

Guest speaker from the Women's Institute Department, Toronto, was Miss Grace Hamilton, who explained the extension services to branches. She outlined some of the short courses offered through the branch Institutes by the department, with the procedure necessary to obtain there. They covered many useful topics, from home economics and health to child psychology, and were of varied lengths, from one half day

At local level, a full account of the activities carried on during the past year was given by the conveners of standing committees for the district. Mrs. Duncan Wallace, L of Renfrew, gave a report on agriculture and Canadian industries - Mrs. Harvey Shaw, Pakenham, on citizenship and education; Mrs. A. Bennett, Arnprior, on public relations and community activities; Mrs. John Henderson, Renfrew, on historical research; Mrs. Louis Emon, Calabogie, on home economics and health. A report of women's work in connection with the Federation of Agriculture was given by Mrs. Kenneth Briscoe, Northcote, and a discussion on fair work led by Mrs. John E. Miller and Mrs. A. Bennett. Reports on the work of hospital committees were given by Mrs. J. H. Findlay for Arnprior and Mrs. W. Galbraith for Renfrew - Miss Ina Lindsay, home economics, reviewed the junior work of the district, telling something of the achievements of the girls' garden and homemaking clubs, and stressing the need for more clubs of that type in the district.

A lively discussion took place on several resolutions presented to the meeting by Miss K. Farmer, resolutions convener. One of these, asking stricter censorship of moving pictures, was passed unanimously. Another, asking that courses of training in midwifery be considered by the department of health, came in for a good deal of debate pro and con, but was finally passed by a small majority. The midday break took the form of a picnic lunch, with tea and coffee again supplied by the Combermere Institute, and following adjournment in the late afternoon, buses were on hand again to take the entire assembly to Combermere Lodge, where gaily decorated banquet tables awaited the anniversary supper and evening's program.

Royal blue and gold, the Institute colors, highlighted the table decorations and even the dainty caps and aprons of the younger members of Combermere WX who made capable waitresses. Four tall tapers, also in blue and gold, adorned the head table, which was centred with a four storey anniversary cake, beautiful to behold and delectable to eat, bearing forty blue and gold candles. The cake itself was a product of WJ. 1 skill, baked by Mrs. George Boyle, of Centreview, and decorated by Mrs. H. Stevenson, Combermere.

Seated at the head table were 14 past and present officers of the district, and in addition, special mention was made of an 'honor table', where were gathered over 20 ladies whose Institute membership went back 30 years and more. Miss Grace Hamilton brought greetings from the Institute Department at Toronto, and interesting features of the dinner program were the reading of the Minutes