

given at the Kinsmen's Pool at Belleville and the children were transported from River Valley by chartered bus, two mothers going along as chaperones each day. Classes ran from July 4 to 16 and for this period the pool fees cost \$166.50, the bus transportation \$150.00. For the eleven days' swimming instruction each child paid a fee of \$4.00 and the Institute made up the balance of \$108.50. Fifty-two children took the lessons; of these, twenty-seven were children or grandchildren of Institute members; the other twenty-five were other children in the River Valley community. At the close of the course the Institute held an Awards Night when parents came to see their children receive their certificates and pins from their instructor and pool manager. Everyone stayed for a barbecue of hot dogs, coffee and "freshie" on the school lawn.

With only eight members, **Fisherville** In-

stitute carries on. This year these women catered to dinners for the Lions' club and to an anniversary dinner for eighty-four; also entertained the grandmothers of the community—a party of twenty-two.

Hagersville, on their sixtieth anniversary, had a parade of fashions over the past hundred years including wedding and trousseau dresses worn by the great-granddaughters of the original owners. In a display of antiques there were quilts of the log cabin and other very old patterns, hand woven, knitted and crocheted linens more than a hundred years old, an emerald green and gold set of Creasus crystal over one hundred and twenty years old, eight-button baby shoes, ornaments and jewelry that had crossed the ocean several times and a school grammar, a Canadian history, an Ojibway hymn book and a Bible—all published over a century ago.

Kits and Skits to Loan

THE SERVICES OF the Loan Library in the Home Economics Branch are pretty well known to Women's Institute members. Members know that they can borrow from the library literature to help them in preparing papers or other program features for Institute meetings. They may not be so familiar with the Study Kits available for the use of members either as individuals for their personal use, or for a group in the Institute or the whole Institute membership who may use the kit as a guide to a study of the subject treated. There is, of course, no charge for this service.

For Senior Institutes

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Associated Country Women of the World

This kit contains information on the history of A.C.W.W., reports of past conferences and interesting facts and customs of member countries.

Northern Canada Women's Institutes

The story of the development of Women's Institutes in Northern Canada. This includes reports of field trips to the North West Territories and the Yukon as well as other information on the North.

Suggestions for Bazaars

This kit contains suggestions for planning, organizing and publicizing bazaars. It includes suggestions and directions for simple bazaar articles which can be made with small amounts

of materials and a minimum of time and effort.

Millinery

This kit is planned particularly for those who have had a course in Millinery and are interested in acquiring greater skill and knowledge. It includes illustrations of the new style trends and samples, prices and sources of millinery supplies. There will be simple instructions for making different types of hats and using current materials as well as hints on cleaning, freshening, remodelling and re-trimming hats.

The Homes of Yesterday

With the approach of our hundredth birthday most of us are taking a second look at our past. Perhaps it is a surprise to some to discover that many of the homes around us have an interesting story to tell of early days in Ontario. This kit shows examples of old homes and will awaken your interest in the architecture and history of your house or others in the neighbourhood and help you to visualize the period when it was established. It may even inspire you to study the outstanding features of your own home and emphasize them in any scheme of remodelling or redecorating that may be contemplated.

Furniture Refinishing

Refinishing furniture is not difficult work but it does require time and patience. This kit contains step-by-step instructions for the amateur who would like to refinish an old piece or finish a new piece, whether it be in mahogany, walnut, birch, maple or some other wood.