

time it might avoid confusion with other celebrations."

Cobourg annually awards prizes to the "highest pupil" in Grade VI in all the public and separate schools of the town. The Secretaries' Reports of meetings show a great many Institutes giving local school prizes, scholarships, graduation dinners, etc.

Mrs. Christine Krampp sends this interesting story of how the town of **Walkerton** got its hospital: "Years ago a man died and left money to be used to build a Bruce county hospital. The money was to be used within five years. The men were slow about getting things going, so in 1901 the women of Walkerton and Bruce townships formed a Women's Institute. Then two women from the Institute and two from the I.O.D.E. went to the county council and got a grant of \$1500 and from the town council they got a grant of \$2000. With these grants and the bequest the hospital was built at a cost of \$16,500 and was opened debt free. Just this year a new wing was opened at a cost of approximately \$1,163,000. We have now quite a good hospital with 104 beds and room for expansion."

Dewars reports interesting meetings when the Public Health Nurse spoke to them about her work and when the County Home Economist spoke on the 'Food of Other Countries'."

At **South Waterloo District** Annual, Mrs. Lloyd Hagey was to give a tribute to Pennies for Friendship as she presented a cheque going towards that fund. This was her tribute:

"You give them your pennies
To give them a start.
In giving your pennies
You're giving your heart.
So come on with your pennies
It's not hard for you,
For you have so many
And they have so few.
Just open your hearts,
Your purse and your hand
And we'll spread our wee pennies
Across the whole land.
You'll give them a lift
That will make them all glad
If you don't give your pennies
You will wish that you had.
But you will give your pennies
Because you're so grand
So God bless your hearts, your purse and
your hand
And our Institutes will expand and expand."

Whitby had a roll call answered by each member presenting a coloring book and crayons for a child in the local school for the retarded. Some members of this Institute are taking a personal interest in retarded chil-



Members of Hagersville Institute modelling costumes from different periods of the past hundred years.

dren as individuals in the Orillia school and others.

Mrs. John Sutherland of **Kemble** Institute, writing to tell us of the death of a charter member, Mrs. James West, in her one-hundred-and-third year, included the interesting note that a few days before her death, Mrs. West had recited the verse:

"Age is a quality of mind.
If we have left our dreams behind,
If hope is lost, then we are old.
But if from life we take the best,
And if in life we keep our zest,
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
We are not old."

Cornwall Centre's centennial projects are: to give an award of \$100 to a 4-H Homemaking Club member, to refinish the township hall's hard maple floor which is over 100 years old. The P.R.O. Mrs. Robert Esdale adds that it has been the custom when a girl completes the 12 projects required for provincial honors, for the Institute to give her a silver bread tray. Fourteen girls have now received these gifts. Recently the Institute presented cups and saucers to two local leaders who had each led 10 or more clubs. These leaders were Mrs. Harold Robertson and Mrs. Gordon Manson.

River Valley Institute this summer sponsored a swimming class for children. Lessons were