

Special Programs and Projects

A Note to P.R.O.s

The purpose of this special Programs and Projects section is to give Public Relations Officers a spot in Home and Country where they can tell all the Institutes of the Province about anything done in their own Institute which might offer a suggestion to other branches.

As we have explained in previous issues, we cannot give space to routine reports of meetings—unless the program is so original or outstanding as to give an idea to other Institutes. A particularly good subject for a topic, discussion, debate, motto or roll call would be welcome.

Some years ago it was decided that we could not report anniversary celebrations. These are of interest mainly in the local community where the participants are known and of course P.R.O.'s will see that they get into the local papers.

And please note that to produce an illustration we require a photograph, not the negative; and that we cannot make a cut from a colored picture or from a slide.

Perhaps the best way to see the sort of material we need for this section is to look at the topics in this, and previous issues. Then, as P.R.O. for your branch or district or area, if you have a story that should be told, do, please, send it along.—Editor.

For Retarded Children

By Mrs. Forest Boose

COLCHESTER NORTH WOMEN'S Institute in Essex county takes a carload of six women once a month to help at the Cedar Springs Hospital for Retarded Children. We get to the hospital about ten-thirty in the morning and we play with the children and try to get them to walk and talk. Then we help to feed them at lunch. That is quite a job as some are so handicapped it is hard to make them swallow their food. After lunch the older women like myself help with sewing, while others play with the children or take them out of doors if the weather is nice. In fact, we do whatever the staff wants us to do to help.



"Centennial Quilt" made by Mrs. Mary Warren of DeCew Falls Institute; The P.R.O. Mrs. Wm. J. Smith sends this description: "Mrs. Warren chose green and gold broadcloth for the background to represent the green of Canadian meadows and the gold of the grain. Around the outside of the centre panel are the shields of the ten provinces and the two territories, all hand-embroidered on a small block and applied to the quilt. Down the centre panel are the new Canadian Flag, the inscription 'Canada Centennial 1867-1967', and the Canadian Coat of Arms Shield."

Our Institute made thirty-six smocks for attendants at the hospital. The volunteers who wear them are called "the pink ladies."

International Interests at Haysville

By Mrs. Clarence Diamond

THIS PAST YEAR, Haysville Women's Institute has set its sights beyond the confines of its own district and held three meetings which acquainted the members with other countries.

At an evening meeting in September, first-hand information on the set-up and successful working of the United Nations was outlined through pictures and story by a member's daughter who had won a two-week educational trip to New York. At the same meeting another 4-Her gave highlights of her 4-H Exchange Trip to the United States.

In November the members and friends were privileged to have a trip to Ireland via an