

Senior Citizens' Club organized and assisted by Ingleside Institute, Stormont County.



Workshop on Citizenship

A "Citizenship Workshop" attended by fifty-five women was arranged and carried through by the Women's Institutes of Perth Centre District last March, Bornholm Institute acting as the hostess branch.

The District Citizenship convener, Mrs. Delmar Smythe gave an outline of the meaning and requirements of good citizenship and divided the members into groups to discuss such subjects as "Citizenship in the Home", "Citizenship in Elementary Schools", "Secondary Schools and the Teenager", "Community Activities", "Citizenship as an Institute Member". The district convener provided each group leader with a list of questions to which she might add others of her own choosing, and gave a summary of the findings of her group.

There was a talk on "The Family in the Modern World" by the director of the local Children's Aid Society and this was followed by a discussion of alcoholism, divorces, churches and present influences such as public standards, school dropouts, working mothers. The District President, Mrs. Conrad Sippel spoke on "Everyday Citizenship". There was also a talk on the new Women's Institute Hand Book by Miss Lilly Dempsey. The roll call was answered by the citizenship convener of each Institute telling what her group had done on citizenship during the past year.

Musical numbers and skit contributed to making the day as entertaining as it was educational.

Use For Used Christmas Cards

By Mrs. G. N. Roleson

OUR members were wondering what they could do with their used Christmas cards. They could not very well keep them from year to year and they seemed too pretty to burn. Then we saw this piece in the paper:

"Missions in various parts of the world are able to put used Christmas cards to good use and they will be gratefully received. They may be sent to the following:

"Balitist Mission in Bolivia, care of Mrs. G. Cork, 10 Tichester Road, Apartment 4B, Toronto, Ont.

"East Asian Mission Sunday Schools, care of Mrs. S. Bustard, Box 435, Clarkson, Ont.

"Rev. Raymond Provost, The Mission, 1 Nam San Dong, Taegu, Korea.

"Cards for destinations in Canada should be marked 'Printed Matter' and those for overseas delivery 'No commercial value'. The end of the parcel should be left unsealed for postal inspection."

So we are having our members bring their cards to the February meeting where we will make arrangements to send them away. We will of course provide the postage and the farther we send them the more postage it takes, but if we follow instructions from the post office it will not be too expensive.

Last year I sent cards to Mrs. Lillian R. Dickson, P.O. Box 2131, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa and after some time I received this reply:

"Thank you for the used greeting cards. These will bring great happiness to the children of Formosa and to those who are ill. We will have a Bible verse printed in Chinese characters on each card before it is sent out so that they will carry God's message too. . . . Little children running home from Sunday School with a bright card in hand and happiness in their hearts is part of the result. The leper patients and the aboriginal patients receive them too and it cheers them."

We thought this might be of interest to other Institute members.

County Radio Programs

The Women's Institutes of two counties, York and Grey, report having weekly broadcasts from local radio stations. The broadcasts are all given by Institute members.

York County's program from February to the first of June lists the following subjects:

"York County Personalities"; "District Presidents of York County"; "History of F.W.I.O."; "Report of the 65th Anniversary" — this came on February 23rd close to the anniversary date; "A New Source of Historical Information"; "History of the Mary Stewart Collect";