

Here and There with the Institutes

More notes from Secretaries' Reports

Suggestions for Programs

Ferguson's Falls especially enjoyed a talk and film on trees and fighting forest fires by the Deputy Chief Fire Ranger of the Department of Lands and Forest in their area. The people of the community were invited to this meeting which we presume was held in the evening. The Institute provided a skit to add to the entertainment.

McIlquhams had a talk and film on shoes and the members are now more interested in the fit of shoes, especially for children.

Beechwood reports a "most interesting and informative" meeting on Education. Two teachers discussed the new methods of teaching mathematics, English, art and reading. There were displays of new text books and a mural "Springtime At the Old Mill", done by Grade V children. Part of the interest of the program came from the members' questions answered by the teachers. Beechwood, for their June meeting, entertained patients from the mental hospital. They took them on a tour of several farms and had a luncheon at the Institute hall. The secretary says "This was a rewarding experience for us and we all agreed that we want to repeat it next year."

Ilderton: After a talk on Poisons by our district president, Mrs. Murray Hodgins, we were more careful with poisons in our homes."

South Lobo: "A demonstration of wood staining without removing the old finish created a great amount of interest." (We believe this demonstration may have been given by a representative of a paint firm. Ed.)

Delaware likes its practice of having the roll call at the December meeting answered by presenting a gift for a patient in the mental hospital.

Kerwood reports an interesting skit written by one of their members, Miss Mildred Richardson, on "Housecleaning Then and Now." The skit had two housewives of many years ago dealing with beating carpets, stretching curtains, straw ticks, etc. and stopping for a buttermilk break; and two housewives of the modern version with vacuum cleaner, washer, floor polisher and present day cleaners, taking a rest at a coffee break. The secretary says "Members should be encouraged to try something new."

Melbourne members "benefitted from a demonstration showing the different cuts of meat."

Long Point had a representative of the Li-

brary Board speak at a meeting about the library books available.

Among **Lynedoch's** recommended program features are an address on ARDA by the agricultural representative.

Many branches report interesting talks with or without films by doctors, nurses or other health personnel. **Castleton** found an illustrated talk on Cancer very helpful; **Codrington** a talk and demonstration on Emergency Measures. **White School** had a showing of two cancer films.

At **Colborne** a local artist gave a talk on Canadian Art.

Coldsprings considers the program presented by their 4-H Homemaking Clubs one of their best. They sponsor two clubs of thirty-one girls with four leaders.

Zephyr reports: "As the township school area system is being introduced here we found an address by our school inspector, followed by a question and answer period very informative." **Kinsale** held a meeting at the school when the inspector explained the new area setup and told what schools would constitute the area.

Woodstock North had a very good panel discussion on "How to revitalize an Institute."

Brownsville mentions particularly an address by a Consultant with the London Education Clinic, formerly a local girl, telling about her work.

Burgessville. "A representative of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto gave a very interesting account of their work, which we had known nothing about."

Jean Brumpton Institute found an address on Water Pollution by a representative of the Ontario Water Resources Commission very timely."

Mount Elgin mentions two displays of very special interest: colored slides picturing the four seasons and a display of wooden articles showing the wide range in the use of wood in sport, travel, literature, musical instruments, furniture, household utensils, clothing and food.

Pleasant Valley found their visit to the Advanced Training Centre for Retarded Children at Woodstock was "both interesting and beneficial."

Summerville sponsored a Flowerama with a local florist demonstrating flower arrangements.

Verschoye had a program on Poisons in the Home and antidote charts were given to mothers of children—both members and others.