

A view of the Pioneer Home which the Institutes of North Lanark District set up at the North Lanark Centenary Fair. The ladies are, from left to right: Mrs. Ken Duncan, Mrs. James Leys, Mrs. James Brown and Mrs. James Haggerty about to cut the ribbon.



tute has made quilts at one time or another all through the years. The first one on record had its blocks "worked" by the different members to give to one of their number when she was leaving the community to live in the West. Several quilts were made for parting gifts; still more for families who had been "burned out." One of the Institute's moves to benefit the community was the purchase of curtain stretchers to be loaned as they were needed.

At Lanark's fiftieth anniversary party it was reported that on one occasion the Institute was asked for a donation of \$300 to assist in getting an extra teacher for the school.

In a programme featuring historical research at Verschoyle, a skit "Sense and Nonsense" had a woman dressed in ancient and one in modern clothes discussing the old and the new look in reading material, in a jar of canned fruit compared with commercially canned fruit, a buttoned shoe and a modern sandal, an old bonnet and a new style hat.

#### District Display at a Fair

"When the Rainy River Valley Agricultural Fair Board issued its 1958 prize list, the Centre Rainy River District Women's Institutes added a special page of classes for exhibits sponsored by Women's Institute branches," reports Mrs. Lloyd Jewell, Public Relations convener for the district.

"There were thirteen sections," Mrs. Jewell writes, "and the page was headed with the Women's Institute crest. Each branch donating prize money was given the opportunity of choosing its class of exhibits and we tried to have a wide variety. Some of the exhibits were novelty cakes, iced; a variety of unbaked cookies; homemade corsages; articles made from foam rubber; aprons; hats made as a result of a millinery course; oil painting by juniors; woodwork by juniors; wedding gift for a bedroom. The display was very good and we believe that it will be much larger next year."

#### Another District's Fair Exhibit

For the past two years, the Institutes of Frontenac District have placed an exhibit at the King-

ston Industrial Exhibition with the purpose of putting before the public the work and interests of the Women's Institutes. This year, Mrs. Wilfrid Cooper, District Public Relations Representative, explains, the conveners of the five standing committees were each responsible for the display for a day. Three or four members from each branch assisted for one day.

The Historical Research and Current Events exhibit consisted of a display of Tweedsmuir History Books and of old time clothing and antiques such as a spinning wheel, butter bowls and flat irons.

The Home Economics and Health convener had a display of hand work and oil paintings, a collection of decorated jars of homemade jams to be donated to the Orphans' Home in Kingston and samples of improvised sick room equipment made in the Institute's Extension Service project, "Hints for the Home Nurse."

The high light of the display on Agriculture and Canadian Industries was a hive of live bees—we take it the hive was enclosed in glass or some other transparent covering; a miniature model of an up-to-date barn with live stock in the yard; and samples of Canadian manufactured goods.

In the Citizenship and Education booth there were flags and other emblems of many nations, an old "county atlas," Eskimo carvings and booklets on "How to be a Good Citizen."

The Resolutions convener arranged an exhibit dealing with one resolution passed by the Women's Institutes—a resolution dealing with the poor quality of thread and stitching and pocket material in men's work pants. The resolution was printed in bold readable type with the pants attached to show the faults referred to.

Also on exhibit were samples of work done in 4-H Homemaking Clubs and bulletins issued by Home Economics Service, with an order sheet for visitors to leave requests for any bulletin they wanted. Where last year there was a rest centre, this year the space was used as a tea room, and tea and cookies provided by the branch Institutes were served.