

Community Activities

Clarendon plans to lease the local school, now closed, and to use it as a community centre and a place for church services. The secretary says: "With this centre we will be able to do more for our community and the entertainment of our young people. It will also give us a place to hold money-raising activities such as card parties and shows."

Ferguson's Falls got road signs marking the community by requesting them through the County Engineer. **Rideau** got the Township Council to erect road signs leading to the township hall. **South Lobo** asked their Township Council to put up road signs and the Council has promised to do this this year.

Lanark reports: "After having the roll call 'Make Canada More Lovely,' the Institute interested the corporation in clearing an unsightly section of Main Street and planting flowering crab trees in spots throughout the village to bloom in centennial year."

At **Beechwood** a branch of the County Library has its quarters in the Institute Hall and the Institute pays for electricity for lighting.

Cloverdale says: "We have names of patients at the Ontario Hospital at London, to remember at special times of the year."

Coldstream reporting the Institute's visit to the County Home says: "We presented a program suitable to older people; had them join with us in a sing-song of their old favorites; and then served them a lunch of homemade delicacies." . . . This Institute planted poplar trees in a local park that the name of the place, "Poplar Hill" might remain appropriate. Another note from Coldstream is: "We invited families of departed members to our family night."

Melbourne sponsored two meetings open to the community: one featured a film and discussion on Poisons, the other a shoe coloring demonstration.

Model sponsored a monthly tuberculosis clinic.

Newbury-Mosa says: "We let the library board have the use of our rooms so they can supply more books to both adults and children in the town and district. The books are free to the public."

No. 9 Mosa took a special collection to help a local woman with her medical expenses.

Haystack Bay says: "We are very active at our community centre, entertaining children and adults at different social get-togethers which we believe help the small centres."

Baysville Institute finds that the work it has done to beautify the park is appreciated by the community.

Bracebridge reports a most enjoyable bus trip to Edward Gardens, Pioneer Village and

Stroud for a supper served by Stroud Institute, then to Midhurst Museum and home. **Sanford**, also in Muskoka, had a bus trip to the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and Pioneer Village.

South Macaulay bought hockey sweaters for the school boys of the community.

Phelps says: "As a result of our attempts to get a travelling library for school children the local school board joined the Algonquin Regional Library and the school is now served by a Mobile Library."

Nipissing Junction reports "being responsible for getting a well drilled at the community playground and the promise of picnic tables and trees to be planted in the spring."

Courtland sponsored a concert by the school children under the direction of their music teacher. They helped to buy and make uniforms for the children in the rhythm band.

Among **Lynedock's** community interests are an adopted retarded child to whom they send gifts, a resident in the Home for the Aged and a child in France sponsored through the Save the Children fund. **Oakcrest** and **Walsingham** also have each "adopted" a resident of the Norview Home.

The secretary of **Renton**, Mrs. Lewis Iliffe, organized a 4-H Homemaking Club and has led it for ten years.

York Road bought supplies for a sick mother, just home from the hospital.

Baltimore, as a project for centennial year had grass seed, flowering crabs and other shrubs planted on the grounds of the community centre. This Institute entertained about two hundred people at their family night, with a variety program and lunch; "helped two families to buy much needed clothing." **Rentore** gave clothing to a family in need.

At **Grafton** following a discussion at a meeting, the Institute wrote two letters (we presume to the school board and the school principal) drawing attention to the fact that school children were creating an accident hazard by walking on the roadway instead of on the sidewalk. Children were given specific instructions to use the sidewalk.

Roseneath had an amusing skit, arranged by a member, showing a grandmother and her granddaughter doing their housecleaning after the methods of several years ago and today.

Wicklow and Vernonville reports: "Each year we study one of our natural resources. This year it was natural gas. We visited one of the Trans-Canada Pipeline compressor stations."

Bethesda Beach says: "We especially enjoyed an address on 'The Slow Learner' by a teacher who has taken a special course in this type of teaching."