

northern neighbor", "Sweden — Aloof and neutral", "India — Land of the Taj Mahal", "Israel — The Holy Land today", "Norway — The Land of the Midnight Sun", "Germany — A country divided", "Scotland — The Land of the Heather", "Philippines — Islands of the blue Pacific", "Ghana — An emerging nation", "British West Indies — Islands in the sun", "To-morrow's World."

An Original Award

By Mrs. Carl Marritt

TWO MEMBERS of our Annan Women's Institute, Miss Agnes and Miss Margaret McKeen, both in their four-score years, were recently honored by an unusual award. Our Institute decided to use money equal to the cost of two life memberships to provide an award for the school in the section where the Misses McKeen have lived all their lives. This sum will provide an annual award of a book to the value of \$5, for a student in Grade VIII.

To present the awards to the McKeen sisters an Institute committee including the president visited them in their home and made the presentation there. There was no formal program — the afternoon was spent mostly in reminiscing about earlier Institute days, for the McKeens have been members for thirty-seven years. Then the visitors presented the award scroll and a Women's Institute cup and saucer to each of the sisters, and their hostesses served tea with Christmas cake and shortbread of their own baking.

A New Community Service

By Edith A. Purcell

A NNUALLY, in February, the members of West Fort William Institute arrange for an open meeting to which they invite members of every Women's Institute in Thunder Bay as well as visitors and friends. It is usually held in one of the church halls and an interesting program is planned.

Last February the special speaker was Mrs. B. Chalmers, Social Worker, who told the gathering of a new endeavour, the first of its kind in Canada, which has been recently opened, sponsored by the United Church Board of Home Missions and the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, and with the co-operation of a local group. The service offered is open to everyone, and in co-operation with government departments and other agencies it is hoped to give counsel and encouragement to older people living alone, to work with the rehabilitation of the sick and disturbed and to help solve marital and family problems.

A demonstration of square dancing was given by a group of the Junior Thunder Capers under the direction of Dee Dee Sellick. A



Arrangements of dried flowers and grasses in an exhibit on the preservation of flowers at West Fort William's annual meeting open to all Institute members in Thunder Bay.

quartette of members contributed several vocal selections and greetings were extended by the district officers present from both North and South Thunder Bay.

A highlight of the evening was an exhibit on the preservation of flowers and weeds, by Mrs. D. McKechnie and Mrs. N. Baker. Many floral arrangements as well as unique and unusual ways of grouping common grasses and weeds were shown. The Tweedsmuir History Book belonging to the Branch was also on display.

The program concluded with a period of fun and group singing and lunch was served by the members.

Raising Funds For Scholarships

SOUTH WATERLOO DISTRICT Award Fund is over the top. The fifteen branches throughout South Waterloo have been working in units for the past two years to raise the \$3,300 needed to put the fund over the top. The 500 women who comprise the fifteen branches were divided into three units of five branches each, headed by Mrs. Austin S. Ziegler of New Hamburg, Mrs. J. Milburn Lake, Galt and Mrs. C. J. Brent, Breslau.

The Galt branches which grouped together were Central Dumfries, Laura Rose, Little's Corners, Branchton and Galt. Their initial project was a Quilt Fair which also featured many lovely antiques. The tea-room was staffed by Institute members dressed in beautiful dresses of yesteryear. This year a successful fashion show was this unit's means of raising money.

Another unit consisting of Maple Grove, Preston, Hespeler, Jubilee and Millcreek held a mammoth rummage sale. Catering to dinners and a night of games and good fellowship rounded out this unit's activities with an added