

**Camilla** had a Hallowe'en party for the children. **Kendal** was instrumental in starting to get a rink for the village and contributed to the fund. **Good Luck** and **Anderdon** report having picnics for members and their families. **Good Neighbors'** "family night" included everyone in the community. **Echo Valley** sponsored a Valentine and a Hallowe'en party. **Laird** had weekly card parties, a school picnic and a Hallowe'en party. **Little Rapids** had a number of bean suppers, turkey suppers and socials. **Sheffield** sponsored semi-monthly social evenings for the community in the winter and a picnic for the children in June. **Falkenburg** sponsored classes in square dancing for their young people. **St. Helen's** reports: "We had seven community nights and three card parties. At the community nights the whole family of each member attends and our own people provide the programmes. We have wonderful times."

**Ralston** reports: Sunday evening concerts (outdoor band concerts, we gather) were the highlight of our work. After two successful summers we plan to continue these. **Britannia** "inaugurated a community calendar to eliminate conflicting dates for community events." They donated money to send a sea scout to the jamboree. **Elora Road North** helped in homes in time of bereavement and took lunch and served it on the days of funerals. **Waverly** sent food instead of flowers to a bereaved family and offered to help in the home. **Kairshea** entertained their families at an "At Home" and their friends at a Hallowe'en masquerade dance. They also held their two annual dances, St. Andrew's Day dance and a Calico Ball. The report says: "The Calico Ball was a huge success with prizes for the prettiest cotton dresses, ready made and homemade. Pictures of the winning dresses were shown by the local television station." **Laurentian View**, **Zion Line** and **White Lake** sponsored film showings in the school once a month. (We presume these would be for the whole community.) **Sunbury** sponsors showers for all the newly-weds in the community. **Lion's Head** arranged a concert for fall fair night. **Jarvis** put on an operetta and a play "both of real cultural value." They report: "We look for talent not only among our members but throughout the community." **Belgrave** put on a Scotch and Irish concert. **Athens** had a Drama Night and gave cash awards for the best three one-act plays. **Bannock** sponsored a public meeting with a speaker on Mental Health. **Dutton** reports: "We assist every worthy project undertaken in our village."

Almost every branch has done some good neighboring or relief work in its community. **Moscow** sent fruit to the sick, flowers to the bereaved and food to two families at Christmas time. **Tamworth** assists the Public Health Nurse by buying underwear for her to distribute in her work. **Shelburne** gave

a ton of coal to a needy family. **Mansfield** provided a layette for a baby. Several branches made layettes for the Children's Aid and gave quilts and blankets to families in need — some of these branches are **Oldcastle**, **Highland Park**, **West Korah Sr.**, **Skipness**, **Beatrice**.

### Comments And Suggestions

This is a most important part of the reports — the Institutes' own replies to the request for comments and suggestions. Some of these have been omitted because of duplication but most of them are here.

The greatest number of comments dealt with the problem of too many appeals for charity donations, too much correspondence and consequently so much business to attend to at meetings that there is little time left for anything else.

**Oakcrest** says: "Correspondence being so heavy and so many appeals to handle, it is impossible to finish the business in the allotted time. Would it be possible to have appeals evaluated at district level to eliminate unnecessary ones?" **Tyendinaga East**: "So many outside demands for money leave us with very little for local projects." **Vasey**: "There are too many requests for money from outside sources. We prefer to spend our money in our own community." **Lavender**: "We are enjoying our meetings more since the correspondence has been cut down. It gives us more time for demonstrations and other programme." **Temperanceville**: "Would it be possible to study the 'united appeal' system of financing charities?"

**Bluevale**: "Owing to the pressing needs of our community hall and hospital we decided to donate to only one charitable organization each year, other than local ones, and to draw up a plan for three years deciding which fund to give to each year during that period. This also saves reading so much correspondence at the meetings, the president and secretary meet before each meeting to go over the correspondence and to condense it where possible."

**Gilford**: "Most of the members think too much time is taken up with business at the meeting, so sometimes an executive meeting is held a few days before the regular meeting. This helps to speed up business at the meeting since some members are acquainted with the business ahead of time and are prepared to give their opinion."

**Mt. Healey**: "We find it hard to sort out the calls for donations."

**Glenburnie**: "We feel that we should not be burdened with many requests for money. We do give to the Blind, Mental Health, Orphanages, Unitarian Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ceylon Fund and we keep up all fees."

**New England**: "We feel the Institutes are taking on too many responsibilities that cost a good deal of money to carry, making it