

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.

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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.

A Senior Citizens' Club

By Mrs. Wm. Fritz

OUR Women's Institute is just starting its fifth year. We were the former Wales, Aultsville and Farran's Point branches, but due to the St. Lawrence Seaway we were forced to disband and form a new branch in the village of Ingleside, taking Ingleside as our Institute's name.

Many of our elderly folk found it very lonesome when this great change was made in their lives; and they missed their old friends who lived too far away for them to visit. So the Women's Institute formed a Senior Citizens' Club. Our members provide transportation to and from the club meetings as well as refreshments. The meetings are held alternately in one of the four churches in our village.

Our older people think this is a grand idea and are much happier now, for each month they meet their old friends as well as some new ones they have made since the club was formed. To our Institute members, organizing and sponsoring the club has been a most gratifying project.

Making Friends in the District Home

By Mrs. D. W. Reeves

WHEN planning for a celebration for the 65th Anniversary of the F.W.I.O. the members of the Nipissing District Women's Institutes decided to share our celebration with the residents of Cassellholme. Cassellholm is our new district Home for the Aged and had been opened by the Premier of Ontario just the week before. It is a Home for both men and women and there are four suites for married couples so that a man and his wife need not be separated.

Friday afternoon, February 23rd, members from ten branches met at Cassellholme, some from as far away as forty miles. Mattawa branch attended. They brought a beautifully decorated cake and thirty dozen little cakes to serve after the entertainment and for supper. The men and women of the home enjoyed a sing-song and recitations by members of the Institute; then during the entertainment those residents who had a birthday in February were given a little gift and everyone sang "Happy Birthday".

The District President, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, presented a cheque for \$25.00 on behalf of the members of the District Women's Institutes to Mrs. R. Moyer, Superintendent of Cassellholme, to be used for the purchase of craft material. There is a large craft room and it has been learned that handicraft makes a popular interest for older people. Mrs. J. Chadbourne, Past President of the District Institutes, is the liaison between the Institutes and the Ladies' Auxiliary at Cassellholme. These ladies meet every Wednesday afternoon at the Home and assist in the craft room. There are three residents who are former members of the Institute and one of them knits socks, makes aprons and children's dresses. They are getting ready for a sale and tea in the near future.

There are two sewing machines in the craft room and so much interest is taken in sewing that they expect to add another. They make flowers from foam rubber, dress dolls, make stuffed animals and do ceramic work, making little ash trays. One of the men takes part in that work.

Mrs. A. Rose, Past President of the District Women's Institutes is now the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and she says the residents look forward to the Wednesday meetings and seem very happy about the attention being shown them.