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"Be rather wise than witty, for much wit hath commonly much froth, and it is hard to jest and not sometimes jeer too, which many times sinks deeper than was intended or expected, and what was designed for mirth ends in sadness."—Trenchard.

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Adelaide Hoodless secured the names of the elderly folk in the County Home and each member provided two presents, Christmas wrapped and personally addressed to one of the residents of the Home. The report says: "No one was forgotten and the personal touch was greatly appreciated."

Binbrook sent jam to the San and at Christmas time members visited and took gifts to patients in need of friends.

Community Beach helped a new Cub and Brownie pack.

Saltfleet makes a great many quilts in both large and small sizes. This year they gave 18 quilts to the Children's Aid and 22 to the Red Cross.

Stoney Creek had a shower of toys for the Children's Aid. Some of the members drove patients to and from the cancer clinic. And this year the Institute completed a \$2000 bursary to assist a girl in a Home Economics course at Macdonald Institute.

King gave prizes for a poster competition for Young Canada Book Week. **Nobleton** hired a bus to take children with their parents for polio shots, and helped pay for a bus to take children to swimming classes. **Glen Elm** in a new community is raising money to put playground equipment in the new park.

Victoria Square sponsors a safety campaign in three local schools.

At **Newmarket's** family night, the girls of the Junior Farmers' Association presented the programme.

Elder's Mills held a shower of paper, pencils and educational toys for the nearby school for retarded children.

As the result of a talk on Succession Duties and Wills at **Richview** several Wills were made and a resolution was passed to be sent on through district and area to the F.W.I.O. Board, asking the Government to allow exemption from succession duties on all estates not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

McGillivray entertained the mothers and children of the community at a picnic and a Christmas party and entertained Council members, reeve, warden and other municipal officials and their wives at a turkey dinner on family night.

Mt. Brydges "succeeded in persuading the township council that the library should be kept going."

Ufford bought material and made stage curtains "for our little country school."

Windermere gave a "senior citizens' supper" at Christmas time for the older members of the community and neighboring communities.

Bala, raising funds through catering mostly, contributed \$600 to the Community Hall Building Fund.

Phelps sponsored "Teens and Twenties Nights" with dances and games for the young people of the district; also sponsored a Girl Guide company.

Marburg was very pleased with their mother and daughter banquet.

Port Ryerse helped with transportation for the pupils of the School for Retarded Children.

Cold Springs sponsored a bus trip to the Ice Capades and made it open to anyone in the community.

At **Claremont** when a local boy went to the Scout Jamboree the Institute gave him a supply of colour films for his camera and when he came back he showed slides at an Institute meeting.

Myrtle supplied fuel to a widow with four children.

Braemar contributed to the North Oxford's donation to the Stratford Festival and a party of members and their families attended the Festival. Most of the Institutes of North Oxford sponsored a litter bug poster competition for school children. **Browns** gave a silver dollar to each child submitting a poster.

Culloden made a layette for a local family. **Sunridge** helped to outfit newborn twins.

Salford gave Canadian Nature Magazine to six public schools in the district. The Institute takes care of a small park in the village and at Christmas time decorates a tree in the park as a Christmas tree.

Golden Gate is trying to get a doctor to locate in Callander as their nearest doctor is eleven miles away and too busy to be reached when he is needed.

Golden Valley tries to help their teachers and children by supplying extras for the schools, such as a radio for each class room and indoor games for the junior rooms.

Emsdale Scotia gives fine support to the Girl Guides Association. Last year they served lunches to 1055 girls from all over the world attending camp in the district.

Orville in Parry Sound reports: "We make regular visits to our elderly citizens who live alone to see that they get necessary medical treatment." This branch also arranged several social evenings with games for the young people. They collected used woollens from people in the community for a group shipment to be made into blankets.

South Christie "contributed \$25 to help defray the expenses when a child in the community died of burns; and they 'had the name of an old pioneer engraved on tombstone'."

South River canvassed and donated to a charity drive to send a local citizen to a hospital some distance away for special treatment.

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"The sunshine of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To give up something when giving up will prevent unhappiness; to yield when persisting will chafe and fret others; to go a little around rather than come up against another; to take an ill look or a cross word quietly, rather than resent or return it,—these are the ways in which clouds and storms are kept off, and a pleasant and steady sunshine secured."—Aikin.

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