

Centennial Swimming Pool

MRS. J. BOWER POTTER, President of Winchester Women's Institute writes that the Institute's big centennial project is to assist in financing the building of a swimming pool in the town. The complete cost of installing the pool will be \$10,082.00 of which the Women's Institute has contracted to pay \$1,000.00 in yearly instalments over three years. Mrs. Potter says:

"The pool being so much needed by the children of the community we received help with everything we undertook to do; and we began to work a little harder towards our project. We catered to the annual dinner meeting for CNIB, making approximately \$79.00 with all the food except turkeys donated by members. We had what we call a Victoria Day breakfast last year and again this year. We serve breakfast in the Legion Hall from six to ten, serving fruit juice, cereal, bacon and eggs, toast, jam, marmalade and coffee, charging from 35 to 75 cents according to what is ordered; and from this we realized \$91.30. (Members who did not work gave \$2.00.) We buy all the food as we do not want to demand too much from our members, and we seem to be doing very well. A sale of home baking brought us \$65.10. I might add that we paid \$350 of our pledge last July and have \$300 towards our next payment of \$350 in 1967. That will leave just \$300 to pay to complete the \$1,000 in 1968."

Saving the Old School's History

IN THE AREA of Dungannon Institute, eleven one-room schools will be closed in the New Year. The Institute, as in many other areas, is trying to secure the history of these schools before it is too late," writes Miss Flora Durnin, a home economist whose home is in the community. "They have taken pictures of all these schools and the pictures will be displayed in the large union area school for Ashfield and West Wawanash townships. At an Institute meeting they had a panel discussion about the seven schools represented by their membership. They talked about dates when the schools were opened—the earliest was between 1842 and 1847; about the buildings and equipment, the attendance and changes in school standards. They listed the teachers and trustees, though many of the records have been lost.

"The roll call for the meeting was answered by showing a school picture. I understand the husbands of the panel members were very helpful in the search for information. Their work is incomplete but when it is finished it

will be used in the Tweedsmuir history. Some members would like to have a booklet published."

An Interesting Friendship Link

MRS. KEITH RAND, Port Williams, N.S., A.C.W.W. Area Vice-President for Canada, received this note from Mrs. Winnie Schumann, 5 Rowand St., Stellenbosch, South Africa:

"Just lately I have made contact with your Discovery Women's Institute in the North-Western Territories and at the present moment am waiting to hear whether they will collaborate with us in an Exchange Programme. My fellow-members were most interested in what I had to tell about your distant Institutes. Some of our branches are also fairly isolated and they appreciate hearing about similar situations in other countries.

"I wonder whether you would like to let me have the addresses of Institutes in Canada who are interested in forming links with our South Africa Branches. Our members all speak and write both English and Afrikaans (our country's two official languages) so communication is easy. This fact of bilingualism should be interesting for both sides."

Mrs. Rand adds: "If any society in Canada has an interested branch or member, perhaps they would contact Mrs. Schumann direct."

Briefs

A BUSLOAD OF WOMEN from the Women's Institutes of *Nipissing District* enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls recently," Mrs. W. Devolin reports. "A stop was made at the Martyr's Shrine at Midland, then on to Niagara Falls and a three-hour guided tour. On the trip home the party visited the hooked-rug-making centre at the



Unveiling a plaque at the entrance to the new Women's Institute Hall at Paynes Mills. Left to right: Mrs. J. R. Futcher, Mrs. R. H. McNeill, Mrs. Vermont Pow, Mrs. W. A. Meek.