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A CRAZY QUILT
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They do not make them any more,
 For quilts are cheaper at the store
 Than woman's labor, though a wife
 Men think the cheapest thing in life.
 But now and then a quilt is spread
 Upon a quaint old walnut bed,
 A crazy quilt of those old days
 That I am old enough to praise.

Some woman sewed these points and squares
 Into a pattern like life's cares.
 Here is a velvet that was strong,
 The poplin that she wore so long,
 A fragment from her daughter's dress,
 Like her, a vanished loveliness;
 Old patches of such things as these,
 Old garments and old memories.

And what is life? A crazy quilt;
 Sorrow and joy, and grace and guilt,
 With here and there a square of blue
 For some old happiness we knew;
 And so the hand of time will take
 The fragments of our lives and make,
 Out of life's remnants, as they fall,
 A thing of beauty, after all.

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acres of land given to the Swedes by the Delaware Indians who occupied the territory at that time." **Wabash** had Mr. Snake speak at their family night.

Brooke had a meeting featuring a study of the Canadian Indians and their present problems across Canada. The report says: "Members say they were made more aware of the problems of our Indians and are now more interested in the many current press articles about them." This Institute for its international meeting had a program on Japan, using information from the Japanese Embassy.

Aughrim has a friendship link with an Institute in Wales.

Rutherford reports: "At one meeting we had an excellent speaker on 'Adoption' with the topic 'My Brother's Child's Keeper.' Since that meeting the speaker has adopted a two-year-old Japanese war refugee."

Hopetown had papers on Racial Prejudice and Negro Slavery.

Rock Ridge had a member's account of a personal visit to Iceland and her observations on Irish home and community life.

Junetown had an illustrated lecture by a former district president on her trip to the A.C.W.W. conference in Australia.

Bayview made a study of Canada's National Parks.

Mill Creek Odessa enjoys correspondence with pen friends in Australia, members of the Country Women's Association.

Historical Research

South Tarentorus is working for the preservation of an old stone house of local historic

interest. They hope to make its restoration a centennial project.

Alford and Park Road tries to visit a "historic site" each year.

At **Oakland** the members were asked for a written history of their homes and these were turned over to the Tweedsmuir history committee for use in the history book.

Many branches in Bruce county report work for their Log House museum — cleaning up the house, planting flowers, serving as hostesses for an afternoon and evening.

In **Bruce Dale** Institute each member has planted a flowering crab as a centennial project.

Underwood's Tweedsmuir history curator was able to supply information about the schools of the township when the Township Central School Board was compiling a history of the sixteen one-room schools that had been closed. The curator also supplied the history of the Bruce Municipal Telephone System when the Council wanted this information.

At **Armow** Institute the convener of Historical Research "gave a talk on how to write up a farm history." Their Tweedsmuir history book was on display at a meeting.

Kairshea is keeping a scrap book of outstanding events in the community for possible use in their Tweedsmuir history.

At **Kincardine** a member was allowed to look through the Minute Book of a Church so that she could write the history of the Church for the Institute's Tweedsmuir history.

Laurel supplied the local newspaper with information about neighboring villages — information that had been gathered for the Institute's Tweedsmuir history.

Morrisburg has had a glass case with a lock made for their Tweedsmuir history. This is kept in the library. The librarian and the Institute president each has a key.

Blackstock reports: "The Grade XI students of the high school organized a local museum for a day and our members donated a number of articles as well as information for the history book the students published." **Nesleton** reports practically the same help to the students of their township high school.

Eden (Elgin county) says: "We have given help to several seeking information for their family tree. The banquet and fashion show of "Wedding Gowns for 1850 On" was a great booster of the Women's Institute stock here."

Sparta Sorosis sponsored the formation of an historical society with the object of establishing a pioneer village. Their "Olde Forge and Anvil" makes a good central beginning for this.

Middlemarch says that because of a display of heirlooms at an Institute meeting, members