

from village members, such as bread, cake, pies, candy and fancy work. Some good clothing that is too large or too small for the owner, dishes and bric-a-brac are usually contributed.

Another committee has a table of both donated and purchased articles for a penny sale. During an intermission the kitchen committee sells pie and ice cream, coffee and soft drinks. The auctioneers are local men, which adds to the fun. Over the last five years we have cleared each year an average of well over \$100; besides having an enjoyable social evening."

Where the Money Goes

BECAUSE we sometimes hear that Women's Institutes give such a large proportion of their funds to other organizations that they have little left to support their own work at all levels, these donations made at the November meeting of **Laura Rose** branch may be of interest: \$50 was voted to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, \$25 to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada; \$50 to the Coupon 400 plan of UNESCO for the educational project in Jamaica; an additional \$5 to the Adelaide Hoodless fund and an extra \$10 to Guelph Convention Area. It was decided to collect pennies at each meeting for the Pennies for Friendship fund of the Associated Country Women of the World. It was also announced that \$50 had been sent to Galt Community Services and that at the annual Christmas Dinner meeting toys and games would be collected for the Family Service Bureau.

And all the time a thorough-going programme is carried on in this Institute. The theme of the November meeting was education with the roll call answered by "Where I first went to school and the name of my teacher", the motto, "The

Norwich Women's Institute float in the town's 150th anniversary parade carried a house topped by a globe depicting the Institute's place in homes the world over. Flowers, shrubs and the W.I. crest were all in the Institute colours, gold and blue. Five women on the float represented the five standing committees.



nation which has the schools has the future" and a debate, "Resolved that the school has more influence on the child than the home has." The ways and means committee reported on the proceeds from a recent dance and announced a coming euchre party; and plans were completed for an extension course on "Hospitality Foods" in March with a neighboring branch, Preston, participating. A pretty four square Institute!

Fall Fair In The Yukon

HAINES JUNCTION Women's Institute, the most northerly institute on the continent, sponsored a second annual fall fair this year with a good showing of vegetables—potatoes, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, peas, radishes and lettuce all grown north of the sixtieth parallel of latitude where, as one reporter puts it, "the perma frost is never far below the surface." Ann Wilson, writing in the Stratford Beacon-Herald says: "It was through the efforts of the Women's Institute that the agronomist at the Experimental Farm gave a series of lectures on gardening, which included the choice of seeds, planting in flats, preparation of the soil and transplanting." So, the practice of gardening was started in the district. The fair also had exhibits of home baking and canning, needlework—with one special class for men, sewing, made-over garments, hobbies, crafts, and a special section for the usual classes of children's work.

Miscellaneous Briefs

CHELTENHAM had a very special historical research programme. The Women's Institute Hall was fitted up as "a museum for a day" and among the articles on display there was a wooden press used to press straw for making hats; a pair of brass candlesticks from Ireland, dated 1775, with a plunger in the base to push the candles up so that no part would be wasted; an old turnip watch; a tin-type photograph in a silk frame; a pink and gold moustache cup. There was an array of pressed glass, old china, silver and jewellery; a linen tablecloth woven on the owner's grandfather's farm by an itinerant weaver. One family loaned pictures of the family for five generations, beginning with the man who purchased their farmland from the Crown down to the present generation who are still on the farm. Another rare exhibit was a cleverly carved walking stick with carved snakes, lizards, frogs and mice weaving their way up the stick and a knob at the top with portholes through which could be seen other wooden knobs, and all of this done with no tool other than a jack knife. A special feature of the programme was an address on Antique Homes and Buildings of Canada.

As a way of getting information about other parts of the world, Mrs. Elmer Hunter of **Tiger Dunlop** Institute points out the importance of hearing from authorities who may be visiting in the locality, such as returned missionaries and others. Tiger Dunlop at its public relations meeting had as guest speaker a visitor in the community, Mr. Kenneth Young Millian, American