

# Special Programs and Projects

*A note to P.R.O.'s: The purpose of this section is to carry special reports or news stories that may offer suggestions or inspiration from one Institute to another. So if your Institute has had some special program or has carried out some special project that meant a great deal either to the members or to the community, do write and tell us about it.*

*And please note these points:*

*To reproduce a photograph we require a glossy print, not a negative.*

*We cannot make a cut from a coloured picture or from a slide.*

*We cannot give space to reports of anniversary celebrations or other local meetings; but the title for a particularly good topic, roll call, "motto", debate or panel would be welcome because it might be taken up by other branches.*

*Perhaps some Institute helping a child in the Sponsor a Child Plan project has an interesting story from its correspondence with the child and its family. — Editor.*

## Discussion Leads to Action

By Mrs. David Mordy

**W**HAT'S YOUR BEEF?" is a popular discussion in our Institute meetings. It awakens community interest and brings to mind many things that should be done. With the co-operation of our Municipal Council and local Athletic Society we do get results.

A partially burned house in the village was not only unsightly but had become a danger to children. The Institute being not too clear on the real ownership of the property, approached the Municipal Council with our "beef". In a short time the house was torn down and the debris removed.

Another "beef", children playing on the street, led to the cleaning up of an area in a grove near the community rink to make a place for children to play. The Athletic Society gave full co-operation in this venture. Dead trees were cut out, brush cleaned up and a sand pit made for small children. Much more can be done but now it makes a suitable place for the school children and Sunday School classes to hold their picnics.

A broken cable on a bridge over a pond where children had to cross going to and from school was another "beef" taken to our Munic-

ipal Council. Again we got co-operation and repairs were made at once.

These are small projects where our Women's Institute saw the need of action which may have prevented tragedy with young children involved.

## Non-Competitive Handicraft

By Mrs. C. M. Butt

**T**HE BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE added a new and interesting exhibit to their fall fair this year — a non-competitive display of handicrafts done by the Institute members themselves. It was thought that many members do many varied and excellent crafts but feel they don't care to compete for honours. In the group display illustrated are hand-painted china, crochet articles, needle-point, quilts and rugs, hats, imitation flowers, aprons and knitted goods, just to mention a few. Other neighboring branches were invited to set up their craft display, making this part of the exhibit building a most popular spot. It is hoped the Beeton handicraft display will promote crafts among the members and those visiting the county fairs each year.

## Small Institute Serves Its Community

By Mrs. G. W. Hall

**B**OURKES INSTITUTE is a small group with only six active members, living in a sparsely settled area where neighbours are few and far between. We live in the extreme north end of our district, being over forty miles from any other branch. It follows that often we have not been able to participate in Institute Courses. Not only have we few members, but transportation, in winter months especially, is always a big problem. So we have been trying to do our own little bit in the corner where we are.

Our nearest town with library and theatres is over twenty miles away, so we joined the Kirkland Lake Regional Library. Regularly the Bookmobile arrives with hundreds of books from which we select our quota of thirty-five. These are made available to everyone in the community. The tastes of our different readers were considered when making our selections. For example, men sometimes wanted books on motor mechanics, woodworking, etc. Two or three mothers chose the children's books.

Books were kept in one home, returned promptly and passed out again. In this way everyone had the privilege of enjoying hundreds of dollars worth of good books which none of us could have afforded otherwise.

When we joined the film council we could get pictures and projector free by arranging for transportation and return, but we needed