

Crafts of various kinds were the outstanding features in some branches.

Margaret Marshall Memorial named a demonstration in weaving. **Tiverton** a talk and a demonstration of weaving with samples of weaving from different countries. **Zion Amabel:** a meeting where two hobbyists demonstrated oil painting and costume jewelry. **Colpoy's Bay:** a handicraft programme and a display of handicraft in which everyone could take part as it included weaving, crocheting, tatting, painting, beadwork, embroidery and knitting. **Nassagaweya:** "a demonstration of aluminum etching by a member who had never given a demonstration before and who did a wonderful job of explaining." **Listowel Juniors:** their parents' night and the meeting where they learned to make aluminum trays. **Belhaven:** a meeting with demonstrations on making flowers from nylon hose and knitting novelty stockings for children.

Some of the grandmothers' meeting programmes may offer suggestions.

At **Wharnccliffe** each grandmother sang a song or told a story and as a piece of local history a paper was read on the life of the oldest grandmother and her family. **Little Ireland** held its grandmothers' meeting at the Home for the Aged "with the sixty-five inmates of the Home joining in." At **Calabogie** the grandmothers recited poems from their old school books, played the piano and told stories of olden times. For **Coronation Bolton's** grandmothers' meeting, each member brought a grandmother. A number wore old-time costumes and a feature of the programme was a skit, "An old-time Institute meeting." At **Golden Valley** in Nipissing a member from Trout Creek, a woman of eighty-eight gave her ideas on health and how to enjoy old age. The roll call was, "How to postpone old age." At **Port Ryerse** grandmothers' meeting they had a paper on the history of Port Ryerse, a paper "On Growing Old" and a display of old cook books. The topics at **Gorrie's** grandmothers' meeting were changes in education and in labour-saving devices from grandmother's day to the present.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bar River gave a donation to help provide a baby with a special formula food. **Bloomingtondale** takes care of a needy family. **St. Jacobs Friendly** reports something that may be the work of one member rather than the whole Institute but it seems worth recording: "A family in our community suffered loss from fire and one of our members took the children home and fed and clothed them until the home was livable again."

Savard members did home baking for a family whose mother was in the hospital. **Beaverton** provided lunch and assisted in other ways in benefit parties for two families who had been burned out. **Culloden** sent gifts to two New Canadian families who lost

their homes by fire and to another New Canadian family who had been in a car accident. **St. Williams** helped a family from Europe with seven children by supplying groceries until the father found work. **Strathroy** gave the county nurse funds to provide cod liver oil for needy children. **Union** furnished a bedroom for a family whose home had been burned. **Plainfield** says: "Most of our work this year has been relief work in our own community."

Institutes have done a great deal to equip and even to provide community halls, community centres, libraries, rinks and playgrounds, to provide "extra" facilities for their schools and to take an interest in the welfare of children in general.

Bowmanville takes the responsibility of looking after a rest room in the town hall, paying the caretaker's fee, the cost of painting as it is needed and providing all supplies. **Iona's** project for the year was renovating the community hall, doing some roofing and plastering and paying hydro and gas bills. Later they plan to redecorate the hall. **Kincardine** paid for planting a flower bed at the cenotaph; also sent gifts to the ward patients in the hospital. **Anderdon** as part of its historical research work takes care of a local Indian cemetery. **Olinda** "heads up the care of the cemeteries of the community." **Whitfield** petitioned the township council to name and mark the township roads and it is reported that action has been taken. **Bluebell** gave baby banks to new babies, bought chairs for the community hall.

East Korah owns a community hall and the report shows \$1340 spent on it this year. It is used by children's groups such as scouts and guides free of charge and by adult groups at a nominal charge. At **Park Head's** annual "At Home," the Institute burned the mortgage on their community hall. **Glanford** provides all the kitchen and dining table equipment for their community hall and rents these at a moderate charge to other organizations. **Winger Wainfleet** provided banquet tables and dishes for the community hall. **Orkney** cooperates with the county library. This Institute owns the community hall and has held socials to raise funds to have it renovated. **Coboconk** is supporting "a cooperative library branch in the village." **Little Britain** installed used electric stoves in the community hall and the recreation centre. **Oakwood** "concentrated on the new public library and the town hall." **Wyebridge** has almost completed finishing the top floor of the community hall and building kitchen cupboards on the lower floor—"a task that a few years ago seemed next to impossible."

Thornton owns sufficient equipment in a hall to carry \$1000 insurance. **Bond Head** pays rent for a local library room and is responsible for providing a librarian. **Roslyn** owns a kitchen adjoining the hall; **Rosport** a fully equipped community hall. With \$425 made by giving a play "Maid of Money,"