



This towel with a design of the birthplace of Adelaide Hoodless was shown at the Annual Rally of North and South Brant Women's Institutes. Left to right: Miss E. Young, Secretary-Treasurer North and South Brant Rally Committee; Mrs. Arthur Rowland, Chairman Hamilton Convention Committee and speaker at the Brant County Rally; Mrs. J. S. Holden, President North Brant District; Mrs. A. F. Wilson, Chairman, North and South Brant Committee.

the president also appealed to commercial firms and the response was most generous. The hall was a veritable picture gallery for the day.

Ayr Institute, according to a local press report "took the Community Centre under its wing" when construction was undertaken ten years ago. Since that time the Institute has contributed in donations and rental fees the sum of \$12,213. "This," says the report, "has made it possible for the Centre's Board to meet payments over the years which otherwise would have created a serious problem."

Annan, which we presume draws some of its members from the Leith community, voted \$200 to assist in providing heating units for the Annan and Leith community halls, \$100 to go to each hall.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith of **Rutherglen** reports: "Following our Eat to Live project the Institute members set to work to get health supervision for the school children and we now have a Public Health nurse and a doctor visiting the school regularly. The Council and the Reeve of our township, with us pushing them, secured a doctor for our school; and the Red Cross Outpost at Orillia sent us a nurse. We also consulted with the teachers and now the children are made to sit in their seats for a half hour at noon to eat their lunch. We hope this will make for happier, healthier children in our community."

A home economics extension worker, following a class in Moccasin Making with **North Huntsville** branch, reports that this Institute, with only eleven members, sponsors a class in square and country dancing for forty-five children. The class meets weekly, each child paying ten cents toward the cost of the teacher and the Institute making up the balance. (We take it these are junior teenage boys and girls.) The Institute also sponsors a junior hockey team. They award two books to children in each grade at public school, one award for progress, one for proficiency. Forty-nine children who helped with a Christmas concert were later entertained at a toboggan party.

Goderich Institute at the local Kinsmen's Annual Trade Fair set up an exhibit of antique china, including teapots and other pieces over one-hundred years old. At a previous Kinsmen's fair they provided an exhibit of an old-time parlour with a large old Family Bible occupying a place of honour; and another year they ar-

anged a period bedroom with four-poster bed and other furniture of the same period. The Kinsmen gave the Institute a booth at which they sold cakes, fresh every day. Our reporter, Mrs. Norman Clairmont, says "This created good public relations with our town folks."

Thirty years ago when the Women's Institutes of **Simcoe County** were ready to start a museum—they had already collected a considerable number of articles of historic interest—the county council gave them the use of the old registry office as a place to keep and display their museum pieces. Now they have over 700 articles with more coming in all the time and they have outgrown their present quarters. So at the beginning of this year a committee from the Women's Institutes of the county appealed to the county council to provide a suitable building and to set up a board of management representing all the people of the county. The financial obligations connected with a museum, the women explained, were too much for the Institute women to handle but they would be happy to serve on committees or help in any way they could. (Just another good example of Institutes doing the pioneer work necessary to establish a community benefit then turning it over to the civic authorities to maintain and continue. Ed.)

Orillia Institute, the first of five branches to be organized in the town and surrounding area that has since been taken into the town, recently entertained the other four branches at a good-will banquet. Eighty-two women attended and, to quote a report, "enjoyed a very friendly and pleasant evening."

Mrs. C. S. Rickers, PRO for Port Dalhousie reports that **Port Dalhousie** Women's Institute held "Open House" in the parish hall to celebrate International Night. The team of four oarsmen who represented Canada at the Olympics and their coach, all local boys, were honoured at this meeting. Coloured movies and slides featured the program, showing the team in training on the Henley course in Port Dalhousie, the civic reception before they left for Rome, the trip, Olympic village, historic places in Rome, the races and pictures taken in Britain on the way home. The coach, Alex Wilson and sports writer Craig Swayze were the commentators. Guests were present from neighbouring Institutes and when refresh-