

Cheltenham prepared flower boxes and had them put on the new bridge in the village; also "planted flower beds at both ends of the village and flowering crab apple trees beside the signs that were put up last year."

Coronation gave a gift of \$50 to the Library Board.

Alloa Juniors sent fruit to the people in the County Home at Christmas time; made baby diapers for distribution by the county health unit.

Several **South Peel** Institutes contributed awards for the field day at the nearby Boys' Training School and attended the field day as a way of showing their interest in the boys.

Derry West reports: "We started an appeal for a county museum by sending letters to the town council, the county council and our provincial and federal representatives in Parliament asking them to let us have part of the old Court House for our museum building."

Milverton Juniors sponsored a class in showing calves at the fall fair for children under twelve. They also gave donations to the Children's Aid and Society for Crippled Children.

Carlingford arranged a skating party at the school rink for the community, with card-playing in the school for those who didn't skate and a lunch to end the party. They assisted in buying equipment for a local girls' softball team.

Mitchell Junior Institute working with the Mitchell Junior Farmers, put on a Variety Concert and dance, entered a play in the drama festival, took part in the Perth County Talent Night and helped to sponsor a Safe Driving Rodeo.

Suggestions for Programs

Alexandra had a program on Fire Hazards and Fire Prevention in the Home. The Deputy Fire Chief of the area was the speaker and there was a showing of films.

Binbrook's convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries gave a talk on ARDA (Agricultural Rehabilitation Development Administration). This branch also had a program devoted to the needs of the retarded, both children and adults. Speakers described the work for retarded children in the four special schools in the area, the Rotary Club Training Centre for retarded adults and the nursery where mothers can bring their retarded babies for treatment and advice.

Carluka recommends inviting the men to one meeting during the year with a program of interest to both men and women. This year their speaker was a local lawyer who talked about Wills, Deeds, Succession Duties and Planning an Estate. **Maggie Johnson** invited their husbands to a meeting with the

Reeve and Deputy Reeve as speakers and a period for questions on taxes, assessments, and other municipal affairs.

Winona mentions two of their most enjoyed program features: A talk on Linen with a pamphlet on Linen for each member; and a humorous skit prepared by their Public Relations Officer on Planning the Institute Meetings for the Year. The report says: "The characters were Maid, Mrs. Good Manners, Mrs. Bad Manners, Mrs. Name Dropper, Mrs. Gossip and the Hostess. The skit has been repeated for other organizations." This Institute carried out an original idea in marking its sixtieth anniversary by publishing a 1965 Birthday Calendar and selling copies.

Vandorf organized an essay competition for students of Vandorf school on "How I think Vandorf Can Be Improved." The reading of these essays made the substance of one of their programs. At their December meeting they report "Choral Reading and a recording of 'The Littlest Angel.'"

Laskay invited school pupils, teachers and parents to a meeting where they had slides on Safety on the Farm. **Gormley** invited the community to a meeting with a speaker from the Department of Highways speaking on Safety on the Highway, with slides. The Institute served coffee and doughnuts.

Snowball considered its December meeting its best. They invited new Canadians to come and sing their native carols and tell about the Christmas customs in their homeland. Some of the new Canadian women later joined the Institute.

Nobleton had an address on Mental Health by a doctor. (Possibly the doctor came from the staff of the nearby mental hospital. Ed.)

Dawes Road had "monthly projects" — for example at one meeting women brought stuffed toy animals they had made and they had "a terrific display."

Sharon Junior Institute in cooperation with the Junior Farmers provided clothes, food and toys for a family at Christmas time. At the request of the members they had a film on Courtship and Marriage which created a good discussion.

Elder's Mills says: "Our committee on Agriculture and Canadian Industries had a topic 'The World Food Bank' which explained its origin and what it has done. On the Mysore Project information was obtained from the Loan Library, the Ontario Food Council, the local agricultural office, the National Office of United Nations and Salada Foods. A skit was given in a humorous way to show the importance of potatoes in an Institute member's diet."