

small at home, they were unable to be of much help.

However, in our community as in many, no one is forsaken. The neighbors organized a canvass of the entire area, for money, household furnishings and clothing. Well over \$800.00 was collected plus tables, chairs, lamps, radio, clocks, beds, springs, mattresses, clothes racks, etc. In short, after Carolyn had purchased a used stove and refrigerator, she had all the necessities and even a few luxuries.

The Foresters Falls Women's Institute like most branches of no more than nineteen members, had very little money; but the women scraped the bottom of their finances to get one hundred dollars, and purchased a local school building just recently closed. The building was in good condition, with hydro, hot and cold water on tap, oil furnace, tile floor, and basement. The neighbors donated labor and Carolyn purchased the material to divide the main body of the school into three rooms, cut a second outside door in the side of the building, and lower the ceiling. The result was a comfortable home. The family was moved in early in the winter and settled snug before Christmas.

At Christmastime, individual organizations, church groups and our Women's Institute presented the family with hampers of food, clothing, and toys. In fact, through most of the winter, gifts of used clothing and cheques of varying amounts arrived for them from near and far. The Foresters Falls Women's Institute felt very close to a sister branch over one hundred miles away, which sent a money donation for the family.

The Institute is giving Carolyn a rent-free home and in return she will pay the taxes, hydro, bills and other expenses, and she may stay there as long as her present financial condition exists.

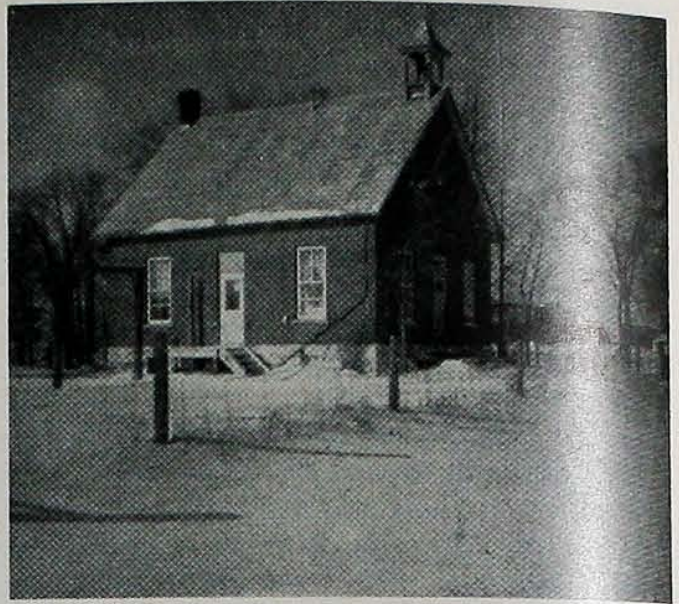
We feel that this type of effort by our Women's Institute and by the community at large not only helps someone in need, but makes our community one we can be proud of, and a good place to live.

## Garden Tea and Art Exhibit

By Mrs. John F. Trimble

**T**HE BELFOUNTAIN - ROCKSIDE Women's Institute in the North Peel District decided to take a recess from their regular monthly meeting in July and hold a "Village Garden Tea and Art Exhibit" instead.

The President, Mrs. Wm. Laughlin, opened her village home for the tea which drew considerable attention from ladies of the community and the other branches in the district. It was held on the regular meeting day with an open-air exhibit of art planned, but inclement



Forester's Falls Institute purchased this closed school and converted it into a home for a destitute widow and her family of young children.

weather made it necessary to view the pictures inside, with tea being served in the garden. All went well until a sudden shower late in the afternoon sent everyone scurrying for cover.

The works of art were shown not only by members of the Institute but by other residents of the community, men included, and were varied and interesting. There were winter and summer scenes, flower arrangements and portraits in oils, watercolors, pastel, pencil and charcoal sketches, panel embroidery, copper tooling and one picture made of plywood and wire. Another creation was entirely of wire and was painted antique black.

The members feel that this was a most successful venture and plan to build a similar event next year, perhaps an exhibition of homecrafts or hobbies.

Other events planned for the fall are a meeting at which Mrs. Austin Zoeller, Provincial Public Relations Officer will be guest speaker, and a chartered bus trip to take the members to the Area Convention for the sessions and luncheon on November 4. At the Public Relations meeting each member will answer the roll call by bringing a guest, introducing her and saying something interesting about her.

## A Display Tea

**C**LOVERDALE held a "Display Tea" which proved to be one of the most outstanding projects of the Institute. There was a fashion show in which the 4-H Homemaking Club girls modelled dresses they had made in their project "Cottons May Be Smart". The commentary was given by a club member and the mothers of all the club members were invited. Institute members modelled hats which they had learned to make in the Millinery short course. At the tea following the program the Institute served desserts similar to those taught in the Desserts short course.