



The Right Honorable Daniel Johnson, Premier of the Province of Quebec (extreme right) beams approval as Everett Biggs, Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, responds, in fluent French, to his appointment as a Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole. L'Ordre du Mérite Agricole was created in 1889 by an Act of the Quebec Legislature and is the first Order of Knighthood established in Canada. It is awarded in honor of exceptional service to the field of agriculture. The only person to hold the rank of Commandeur, outside the Province of Quebec, Mr. Biggs won the award for his outstanding dedication to the science of agriculture, the marketing of farm products, and his tireless efforts and interest in fostering cooperation between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Seated to the left of Mr. Biggs is His Eminence Cardinal Maurice Roy. Between Mr. Biggs and Premier Johnson is the Honorable Clement Vincent, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Quebec. The presentation took place recently, in Quebec City.

erection of a sign at a concealed crossing in the village.

St. Andrews had for a roll call at one of their meetings "A needed local improvement." As a result, following requests to the proper authorities thirty mile speed limit signs were erected in the village of Glanworth. Reflective tape was put on posts marking the turn-off to the village from the Wellington Road; and white lines were put on the road over a dangerous knoll.

Sydenham seems to like to share things with the community. They had a meeting open to the public with a doctor speaking on "Heart Conditions," another open night with a speaker on Gardens. They are working with other groups to get a county library; and they had a Christmas dinner and party for the senior citizens of the community.

McCrimmon "contacted three municipal councils to ask for street lights in their village and the lights were provided.

St. Lawrence gave forty dollars to the women directors of the Williamstown fair board—this with donations from other Institutes to be used to improve toilet facilities at the fair.

Desboro sponsored both senior and junior home economics projects this year and their service to the community is shown in that they

had fifteen non-members of the Institute in the senior project; and in the 4-H Homemaking Club program, twenty-five girls completed the project and of these only two were daughters of Institute members.

Ravenna contributed fifty cents per member to buy records for the School for Retarded Children.

Bothwell's Corner says: "The Institutes of our District, Grey North, have taken on canteen service at the Mental Hospital each Tuesday all year. Our branch served through January. Our members sent baking twice a week for a month to a family while the mother and a daughter were both in hospital.

Kohler reports: "This is the second year we have entertained retarded children. It was a Valentine Party. The young adults from the Workshop for the Retarded were included."

Campbellville Institute was responsible for having the village trustees have fire extinguishers serviced and adding fire-fighting equipment; also brought to the county officers' attention the danger at the village's main intersection. This Institute placed life-saving equipment for swimmers at the village pond.

As a centennial project **Dublin** is furnishing a single bedroom in the new extension to Halton Manor.

Melrose donated funds to provide transportation and other expenses so that sixty local children could have swimming instruction at Belleville. The Institute started this project a few years ago and it has been expanding ever since. Next year it will be taken over by the Township Recreation Committee. **Tyendinaga East, Plainfield, Wellman's** also report supporting these swimming classes. **Queensboro** reports providing a swimming pool for children.

Paredash says: "We have the nucleus of a good library and it is enjoyed by both members and the community."

With the help of the Cemetery Board, **Molesworth** planted twenty maple trees in the cemetery.

At **Moncrief**, when the school was closed the community bought it to have for a hall and the Institute is assisting in decorating and furnishing it with kitchen equipment, chairs, window drapes.

Richan "pays the annual fee to provide library books for the people of the community."

National and International Interests

MacLennan reports plans to attend the "Hiawatha" pageant to be presented on the Garden River Indian Reserve during the summer.

Southampton had a film, "The Boy Next Door," about a small French boy who moved into an English neighborhood.