

Here and There With the Institutes

More Notes From Secretaries' Reports

Community Activities

Saltfleet has a special interest in quilt making. This year they made seven quilts for the Hamilton Unit of the Red Cross Society, gave a large quilt to the Visiting Homemakers Association to be given to some family in need of it, six quilts to the Children's Aid Society, and one to the Wentworth County Home for the Aged to be sold at their bazaar. (It sold for \$25). This Institute has a friendly visiting committee and individual members visit residents of the County Home; regular attention is given to birthdays and other occasions of a number of residents who need this attention.

Stoney Creek's December meeting program had the theme Christmas in Other Lands with visitors formerly from Holland and Lithuania telling how Christmas is celebrated in their countries. Members brought gifts to be distributed to children under the care of the Children's Aid, and the Superintendent of the Children's Aid spoke briefly.

Picton reports: "We sent delegations to the Council regarding the centennial project of an extension to the public library." This Institute sponsors a chorus to entertain at Christmas time at the town hospital, Rest Homes and Home for the Aged.

Alice says: "We gathered good used clothing and took it to families who had welfare problems, especially clothes for the small children and those of school age who must have warm clothes for winter."

Lake Dore invited the elderly people of the community to their historical meeting.

Locksley-Rankin Institute has a hall which is available to the community at a reasonable rent. The members keep the hall clean and in repair but they engage two men by the year to act as caretakers, to open and close the hall and to "keep order" if necessary. The Institute members "chaperone their own dances."

Combermere sends gifts regularly to a child in Smith's Falls Ontario Hospital.

Goshen and **South Horton** and **Stewartville** report spending a few afternoons at Bonnehore Manor, Renfrew County Home for elderly people, doing sewing and mending for the residents.

When a woman of the community was hospitalized for six weeks, members of **Crown Hill** Institute helped the family by providing



At a workshop on Copper Tooling directed by Miss Isabel Leslie of the Dept. of Agriculture and Food, Home Economics Branch, and organized by Gravelridge Women's Institute, a little boy watches his mother working on a wall plaque.

occasional "baking," casseroles, etc. and assisted with the children's school lunches.

Harvie Settlement donated \$25 and bought clothes for the children of a family "who are finding it hard to make ends meet." Members took "baking" to a woman who was ill. This Institute bought a 75 cup coffee urn "to be available for any gathering in the community."

Rugby invited the women of the community to a Christmas dinner — we presume they brought their pre-school children if it was a noon meal. After dinner they had "a party"; and they brought to this gathering "white gifts" for the Salvation Army's Christmas hampers.

Shanty Bay maintained a library in a local store.

Coldwater Huronia, Hollows, Branchton and Churchill report sending gifts to patients in the mental hospital.

Alliston has a "memorial shelf" in the public library. The Institute provides the books in memory of deceased members.

Maple Valley organized an Arbor Day at the community hall at which "grass was cut, flower beds attended to and the hall given a general cleanup."

New Lowell paid hospital insurance for two months for a boy in hospital with cancer.

Pine Tree sponsors a story hour for children in the library after school every other Monday. A lady, qualified for this, tells the stories and the Institute has two members on hand to escort the children safely from and to the bus and to serve hot chocolate and cookies.

Stayner takes a special interest in two schools for mentally retarded children in the area and