

Cast of the pageant on Canada, written by Mrs. L. A. Wyse for the F.W.I.C. meeting at Quebec some years ago, and staged as shown here by members of Smithville Institute, under the direction of Mrs. L. Lyburner who took the part of Canada. This pageant was part of Smithville's concert celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the Women's Institute.



of radio and television programmes. **Crinan** discussed programmes suitable for children. They also spent some time on the care of house plants and perennial borders. **Leitrim**, a study of the work of a Health Unit—one is to be established in the township this Fall. **Galetta** stressed the study of the standing committee subjects. **Stittsville** studied bulletins from Extension Service such as "Supper Dishes." **Shedden** plans to make a special study of the problems of retarded children.

HEALTH STUDY AND ACTION

The Women's Institutes of **North Cochrane** have done a good deal to safeguard the health of the people. Not long ago we had a report of their achievement in getting a dental car to serve children living in isolated parts of the district. Their latest project along the lines of health service was to negotiate with the Ontario Northland Railway to have emergency transportation in case of serious illness or accident, provided for people living north of Cochrane. At the time the Institutes approached the Railway authorities there were only two passenger trains a week running from Gardiner, eighteen miles north of Cochrane, to Moosenee, and only two freight trains as far north as Fraserdale. The Institutes through their Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Murray Young of Cochrane, also brought the problem to the attention of the Ontario Department of Health.

Correspondence and interviews re ways and means and discussions at Institute conventions went on for two years. Then in February of this year the Chairman of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission wrote Mrs. Young:

"I am happy to be able now to advise you that we have obtained a station waggon equipped to run on the rails (as well as on a country road) and which will accommodate a stretcher and other passengers. I believe this will be the answer to the Institutes' request for better emergency transportation North of Cochrane. The piece of equipment will be stationed in

Cochrane and will be available for any emergencies."

It is of interest that the ambulance car's first maternity case was the Cochrane Women's Institute District President, Mrs. Frances Empey of Island Falls.

Desbarats had been studying health, especially in the school. When some of the children developed a rash, an Institute member who is on the school board and another who is on the council, asked the council to provide for having the children medically inspected. The council engaged a nurse and doctor to inspect the children and those who were infected were isolated at home until they were cured of the trouble.

Many branches report addresses from doctors or nurses on such subjects as cancer detection, heart disease, tuberculosis. Working with their county health unit or the Medical Officer of Health, a gratifying number of Institutes are sponsoring and assisting with Baby Clinics, Child Health Clinics, Clinics for immunizing children against polio, diphtheria and other childhood diseases.

A great many branches had talks and demonstrations, especially demonstrations in artificial respiration, by representatives of the St. John Ambulance; and a considerable number provided cod liver oil capsules for school children during the winter months.

ACTION RESULTING FROM PROGRAMMES

Asked if positive action had resulted from any part of the year's programme Institutes reported the following:

Cloyne had a discussion of ways and means of improving the cemetery. As a result trees have been removed and the ground levelled on the land purchased for a new cemetery, and the report indicates "that the Institute is pressing the Township Council to have the ground surveyed for plots."

Highland Park in Centre Algoma had addresses at two meetings on Juvenile Delinquency and the work of the Juvenile Court