

“York County People Famous in History”; “Historical Spots in York County”; “Pastimes for Children on Rainy Days”; “Pastimes for Adults on Rainy Days”; “Did You Know It Was Friday the 13th?”—the date of the broadcast was April 13; “An Easter Message”; “Junior Institutes of York County Program”; “Junior Institute Happenings”; “Meet Your Budget With Meat”; “Adelaide Hoodless Homestead”; “New Women’s Institutes in the Northwest Territories”; “York County Rally”.

The subjects of Grey’s broadcasts from February to the end of June are: “A Trip to the Brantford Museum”; “An International Day Program”; “Grey County Museum”; “A Report of the Women’s Institutes’ 65th Anniversary Program in Toronto”; “Summary Day on Block Printing” and a panel discussion on Women’s Institute scholarships; “Grey County Folk School”; “Provincial Leadership Training School”; “School for Retarded Children”; “Remedial Teaching”; “Grade XI, Then What?”; “Canadian Authors”; “An Easter Program”; “Hints for the Home Gardener” by leaders of 4-H Homemaking Clubs’ “Suggestions for Shut-ins”; “A Program for Mother’s Day”; An Interview With a Public Official”. There are five Women’s Institute Districts in Grey county. For the last four programs of the period each district provided a program on one of the standing committee subjects: Education, Historical Research, Citizenship, Canadian Industries, Health.

Institute Starts a Community Centre

When Teeterville Women’s Institute members knew that several of the county schools would be combined in a central school and that the Teeterville school would be closed, they made plans to buy it. So in March, when the school was put up at auction it was sold to the Institute to be converted into a community centre. There were only a few other bidders. It seemed that the whole community was pleased to have their school saved and maintained as a community centre. Ten per cent of the price, \$3,750, was paid at the sale; the Institute plans to raise the balance over the next five years through euchre parties, teas, bake sales, flower shows “or in any legitimate way they can.” Their largest event is an annual “Brunswick Stew” which draws larger crowds each year.

Extensive renovations will be made in the building. The wall between the two class-rooms will be taken out, a stage built across the front; and a modern kitchen fitted up convenient to the main room. The hall will be used for Institute meetings, courses, family

nights and other social and recreational events. An acre of land came with the school and the Institute will keep this for a parking lot and a playground for the children of the village. Picnic tables will be set up under the trees in the school yard.

Thorndale’s Night School

By Mrs. Stanley Dufton

ON OCTOBER 5th, 1961, the Thorndale Women’s Institute held its regular meeting. At this meeting plans were made to hold a Night School, plans that were to affect the homes of some sixty families in the district. Husbands who had always been served meals on time found the portable sewing machine on the dining-room table. Putting in zippers was popular gossip. In the rug making course there was the search for a used coat of just the right shade of grey for the background, and a hunt in the attic for just the right frame for the new needlepoint. There were trips to town for frames for petit point jewellery, dress patterns and materials.

Courses were taught in sewing, copper tooling, aluminum etching, rug hooking, needlepoint and leather work.

We held the classes on Tuesday evenings in the public school. The registration fee was \$4.00. We took this money and divided it equally among the five teachers. The courses



Thorndale’s Night School Leatherwork instructor, Mrs. Peter Davis, and Mrs. Harold Lee, the W.I. president, with the bridle she made in the class.