

boxes were sent to the older people in the community.

Among the pleasant social events of the year were a Family Christmas Supper with a neighboring Institute catering so that the women could enjoy the supper with their husbands and children; a bus trip; and a debate "Resolved that men spend more time and money on their pleasure than women do." (The report does not say whether or not men took part in this debate, but it would seem to be a good way of involving men in the Institute program. Ed.)

Institutes Exchange Visits

SOME TIME AGO Anderdon Women's Institute had a note published in *Home and Country*, saying the members would like to take a bus trip to visit another branch and exchange ideas on programs, projects and other Institute interests. Payne's Mills was the first to extend an invitation, so early in March about forty members of Anderdon, Malden, Olinda, Cottam and Colchester North Institutes chartered a sun parlor bus and went to Paynes Mills.

Mrs. Louis Bondy, P.R.O. for the district of South Essex reports that the hostess Institute members met them in their Institute hall, gave them a warm welcome and a delicious smorgasbord dinner; then they went into the auditorium for the Payne's Mills regular monthly meeting. In the afternoon the visitors continued in their bus to visit the now rather famous Elgin County Museum. Here they were served tea; then they boarded the bus for the return trip, stopping at Blenheim for an hour's shopping. Mrs. Bondy comments: "As a Public Relations Officer I would suggest we have more of these visits. You would be astonished at what a day's outing can do for you."

Distributing Home and Country

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have been hearing from several Institute members who have not been able to attend the Institute meeting at which the copies of *Home and Country* are distributed and who have therefore missed getting a copy of that issue.

We know that in some Institutes the secretary mails a *Home and Country* to any member who is not at the meeting when the paper is distributed. Perhaps the editor appreciates this as much as the woman who receives the paper.

Would secretaries or others please let us know how they manage to see that *Home and Country* reaches every member. At the same

time it would be interesting to know if and how they make use of any surplus copies that may come to the Institute.

Street Lights Provided

By Laura Gibbs

WILLIAMSFORD IS all aglow! And it is not just because Spring is coming. For a Christmas present last year the little hamlet proudly adorned herself with street lights, largely through the efforts of the Williamsford Women's Institute.

Our membership is quite a small one, barely numbering the minimum requirement for such a group, but what enthusiastic workers! After receiving the news that \$1,000.00 had been left in a Will last year by Mr. Ephraim Krauss towards such a venture, the ladies went to work canvassing the villagers, holding euchres, making quilts for raffling, and attending meetings with the Hydro officials, with the final result that the necessary \$3,000.00 was accrued to install modern lighting not only on the main thoroughfare but also at needful locations on the back roads.

Fourth Year in Save the Children Project

MRS. BEUFORD PECK reports that Rednersville Institute, working through the Save the Children crusade, has been sponsoring a little boy in Hong Kong since 1962. In the beginning the responsibility of helping a child was taken on as a one-year project, but some Institutes, like Rednersville, feel they cannot abandon a child so long as he needs their help. This boy, Kwok-yuen Lee, is now twelve years old, one of a family of four children; his father teaches tailoring in a private school earning the equivalent of about thirty-four Canadian dollars a month. Following are some quotations from the translations of Kwok-yuen's letters to the Institute:

"Dear Aunties: I have not written to you for half a year, but I have always been thinking of you. I believe all of you are well and enjoying life very much." . . . "It's so lucky that due to your help I have a chance at



Mrs. Thos. Blackman, President Paynes Mills Women's Institute welcomes guests from Institutes in Essex county.