

for catering for various events in the future as well as continuing their bake sales, rummage sales and dances. The hall is of very modern construction and is insured for \$10,000.)

At the time of laying our corner stone we had fourteen members. By the end of the year we had increased our membership to twenty-two. We are hoping this year for more new members now that we have our own hall and a place to work.

We do not receive a government grant as we built the hall to our own specifications without the plans of an architect, which we couldn't afford. We stayed within our means. Considerable money can still be spent improving it. For the present we are concerned with paying back our debt.

All In the Year's Work

Because it is a purpose of our paper to give special place to ideas that may offer suggestions from one Institute to another, we do not have many reports from branches doing the sound, well known sort of "day-in, day-out" work for which Institutes were organized in the first place. For instance: to have entertaining and educational meetings, to sponsor a 4-H Homemaking Club or a baby clinic may be the most important things an Institute could be doing; but because everyone already knows about such work it is of no help to report it. Still, to keep before us the tremendous service some Institutes are carrying on, it might be well to take a look at samples of their steady-going, unspectacular year's work, such as the following:

Maxville made over 5,000 cancer dressings, did knitting and sewing for the Save the Children cause and sent, with this, seven quilts and a bale of used clothing; organized the March of Dimes in town; organized a 4-H Homemaking Club for girls; held a party and provided gifts for the residents in their County Home for Senior Citizens; entertained over 300 children at a Hallowe'en party in the community hall—something that was very much appreciated by the community.

Tara has just finished its tenth year at holding a Baby Clinic and Mrs. H. McDougald, one of its founders, is still regularly on hand with two or three other members, to assist the nurses. This Institute sponsors both 4-H Homemaking Clubs for girls and senior home economics extension projects for women. They canvass for the March of Dimes, provide jams and pickles for the local hospital, sponsored a TB Clinic last year, sent gifts to the Children's Aid and to shut-ins at Christmas time and other times of the year. Last fall the Institutes of the District put on a Variety Concert to raise funds for their year's work.



Mrs. Gus Farrugie, Pres. Cainsville Institute, presents a Cubs and Scouts Troop Flag from the Institute to the Scout Master, Wm. Fraser.

Maple Grove is sponsoring not one, but three orphans in the provincial "Sponsor a child" project, at a cost of \$180 for the three. They sent \$50 to the F.W.I.O. International Scholarship Fund and a press report states that two members were appointed to get in touch with a local family who have had a great deal of illness and unemployment to see what assistance might be given."

Florence had a number of successful social events last year: a bus and boat trip to Detroit and Buffalo Island; a family picnic in July; a spring luncheon and card party and euchre parties every two weeks through the winter in the community centre. In February they had a "Family night" on a Friday evening (so children could come) with a pot luck supper and local talent concert to which everyone in the community was invited. This was so much enjoyed that another family night was held at the end of March with an even larger attendance including about one hundred children. With Shetland Institute they sponsor the boy scouts and they pay rent of \$2 a week for the community centre kitchen for the 4-H Homemaking Club meetings. Working with the Anglican and United Church Sunday Schools this Institute sponsored a "giant Hallowe'en party" for both children and adults. An Institute committee visits the County Home for senior citizens once a month to help in various ways, and they remember all the older people and shut-ins on special holidays. Other projects of this branch are: paying a caretaker for the grass and flowers at the cenotaph, repairing the swings on the school grounds and just recently sending an application and the \$60 for the "sponsor a child" plan.

This is not a report of a year's work but a few notes gathered from a press clipping tell-