

a hall," said Mrs. Geo. Jenkins. "Holding the meeting in a home kitchen creates the right atmosphere; all utensils are at hand and after the lesson all can enjoy a taste of what has been made, along with a cup of tea."

Mrs. Ford Sudden and Mrs. Martin found it a good plan to have the members prepare a meal working in small groups. Each group was given a tray with the ingredients for one part of the meal and instructions about what to do. This meal was served at noon. "And," the report says "in the afternoon everyone was loosened up and they didn't hesitate to speak up or answer questions." Other meetings were equally successful. The leaders feel that for women to work together in this way creates enthusiasm.

Mrs. Philip Grandine explaining that the members of her branch are involved in a great many organizations, recommends keeping the classes "short and snappy."

The Institute members led by Mrs. R. M. Ross voted to take their instruction in one full-day session. "So" the leader says, "we prepared our vegetables at home and kept things going quickly so that we managed to cook and serve dishes from the various recipes and to have splendid group exercises and discussions." Forty-five women attended.

Mrs. Allen Ryan suggests that the local leader and the County Home Economist might work out a way of inviting women to the classes held with the local leader.

Mrs. R. Davis and the assistant leader worked together in advance of the meetings to plan just how they would present the work. This seemed to be a great help in presenting the "course" which closed with quite an elaborate buffet meal of sandwich loaf, salad platter and Baked Alaska for dessert.

### Sew To Save

Every leader wrote about the use the women were making of the bias binding and the cording they learned to make in the Sew to Save project. They like making their own, because they find it more economical, more durable and they can have it in whatever colour they wish. Several said that what they learned through this project got them started at sewing in general. Mrs. Alton Johnston said that she herself "had now become acquainted with her sewing machine" and that like other members of her group who had not done much sewing, she "could now sew for her family."

Mrs. Charles Glassford reports that mothers of high school girls have made a great many of the collars taught in the class; and that articles are being made for a Women's Institute exhibit at the Ridgetown fair, "Twenty articles suitable for a bridal shower." The women are following the methods they learned of using a tracing wheel and placing patterns.

Kate McEachern says "Our members have made aprons, dresses and pyjamas with frogs and Chinese buttons, using either bias bind-

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### TRAGEDY

By Jill Spargur

I always wanted a red balloon,  
It only cost a dime,  
But Ma said it was risky,  
They broke so quickly,  
And besides, she didn't have time;  
And even if she did, she didn't  
Think they were worth a dime.  
We lived on a farm, and I only went  
To one circus and fair,  
And all the balloons I ever saw  
Were there.  
There were yellow ones and blue ones,  
But the kind I liked the best  
Were red, and I don't see why  
She couldn't have stopped and said  
That maybe I could have one—  
But she didn't—I suppose that now  
You can buy them anywheres,  
And that they still sell red ones  
At circuses and fairs.  
I got a little money saved;  
I got a lot of time,  
I got no one to tell me how to spend my dime;  
Plenty of balloons—but somehow  
There's something died inside of me,  
And I don't want one—now.

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ing, corded piping or covered cord for an effective trimming."

Mrs. H. McFarlane and Mrs. Burkholder report that their Institute obtained remnants of material from the Eaton and Simpson stores and the "Sew to Save" group made them into articles of clothing which will be exhibited at the fall fair and later donated to charity.

Mrs. Bryce, in another part of the province, also got remnants which members of her group made into aprons, children's clothes and other small articles. They also made up six-yard bundles of bias tape. Then they held a tea and a sale of their work and cleared around \$35.

Mrs. Berton Campbell says "Two of our ladies who had never made dresses before are wearing cotton dresses this summer that they made themselves and trimmed with homemade bias. Most of our members were experienced sewers in some degree, but we had learned the hard way and we found there were plenty of things we could still learn, such as starting at the bottom to sew up the side seams of a skirt to prevent sagging."

Mrs. T. E. Butler feels that one of the lasting benefits of the project is what is taught about choosing trimming to harmonize with the other material in both quality and colour.

The economy angle was mentioned several times. Mrs. L. J. Stringer tells of one woman saying "Now I can have all the bias binding I want without being left with part of a card, and at much less cost." Another doubted that eight yards of binding could be made