

## Comments and Suggestions

**Cedar Hill** says: "Our Christmas meeting proved that members had hidden talents in making decorations. They were beyond all expectation. More meetings should be planned around members to find out all the things they can do."

**Mount Pleasant Pioneer** suggests: "We feel that the branches of a district should get together more than once a year at the annual, and have a good speaker on a subject that affects our daily living."

A great many Institutes all over the province are doing what they can to assist with the education of retarded children. **Victoria II** makes the point that "it is important to have someone who understands and works with the retarded, explain their problems to us, showing how the proper kind of education will help them to be useful, happy citizens, and able to work at some job within the range of their ability."

**Thorndale** reports: "This year we set up committees such as program, social, finance and banquet with a convener for each and the members divided to serve on the different committees. This saved time at our regular meetings. If a banquet came up, all we did was refer it to the banquet committee and they took over." This Institute also says: "We didn't have an International program this year. There aren't enough months to work in everything. Couldn't we have an International convener and do without a Resolutions convenership? We believe resolutions could be handled at the regular meetings."

**Kerwood** says: "Don't be afraid to try new things. Several of our members got together an impromptu band with washboard, bells, kazoo, etc., and provided numbers for a concert at the County Home."

**Balsam Hill** also considers its International meeting one of its best. A new member, a native of Holland answered questions about Holland and showed articles from there. Another member collected a display of articles from the British Isles, France, Corsica and Spain and told about each. The gathering sang "A Song of Peace."

Miss Jean La Rose, of R.R. 1, Inglewood, winner of the Peel County Women's Institute Bursary. Jean has completed 15 Homemaking Club projects and is a student at Lakeshore Teachers' College, Toronto.



Muirkirk Women's Institute presented pictures of old Orford Township Schools to the new Orford Township Public School. Mrs. Ernest Guyitt (left), head of a committee for this Centennial Project, and Mrs. Allen Fenton, president of the Muirkirk Branch of the Women's Institute.

**Brampton West** sends this suggestion: "This is the second year that we have had our annual meeting dinner catered by a neighboring group — this year a church group. We met at 10.30, had old business and annual reports in the morning with a hot dinner at noon followed by a sing-song and a skit. The installation of officers and new business were completed by 3 p.m. Members were pleased with the early finishing time as they had arrived on time in the morning. At this meeting we had our biggest attendance of the whole year."

When **Derry West** entertained the 4-H Homemaking Club girls, the girls and Institute members were seated alternately and each girl was introduced by the woman next to her. The girls said it made them feel that they "belonged."

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Maturity — among other things — not to hide one's strength out of fear and, consequently, live below one's best.

Dag. Hammarskjold in "Markings"

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