

## The Women's Institutes and The Centennial



Peterborough District Women's Institute's entry in the parade at Peterborough, featured crafts old and new. Left to right—Mrs. George Cobb, Warsaw Branch making butter; Mrs. Clarence Foster, Lakefield Branch, "granny" in the rocking chair knitting; Mrs. Albert Harrison, Hall's Glen Branch, quilting; Mrs. Ray Mullen South Waterloo making a lamp shade.

**B**ELFOUNTAIN-ROCKSIDE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE has not one but three Centennial Projects.

As a far-reaching project, the Institute decided to adopt Fort Providence Women's Institute in the North West Territories, sending them wool, copies of *Home and Country* and other necessary items as well as exchanging letters and ideas.

The second project, still not completed, is their Centennial Library. The first step was to ask permission from the Caledon Township Library Board to join their circuit. This was granted. Then the Township Council was approached and asked if they would buy an unused cottage from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and move it to a suitable location. The cottage, situated in the village park, was purchased and at the time of writing, a foundation is being built in preparation for moving the structure. The Institute will see that the book shelves are built, paid for, and the Library furnished and maintained.

The third project was completed two years ago. The Institute approached the Peel County Council asking that a triangular median be placed in the centre of the main intersection of the village of Belfountain as a safety measure; that they break up the pavement and put earth inside the tri-angle. This was done and

the Institute planted flowers of the Institute colours—gold and blue.

This year a member's son made a fountain (using field stone), topped with a bronze bell and placed it in the centre of the tri-angle. By means of an electric motor and pump, water gushes from the top of the fountain. The flowerbed is a mass of bloom, catching the eye of all who pass through the village.

The little fountain was seen on the television program, "Gardening with Cox" on Sunday afternoon, August 13th.

**Georgetown Branch** asked their members to tell of their own private Centennial Project when answering the roll call. Many members reported having planted trees. This meeting featured a paper by one member telling of Old Time Remedies. One was—to bake cookies using Castor Oil instead of butter—two cookies made a dose.

**Tavistock Women's Institute** chose the theme "Backward, Turn Backward, oh time in thy flight. Members in old time costumes impersonated members who belonged to the branch sixty years ago (Tavistock branch was three years old then) and re-enacted an Institute meeting of that year.