



Mrs. James Dixon (centre) who organized McGillivray Women's Institute 27 years ago, was honored on her birthday at the Institute's March meeting.

lice officers, children's aid workers to inform parents of the problems that face young people and how to deal with these problems."

Marburg: "For the first time we split the standing committees giving the convener her choice — for example her choice of Health or Home Economics on which to prepare a program. The other part was given to a member who had not been in charge of a program. This created interest and discovered new talent.

Brooklin had a special event which they recommend to other branches. The Institute entertained residents of their County Home, sending cars to bring them from the Home to the party. Guests aged from seventy-five to eighty provided piano and violin music and enjoyed a singsong. Institute members also took part in the program and served a lunch of homemade bread, cookies, tea and coffee. The secretary says that the chief enjoyment of the older people was in getting outside the Home for this entertainment.

Caledon: "Members still feel we have too many demands on our finances and they find themselves losing interest in matters that are far afield. At times we receive so much literature — some of it very good material — which has to be brushed aside in order to get on with the already planned meeting."

Comments and Recommendations

Holtre: "The Institute might sponsor transportation to events of cultural or entertainment interest in neighboring centres and refuse requests for canvassers or other work usually done by service clubs, thereby making the members feel they are in the Institute to gain knowledge instead of to work to raise funds."

Wellburn: "We advise more programs with the home theme."

Lakefield: "We find the short courses a wonderful way to get new members. We plan to have our meetings in the Curling Rink soon in case some ladies won't join because they can't offer their homes for meetings. We suggest branches should get together at times other than district annuals for more fellowship."

Forester's Falls: "Our branch is strongly opposed to the many demands made on us to do canvassing for other organizations. We feel that we are gradually being made a canvassing agency and we do not feel that this is the purpose of the Institute."

Laurentian View recommends "that Women's Institutes ignore pleas for donations from other organizations. Area reports brought the surprising news that the Institutes supported other causes more than the F.W.I.C. Adelaide Hoodless project or the Institutes' national office."

Glasgow: "Very often a carefully prepared program has to be cut short or omitted altogether because so many circulars and communications have to be read. It is discouraging to program conveners."



Sheila Joynt, of Lombardy J.-H. Homemaking Club, centre, the first girl in Leeds County to win provincial honors, was feted at a tea by the Lombardy Women's Institute and presented with a gift from her fellow club members. In the picture, left to right: Mrs. Francis McSwiggin, County Home Economist; Mrs. J. O. Forrester, F.W.I.O. Board Member; Miss Joynt; Mrs. Olen Wright, District President, Leeds East W.I.; Mrs. Ross Stone, District President Leeds North W.I.