

A hope chest made for the Tweedsmuir Handicraft Competition by Queens-ton-St. David's Institute, and a quilt made by Union branch. In the quilt, on each line of each star, is a member's name, the member paying a donation of ten cents.



**Granton:** "The Officers' Conference, Extension Courses and a Craft Class have been valuable boosters in creating interest in our branch."

**South Tarentorus:** "We feel that having evening meetings enables young mothers to attend, and that taking part in district projects brings the branches closer together." (The report indicates that as a district the Institutes have approached the Municipal council on several matters relating to the welfare of children, as the children's shelter and township rinks.)

**Brougham:** "We are trying a new method with our programmes. Two members will work on the programme of each standing committee. Thus home economics and health will be taken care of by two members at two separate meetings. So we hope both topics will be more fully taken care of and more members will be at work."

**Pickering** suggests that any branch might like to have a Hobby Handicraft and Art Show. They "found theirs a very rewarding experience."

**Princess Elizabeth in Oxford North:** "We would like to see more members taking part at each meeting; more time spent in the social hour when the members could relax and enjoy themselves. We feel that we receive too many appeals for money and that we should spend more on things we need in our own community."

**Locksley Rankin:** "Some of our members feel that the Institute is 'all work and no play'. We would appreciate suggestions for more entertaining meetings."

**Laurentian View:** "Having too many banquets and meetings apart from the regular meetings discourages busy mothers of young children from joining."

**Rylstone:** "Our women are good workers and we have a good attendance but we cannot get members to take office. Perhaps there is too much work and no play."

**Fenelon Falls,** reporting a better attendance and more visitors this year, gives a possible

reason: "The programme conveners have excelled in the very fine and interesting programmes they have arranged for our information and pleasure."

There were a few recommendations concerning resolutions.

One branch says: "We do not seem able to plan any resolutions. I'm afraid we lack interest or knowledge in this department." (Editor's Note: Don't worry. We think any resolutions convener would say that it is not good to search around for something to "resolve" about. It is much better to wait until you feel so strongly about something that you feel you must express your views in a resolution. In most organizations a lot of time is wasted in dealing with resolutions that are not important. But a lot is accomplished by sane and sound resolutions with a strong public opinion back of them.)

**Penage Road:** "There should be a sub-committee on resolutions to study them before they are presented at a convention."

Here are other suggestions and comments:

**Micksburg** recommends having Institute members, say two together, from an Ontario Institute visit with our French neighbors in Quebec, and two French members from Quebec come into Ontario homes in return, to learn their respective languages, to promote friendship and understanding and to improve our adult education in the French and English languages—something like the students' inter-provincial exchange visits.

**Golden Valley:** "Our motto is 'For Home and Country' but we seem to be reaching too far and losing the interest of the ordinary member. When our work was more localized the results seemed to be more appreciated in our home territory and we think this would be true of many branches."

**Alice** suggests that "district directors get together at district annuals and discuss extension services so that more of these services can be had in the district."