

Victoria District (Hastings County) for 1842-49. Council Minutes of some municipalities are on record from very early times up to the present. Perhaps some conveners of historical research might find valuable information for their Tweedsmuir histories at the Archives.

The Newsletter also carries this announcement:

The Art Institute of Ontario has compiled a group of circulating exhibitions for use in schools, colleges, libraries, clubs, study groups, and community organizations. Some with historical subjects, consist of panels of photographs or reproductions and accompanying text. They are described in a twelve-page catalogue. Financed by a grant from the Canada Council, they are to be had for a two-week period without cost to you except for that of shipping.

Those who feel that such material could be useful should contact Mr. Paul Bennett, Field Director, The Art Institute of Ontario, Box 16, 11 Roosevelt Drive, S.S. 1, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

**Haysville** presented scholarships of \$15 and \$10 to high ranking students at the Waterloo-Oxford High School to assist with the expense of continuing their high school studies.

**Honeydale** has nine members who have met on Friday afternoons for the past four years making dressings for the Cancer Society; and they report that the women of the community have been "most generous in supplying them with used white cotton." A point that might be of interest to other Institutes making cancer dressings is that the Honeydale group take the scraps of material too small to make dressings, sew them together and sell them to garages to be used for washing cars. The proceeds go to defray Institute expenses.

When the history of **Desboro** Institute was reviewed at an anniversary, one item of interest concerned a bale of clothing and household goods sent to victims of the Northern Ontario fire in 1921. The bale weighed 2400 pounds and was valued at \$1000. Another note indicates the increased cost of living in the last forty years. It read: "Mrs. W. A. McGregor and Mrs. C. R. Milburn were our first delegates sent to the Institute convention in Toronto. They were given \$5.00 each to cover their expenses."

**Golden Lake** is especially pleased with the programme at their meeting on Health. The camping secretary of Ottawa Y.M.C.A. spoke on welfare, also stressed the importance of members of an organization working together. "They may think differently," he said, "that is their privilege, but they should agree to disagree." A medical doctor spoke on "The Heart" and answered questions from the audience. A film on blood donations was shown. The roll call was "If I were a shut-in, how I would like to be remembered."

**East Simcoe District** held a school of instruction to help the branch Secretary-Treasurers to make out their annual reports correctly, and to discuss any difficulties in their work. The District Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. V. O'Brien reports: "Using the Hand Book they covered all

phases of information for a Secretary-Treasurer, with some valuable help from our provincial Secretary-Treasurer. As Secretary-Treasurer for the District I was very pleased with the response and hope it can be an annual event."

Among the highlights on **Snelgrove's** programme last year which might offer suggestions to other branches were addresses by the Public School Inspector on "Centralized Schools," by the Reeve on "The Award System," and a First Aid demonstration by a member of the St. John Ambulance Corps. In addition to substantial donations to the county hospital and the Red Cross, this branch gave \$100 to a woman whose husband had been hurt in an accident.

## *An Invitation*

Miss Ruth M. Home of the Historical Museum at Jordan, sends this message to the Women's Institutes of Ontario:

"The Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty opens for the season of 1960, on May 7 and the Directors and members would like to issue a cordial invitation to the members of the Women's Institute to visit our Museum.

"To those who have never been, we should like to say that we know you will enjoy a visit; to our old friends, that we are planning to open the house of Samuel Fry the Weaver. It is a two-storey log cabin, dating to 1814. There are picnic tables, and facilities for making tea.

"Arrangements may be made by writing the Custodian, Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty, Jordan, Ontario; or by telephoning Vineland.

"The Museum is reached by the Queen Elizabeth Way, or Highway No. 8. It is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, but special arrangements can be made. There is no charge for admission.

"Do come. We are proud of our Museum and would like to show it to you."

## *Fifty Years Old and Over*

Since the last issue of Home and Country was published, we have heard that the following Women's Institutes have celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries:

Quaker Road in Welland West.

Crowland in Welland East.

River Valley in Hastings West.

Blyth in Huron West.

Martintown in Glengarry.

The Institutes named below have celebrated anniversaries of more than fifty years:

Stroud in Simcoe South, fifty-one years.

Woodbridge in York West, fifty-five years.

Kincairdine in Bruce South, fifty-six years.

Moorefield in Wellington North, fifty-six years.

South Waterloo, fifty-seven years.

Aylmer in Elgin East, fifty-eight years.

Thornhill in York East, fifty-eight years.

West Hastings District, fifty-nine years.

East York District, sixty years.

East Victoria, sixty years.

Union in Lincoln, sixty years.

Stoney Creek in Wentworth South, sixty-three years.