

Members of Honeydale Institute's class in Rugmaking.



# Here and There With the Institutes

## *Notes From Reports of Meetings*

### Programme Features Recommended

**Algoma North Shore** district was the first to send in its "Reports of Meetings" from the branches. Of these **Bar River** recommended to other branches especially their demonstration of artificial respiration by members of the St. John Ambulance Corps which resulted in the Institute taking a first aid course, ten Institute members and ten non-members participating. **Gordon Lake** mentioned the interest they found in gathering material for their Tweedsmuir history, and in sponsoring two 4-H Homemaking Clubs. **Portlock Royal** recommends discussion in meetings. The secretary reports: "In our discussions under various leaders we discussed such topics as The Hand Book, Radio and Television Evaluation, Ways to Shorten our Business Session and others. Questions were passed out to the members and a few minutes allowed for thought. Someone was always prepared to answer the questions. This broke the ice and a brisk discussion usually followed."

**Long Point** in South Norfolk mentioned a film on United Nations with a talk by a seventeen-year-old high school student who had a trip to UN. **Victoria** had demonstrations in ceramics, flowers made from plastic foam, making chiffon cakes, icing and decorating cakes. **Victoria Crescent** mentioned demonstrations in the use of foam rubber, making slippers, cushions, aprons, flowers, table centres, earrings, gift wrapping. At the **Mary Wallace** Institute a feature of the December meeting was a demonstration on making Christmas decorations at little or no expense from twigs, cones and branches gathered in the woods. **Wallace Goodwill** enjoyed a film showing the making of pottery and, at the same meeting, a display of antique china made up of pieces brought to the meeting in response to the roll call. **Peace** likes to have demonstrations in hobbies such as copper tooling and to follow this by asking members who have taken up the hobby as a result of the demonstration to show their work at a meeting, **Millbank**

finds a study of the people who settled in the locality a most interesting programme feature. **North Perth Maple Leaf** had a debate "Resolved that modern woman is of more help to her husband than was her grandmother." (Would this be a good subject for a debate at a family night, letting both men and women take part? Ed.)

**Nephton** arranged a tour of the local mine "to acquaint the women with the work of their husbands." **Warsaw** had a talk explaining the new demerit system for car drivers.

**Bradford** recommends cookery demonstrations by new Canadians. **Gilford** had an interesting display of old books and stories about them by their owners; **Denbigh** a talk on fire prevention in rural schools. They installed a fire gong in the school. **Mount Pleasant** in East Durham mentioned particularly a demonstration on making cushions and inserting zippers and piping.

**Bethany** especially liked their speaker from the school for retarded children and they say "the craft work done by these children amazed us." **Nestleton** also mentioned this feature; they asked the Government to give a grant to the new school for retarded children being built at Ottawa.

**Morrish** had a veterinarian show a film and speak on rabies, and they invited the school children and the teacher to the meeting.

**Maple Grove** had an interesting meeting when several of the members gave short histories of the early settlers of the district and a teacher spoke of his work teaching the English language to new Canadians.

**Falkland** had a "home talent" program, each member making a contribution of two minutes or more. The report says: "We found talent we had not known of before and the meeting created a feeling of ease and belonging which we seemed to have lacked previously."

**Newport** has each member give "A thought for the day." They like it better than a motto and it has the advantage that everyone takes part. **Boxall**