

dren," said the Convener of Citizenship and Education, Mrs. J. R. Geddes. "By discussions, papers, educators as guest speakers, donations to scholarships, bursaries, school awards, gifts to schools, contributions to libraries and Home and School interests, our women mean what they say by the slogan, "education is everybody's business." They are aware that the educational system is at the crossroads. They are emphatic in their desire to have stronger discipline in class rooms and education from Grade 7 made a privilege, not a stop-over for wastrels. They would like to see again history and geography taught as two separate subjects. They are learning that there must be a place for the gifted student if Canada is to turn out scientists equal to Russia's. I commend the members who are aware of the educational decline due to emotional problems in the home. They are not forgetting the retarded children. Some members in their leisure hours are conducting schools in their homes. Primary teachers are demonstrating modern reading lessons at meetings, thereby acquainting mothers with the correct methods so that they may help Johnny read."

The keynote of good citizenship is service to others. Reports show Women's Institute members teaching new Canadians the English language at home or in night classes.

The handling of justice in our democracy is being learned first-hand by women jurors and by articles on jury duty as programme material. One branch reported that a member had attended the ceremony granting citizenship papers in a Toronto court and described the application for a citizenship.

Immigration studies appear this year in more reports. If ever there was a place where members must be non-partisan, as our constitution states, it is in the matter of immigration. "Something an immigrant must do to become a Canadian citizen," and "The immigrant and why we should welcome him" were used in programmes.

For the first time it is reported that 15 districts report book reviews.

Our members are not only learning what a good citizen is; they are being good citizens by the quality of leadership they are giving in their communities. They head adult education groups in drama, leadership training, recreation groups, senior citizens' clubs, arts and crafts, volunteer library service, junior Homemaking Clubs and 4-H Clubs. They are hospital visitors, juvenile court workers, members of municipal councils, Home and School Association, Historical Societies, school boards, music appreciation groups; they arrange school clinics and fun and exercise clubs such as folk dancing.

Community Activities and Public Relations

At this time of the year if your Convener (Mrs. P. Y. McCandless) was asked to answer a roll call on "What I liked best about the Women's Institute," I would say the inspiration I get from reading the Ontario area reports of the work done by the members in their branches. The work is of considerable magnitude and very diversified.

Hundreds of newspaper clippings of reports of meetings, projects and activities are received by Miss Ethel Chapman, Editor of Home and Country, during the year. After reading them and noting special items for inclusion in Home and Country, they are sent on to me. Reading these clippings I find are an aid to compiling this report.

The Convener referred to Institutes entering floats in district celebrations, co-operating with service organizations in community enterprises, the many sixtieth anniversary celebrations with Stoney Creek Institute playing a leading part, the erection of a memorial cairn to Nellie McClung by the Institutes of Grey county, the Moorefield hobby show, supporting libraries, buying equipment for community halls and local hospitals, giving gifts to new babies, Arkona's memorial day and care of a cemetery, branches negotiating with town or township councils for better street lighting, garbage disposal, having repairs made on a dangerous winding road where the school bus travels. Special reference was made to the Institutes that obtained an ambulance car for a Northern Railway line. There was reference given to Institutes collecting funds for various organizations such as the Cancer Society and Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Many branches create good public relations by inviting neighbors to meetings and extension courses. A great number reported helping in homes where there was sickness and helping families suffering from fire losses.

The Convener made these recommendations: "Screen your donations well. Many conveners have written about the burden on the branch of donations for so many causes, all worthy ones. Your convener suggests that a committee be formed to include your secretary-treasurer to make a list of donations made this year. Include in this the amount needed to send an officer to the Guelph Conference next year, if your branch is eligible, and delegates to conventions, conferences and rallies. Budget the amount you think you can use for this purpose and include it amongst the most worthy causes."

Home Economics Service

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