

# Here and There With the Institutes

## Final Notes from "Reports of Meetings," 1959

### Suggestions for Conventions

**Lanark** wants more time for questions and answers and a discussion of Institute business, and feels that some reports might be shortened. **Emsdale-Scotia** asks for more time for questions; not so many long speeches. **Caledon** suggests more group discussion. **Sand Hill** says "Have discussion groups but give the leaders less time for their findings." **Micksburg** recommends panel discussions and more singing. **Cameron**, round table conference groups.

**Barnhart** suggests "having the election of officers and the resolutions the first day, not after most of the voting delegates have left to catch the bus."

**Bonnechere Valley** thinks there should be more time for resolutions and better resolutions.

**North Russell** would like to have a speaker from Humane Society on the humane treatment of animals so that the Women's Institutes could extend the Humane Society's work in rural areas.

**Chelmsford**: "Something to help us solve problems with our high school students." **Savard**: "Help on getting the business of the meeting finished more quickly." **Star of the North**: A handicraft exhibit to arouse interest in taking courses in handicrafts. **McGregor**—A speaker on child psychology. **Mimosa**—A display of articles from the Local Leader projects. **Schomberg**—"Something to promote more interest in the preservation of our own Canadiana in the homes and a better knowledge of its history."

### Comments and Recommendations

**Balmoral**: "It is the great wish of this branch to study crafts or homemaking of some type. But because there are so many children in this Institute of young mothers we find it difficult to find time to take a course. We are hoping this year to study through the Women's Institute Library. (We take it that means using Loan Library Study Kits—Ed.) as



Honeydale Institute was preparing to celebrate an anniversary at the time of a community parade so, for their float, they decorated the top of a car with a huge birthday cake.

we have a quite a few members who could lead study groups."

**Froomfield** recommends more use of home talent and the Extension Service Study Kits.

**Beechwood** now has the programme before the business at their meetings and they find that this assures them of more interesting meetings.

**Lynnville**: "Get as many members as possible to participate in programmes. It is not always necessary to have outside speakers. Ask members to participate—even capable members will sometimes not volunteer. Try to send different people as delegates to conventions and conferences as much as possible."



A "Salt Demonstration" or exhibit set up by East Fort William Institute at the Lake Head Fall Fair. (Sorry we haven't an explanation of the exhibit telling what the articles represent or why they are there.—Ed.)

**White School**—"The social part of our programme is enjoyed by everyone. In most cases this is the only time we have close contact with our scattered neighbors."

**Sunderland** — "Talks with demonstrations make meetings interesting. Too much business keeps members away. Too much literature to read spoils any meeting. Trying to make too much money keeps members away and stops those who might join. We should not try to give to too many organizations, working too hard to get more to give away."

**Princess Elizabeth**—"We are trying to have more singing and other music at our meetings by appointing a committee to arrange for this. We have our summer meetings in the evening and our winter meetings in the afternoons and this has been very satisfactory."

**Burgessville**: "When we have a guest speaker we dispense with most of the business until after the programme so the speaker may leave if he wishes. If films are to be shown we try to have the meeting in a place large enough so that we can invite the general public."

**Gravelridge**: "Our main and almost only project to raise money is our annual Open Air Dance and