

Here and There With the Institutes

Final Notes from Secretaries' Reports

International Interests

(Continued from last issue)

Mt. Elgin: "New Canadians gave an account of Christmas customs in Finland, Holland and Yugoslavia. They prepared dishes of food native to these countries and brought them to the meeting for other members to sample."

Staffa made a study of British Columbia, with a five minute talk at each of several meetings on the topics: Location and Physical Features, Historical Background, Climate, People, Natural Resources and Industries, Natural Wild Life, Cities and Towns, Tourist Attractions and Importance to the rest of the Dominion. (Perhaps they will continue this feature with other provinces. Ed.)

Cassburn had a talk on Holland by a new member, formerly of Holland and the motto "Let brotherly love continue." **Pine Tree** had a program on Holland with Dutch food for refreshments.

Golden Lake had a display of the flags of all countries in the United Nations and a talk by a woman from Germany.

Pembroke had a dinner meeting at a hotel, the room decorated with flags of all nations and as guest speaker a lady from Tanganyika who spoke on the customs of that country and modelled some of the women's clothes.

At **Stewartville** a New Canadian told of how she went about getting her citizenship papers.

Churchill had an address by a Canadian Lithuanian on Wedding and Funeral Customs in her country. The Hymn of All Nations was sung.

Cains Corners had an address on The History of the Russian People and Russian Education, also a paper, "What is A.C.W.W.?"

At **South Gillies** two members of Finnish descent spoke on the history and people of Finland. Finnish national dishes were served for lunch.

Fenelon Falls presented a Chinese bride with a membership in the Institute, an Institute pin and a cup and saucer.

At **Burwick** a Chinese woman spoke on her public relations work among the Chinese in Toronto. Her daughter, eleven years old, danced traditional Chinese dances.

Bowen Road. Our speaker spoke on Good Citizenship and we had a luncheon featuring various national dishes.

Teviotdale had a New-Canadian member as convener for their citizenship meeting. The

report says: "We benefitted greatly as she told what it takes to become a Canadian citizen."

Mosborough had their husbands and three other Institutes as guests at their International meeting. The speakers showed slides taken on a visit to the British Isles and they had special music.

Copetown reports: "Our International meeting was the outstanding meeting of the year. A New Canadian Jewish mother living in the community, told of Jewish customs in her native country. It brought us all much closer in understanding."

Clyde and Scots had a talk by a Polish woman on her native country; and "an impressive display of New Canadian arts and crafts.

Carluk says: "Our International meeting is one of the best of the year. Our New Canadians provide either the program or the lunch or sometimes both, when we may be treated to Danish twists or Dutch or Czecho-Slovakian cookies."

Historical Research

Wesley: "We are a new branch and we have started a history book for future reference. An **East Korah** member did the research and wrote the history of the United Church of East Korah at the time the new church was opened.

Desbarats, collecting material for its Tweedsmuir History, saves clippings of the fifty and twenty-five years ago columns in the local paper.

Gordon Lake had for a roll call, "A short biography of a pioneer" which resulted in five more biographies for our Tweedsmuir history."

Oshweken has a member on the Board of Iroquonian studies and a member on the committee for planning an Indian village at the Pauline Johnson Homestead. This branch whose membership is half Indian learned to sing an Indian hymn.

Kars: "We set a deadline for people to get in their information for our Tweedsmuir history. Then at our handicraft fair we had the book on exhibition along with antiques and samples of our work in short courses. When people saw the book and their contributions in it, it was quite effective. To show the Tweedsmuir history we spread the pages on a long table and covered them with saran.