

Here and There With the Women's Institutes

More Gleanings From Reports of Meetings

In our last issue we had part of the notes taken from the secretaries' "Reports of Meetings." Following is the rest of the material taken from these reports:—Editor.

More Outstanding Programmes

Programmes on historical research and current events were considered the most outstanding in a number of branches.

Highland Park appreciated "seeing what had been put in their Tweedsmuir history and the old pictures yet to go in." **Lee Valley, Little Rapids** and **Massey** said that the members' lack of knowledge of the community's history showed the need of historical research. At **Massey** the members brought antiques and heirlooms from their homes and told their histories.

Bethany had papers on "The History of Bethany School," "Advantages of Living in Grandmother's Day" and "Advantages of Modern Living." At their meeting they had an opportunity to see the renovated school—something in the way of a current event. **Harrow-smith** reports: "Through a talk by a librarian from Queen's University we learned what 'historical research' means." The feature of **Manotick's** outstanding programme was "a local man telling of life in the village in his youth." **Bowen Road** combined its historical research programme with a visit to the Museum at Jordan. **Manilla:** a programme on "Old Houses" with songs in keeping with the theme.

Glasgow's programme dealt with the possibilities of a museum in the district. At **Gilford** four members told the histories of their farms and the roll call was "A beauty spot in the township." **Haystack Bay:** a meeting to which members brought antiques to be shown in an exhibit at the fair. In **Unionville's** historical research programme, a member traced, with diagrams, the journeys and settling of three pioneer families in the neighborhood.

Activities of the Women's Institute in the community are reported later; but a number of branches considered their programme on Community Activities and Public relations the outstanding one of the year. It will be noted that many of these meetings take in the whole community—good public relations.

South Tarentorus reports that a study of Child Safety resulted in a metal safety policeman being placed at a dangerous traffic intersection near the school. At **MacLennan** as the result of an address on Group Hospitalization a group was formed in the community and the outlying district. **Allenford** placed first a social evening with the programme prepared by the men. School children contributed

speeches and each speaker was given a "prize" of a dollar. **Solina:** an address on Mental Health at a meeting with the members' husbands as guests.

At **Corinth** the girls of the 4-H Supper Club planned and prepared a dinner in the Hall. The Institute members and the girls' mothers were guests. The girls stayed for the regular meeting that followed. The secretary adds: "We feel that we may have interested the girls' mothers in our Institute work." **Rodney** for its Community Activities and Public Relations meeting held a mock country fair "which provided lots of gayety and fun." **Antrim** held a meeting in the school with the children providing the programme and the Institute serving a bean supper.

Bothwell's Corner had a panel discussion on Public Relations, dealing with the following questions: "Do we receive enough publicity locally and provincially?" "How can we create more interest in our local radio programmes?" "What is the proper meaning of 'non-political' as used in our Hand Book?" "What is the correct interpretation of 'non-sectarian'?" "Is the selling of tickets and holding raffles and bingos a good way of raising money for the Institute?" **Mount Albion:** a meeting at which they entertained four neighboring Institutes and "the district officers were there and spoke briefly." **Willoughby:** the annual friendship tea and Institute meeting to which all the women of the community are invited. **South Gillies:** the meeting at which they discussed having a night school in the community—outstanding because they "actually had the night school and it benefited many in the community." **Bolsover** says of its programme on Community Activities and Public Relations: "The papers brought home to us our duties as neighbors and our proper place in our public relations with other groups." **Salford** reports a debate which we think must have had men as well as women debaters: "Resolved that a woman does a man's work better than a man does a woman's work." **Rosseau** had a luncheon for the ladies of the community at which five new members joined the Institute. **Brick School** in Leeds had a meeting with speakers on Cooperative Medical Services and Farm Forums with a panel and open discussion following.

Crediton says: "All our programmes were excellent but we thought the highlight of the year was the night we gave our elder citizens a turkey banquet. **Glen Gowrie** and **Gadshill** placed first their parties and meetings held at the County Home with the residents of the Home taking part in the programme.