

addresses, discussions, films, demonstrations and tours.

Many of the papers and talks given along lines of agriculture and industry have been prepared by the members themselves, and Mrs. McDonald said it was very gratifying to know that much of the material prepared had been procured from the loan library of the Department of Agriculture's Home Economics Service.

More demonstrations were used this year than last. This is encouraging as more lasting effects are obtained. Some of these were copper tooling, self-watering flower pot, dish gardening and setting up a 4-H Homemaking Club exhibit. Films have been used to good advantage and some of these have been obtained from National Films and the O.A.C. Mottoes and roll calls are a part of every meeting and in this way every member has a part in contributing to the programme. Interesting bus trips were taken to places of business and gardens.

### CITIZENSHIP AND EDUCATION

Mrs. J. R. Geddes

The promotion of good citizenship has been the serious concern of Women's Institute members, and the programmes they report show them as the watchdogs in their communities, guarding the freedom of our land. Citizenship and Education go hand in hand. Our women are being well informed on many subjects, including inheritance tax, property ownership, joint bank accounts. Interesting speakers from other countries have given first-hand information on their lands.

Governor-General Massey has accused Canadians of becoming a nation of conformists to such a degree that they are suffering from "mental paralysis." We should be glad he had the courage to say it. The Canada we enjoy today was not brought to nationhood by timid citizens. Judging from reports several hundred Women's Institute members are definitely not in that class. Controversial subjects have been aired in panel discussions or group talks on topics ranging from a universal language, immigration policies, Santa Claus myths, to dogs running at large, and many others. All these subjects are pebbles dropped into the pool of public thinking, breaking the bubbles

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### PRAYER

Author Unknown

Anything, God, but hate;  
I have known it in my day,  
And the best it does is scar your soul  
And eat your heart away.  
Man must know more than hate,  
As the years go rolling on;  
For the stars survive and the spring survives,  
Only man denies the dawn.  
God, if I have but one prayer  
Before the cloud-wrapped end,  
I'm sick of hate and the waste it makes.  
Let me be my brother's friend.

### THESE ARE THE THINGS

Ruth Crary

These are the things I never can forget:  
Firelight diffused through mica and the deep  
Of night; Grandmother's cap of plaited net;  
Twin prints by Currier and Ives, Asleep  
And Wide Awake; the whispering, soft sweep  
Of princess gowns of gray my mother wore.  
And O, I think my heart will always leap  
To rain on attic roofs; an open door;  
And old-rose carpeting, moss-deep upon the floor!

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of complacency, ignorance and public injustices.

Rights and privileges of citizenship which might otherwise have been taken for granted by native Canadians have taken on a new lustre as Women's Institute members have introduced New Canadians into our way of life and realize the value they attach to Canadian citizenship. They participate at our meetings and take part in International Day.

Prizes are given for art competitions in public schools. Here is a place to create an interest in the leisure days of our senior citizens. It is interesting to note that more book reviews have been included in programmes. Chas. Clay, the Canadian author, has addressed meetings and the subject, "Why Can't My Child Read?" is listed as a study.

Members of the Women's Institute are rounding out the less practical side of their lives with a purpose of beauty to stimulate their souls. There is, of course, the F.W.I.O. competitions in Tweedsmuir Histories, painting and handiwork. The Stratford Festival still continues to have increased numbers of members attend to see Shakespearean plays. Demonstrations of aluminum etchings, leather crafts, jewellery making, flower arrangements, bring happiness and satisfaction to the creators.

In our own particular work of the organization, the Guelph Conference has had a great influence on Women's Institute members. The fellowship alone in a common cause has stimulated interest. Officers of the F.W.I.O. have become known and the president's remarks are repeated at meetings. Many branches have made a study of Ceylon this year and in many cases a woman of Ceylon has spoken. Conveners in their talks at meetings have availed themselves of the free literature from the Citizenship Branch at Ottawa and the United Nations Association of Canada.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. P. Y. McCandless

When the reports from the districts and hundreds of newspaper clippings are reviewed, it is then your convener knows the terrific amount of good work done by the members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. Through this good work the general standard of community life has been raised and its