

# Here and There With the Institutes

## More Notes From "Reports of Meetings"

Only about half of the year's "Reports of Meetings" were reviewed in our last issue. Following are notes from the rest of the reports. As we have explained in previous issues, the items reported are offered mainly as possible suggestions from one Institute to another, and some of the best Institutes in the province may not be mentioned from one year to another because the sort of thing they do is already well known as good Institute work.—Ed.

### Suggestions for Programmes

The Institutes were asked if they had some special feature in their programme this year that they would especially recommend to other branches. These are some of the recommendations:

**Friendly Corner** recommends a talk on safety by a member of the Provincial Police force. **Lakeside** also had a member of the Provincial Police speak and show films on safe driving. **Chandos** had an O.P.P. talk on traffic laws.

**Lynnville** recommends demonstrations. This year they had demonstrations in making wood fibre flowers, salads, patching overalls by machine, and flower arrangements for the living-room, dining-room and for anniversaries. **Wilvancrest** especially liked its demonstrations on breadmaking and on artificial respiration with practice for the members under the supervision of a registered nurse. **Atherton** had a demonstration of artificial respiration by their homemaking club girls who were taking the club project: "The Club Girl Stands on Guard."

**Long Point** had an address with slides on Nova Scotia by a woman from that province.

**Marburg** was especially interested in a talk by a teacher from the nearby school for retarded children, telling of the progress the children were making.

**Baltimore reports:** "At our November meeting we started at noon with a pot luck dinner for the members and guests. This was followed by two health films, then the meeting proper, after which we played cards. It made a nice change from the regular type of meeting."

**Elmview** is making a survey of radio and television programmes and "hopes all other branches will get behind this project so that we may be able to get better programmes."

**Brooklin** recommends that any Institute in Ontario county would find it interesting to visit the Harlanders at Brooklin to see their pottery and wood carving. On Brooklin Institute's visit, Mrs. Harlander demonstrated making pottery from clay to the finished article. This branch also enjoyed a visit to Fairview Lodge at Whitby where the Superintendent gave a talk on the care of older people.

**Brown's:** "The historical research programme brought back the wonderful food served years ago and the lovely old costumes."

**Princess Elizabeth** in North Oxford had a "Talent Night" when not only Institute members but others in the community took part. The programme consisted of readings, solos, duets, various musical numbers, a square dance and short skits.

**Tavistock** especially recommends the film, "Kitimat." At their December meeting they had a film strip "Peace on Earth." **Salford** recommends a visit to the Pincroft Pottery at Aylmer. **Verschoye** enjoyed a skit on an old-fashioned Institute meeting.

**Jean Brumpton** branch reports that one of their outstanding programmes was a film on Fish and a demonstration on Cooking Fish. (This may have been provided by the Federal Department of Fisheries. Ed.)

For **Mono Road's** International Day, members of the Institute and other women from other countries were asked to make and bring a favorite dish of their home land. The recipes were given and the food was sold by auction at the close of the meeting. Breads made from recipes from many countries were served for lunch.

**Terra Cotta** says: "Make use of the study kit 'Canadian Art and Artists' from the Loan Library, Home Economics Service."

**Castlemore** had an especially interesting programme on Books. There was a panel discussion on Books for young children, books for teenagers and for adults, and poetry. A librarian gave a paper on "Good Books." The motto was "Wisdom and Companionship I have found in Books," and there was an exhibit of new books ready to be put in the library.

**Erindale** would pass on their idea for a Historical Research programme. Three members spoke on these topics: "My early days in Erindale School", "Early days in Erindale Women's Institute" and "Historical facts about this part of the township."

**Malton's** exhibit at Brampton fair was planned in keeping with its fiftieth anniversary year. It was an exhibit of articles fifty or more years old.

**Streetsville** especially appreciated a talk by Mrs. Gordon Graydon on the Juvenile Court and Home Life—"very educational in explaining how to deal with teenagers."

**Britton** says: "Let the 4-H Homemaking girls take over a meeting. It gives them a chance to show what they have learned and gives members an opportunity to see just what our training schools and club work can do—and what our leaders do—as well as teaching us something new that perhaps we did not know."