

Here and There With the Institutes

Final Notes from Secretaries' "Reports of Meeting"

Community Activities

Farewell reports this typically Women's Institute gesture of good neighbouring: "Our members helped two families in the community who lost their barns by fire and had to build new barns. The Institute members took turns in sending baking, fruit and pickles and the Institute also gave a donation towards meat to feed the men." **Morrison** had a shower for a member whose house was burned, sent a layette to a needy mother. At **Puslinch** two families were burned out. The woman in one family was a former Institute member. This member was given a cash donation and a household shower. The children of the other family were given clothes at Christmas time.

Conn sponsored an essay on Safety in three local schools.

Eden Mills reports: "We needed a Stop sign in the village. We drafted a resolution, the President and Secretary signed it; we gave it to the **Eden Crest** Institute and their President and Secretary signed it. It was sent to the County Engineer and in less than a month we had a Stop sign."

Mosborough: "Instead of a special school prize to any one pupil we gave a silver dollar to every pupil successfully completing Grade VIII."

Strabane maintains a county library unit in a local store; put tables and a sand box in the community park. This Institute had two large tables built for banquets in the hall and to be loaned without cost to anyone in the community who wants to use them for a large gathering in a home.

Mary H. Graves Institute has members making regular visits to a woman who has been bedridden for years. Small gifts are taken on these visits and "as a Christmas treat she was given the money for an hour's ride in an ambulance (\$18.00) so that she could see the changes that have taken place in her district."

International Interests

Holtre: "A new resident from Spain talked on the customs of Spain and displayed native needlework."

North Gower had a talk on "The Culture of the Eskimos", **Hillview** a paper on Ireland at the March meeting. **Arnprior** for their International meeting had an address by one of the teachers in their district high school, a native of Egypt—"a wonderful talk on customs in his native country."

Glasgow: "Our February meeting dealt with International Affairs and for refreshments we had foods that are national dishes in other countries."

Pine Grove had a paper on Holland and a quiz on the capitals of Europe. This branch gives F.W.I.C. pins or badges to their past presidents. At **Stewartville** a new Canadian showed films taken on a trip back to her homeland. **New Floss** had a talk on "Farming in Holland" by a Dutch member, films on the Seaway, the Royal Tour, the Motto: "The hand clasp offer of friendship stronger than any peace treaty," and assembly singing of songs from other countries. **Cains Corners** had a talk on Farming in Holland.



Honeydale members in costumes they wore presenting a skit commemorating the 65th anniversary of Women's Institutes.