

## Comments and Suggestions

**Kipling:** "For one meeting we moved the program up to immediately after the roll call and we found that this works much better than leaving it till the last."

**Willancrest:** "We have had every one of our members taking part in our year's work and this has given us a true Women's Institute spirit."

**Atherton:** "More executive meetings should be held in the branches to transact as much of the business as possible, leaving time for interesting programs at the regular meetings."

**Woodhouse:** "We believe our programs could be improved if the committee would start to prepare for them as soon as the programs are made out, instead of waiting until a few days before the meeting and just gathering clippings to read. More study could be given to the topics and mottoes."

**Innerkip** asks for "fewer and shorter letters."

**Mount Elgin:** "The members appreciate the reduction of so many letters and requests. We discarded our budget (for charities) this year to donate to the scholarship fund."

**Belfountain Rockside:** "By having a luncheon precede our annual meeting we have a good attendance."

To increase attendance, **Sandhill** members "chose sides" as for a baseball game, for a competition to see which side could have the more regular attendance at meetings through the year. The losing side treated the winners to a luncheon at the annual meeting.

**Lily Dempsey:** "Our attendance isn't too large, due to the fact that we have several young members, one in university, two business girls and two girls in high school. While these members find it difficult to attend the

A Tweedsmuir History float set up by Ripley Women's Institute. Two members are in ancient costumes and two in modern, depicting the old and the new in the history recorded.



Florence Institute's float in the centennial parade represented a centennial birthday cake complete with candles; a "modern queen" and "an old-fashioned couple." The couple can scarcely be seen in the picture.

meetings they still contribute much to the work such as music for special occasions, papers and demonstrations. One girl conducted a special class for all interested members in leathercraft and Christmas decorations."

**Fullarton:** "Encourage young mothers to bring their children. Soft pedal money as much as possible. Have more high grade sewing courses — perhaps some could be done on TV as a series."

**Lochwinnoch:** "We feel that there should be two community history books, kept in different homes in case of loss through fire or misplacement."

**Mitchell Square** feels the Institutes should do more to create in their members an interest in poetry and music. (If any Institute has done anything along these lines we would like to have a report of it for the "Special Programs and Projects" pages in this paper. Ed.)

**Northbrook** finds it interesting to have each standing committee convener give a two-minute report at each meeting.

**Warminster** says: "Let's bring back the true meaning of the Women's Institute as started by Adelaide Hoodless. Let's do away with so many forms and so much red tape."

**Slate River:** "We have adopted a policy of remembering a member in hospital with flowers, a hospitalized member of her family with a small gift and others of the community with cards. From the response from the community at large we feel that we are helping both the community and ourselves."

**Bloomingtondale:** "After hearing Miss Pearl Isaacksz speak at our convention we now know where the money goes for the International Scholarship and we were glad that our branch had made a contribution. This should