

Hampton Institute recently honored four of its members with life memberships. A point of interest in the meeting was that the cake made especially for the tea following the presentation had the life members' names lettered in the icing.

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At the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, Women's Institutes of the district had an Institute booth where they gave out information about the organization and its work and put on a variety of demonstrations. Members of **Conmee** Institute made a variety of pancakes—standard pancakes and such variations as graham flour, French, Scotch, graham wafer, apple, carrot, corn and buckwheat. Visitors were given samples and recipes. **West Fort William** and Stanley branches demonstrated block printing; **East Fort William**, knitting and woolcraft. On Women's Day a pot luck luncheon was served to over fifty women, representatives of Women's Institutes of the area. Judges and women directors of the fair were guests.

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Lambton Mills has presented a life membership with pin and bar to Mrs. Fred Mercer, who has "served the Institute faithfully and efficiently for forty-six years and is still active."

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Mrs. J. Beach sends this report of an interesting meeting: "A program that will

not soon be forgotten by either participants or the audience of about one hundred people, was a joint effort of **Rockley** and **Hudson** Institutes. To start the evening Hudson provided a humorous recitation, then a hilarious play "Hen Peck Holler Gossip." We are sure that a Women's Institute meeting was never conducted the way Hen Peck Holler Sewing Circle conducted theirs. Costumes of the era, around 1910, added to the hilarity. Rockley provided a lively, thought-provoking panel discussion on whether the youth of today are better or worse than those in years gone by. The opinion seemed to be that there are good and bad in every period. A poetic member of Hudson Institute summed up the conclusion of the evening as follows: "We then had a good lunch of coffee and cake, and Man! how those Institute women can bake!"

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A short time ago Combermere Institute had a course in Needlecraft. Recently the Home Economics Branch instructor who gave the course had a letter enclosing an order for a large quantity of supplies that could not be obtained nearer home, such as needles and embroidery cottons. The letter said: "We have formed a 'Crewel Club' and we are going at a great rate at our crewel work, meeting at eleven, taking our lunch and working till four." (We suppose they don't meet more often than once a week. Ed.)

Here and There With the Institute

Notes From Secretaries' Reports

Again we have gathered from the Secretaries' Reports 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. Others will be dealt with in the next issue. — Editor.

Suggestions for Programs

Alphabetically, Algoma Centre's West Tar-entorus branch report was the first to recommend having a local lawyer speak on Wills and Succession Duties. Several other branches reported this as one of their most interesting program features.

Dayton considers their program on cancer of the breast and uterus, with films and members of the Cancer Society in attendance to answer questions from the audience, one of the most important programs of the year. As a result of this meeting, arrangements were made for members, in groups of six, to attend the district's cancer clinic for check-ups.

Massey brought in a special speaker on Citizenship and at this meeting the report says