

Special Programs and Projects

A Note to PRO's

The purpose of this special Programs and Projects section is to give Public Relations Officers a spot in Home and Country where they can tell all the Institutes of the Province about anything done in their own Institute which might offer a suggestion to other branches.

As we have explained in previous issues, we cannot give space to routine reports of meetings — unless the program is so original or outstanding as to give an idea to other Institutes. A particularly good subject for a topic, discussion, debate, motto or roll call would be welcome.

Some years ago it was decided that we could not report anniversary celebrations. These are of interest mainly in the local community where the participants are known and of course P.R.O.s will see that they get into the local papers.

And please note that to produce an illustration we require a photograph, not the negative; and that we cannot make a cut from a colored picture or from a slide.

Perhaps the best way to see the sort of material we need for this section is to look at the topics in this and previous issues. Then, as P.R.O. for your branch or district or area, if you have a story that should be told, do, please, send it along. — Editor.

Having a Project Creates Interest

By Mrs. John Malcolm

TEETERVILLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE has been busy again this year. When other groups ask how we achieve so much, our answer is, "Start a project." The women then work harder together and are much more interested.

When Teeterville Women's Institute bought the old school for a hall, there was certainly a lot of work to be done, and with very little funds we did what we could ourselves, but there were costs that required money, and, wanting to pay off the mortgage in as short a time as possible, we have planned varied ways of raising our funds.

We have three annual events, beside catering, renting the hall, etc. Each July we hold a chicken barbecue, this year feeding some 400 people. Our husbands turned in to help

do the cooking. In September we hold our Southern-style Brunswick Stew. This event is growing each year. We do the cooking outside but all are fed inside the hall. Then in February we hold an European-style supper. This is supervised by our new Canadian members when they cook such treats as chicken, cabbage rolls, rye bread, etc. and top it all off with their delicious tortes.

This July, Teeterville Institute was host to members of 29 Women's Institutes of North and South Norfolk County. It was a rainy day so all was held inside. After a delicious dinner a well enjoyed program was provided by different Institutes. Teeterville for their part made up a rhythm band dressed as the various people in a country village. We had the minister, butcher, mayor, granny, farmer John, Aunt Lucy and others, and after marching to Macnamara's Band the women, to stress our historical ambitions, sang The Little Old Brown Shack Out Back, with family members in clothes of the period standing guard over the building. The day was much enjoyed and better relations felt between the various Institutes.

Teeterville has a Centennial Committee working on the material to go into a museum. The local township council is restoring a log house and placing it on property purchased from the Women's Institute as a centennial project.

When winter rolls around we plan to hold teen-town dances and euchre parties week about, beside renting our hall and catering to various activities.

So if your Institute seems to be slipping, take up a project to work for. It helps.

Another Good Samaritan Story

By Mrs Roy A. Patterson

THIS PAST WINTER a young woman in our community found herself in serious trouble. Her husband, following a very short illness, passed away leaving his young wife, Carolyn, twenty-one years of age, and three small daughters, aged two years, one year and five months.

They had been operating and living on a farm owned by his family. The farm house, a mile from the road, was very old, cold, with no hydro and little comforts of any kind. Carolyn had been married very young; her babies arrived closely, and due to living conditions the children were in poor health.

When her husband died the young widow was in grave circumstances. She owned only the three babies' cribs and her wedding presents. She had no money, no house, three babies suffering from bad colds and boils, and no place to go. Her parents live in Quebec, and having twelve children of their own, some still