

their difficulties here and the contribution they are making to our national life. And for a study of the possible danger of world wide hunger, "The Earth and Mankind" is a series of six films, the last of these giving the views of such authorities as Madame Pandit, Sir John Boyd Orr, Dr. Victor Belaunde and Dr. Hugh Kunleside.

Films offer an effective way of getting people to study family life. Lectures on child guidance are not popular; and parents don't want to discuss their own children in public; but put a family situation on the screen and we can be impersonal about it. Discussions on some of the films in circulation have brought out a most helpful exchange of ideas that it might be impossible to develop in any other way. A few of the very excellent pictures in this field are: "Shyness"—a study of shyness in children; "David and Hazel", a situation in a family when communications break down; a series dealing with problems of teenagers. The film "Phoebe", which has appeared on television and has won awards both here and in Europe, deals with the state of mind of a teen-age girl, unmarried and pregnant,

knowing that her parents, her boy-friend and her school principal must be told and anticipating their reaction. The film library has a very good section on mental health problems.

We can see something of the arts of our country through films. There is a Canadian Artists' series in color from Kreighoff to Tom Thompson. There are films on Eskimo art and Indian carving; on music—classical, jazz and folksong. Many films are chiefly for entertainment. Young people will enjoy "Lonely Boy", a film about the singer, Paul Anka, and his art. There are stories and music for children. There are films on the ballet featuring dancers from Montreal and Winnipeg; and "Canada on Stage", a front seat view of the Dominion Drama Festival.

All of this gives only a vague idea of the library of films to draw from; and the abundance of material listed in a catalogue may be confusing. If an Institute is interested in bringing films to the community, perhaps the best plan would be to have a delegation meet with the National Film Board's representative for the district and talk over plans best suited to the local situation.

## *Here and There with the Institutes*

*The following material is taken from the Secretaries' Reports of Meetings for the Year. It is not intended as a report of individual Institutes over the province but rather to offer suggestions from one branch to others. Some of the most important lines of work — carrying on educational programs, promoting girls' 4-H Homemaking Clubs, sponsoring a child through the Save the Children Fund, these projects are so well known that they do not carry a new suggestion to other branches.*

*But it might be an inspiration to know how many Institutes are sponsoring a child for the second, third or fourth year; and how many are carrying on more than one 4-H Homemaking Club. We would like very much to hear about this.*

*One of the things we notice in this year's reports, as in other years, is the great number of Institutes helping people who have been burned out. They give money, clothing, bedding, food — sometimes the Institute holds a dance or other event to raise funds. But it is very rarely that anyone reports any action — educational or of any other sort, to prevent fires.*

*The reports for the year are not all reviewed here. Others will be dealt with in the next issue. — Editor.*

### **Suggestions for Programs**

**Prince of Wales** and **Wesley** say their most interesting program feature of the year was an address on Wills. Many branches have a lawyer speak on wills — usually at a meeting where the members entertain their husbands. The subject usually includes Succession Duties and planning an estate.

**East Korah** recommends having the public Health Nurse speak about her work. Several branches, in items following, give the topic of an address by a nurse or a doctor.

At **Iron Bridge** the local Fire Chief "gave a talk and demonstration on the resuscitator, with each member familiarizing herself with receiving and administering this service." **Allenford** especially recommends a demonstration on mouth to mouth respiration.

**Portlock Royal** says: "Our members particularly like the brief reports by conveners at each meeting — some item related to the subject of their convenership. We are making a study of the Hand Book; and by making some member responsible for each part we have overcome the apathy that existed when we just said, 'A study of the Hand Book'."

**Gordon Lake** had a turkey dinner where the members entertained their husbands and neighbors. The men were asked to answer the