

holiday places you could also buy stamps, not have to look all over for a post office.

Among their program features were demonstrations of modern household conveniences such as electric cook ware, vacuum cleaners, electric washers and dryers; the art of making marmalade, the art of wine making, flowers arranged in a kitchen utensil, talks on corsetry and good foundations, cameras and their proper use. They had films on America and Canada after which a typical American or Canadian supper was served.

Denman College offers such interesting courses in just about any subject. Some are Painting for Beginners, Learning about America, Drama, Fine Sewing, Tailoring Processes, Singing for Pleasure, A Christmas Course, with demonstrations of Christmas cookery, cake icing and decorations. They have some courses where the children can be brought along and are cared for in a nursery for the days of the course, and a special invitation is extended to the husbands to attend some of the courses.

English Institutes sponsor a huge country market once a year at Olympia, from March 7 to April 3. Immediately one is over, branches begin plans for another. Goods are sent to Institute headquarters to be priced. They had over 6,000 jars of preserves, also homemade furniture polish, herbs — dry and fresh, plants, basketry and woodwork articles. Perishable goods are brought in relays overnight to London. Distant counties send theirs in each weekend for restocking stalls so everything will be fresh.

Institute members were urged to get and study all material available on grants made by the government toward modernizing structurally sound old houses, to have water put in and bathrooms and other conveniences.

In their report of membership they have 61 County Federations of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales, the Channel Islands and The Isle of Man, giving a grand total of 444,737 members. In Shropshire County they have 8,246 members. In my pen pal's Institute there are over forty members and they have recently celebrated their fortieth anniversary.

I would urge any Institute member to get a pen pal in some country. It will give great pleasure and satisfaction to be spreading the word of our work here in Ontario and Canada and also learning about other people. But don't begin a correspondence unless you are going to be faithful to it, as our Institute friends overseas so enjoy and look forward to Canadian mail.

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THE COMMON PROBLEM

By Robert Browning

The common problem — yours, mine,
everyone's —

Is not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be; but, finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means — a very different thing!
My business is not to remake myself
But make the absolute best of what God made.

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**One Institute — Four 4-H
Homemaking Clubs**

By Maryn Pardy

ONE OF THE MOST worthwhile interests that Senior Women's Institutes can have is their sponsoring of 4-H Homemaking Clubs. Mt. Brydges Branch in the District of West Middlesex and the London Area has this year promoted the formation of and is sponsoring four of these clubs for girls. To give the clubs a good start the Senior Branch donated \$50.00 to assist with the finances necessary for the operation of the clubs. The girls are under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Bolton, Mrs. Graham Bolton, Mrs. Donald McGugan, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. Donald Stuart and Mrs. Jack Trott. They are composed of forty-four girls. For many of these girls this is their first club and their enthusiasm is heart-warming.

Great credit must be paid to Mrs. James Pilkington, president of the Mt. Brydges Branch for her interest and efforts in the forming of these clubs.

For a Memorial Service

FOR A DISTRICT Annual Meeting in North Middlesex, Mrs. Stanley Mollard of Cloverdale branch wrote this "In Memoriam" to be read at the memorial service for former members who had died during the year.

"I scan the room but do not see your face
For you who came with gladness in your heart

To other meetings — will not come again.
God needed you, and so He called you home.

We bow our heads. The Master's will be done!

To-day we think of you — rememb'ring all
The little things about you that we loved,
Recalling how you served your Institute
With steadfastness. We hear again your voice

Chanting the Collect — reading Ode or poem

Making a motion, planning for the year.
You, who are part of us, forever live
In annals of the Women's Institute."