

When **Kincardine** celebrated its fiftieth anniversary four years ago, with a turkey dinner, the members enjoyed it so much that on their next anniversary they had a pot luck supper. The following year they decided to make this supper an annual event and to invite their husbands and friends. Around one hundred attended. The supper followed by cards and a home talent entertainment made this a very happy social affair.

Kendal held a turkey supper to help finance the equipping of the local skating rink. **Kemptville** held a card party, the proceeds to go to buy floodlights for the baseball diamond.

Acton Institute arranged an evening devotional program for the residents of the County Home with talks by several local clergymen. A violinist and accompanist gave their talents to the service. Visitors and residents joined in singing well known hymns and the evening closed with a social half hour and refreshments.

The Institutes of **South Simcoe** district held a Variety Concert which drew a crowd of nearly 500 people so that the audience had to be divided between the upstairs auditorium and the downstairs hall of the Town Hall, and those taking part had to repeat their performances. Each branch Institute in the district made a contribution to the program. These included vocal and piano numbers, readings, skits, a novelty band and dance

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KITCHENS

Vivian E. Lane

A kitchen's more than just a place
Where pots and pans and brooms are kept;
Where busy feet tread to and fro
Where meals are cooked and floors are swept;
A kitchen's more than just a nook
Wherein we bake and scrub and cook.

A kitchen sometimes is a school
Where deep philosophies are taught;
Where working with material things
We hearken to a richer thought;
And visions form and wider grow
While kettles sing and fires glow.

A kitchen sometimes is a shrine
Where prayers are breathed throughout the land;
Where wounds are healed, and problems solved
Where dreams take shape, and lives are planned;
Where strength and courage may be gleaned,
While floors are scrubbed, and cupboards cleaned.

A kitchen's more than just a place
Where work and heat and clocks hold sway;
For it provides the cups of tea
Which bind the friendships of a day;
So all in all a kitchen gives
The things by which a nation lives.

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SUNDAY SERVICE

By Ethel Romig Fuller

They tell me I've no longer need to go
To church, come Sabbath morn; that, now the Lord
Has time and station on the radio,
The old can sit at home and hear the Word.
So in my best black silk, I draw a chair
Up to the carven case... A famed quartet,
Or soloist, sings, someone leads in prayer;
The preaching's wonderful—and yet—and yet—

There are no children after Sunday school;
No choir for looking at, no ushers, as
They smilingly show folks to pews and pass
The plates... and afterwards, no vestibule
For talk, or chance to shake the pastor's hand,
And say, "Your sermon, Brother, was just grand."

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number, "The Backward Girls" who did a march with their clothes and faces "on backwards," square dances. The event raised around \$266 for the district treasury.

Belgrave sponsored a Scotch-Irish concert which drew such a crowd that a repeat performance had to be given on another evening.

Elm Grove, for its variety concert, enlisted not only the help of a number of men in the community but each school in the area contributed a number to the program.

At **Port Rowan's** family night three moving pictures were shown: "The Life of Sir Winston Churchill, the Man of the Century"; "The Life of the Eskimo" and "Newfoundland."

In keeping with good neighboring traditions **Clute** Institute held a bazaar and social evening to raise funds for a family that had been "burned out." **Marmora** donated a sum of money and appointed a committee to buy something for a family who had lost their home by fire. **Desbarats** members took a shower of articles to a neighbor to replace things lost or damaged by fire.

Snowball Institute members provided donations of quilt patches, crochet cotton, yarn and other work material for the women in the York County Home.

Echo Bay supplies milk to needy families in the district.

Peace Bridge Institute had a Valentine Party for the children in the County Shelter.

For a community social evening, **Greenock** arranged a "Tart Social," the lunch to be served by the men. This Institute has provided card tables to be used for games at social evenings held in the school.

A roll call at **Garnet** was "A former custom in my community that I would like to see resumed."

Gravenhurst working with the local figure skating club sponsored a skating carnival. **Roslyn** also sponsored a skating carnival for the young people followed by a bean supper in the hall.

Rylstone had a debate: "Resolved that the