

Grand River Institute's float in the Cayuga Centennial Parade. Divided into two parts by ferns and flowers, the "old" part had women in century old dress with quaint baby go-cart and a "winder"; the "new" part shows modern dress, baby carriage and a TV set.



frolic held in July. (We suggest that sponsoring one big fund-raising project like this, where it is possible, is a lot easier for the members than a lot of catering for banquets, working for bazaars, and such things. Ed.)

Hampstead: "We found that dividing our Institute under the different conveners and each group providing a programme, has brought forth talent and given everyone a place on the programme."

Alice: "All members should have hand books and should study them." This branch also recommends more family nights and inviting more Institutes to social events.

Braeside recommends entertaining neighboring Institutes both to create a spirit of fellowship and to learn more about Institute work.

Craighurst says: "This year we are going to divide our probable budget into divisions for worthwhile charities, school, community, etc. We hope to be able to squeeze out a bus trip for the Institute. Other years so many worthy causes asked for donations that our own community efforts were perhaps slighted a bit. We're afraid our branch and perhaps others have been turned into service clubs bent on raising money for worthy causes."

Edenvale: "We need to follow the Hand Book more closely. Sometimes our business period gets very much out of order. When the new Hand Book come out could we not have a province-wide brush up?"

Avonmore suggests that every Women's Institute have a large Institute crest made and placed at the entrance to the town or village. (We believe several branches have done this in towns where various service clubs or other organizations have their names on a welcoming sign at the outskirts of the town. Ed.)

Cornwall Centre says: "For two years we have catered to a 4-H Club banquet in the fall and we earn enough in this one large venture to keep us in funds for the whole year; so the members are not called on for donations too often."

Glen's comment might find an echo in a number of branches: "We are a small group, twenty-three, with several young mothers. We enjoy our fellowship together and aim toward the improvement of our own minds, our homes, farms, community and

country." (We think a group of young homemakers couldn't do much better than this. Ed.)

Woodville: "We catered more to ourselves this year with the result that the members seem more closely knit in a group. This is a good thing as we seemed to be losing our group identity."

Blommingdale says "We mail the Home and Country magazine to each member, as often someone is missing from a meeting and the secretary either has to deliver the paper in person or keep taking it to the meetings. We don't want anyone to miss the good material in this magazine."

Maple Grove: "This year we tried to become more independent by having fewer outside speakers. Members gathered information and delivered it surprisingly well, often becoming interested in new fields. In popularity these meetings were at the top."

Mill Creek has this suggestion regarding Roll Calls: "In 1957-58 we started trying to improve this part of our programmes. This year the printed programme read 'Roll Call—Sharing our Thoughts and Experiences. Conveners will arrange to keep this part of the meeting lively and related to the general subject of the month.' The conveners planned the question to be answered and the roll call was taken near the end of the meeting. The period was often marked by wit and humour and much enjoyed."

In addition to the regular standing committees, **Mill Creek** has one on Music and Art. They have a band or orchestra which was so popular with the residents of the Eventide Home that its services have been requested for other meetings—not all at the Home.

Osprings: "The community in general has shown a keen interest in our socials. New Canadians enjoy coming to our meetings and socials and help in various ways. An interest is being created among non-members."

Victoria Square: "This is a growing community. Many people from the city are taking up residence here and we find the newcomers are interested in our organization." (Perhaps we are overlooking the possibility of finding new Institute members in the urban housing developments bordering on many rural communities. Ed.)

South Lobo, partly for the enjoyment of the members, partly to attract new members, added a chicken barbecue to the agenda of their May meeting.