

Salem Nilestown paid summer camp costs for a child from the Children's Aid.

Most people interested in girls are aware that the Institutes are doing a most important work in promoting 4-H Homemaking Clubs; but we were amazed that any Institute could reach as many girls as **Thorndale** has done. The Secretary reports that they had 70 girls in their first club and 75 in the second; and they had 12 leaders.

Wilton Grove's centennial project is "the rejuvenation of a defunct cemetery." In previous years a euchre party has been a popular way of raising funds; this year they tried a "hat show" and their revenue doubled. (Perhaps they would tell us what was involved in the hat show. We wonder if it included such things as old-fashioned hats or hats made of non-millinery materials as well as new, handmade models. Ed.)

Beechwood sends visitors each month to Strathmere Lodge to visit four residents, "four lovely ladies", they say, "who are our special care."

Lucan's centennial project is erecting a plaque commemorating the memory of the earliest settlers in the locality, the "Wilberforce Settlers."

Delaware says: "Members go to the nursing home and spend a few hours with the patients, playing cards, having a sing-song or various other things to keep them entertained."

At Christmastime, **Delaware** collected money and bought and wrapped gifts for patients in the mental hospital. They held a Christmas dinner and felt it worth doing when one elderly member said this would be her "Christmas" for the year.

Strathroy is working to beautify a neglected old cemetery and to establish a trust fund which would be invested and the interest used to pay for continuing care.

Ufford reports: "Through a representation from the Institute to the local council, an appeal to all residents was printed in the local paper, urging a clean-up, paint-up project for centennial year. Results can already be seen."

Long Point sponsored an old-fashioned carol singing service at Christmastime; contributed \$80 toward decorating the community centre.

Udney says: "We helped with baking when three barns were blown down this year and many men were needed to rebuild them."

Zephyr: "Perhaps our best 'meeting' of the year was the pot luck luncheon for our senior citizens. We all felt we had made their day a little brighter and our own also by doing a little extra for them . . . After an address by a doctor from the Toronto Eye Bank some

members sent in consent forms donating their eyes, after death, to the Eye Bank."

Greenbank: "We are working to get a Public Health Nurse for the schools of our township."

Innerkip is "promoting the sale of slow moving vehicle safety signs."

Drumbo keeps a layette available for the Public Health Nurse to give if it is needed. The nurse is also supplied with good used clothing for distribution.

Mount Elgin arranged a cemetery decoration day with the Salvation Army conducting the service. An announcement of this was sent to all plot owners.

West Oxford branch reports that the West Oxford school board was persuaded, by the Institute, to hire a remedial teacher for the township.

Chisholm organized a two weeks' swimming course with a competent instructor. Fifty-one children took the course.

Silver Crescent keeps a cupboard of equipment including a wheel chair, crutches and a pack on hand to loan to the community if they are needed.

Kearney also keeps hospital supplies including a hospital bed to loan. This branch is especially interested in the library. This year they painted the walls, bought new drapes and floor covering, a desk and a cupboard to hold their hospital supplies, and paid \$25 to the Regional Library for the loan of a unit of books.

National and International Interests

Central Enniskillen reports: "We held an international meeting at the home of our Dutch member and admired her lovely furnishings brought from Holland."



At the Trent Valley Area convention, Mrs. Ralph Sills, Tweedsmuir History Area curator, left, looks over the Warsaw Institute's History with the Warsaw curator, Mrs. George Cobb. The Warsaw History will be entered in the national competition.