

Here and There With the Institutes

More Notes From "Reports of Meetings"

Editor's Note: In our Summer issue we had the first instalment of notes taken from Secretaries' "Reports of Meetings" questionnaire. We have here the remaining notes from this year's reports.

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Suggestions for Programmes

Rosehill would recommend to other branches their "Husbands' Meeting." The husbands answered the roll call: "Why I like my wife to belong to the Women's Institute," and they had a guest speaker on a subject of interest to both men and women.

Sandhill had a display of antique glassware; **Snelgrove** a display of hobby crafts which included paintings, knitting, rugs, quilts, aluminum and copper etching, needlepoint and embroidery; **Beachburg**, a display of corsages made from nylons.

Donegal places first on its list of good programme features a talk on schools for retarded children. **North Perth Maple Leaf** says "Have your traffic officer speak and show films on safety on the road." **Cobden** appreciated a talk by the School Inspector on "Trends to More Efficient Education."

Forester's Falls: "We not only enjoy a session of discussion on our 'beefs,' but we feel better for sharing them with others and sometimes we go on to do something about them."

Point Alexander studied especially the relationships among teachers, pupils and parents.

Avonton gives these suggestions from their programme: "The Smile for the Month" (we presume that would be an amusing story) proved popular; also a debate: "Are we less educated than people were sixty years ago?" and a panel discussion "Years teach us more than books." Perhaps some other notes from their list of month's programmes would be of interest: Roll calls: "A duty of a good citizen," "A cure for the blues," "My favorite childhood story book," "What annoys me most at public meetings." Mottoes and Topics: "Build health by thought, word and deed," "Qualities of a good homemaker."

Cassburn: A panel discussion on education by a teacher, an ex-teacher and a parent.

Lochwinnoch finds that a three-minute discussion of a given subject brings everyone into the programme.

As special subjects of study **Navan** had the Evaluation of Radio and Television Survey, Illustrated lectures on various parts of Canada, the States and Europe. They subscribed to UNESCO Courier and the Canadian Association of Consumers bulletin.

Saurin recommends having more of the programmes put on entirely by members rather than by outside speakers. They did this and the members "did a grand job."

Wyebriidge's best meeting was a visit to the County Home for the Aged, "with gifts, lunch and

entertainment—a rewarding project for any Institute," they say.

Argyle makes this recommendation: "If there are any blind people in the community be sure to ask them to show your members what they can do and how they use the Braille way of reading. Pictures are available from the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

Hawkestone advises: "Have an insurance man speak at a meeting and answer questions. At our meeting points were brought up that we had never thought of."

Alliston had a very worthwhile talk on diabetes, how insulin works and how the patient can live a normal life. Neighboring Institutes were invited to hear this address.

Churchill is very pleased with its "Friendship Meeting." The Motto was: "No one is rich enough to be without a neighbour." The roll call, "Introduce your guests." A branch director gave a prize to the member who brought the most guests. Six new members joined. This Institute made a study of reports from the Canadian Conference on Education held in Ottawa in February.

Ivy recommends the showing of the film "Safety in the Home and On the Farm."

Zion Jubilee: A talk by a high school teacher on Science and the Geo-physical Year.

Ingleside: A discussion of "Suggestions for our new town," (This must be in the St. Lawrence seaway development) such as a library, skating rink, playground for children. As a result \$25 was donated towards a rink.

McIntyre: Demonstrations in making table decorations from garden vegetables, flowers from foam rubber.

South Gillies, as a result of papers on education at meetings, got two of the members elected to the school board.

East Fort William especially enjoyed a demonstration of hand puppetry by two school boys.

Grass Hill mentions a talk by the County Librarian and a "hat auction." (The hats must have been made for the occasion. The report says "the auction proved to be hilarious.")

Manilla had a programme with a film on Reforestation and Fire Prevention by a representative from the Department of Lands and Forests and the school children and teachers attended. They also had a demonstration of book binding by the County Librarian.

Wexford concentrated on a study of the Commonwealth countries, Ceylon and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Helena Feasby: "Our president chose as a project the study of Homer Watson. (This locality is near Homer Watson's birthplace.) At each meeting she showed some of his paintings and gave a short talk about him. Our resolutions convener at each meeting gave some comment from the Hand Book."