



For the past several years, Welland City Women's Institute, as a Centennial Project, has given a book to the Reference Department of the Welland Public Library. The books given up to date are: 2 Volumes Who's Who in America, 1960-1964; Concise Encyclopedia of Modern World Literature; 3 Volumes Furniture Treasury by Wallace Nutting. In the picture the Institute President, Mrs. J. Nelson (left), presents this year's gift to the librarian, Miss Shirley Jones.

**Lily Dempsey** reports: "Our Institute spent a great deal of time and effort trying to assist a very needy family; and as a result of this we learned that there are far too many similar cases close to our doors. We suggest that Institute members evaluate their work. If they take a really good look at their own community they may find goals to work for as important as any farther away."

**Lakefield** says that some people get the idea the Institute is a religious organization. To keep it interdenominational they suggest that religious services be left out of the programs.

**Combermere** comments: "The more we do for others the more our members are interested in attending meetings."

This note is in **Warminster's** report: "In case of a death, not only in members' families but in any family in the community, instead of sending flowers the Institute has contributed with special consideration for each family, a box of groceries, donations to the heart foundation and the cancer society, mass cards or the Gideon Bible society."

These ideas are taken from the report of the Secretary of **Eady**. "In the way of historical research we had a paper on Old Schools and a discussion with the questions "What can you remember about your first school, church and your first concert?" This was quite good as everyone could easily take part. This is something to keep in mind especially when older people are present. Our older women don't like contests so we don't use them but we have as much music as we possible can."

**Gilford** feels it would be well if the Ontario Institutes "could be involved in the Women's Institute work in the North West Territories in some way as well as the financial way."

**Elora**: "We had a hobby craft show of ar-

ticles made from the short courses and local leader courses sponsored by the Home Economics Branch. This was received with enthusiasm by the public. No charge was made but we served tea and had a silver collection. It also gave us an opportunity to show the work we do for the Children's Shelter at Christmas time; and makes for good public relations."

**Conningsby**: "In order to get home from our meetings earlier we plan to begin with a luncheon dessert at one thirty sharp, visit socially until two o'clock, then get right down to business. Many children are home from school by 4.15, and the mothers feel they must be home then. If this is not possible they may not attend the meetings."

**Thornton's** International program was combined with their Christmas meeting at a noon luncheon consisting of dishes native of Mexico, the Ukraine and Holland. The guest speaker had just returned from social service work in Europe and spoke on Christmas Customs in the British Isles.

**Cloverlea** says: "We studied Africa and learned many things about the first explorers, the chief exports, the abolition of slavery. We enjoyed a luncheon of foods used mainly in Africa."

**Creemore** had a paper on China and a demonstration of Chinese Christmas decorations.

**Maple Valley's** international program dealt with England, Mexico and Hungary with a luncheon including a Mexican supper dish, a Hungarian confection and English cakes.

At **McIntyre's** international meeting they had songs of other countries.

**Slate River** writes: "Our exchange program with the Sheboygan County Farm Bureau women (in the States) has progressed during the year."