

Here and There With the Institutes

More Notes from Secretaries' Reports

Suggestions for Programs

Wabash's convener of Home Economics and Health gave a demonstration on The Uses of Whole Wheat and distributed copies of the recipes she used.

Balmoral had one of its monthly meetings in the form of a Mother and Daughter banquet.

Kent Bridge reports: "Each year when we plan our programs we seem to spend hours deciding on roll calls; then so many of our members just say 'Present.' This year we decided to fine anyone ten cents for answering 'Present,' the fines to be turned over to Pennies for Friendship. We collected only sixty cents in fines but we had splendid answers to the roll calls and it added so much to the interest of the meetings."

Port Alma and Glenwood says: "A roll call answered by 'A story of horse and buggy days,' was enlightening and funny."

Quinn had one roll call answered by contributing toys to be sent to the Clear Springs hospital for retarded children.

For its December meeting, **Sydenham River** had a pot luck turkey dinner preceding the program which featured a talk on "A Meaningful Christmas."

Birkhall reports an interesting skit on "How not to conduct a meeting."

Blackwell had a program on education with the roll call: "How the trend in education appears to me." The secretary says: "This led to a vigorous discussion with most of the opinions critical of present day education. Then a member of the Sarnia Board of Education addressed the meeting after which the members acknowledged that much of their criticism had been unfounded and made without accurate information."

Florence finds that their members appreciate outside speakers who work at causes that Institutes are interested in, such as retarded children, muscular dystrophy and arts and crafts.

Appleton mentions among several topics an address on "The Elizabeth Fry Society" and "Poisons in the Home."

Several institutes in **North Lanark District** report taking part in a concert or entertainment sponsored by the District, the proceeds to go towards a centennial scholarship.

Many institutes are finding panel discussions followed by discussion of the subject open to everyone, one of the most interesting ways of dealing with a subject. Two of their topics were "What future has the farm child?" and "What has television done to home and community life?" This institute also appreciated a talk by a dentist showing a film on "Care of the Teeth."

At **Rocky Ridge** four great-great-grandmothers provided the program and entertainment for the grandmothers' meeting. They wore costumes of their own grandmothers. Quilts and other family heirlooms were on display.

Ferguson's Falls reports that an address on ARDA by the county agricultural representative explained clearly its aims and how it will help farmers. **Rideau** reports the same agricultural representative speaking on ARDA, Conservation and Reforestation sometimes with the use of films.

For their meeting on agriculture and Canadian industries, **Fairfield** had a speaker on the Canada Pension Plan, Workmen's Compensation and Crop Insurance.

Mallorytown had an interesting talk about an old country store ledger for the years 1938-40.

One of **Bayview's** outstanding program features was a talk on Mental Health by a doctor from a Mental Hospital.

Mill Creek, Odessa had a talk by their agricultural representative on Flower Culture with a film on Flower Arrangements, followed by a discussion on the control of insect pests and the care of shrubs and roses.

Caistorville had a local man, an electrical engineer, speak on the steel industry.

For their grandmothers' meeting, **Community Builders of Pelham Union** visited the Rittmere Studios at Vineland and enjoyed a lecture on the designing and making of hooked rugs.

Queenston St. David's: "At each meeting a member has a few minutes to tell us of the highlights from the Consumers' Association of Canada magazine."

Niagara-on-the-Lake enjoyed a Victorian Order Nurses' slides and talk about her work.

Vineland had a program on Interior Decorating. It was open to the public and was very well attended.