

This Park Head Women's Institute float in the parade at Park Head's centennial celebration shows a very clear, uncrowded arrangement of things indicating a woman's work and interests a hundred years ago.



Belgrave Institute had varied interests in a day's bus trip last summer. They boarded a chartered bus at nine o'clock in the morning, went to the County Home and shared a programme with the residents. They had a picnic lunch in a park at Seaforth, were conducted through a bakery where they were served coffee and doughnuts. They went on to Preston for a tour of the Woollen Mills, made a stop at Waterloo for shopping and had supper in the park.

Clandeboye reports an interesting visit at Pineroft Ceramic Art Studio near Aylmer, where they saw demonstrations not only in pottery but in weaving, painting and other crafts.

Mansfield had a trip to Huron County Museum and the television station CKNX. **Philipville** chartered a bus to Brockville and took the Thousand Islands cruise. **Terra Cotta** took a bus trip to the Shakespearean festival at Stratford. Several branches have planned trips to the festival this year.

And, by the way, any Institute planning a bus trip for next winter would do well to consider a visit to the "College Royal" Shows at the O.A.C. Guelph or the Agricultural School at Kemptville. Along with the purely agricultural exhibits — live stock, seed and farm engineering, there are most interesting educational exhibits put up by student groups and features of special interest to women in homemaking interests, with usually a fashion show.

Hornby Institute sponsored a picnic for the residents of their County Home and the girls' homemaking club put on the programme. The Institute chartered a bus to bring the thirty-eight guests and three attendants to the picnic on the school grounds. The report says that

the Institute served lunch and the old people enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.

In December **Crediton** Institute entertained the "Senior citizens" of the community at a turkey dinner and home talent concert. A violinist and pianist accompanied the guests in singing Christmas carols.

It is fairly well known that the Institutes of Lincoln County were instrumental in getting a Victorian Order of Nurses service for the rural sections of the county—the first rural V.O.N. service in Canada, and that the Institutes do a great deal to support this service. At its January meeting **Louth** branch passed this resolution: That each year, \$1 per member be donated to the Lincoln County Women's Institute district to be given to the Lincoln-St. Catherines V.O.N. along with contributions from other branches.

Silver Nugget members answered the roll call at one of their meetings by each contributing fifty cents to buy children's books for the library sponsored by the Institute.

Williamsburg sponsored a skating carnival in January; **Mount Hope**, a hockey match.

Denbigh Institute is especially interested in work for the schools in the area. Last year the Institute bought storm windows for one school and for another school an alarm bell for fire drill and a cot cover for the teachers' room. They sponsored a girls' 4-H Homemaking Club, and contributed to the rink fund by having a Hallowe'en party. Other funds were raised by having a refreshment booth at a sale, by selling quilts and by catering for a banquet for the Women Teachers' Federation. To celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Women's Institutes on February 19th they had a pot luck dinner with their husbands, the school teachers, the local ministers and the members of the fair board as guests.