

Well fashioned for the trade,  
We set to work and now we're here  
To show you what we made.

### CHORUS

Little ducks, maple leaves  
Posies large and small,  
Gay designs of every shape  
We have tried them all.  
Luncheon cloths, pillow slips,  
Place mats of all sorts,  
Oh, what fun it is to take  
An Institute short course.

One night we mixed our paint,  
The blue, the green, the brown.  
We rolled it on our lino block  
And turned it upside down.  
When gently lifted off  
Why, there before our eyes  
Were birds and cherries, thistles too,  
Acorns and butterflies.

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Another contribution on the Meat project by Mrs. Jim MacKay was read at Bruce County Summary Day. These few lines explain one objective of the project.

"One hundred and forty-three pounds of meat,  
When applied with just the right kind of heat,  
Can tickle the nostrils and spur the appetite  
Or achieve the opposite if not cooked right.  
And that's where the problem enters the scene—  
Should you boil it or fry it or roast it, I mean."

*Editor's Note: Original poems, like original skits, give liveliness to an Institute meeting, and the above are presented rather as samples of what is being done. There is not space in Home and Country to introduce this as a regular feature but we would suggest that occasionally a place might be found for such contributions in the local paper.*

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### MEETING AT NIGHT

By Robert Browning

The grey sea and the long black land;  
And the yellow half-moon large and low,  
And the startled little waves that leap  
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,  
As I gain the cove with pushing prow,  
And quench its speed i' the slushy sand.

Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;  
Three fields to cross till a farm appears;  
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch  
And blue spurt of a lighted match,  
And a voice less loud, thro' its joys and fears,  
Than the two hearts beating each to each!

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## FWIC Citizenship Project

AT THE National Convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada it was announced that Dinton Women's Institute, in the village of Blackie, Alberta, had won the Citizenship Trophy, presented each term by Senator Cairine Wilson.

The contest was a community improvement, with the story and "before" and "after" pictures to be entered in the competition. Here is the story from Mrs. J. L. Richards, Secretary Alberta Women's Institutes:

"It was just one of those old neglected halls that had stood in a small lot overgrown with grass and weeds in a country district. I think the Citizenship Competition announcement gave the Institute the idea or the incentive to do something about it and make it into a community centre.

"The men did their part too—they put it on a basement, added a good sized kitchen and then painted it, inside and out! They also fixed up the grounds. When a group of men gathered to work the women took a lunch there for them.

"Dinton Women's Institute was organized in 1916, with 23 members, and so is one of the older branches, but no doubt the membership has changed a great deal over the years. Blackie is a very small village south of Calgary and the members are mostly rural women."

## Suggestions for Conventions

A great many Institutes ask for more Panel Discussions. **Bothwell** "How to get members to take part in programs." **Wabash** would like to have time given to discussion in groups as is done at the Officers' Conferences at Guelph. Several ask for more discussion and more time for them.

**Walkerton Senior Institute** would like to have something on how to make meetings attractive and interesting especially for the "over fifty" members. **Rosemont** would like to have more humorous entertainment. They believe that "change of pace gives the little lift to the program that prevents monotony and weariness." **Elmwood** suggests "a chance to ask questions about problems which arise in local meetings." **South Tarentorus** would like a panel discussion on "The Rights and Responsibilities of a Good Citizen." **East Korah** asks for something on Program Planning.

**Burgoyne** recommends giving more time to the Question Box and having it earlier in the convention.

**Colborne**: "What Institute women can do to bring about a state of world peace and security."