

had to agree with her that it reported neither a program nor a project but the spirit of it is so "community conscious" that we thought it was worth passing along. Mrs. Cameron wrote: "I wondered if the fact that our branch boasts the first world champion plowman, James M. Eccles, whose mother was a member of our branch and whose wife is; and the current world champion, Bill Dixon, whose mother and wife are both members, could be put in Home and Country. We are all very proud of both of these boys and I think you will understand if we brag a little".

River Valley Institute's "Men's Night" as reported by Mrs. Percy MacMullen might offer some program suggestions for similar gatherings in other branches. The meeting was held in the school with a large attendance. There were several contributions of music by local talent. The president of the Hastings County Farm Management Accounts Club explained why it is important for a farmer to keep accounts. The County Agricultural Representative spoke on Farm Safety and the program of the Farm Safety Council; then he showed slides of pictures he had taken in the area since he came to the county four years ago. The evening ended with refreshments and a social half hour. The Institute members were well pleased with the meeting but they advise that it is better to have only one speaker at a meeting and to arrange things so that he need not be hurried.

For their Grandmothers' meeting, **Rutherford** Institute members showed some entertaining originality in taking the sixty-fifth anniversary skit written by Hazel Crinklaw and published in the Farmer's Advocate and adapting it to represent a meeting of the Rutherford branch in 1910. In a paper on "Current Events" one of the items was an announcement that soon there would be a flight across the Atlantic Ocean—a very new and daring idea. A paper on Taxation was read in which the idea of Income Tax was discussed as an improbability here. There was another paper on "The Federation of Women" and the suggestion of votes for women was "received with incredulous remarks." A member recited "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight"; there were several vocal and piano solos—selections popular fifty years ago and two song and dance numbers.

In December **Arkona** gave "one of its biggest parties," the secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Paisley reports. This was a Christmas dinner for the senior citizens of the school section. Invitations were sent to everyone over seventy, and if he or she had a wife or husband these were included in the invitation. Invitations went to shut-ins, too. For those unable to come to the

party, dinners were delivered at their homes. Sixty-five guests sat down to a noon-day dinner in the community hall; twenty-one others had dinners delivered to them at home; there was no charge to anyone. The town council provided the turkeys; there were some other donations of food; and the Institute women supplied everything else needed for a real Christmas dinner. The party ended with carol singing and a short program.

Cainsville sends two volunteers to sew at a Brantford Hospital for an afternoon of each month. During the past year Women's Institute members have made over 900 articles to be used in the hospital—sheets, gowns, surgical towels, tea towels, or whatever other sewing the hospital staff may want done.

Richmond Institute holds two major events each year: a music festival and a flower show, "planned," says the secretary, Mrs. Winnifred Hodgins, "to foster an interest in music and gardening in the younger folk."

"The music festival," Mrs. Hodgins reports "is a three-day affair involving choral speech, voice and instrumental pieces. It is held in May each year and this is its ninth year. Anyone in Carleton County except pupils of the City of Ottawa schools may take part and well over 400 applications are filed each year.

"In connection with the flower show the Institute supplies seeds—vegetable and flower—to school children between the ages of 10 and 14 to be planted in a specified sized plot. These plots are judged for growth, neatness and arrangement early in August and then the produce is shown in connection with the adult flower show at the middle of the month. The judges of both gardens and flowers give suggestions at the close of the show which are helpful not only to the junior gardeners but to adults as well."

Pine Tree Institute has a story hour for children. A member, Mrs. Sladen, has children come to her home every other Monday afternoon after school. She tells them stories and lends them books to read. Institute members come in and serve the children hot chocolate and cookies.

Friendship Book Goes to Britain

Smithville Institute has a "Friendship Institute" in Hailsham, England. The secretary, Mrs. H. J. Patterson reports:

"This project was a picture book which we made, book and all, to send to our Friendship Institute in England. We filled it with photographs of our village and district and bits of interesting information. On the backs of the pages were colored drawings of our Canadian wild flowers. This book grew into something