

I can make toward world peace", and talks on "Russian Education", "Why I Became a Canadian Citizen" and "A Farmer's Views on Education."

Community Activities

Women's Institutes seem to be accomplishing a lot for their communities by using their influence to have the proper authorities do something that needs to be done for the community good. Some time ago **North Horton** presented a resolution at the **South Renfrew** district annual asking the County Council to take steps to have a Home for the Aged built in Renfrew county. The Home is now almost completed and the Institutes are raising funds, by catering and other means, "to buy extras to add to the comfort of the inmates." The Institutes of **South Renfrew** have already provided funds to buy an organ for the chapel of the new Home. Every one of the nineteen branches contributed.

Institutes in the area around **Keewatin** have been largely instrumental in getting rural mail delivery for the district, supporting representations to their Member of Parliament over the past several years.

Amherst Island is working on the project of getting a doctor from the mainland to hold office hours on the island one day each week.

Williscroft petitioned the township council to provide a garbage disposal area. The council has already taken steps to procure a location for this.

One of **North Horton's** annual community events is a November Social Evening when neighboring Institutes are invited and each contributes a few numbers to the programme.

In **Clearview** Institute's township when the Reeve announced that the council would try to provide fire protection if enough rate payers asked for it, the Institute took the initiative in starting a move to have the request made.

Every winter the inhabitants of Wolfe Island face the risk and hardship of being cut off from the mainland with no means of crossing over except by using the ice for a bridge with all the danger involved. Many lives have been lost in these crossings. As part of a campaign to have something done to provide safer travel, the **Wolfe Island** Institute has been having letters published in the Kingston paper in an effort to stir up the public interest.

A press report says: "When the members of **Golden Lake** Institute saw that the shore of their lake was being bought up and rented by outsiders and that soon parents and children would have no place to enjoy picnics, swimming, corn and wiener roasts, the women approached the Council and the outcome was that the Council paid rent for the land and the Institute built a bathing house at the cost of \$140."

Zion Line reports as its most important project last year, sponsoring and finding leaders for three 4-H Homemaking Clubs for girls.

Brunner sponsored a variety concert to raise funds for the Stratford school for retarded children, enlisting the co-operation of five neighboring Institutes all interested in the school. The programme, provided by the different Institutes with men and young people as well as women taking part, included vocal solos, duets, trios, quartettes and choruses, a novelty musical act by "farmerettes", piano and violin selections, a group of girls in songs and dances and a junior farmer playing the bagpipes. **Brunner** contributed a fashion parade.

Jarvis sponsored a travelling library this winter. We presume this was from their county library as there were several shipments of books. The titles were published in the local paper when each shipment arrived.

Lucknow improved the kitchen of their recreation centre by installing a series of electric cooking units, a two-plate coffee maker and a warming cupboard. They announced that this equipment is for the use of all who use the kitchen "with no strings attached". The Institute asks only that those who use it treat it as they would if it were in their own home.

Lion's Head sponsored a weekly "skating class" last winter. This Institute presents books to the school children who have "made the greatest improvement" during the year.

Hilton Beach, on St. Joseph Island, recognized Young Canada's Book Week in November by giving a donation of ten juvenile books for the Public Library. This Institute gives donations to the Library as memorials of members who have died.

Reaboro presented three swings for the school playground in a ceremony in which the president cut the ribbons on the swings and declared the equipment officially opened.

Fordwich held a very successful Quilt Fair "charging an admission fee to raise Institute funds." One hundred and fifteen quilts were shown, several over one hundred years old, others very modern. Other exhibits were old bedspreads, rugs, antique shawls and "lunch cloths," and old coal oil lamps. The tables were "sectioned off" by spinning wheels and potted chrysanthemums.

Members of **Sour Springs** for their January day took a "pot luck" lunch with them and went to the home of a disabled mother, did some mending and other work and finished making a quilt for her. In the evening they had their regular meeting at another home. At this meeting it was reported that at Christmas time they had sent baskets of groceries, fruit and other gifts to more than one hundred sick or aged persons and children on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. The Institute had also had a Christmas tree at the Parish Hall on the Reserve giving oranges, candy and toys to all the children attending.

For the past five years **Skead Road** has provided hot cocoa for the school children's noon lunch, the members taking turns in making the cocoa. This Institute awards a