

as well as members. These contributed not only information but some good pictures.

**Markstay** had a roll call answered by presenting a picture for the Tweedsmuir history.

**Central Dumfries** had their historical research meeting at the home of Mr. Reid after whom the village of Reidsville was named. A feature of the meeting was a history of the school teachers who had taught in the community.

**New Dundee** had a history of the Mennonite people by a member, we presume with a Mennonite background.

**Humberstone** "The reading of old minute books at one meeting was a delightful experience."

**Mimosa** had an interesting talk on the life of the author of "The Cromaboo Mail Carrier," a story of the early days of carrying mail in the district; **Northgate**, an antique display on sewing practices at the fall fair; **Rockton** a speaker on historic landmarks in the county.

At **Strabane's** June meeting several members modelled their wedding gowns dating back thirty years or more.

**Adelaide Hoodless** had an address on rural life in pioneer times.

Institutes of **York** county are contributing to the furnishing of the pioneer house at Sharon, cooperating with the York Pioneer and Historical Society. (Edgeley reminds us that we missed reporting its work along this line in a former issue.)

### Community Activities

In our Winter issue we credited a report to Ajax that really belonged to **Brooklin**. This is the item: "In June Brooklin entertained the residents of Fairview Lodge; provided transportation to and from the Lodge; entertained with coloured slides, sing-songs and readings; as a special treat, made homemade bread for lunch with other home baking. The guests could not thank us enough. The Superintendent of the Lodge also wrote saying what a worth while thing we had done. It was the treat of getting out they enjoyed more than anything else."

At Christmas time **Camden East** has a lighted Christmas tree set up in the village and on a certain night people gather to sing carols around the tree, after which refreshments are served in the village hall. Prizes are given for the best

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### AUTUMN

Emily Dickinson

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The field a scarlet gown.  
Lest I should be old-fashioned,  
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decorated home in the village. At their Christmas party the Institute donates and wraps gifts for the wards of the Children's Aid. **Choyne** also collected gifts for the Children's Aid. Their main project was working for a better high school in the area. They bought sweaters for the local hockey team and arranged several community dances and card parties. **Denbigh** provided Hal-lowe'en and Christmas parties for children, Christmas gifts for needy children, transportation to the music festival.

**East Korah:** "Giving the use of the Women's Institute Hall to the YMCA has opened an entirely new and worthwhile set of activities for the young folk and some of the older ones in the community." The Girl Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts have free use of the hall for their weekly meetings and any special events; and the local school for their Christmas concert and graduation exercises. The Institute gave a layette shower to a needy, expectant mother. **Bright** in East Algoma gave a Christmas gift shower and a layette shower to the Children's Aid.

**Iron Bridge** and **Desbarats** sponsored an adult "polio clinic". "We presume this was a clinic for administering polio vaccine to adults. This was also reported by most of the Glengarry Institutes. At **Allenford's** clinic over 100 adults were immunized.

**Nestorville** held card parties to help buy a piano for the school.

**Spanish River:** "Our Institute took the project of keeping our school neat and clean so we got together a few times and gave it a good cleaning."



Members of Grand Bend Institute at work under the direction of their local leaders, making lamp shades in their project "New Lamps for Old".