

3. Helps in community projects.

One Branch told of making stuffed toys to send to the children in the Cedar Springs hospital for retarded children. Other branches reported visiting old people's homes, sending Hallowe'en treats to orphanages, adopting Korean children and sending letters through the Salvation Army to prisoners.

The afternoon sessions started with Community singing led by Miss Christine Pryce. Miss Jean Scott was the guest speaker using the topic Junior Institute Programing.

Miss Scott defined a program as "Everything that happens to each person in the group from the time they enter the door of the meeting room until that door is closed as they leave."

"Good programs must be carefully prepared and are most effective if a follow up is planned. Good programs must be directly related to the age, sex and the expressed interest of the group."

"Members of a group might be given a list, asked to check off interests, and asked what they have enjoyed about certain programs."

"Long term planning was suggested by Miss Scott. This could be done by selecting a topic such as "How To Buy". One meeting might be devoted to how to buy clothing, a second to how to buy kitchen utensils, etc.

"Page 16 of the Women's Institute Hand Book outlines the objects of the Junior Women's Institutes. This should be studied," said Miss Scott.

The Clinton Junior Institute presented an amusing skit. The girls sitting around a very safe camp fire, were dressed in Indian costumes made from brown burlap sacks and with feathers in the head bands sang songs and satirized a Junior Institute meeting.

The members of the Auburn Senior Women's Institute served lunch at noon and provided a smorgasbord banquet at six o'clock. After the banquet Mrs. Everett Small and Miss Helen McKercher addressed the girls.

It was decided during the evening that a second Convention would be held at the Centralia School of Agriculture and Home Economics in September 1968 with Miss Helen Shaw of Peel County as chairman.

Miss Watkins was thanked for the efficient work she had done in organizing this first Junior Institute Convention and praised for the splendid way she had conducted the meeting.

A dance to which the Junior Farmers of the nearby counties were invited rounded out a wonderful day for the Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario.

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Not I but God in me
Dag. Hammarskjold

A Women's Institute Meeting That Was Different

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MOTTO — Success does not depend so much upon external help as on self-reliance.

The blind leading the blind—to self-reliance. This could have been the theme of the March meeting of the King's Forest Women's Institute. This program and motto was presented by Mrs. A. E. LeRoy—an Institute member with perfect attendance last year. The record is something we are very proud of—Mrs. LeRoy is blind.

Mrs. LeRoy called her program "Patch of Blue" and had as her speaker Miss Lynn Beattam from the C.N.I.B. Miss Beattam is a home teacher of the blind. Her job is to go to the homes of blind persons and teach them how to write, cook, houseclean, and do many other things we do in our daily living which become very difficult without sight.

Miss Beattam is a very attractive, neat young lady whose program was to try to explain to us how she taught these "new" skills to her pupils. How to wash a floor without missing spots, how to make and serve coffee, how to cook without getting burned, and other everyday jobs as well as reading, etc.

Her talk was so interesting that all the members were reluctant to let her go and kept asking many questions about blind and partially blind friends and relatives which she seemed very pleased to answer. She did all this without the benefit of notes because Miss Beattam is also blind and she is a perfect example of self-reliance that can be attained by blind persons. Not only does she hold this teaching position five days a week but she also travels alone by bus each weekend to her home in Toronto.

We would recommend to any Institute that they try to have a speaker such as Miss Beattam. The program will certainly be one that is not easily forgotten.

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A Summary For Living

"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred let me sow my love;
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is pain, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy."

St. Francis of Assisi

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