

and the word "kirk" for church when advertising our "Pioneer Variety Nite" in October. These names made interested persons stop, think and inquire.

Our program was staged on a Saturday evening when there was to be no church service the next day, so the clear-up could be delayed until Monday. For the program we had a mayor representing "Bowerman's Hollow" who presented a huge key to the capable chairman for the evening. A parlor scene was maintained throughout the evening at one side of the stage, in charge of an old-fashioned lady and gentleman.

The program included a pantomime with churn, washboard, etc.; old songs, a fashion parade of wedding dresses from 1906 to 1964, including old-time bathing suits, sports clothes, dresses and night gowns; a choir of present and former residents singing two songs which had been written about the community in 1915. At the end we had twenty-one new and old organizations represented, of which only about eight have been active since 1900.

Afterwards we squeezed down the stairs to the basement to shop at the village store with its shelves, counter, apple barrel, scales, etc. Two gentlemen dressed as old-time storekeepers sold baking.

After a visit at the store one could enjoy a cup of tea, sandwiches and cookies or look over antiques, old post cards, community pictures and Bowerman's Family Bible. The history book was not on display but display boards were made up listing dwellings, farms, businesses and other information in the book.

Next year we hope to have another variety night but we intend to start plans earlier as we only had about one month to prepare for



Charter members of Erindale Institute beside the Erindale Community Hall built by the Institute, with community co-operation, in 1928. Left to right: Mrs. H. Woodall, Mrs. Ray O'Neil, Mrs. M. Burke, Women's Institute representative on the Community Hall Board, and Miss Lottie Caton.

this program. We will also divide the work with the other members, not just the Tweedsmuir Committee.

Providing a Community Hall

By Mrs. Wm. Silburn

IN 1928, Erindale Women's Institute undertook to provide their community with a community hall. After getting 75 per cent of the ratepayers' signatures on a petition for a hall — this was necessary to get the council's consent to proceed with the project, the Institute raised and collected \$2,800 for the building, the Ontario Government then giving 25 per cent of the cost. In addition, the Women's Institute bought chairs and stage curtains and equipped the kitchen. With funds gone, the Institute members cleaned the hall floor before the official opening, each woman taking a square to scrub and polish.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Hon. W. D. Ross, opened the Hall in October 1928 with all of Erindale and many from surrounding districts attending. The opening was followed by a big party and dance. For many years, until the churches were enlarged recently, all church as well as community entertainments were held in the Hall. It has been used by many community groups for meetings and at times as a school and a church.

At present the Hall, now with modern equipment, is used regularly by the Guides, Brownies and Scouts without cost. It is also used for Youth Centre dances, winter Women's Institute meetings and twice-monthly Lions Club dinners and meetings. Rentals are charged for dances, receptions and elections, and the Lions pay for the main upkeep. The work of the earlier Erindale Women's Institute has supplied the community with a much-needed meeting place for thirty-eight years.

Far Reaching Extension Service

By Margaret Haskell

Editor's Note: The following report came as a note of appreciation of Home Economics Extension Services but the Extension Service staff agree that a greater appreciation is due to Mrs. Haskell of Port Alma and Glenwood Institute, who as a local leader carried the instruction from the leaders' training school to an almost incredible number of women and young people.

THE COPPER TOOLING course has been especially good for me. I have passed this course on to a class of seventeen, a class of eleven, a class of forty-five, also with four assistants to help me, with a church youth group. This past month I have had a class of six ladies and they are coming back