

# Here and There With the Institutes

## Notes from Secretaries' "Reports of Meetings"

*Again we have gathered from the Secretaries' Reports of Meetings, ideas that we think may carry suggestions or inspiration from one Institute to others. Because this is our purpose rather than to give publicity to any branch, it may happen that some of the Institutes having the best programs are not mentioned — their topics are already well known and many other branches are studying the same things, such as Making Wills, United Nations, Flower Arrangements. Or in their Community Interests they may be doing the finest sort of work such as sponsoring girls' 4-H Homemaking Clubs or baby clinics or community socials or film showings, or providing first aid kits for schools or something for the local hospital or community centre. But these projects are so well known that they do not carry a new idea and it would be useless to list all the Institutes involved. Even when we try to avoid repetition it does get into the report and this makes tiresome reading, for which we apologize. Still, we hope these notes may have something of interest for everyone.*

*The reports are not all reviewed here. The others will be dealt with in the next issue.*

— Editor.

### Program Features Recommended

**South Tarentorus** had a paper and discussion on varieties of apples and their different uses, or ways of cooking each variety.

**East Korah** had a most enjoyable and educational bus trip to Ottawa, where they sat in on a session of Parliament, saw the Mint, the Archives, the Senate Chamber, the Library and Industrial Farm.

**Desbarats** had a talk on "Intelligence Testing" by the school principal and found it "most enlightening for anyone having children in school."

**Five Lakes** writes: "Our Institute is newly formed and our best feature is enthusiasm which we can recommend to everyone."

**MacLennan** invited all the women of all the Institutes in the district to a meeting in the hall where they had a speaker from the Cancer Society. Also: "After listening to the W.I. Farm Forum broadcast we felt we should learn more about the education program for our schools; so we plan to have a speaker from the District Board of Education in May."

**Portlock Royal:** "A panel discussion 'Education — Canadian versus Russian' A grandmother told about education in 1900. High school today was discussed by a mother of

five high school pupils; public school today by a mother of public school pupils. The fourth member of the panel supported the Russian school system. Our programs next year will feature discussions with conveners of standing committees taking a more active part."

**Skipness** strongly recommends a program they had at their family night with two men from the St. John Ambulance Society speaking and giving demonstrations. The school children attended and boys served as "patients" for demonstrations in artificial respiration and first aid to accident victims. The report says: "All our members could not be present but they sent their husbands and school age children."

**Purple Grove** had an "interesting and amusing" symposium by members on "Let's Put First Things First."

**Whitechurch** had a panel on Prejudice, followed by a discussion for members to take part in.

**Manotick** recommends more attention to fish on home economics programs.

**Holtre** had a panel discussion on the right to vote at the age of eighteen, with adults, high school pupils and teachers taking part.

**Wild Rose:** a talk and discussion on "Can you pass Ontario's new driving test?"

**Laurel** had a Hydro worker come and speak on safety.

**Bethany** recommends the film, "Four Families" for programs on Citizenship. Also: a member prepared an excellent paper on Home Furnishings from material procured from the Loan Library.

**Morrish:** a talk on fire prevention by a local fireman.

**Hampton** had an interesting demonstration on driftwood.

**Middlemarch** found the film "The Safest Township Anywhere" very good. Two other Institutes were invited to the meeting to see the film.

**Wolfe Island** found an address by a doctor from the Cancer Clinic at the Kingston General Hospital very worth while because, as a result of it, several members have had complete examinations for cancer detection.

**Louise** had an address by a lawyer warning them not to let a high pressure salesman persuade them to sign contracts involving large sums of money. "Due to the information given one member was able to chase out of the immediate community men posing as Income Tax collectors."