



Lanark South District Women's Institutes recently provided the child's wheelchair shown here to complete the furnishing of the new children's wing of the War Memorial Hospital in Perth. This picture taken at the presentation shows Miss Diane Church, R.N.; Mrs. Ernest Hammond, Perth District Women's Institutes' Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. R. A. D. McTavish, District President; Mr. Ray Ballons, Hospital Administrator and the patient, Allan Hughes.

ed with textile paints on a small glass dish or ash tray and took the article home as a souvenir of the anniversary.

**Carpenter** had a discussion period for each of the standing committee subjects, taking only one subject at a meeting.

**Lake Dore.** A speaker on Vocational Guidance proved to be a great help to parents.

**Combermere:** "Films seem to hold the interest of our members. We have had some excellent films this year on Mental Health, Alcoholism, "A Simple Detail" — Hospital Insurance."

**West Ward Evening:** Each month one member studies a section of the Hand Book and makes up a number of questions to ask from this section. About five minutes is given to this discussion.

**Earlton** recommends that Institute members have one evening annually when they go out together as a group to dinner and an evening's entertainment.

**Savard** had an Education Day at the school well attended by parents; they also enjoyed their program on Safety on Steps.

**North McIntyre** recommends a speaker from an Ontario Hospital, to speak on mental health.

**West Fort William.** At an open meeting, had a demonstration of fire prevention by two members of the city fire department. It was so effective that other branches have since had the same program.

**Allanburg:** "Our film and discussion on Vocational Guidance was one of our best program features and a good follow-up to the

Farm Forum Broadcast sponsored by the Institutes."

Many Institutes report having an address from a "remedial teacher" explaining how special education is given in schools for retarded children.

**Mosborough** had a roll call "Home hazards I intend to eliminate." The report adds "and the members followed through."

**Puslinch Lake** reports that the information the members received from a representative of the Consumers' Association of Canada "will be most helpful in buying wisely for the home and family."

**West End,** out of its own experience, recommends more singing at meetings. The Institute has even compiled its own song book, the work being done by one of the members on a hectograph. The books are made so that they can be added to.

**Adelaide Hoodless** branch members "enjoyed the programs in which they themselves took part, or which were prepared by some of their own members." They refer especially to a talk by a member on the Life History of Robert Burns at the January meeting and a panel discussion on The Influence of the Home, the School and the Church on a Child.

**Markham** mentions especially a safety program with the chief constable speaking on Markham's School Safety Patrols.

**Mark Vaun,** at its citizenship and education meeting gave each member a slip of paper with a topic or question related to citizenship and education. After a few minutes to think about it each member was called on for a short talk on her topic. A general discussion followed. All the members took part and this was voted the most enjoyable program of the year.

**Elder's Mills** found a demonstration of the setting of a Christmas buffet meal especially interesting.

**Vellore Junior Institute:** "Our members enjoy demonstrations which they themselves could begin to do at any time after they have been shown."

### Community Interests

Perhaps the most general piece of community work is sponsoring a 4H Homemaking Club. A number of Institutes are sponsoring two clubs.

**South Tarentorus** sent two needy children to camp. **Prince** gave a transistor radio to a boy suffering from muscular dystrophy. **East Korah** sent a Christmas basket to a family where the father had died and gifts to children who had lost their mother. **Prince of Wales** sends gifts — clothing, candy and cash mostly, to a woman of the community who is in a mental hospital. They say "Most of our work