

# 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.

### Suggestions for Programs

**Colpoys Bay:** "Many of our topics were followed by group discussion by the members which seems to be helpful in many ways. The women do not hesitate to express their opinions and it is all done in a friendly fashion."

**Third Line:** "We tried a different method of making out programs this year. We all met together and arranged for the place of meetings, a convener for each meeting and the lunch committees. The members were then divided among the conveners. Each little group planned two meetings. In this way everyone had a chance to bring forth any ideas and we had a better variety of programs."

**Carmel:** "Through our convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries we are trying to arrange tours so that our community will be conscious of local industries."

**Melrose:** "We had a representative of the Cancer Society show us a film on Cancer. After seeing the film several women of our community have had check-ups at the hospital."

**Udney:** "After seeing the first Cancer film at a meeting the Institute got transportation for the ladies of the community to go and see more serious ones."

**Birkhall** had a "Peter McArthur Night," with readings from his writings. The Institute is considering taking a bus trip to see the old McArthur home which has been moved to the pioneer village at Doon.

**Corunna:** "We feel that the highlight of our year's program was our family night banquet when our speaker was a Provincial Policeman who showed a film on safe driving and school buses; also conducted a very interesting discussion and question and answer period. We felt we were educating ourselves as well as our families."

**Baltimore:** "Our members feel that the meeting we had with our high school Guidance Teacher was really worth while — he explained the different courses so fully."

**Princess Elizabeth** had a speaker from the Sunbeam Home for retarded infants at Waterloo at their December meeting; and instead of having an exchange of Christmas gifts among themselves they gave a donation to the Home. Innerkip had a speaker from the district training centre for retarded children. The Institute gave quilts to the centre.

**Plattsville** had a speaker from the St. John Ambulance. Comments on the address indicate that it emphasized the Institutes' Safety Project of the year by warnings about substance around the house that can be fatal poisons to children.

**Jubilee Frontenac** — feels that all members are now more "safety conscious" as the result of an address on "Safety in the Home."

**Malden:** A roll call: "Display a piece of china and tell its history."

**Maple Leaf:** "This year we planned our programs with the idea of getting more active participation from all our members. We arranged a contest, dividing the members into two teams and giving points for attendance, answering the roll call and bringing a visitor. Everyone has tried to participate in the roll calls. It is very seldom that anyone says just 'Present'. Our Christmas, St. Patrick's and International meetings had everyone doing something. Our Grandmothers' meeting was put on by all the grandmothers, not necessarily older ones."

**Bervie** says: "Have a local conservation officer speak at a meeting."

**Teeswater** put on a program on Stephen Foster and his songs, using a guide that they had obtained from the University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg.