



As a county project the Women's Institutes of Huron, at their County Rally presented to the County Children's Aid Society a cheque for \$590.30, as the first Huron County Women's Institute Bursary to help further the education of a ward of the Children's Aid. This is to be an annual project. Left to right in the picture: Mr. Jno. G. Bury, Treasurer Children's Aid; Mrs. J. Maclean, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. O. Popp, District Presidents of South, East and West Huron Women's Institutes; Mrs. A. Clarke, Treasurer, Huron County Women's Institute Rally.

their Institute group. At each of their meetings they have a competition. Some which sound like fun were — hats trimmed with vegetables, the longest list of words from the letters in Women's Institute, some "I made it I wear it", article, "Garden on a Plate", Individual Salads, drawing a face on a balloon, and "A button-hole to be worn by member". This one got me until I found a picture in their magazine showing someone pinning a "buttonhole" on another one — we could call it a boutonniere or a corsage.

I receive their Home and Country magazine which, although devoted to reporting Institute work, carries paid advertising. Reading through their copies I find they have the same problems as we do here in Canada. They, too, wonder why they are losing Institutes, and how they can get their young folks interested. They asked if a committee of research could be set up to inquire into what really interests the members, not what the head office thinks should interest them. They also advise, "Do not make members who will never see forty again, feel they are old has-beens, by turning too hopefully to youth."

Then resolutions! Our F.W.I.O. Board would know just how these ladies felt when Lady Dyer said in January, "No doubt I should handle you with care, but there are 145 resolutions and I know you will stand rough treatment. If ever evidence were needed that we are the most alive body of people in the country, keeping watch on every aspect of our national life, particularly as it affects the country dwellers, though occasionally wandering outside this realm for the general good, here it is."

Only thirteen of their resolutions survived.

Two of them were: that school holidays be rearranged to give more summer opportunity for family holidays, and that to this end a four term school year should be considered; that "the Women's Institute deplors the prevalence of physical violence in films and television and pledges itself to do all in its power to arouse public opinion to an awareness of the detrimental effect on children and young people." . . . Again doesn't that sound like us in Canada!

I find in reading through the reports of Institutes' doings that the English Institutes are much more interested in art, drama and music than we. Many branches have choirs, choral groups and in some counties even orchestras. Some of these orchestras comprise only ladies. They have competitions for play-writing and seem to love to act, even to make their own costumes.

One of their great interests is flowers and flower shows. Many groups stage their own small show and then they all seem to enter in the large flower shows such as the one at Shrewsbury. In their exhibit they use a particular theme, such as Mary Webb's Precious Bane, an arrangement of coloured rural materials introducing cowslip bells. Another depicting a painting "My Old Dutch" contained tulips, roses, iris, blue and white cornflowers and peonies.

Each month there is a competition held for all members in the county. Some of the subjects were: Road Safety, Anti-Noise Campaign, An English National Costume, Something new or useful you found on your holidays. The winning answer to the last one I think we could use here. It was the suggestion that wherever souvenir picture cards are sold at