

have the Festival, acted as chairman, in the absence of the Mayor and the Institute Secretary, Miss Edna M. Powell, thanked all those who had contributed to the programme or helped in other ways.

The secretary says: "We are proud of our first annual Christmas Carol Festival, as the true spirit of Christmas was present that night; and plans are already underway for this year's programme with the theme "Christmas Around the World" in which we will have as many as possible of our New Canadians appearing in costume and speaking and singing in their native tongue."

Bruce Institutes Tape Bicycles

By Mrs. W. Riley and Mrs. L. Pilgrim

FOR TWO years an accident survey was carried out for the first time in Ontario in the County of Bruce. From the astounding figures of loss of life, physical injury and property damage revealed in this survey, it was considered necessary to carry out surveys for all counties in the Province of Ontario. This was completed in February of 1960. Following this, safety councils and educational programmes were set up at provincial and county levels.

The organization meeting of Bruce County Safety Council was held on March 24. Representatives were asked to attend from the four Districts of Bruce County Women's Institutes. At the spring meeting of the executive of Women's Institutes of Bruce, representatives from Centre, East, North and South districts were appointed to the Bruce County Safety Council.

At the first meeting of this Council suggestions were made as to how safety could be incorporated in the Women's Institute programmes. The project decided on was taping public school children's bicycles with reflector tape on the left front fork and rear fender, in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act, also giving each one a copy of the Highway Traffic Act as applied to



Officers of Walkerton Institute and Young Women's Evening Institute with the Assistant County Agricultural Representative and a small cyclist, are shown with some of the school children's taped bicycles in the background.

bicycles. This was approved at each of the four District Annuals, the work and expenses to be borne by the Women's Institutes. Each branch Institute was responsible for the schools in its locality. Some of these branches taped more bicycles than others because they were in a large area with few Institutes or they had large town schools to do. One branch did the bicycles on the Saugeen Indian Reserve.

At the close of the school term approximately 3225 bicycles had been taped by Institute members with the co-operation of the school teachers throughout the county, at a cost of approximately twenty cents per bicycle. This project was appreciated by teachers, parents and pupils, as this letter from a public school child indicates:

"On behalf of the pupils of Bervie School I wish to thank you most sincerely for providing reflector tape for our bicycles. Your interest for our safety makes us want to live up to the helpful instructions you have given us. During the year and especially in the holidays we will try to be conscious of our safety and the safety of others. Yours sincerely, Lynda Cerson."

Good Neighbours to Refugees

By Ursula McLennan

THE limited budget of the Women's Institute does not determine their efforts. When an occasion arises where help is needed they are always ready, individually and collectively, to be of service in the community.

On a muddy, rainy evening last April, when roads were too forbidding for most people and Refugee Year was in its tenth month, three Women's Institutes sent representatives to a public meeting, whose objective was to sponsor a Refugee Family. At this initial meeting a motion was passed that King and District sponsor a Refugee Family, and the speaker advised all that this was a big responsibility. The requirements were as follows: to secure a home for the family, a job for the man and, as security, to have a minimum of \$500.00; the committee also to be responsible for the family for a year medically, financially, socially and for their clothing.

This did not frighten the Women's Institutes. They were one of the first to volunteer support. With this encouragement we subsequently had offers for dental and medical services, and the financial and all other requirements were promised at this meeting. In one week's time a further meeting was arranged and the committees began to fulfil their commitments. Mrs. Flo Berry was appointed co-ordinator and under her direction and tireless efforts a home and job were secured. The King Women's Institute had a kitchen shower and their members assisted with the painting of the house and the laborious task of cleaning a house that had not been occupied for more than two years. The Kettleby Institute sent \$25.00 to be used for clothing for the family. Laskay Institute sent beautiful hand-stitched linen for which they are traditionally renowned.

On June 12th the family of four arrived at