

Book Of St. George W.I. Wins Ontario Contest

St. George, April 21 — The Tweedsmuir village history book, compiled by St. George Women's Institute, has again won first place in the Tweedsmuir Cup competition, this time heading the provincial competition. The book won first place in the North Brant district and was forwarded to Toronto to be entered in the provincial competition. It will now be forwarded for entry in the national Tweedsmuir Cup competition. In a letter of congratulation from Miss Anna P. Lewis, Toronto, the secretary, Mrs. Morley Jackson, was notified of the success of the book. Tweedsmuir History books were the happy thought of Lady Tweedsmuir who felt valuable early histories of communities was not being preserved. The older people who remember so much of interest were passing on and no record kept of this valuable information. The books were judged on general appearance, organization and information, historical data including that referring to pioneer families, story of schools, churches, industrial, Women's Institute and other community history, current events, war records and local items of historic interest and illustrations by way of maps and pictures.

The St. George Book was made into two volumes, the first containing the story of the early settling of the communities with copies from early maps showing the farms as they were at that time. A resident of the village made a map of the village as he remembered it some 75 to 80 years ago, a copy of which is contained in the first volume. Pioneer families and anecdotes of early days are also in this volume. In the second volume the story of the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial, just two miles west of the village, the story of Memorial Park and Memorial Hall, told in story and illustrated with pictures, is followed by later history of the village, the manufacturing concerns, churches and service clubs. Current events, present late news in and around the village will be kept up to date with each year's outstanding events. The work of compiling the book was done by the secretary, Mrs. Morley Jackson, who received valuable information and early pictures from the committee, Miss Ethel Clemons, Mesdames Herbert German, John Cardy, Leslie Osborne, Gordon McKay and Miss M. Thompson. Not only is the St. George branch happy over the success the book has received but it is felt valuable information will be kept for future generations to enjoy.

Lions Dance

The St. George Lions Club sponsored a dance in the community memorial hall which was well attended. Lion Stuart Bell was chairman of arrangements. An other such event will be held early in May. The Lions Club will launch a project for putting a roof on the skating rink in the village. This was discussed at the recent meeting of the club where the president, Ural Mayberry, presided. Lion Ed Meyer, chairman of the committee to carry out the project, said there would be a draw in the near future and valuable donations of articles to be awarded. A garden party will be held at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Loveless early in July and arrangements are under way to make this an outstanding event. The boys' hockey teams sponsored by the club will be guests at the next supper meeting. Norman Moore, Brantford, was the speaker, introduced by Dr. John Charlton and thanked by Clarence Rosebrugh. Thirty-one members attended. The St. George Women's Institute catered.

West Flamboro, Oct. 21 — Miss Joan Pritchard, of Hamilton, gave an interesting talk at the West Flamboro Women's Institute meeting held at the home of Mrs. Harry Krompart. Members of Union A, W.I., were guests. Mrs. J. L. Beeching presided and 40 members were present. Mrs. C. O. Green introduced the speaker and Mrs. William Read expressed appreciation of Miss Pritchard's address. Mrs. Harvey Betzner and Mrs. William Nunn were lunch conveners. The next meeting, a grandmothers meeting, will be at the home of Mrs. William Read.

Programme Planning

By G. P. Clarke

THE time will soon be here when Women's Institute branches in many parts of Canada will be holding their annual meeting. Perhaps even now the executive and conveners have been appointed, and among them will be the programme convener for the ensuing year.

The office of programme convener is an important one. It requires tact, and enthusiasm, and originality—in fact the success of the branch as a whole may well depend largely upon this convener and her committee. If programmes during the year are over-long, members get restless, thinking of the chores waiting for them at home, some may even feel they cannot stay for the social half-hour. If they are too short then the chances are members may feel that getting ready, and turning out for the meeting wasn't worth the effort.

Then again, programmes that are too serious rob farm women of the relaxation they hope for in their monthly afternoon out with the W.I. Yet programmes that are too light provide no new worthwhile ideas for the members to carry home with them and think over as they go about their work next day.

Then what is the ideal programme? Even that is a matter of opinion because all members do not think alike nor share the same interests. However, to insure a happy medium it should have variety.

As a suggestion, when planning your programme for the year, don't have all the lightness one month and all the serious topics in another. Mix things up a bit so there is something to suit everyone.

Take Social Welfare as an example—a serious topic but not necessarily dull. You might introduce humor into your meeting by having an amusing roll call. How about this: "What I remember as my naughtiest day in childhood." (There should be a laugh in every answer to that one!)

Then if you like mottos on your programme ask one of your members to give one that is cheerful. For instance "The child is father to the man." A short talk on this motto could be slanted towards a social welfare angle by emphasizing the importance of happy home

life and early training to prepare children of today to become worthwhile citizens of tomorrow.

And of course you will want music—solos, duets or instrumentals—if a piano is available. Community singing, too, should not be forgotten, but let it be bright, snappy and familiar so that all may join in the singing. If some of the singers are a little off pitch, what does it matter? The thing is to have everyone take part.

Now for your serious topic for this meeting... how about a talk, or a paper, on the work of the Canadian Institute for the Blind. Most people are familiar with the good done by the Children's Aid Society and the County Health Units, but only those who, in some way or another, have come into personal contact with the Canadian Institute for the Blind, really know what wonderful work it is doing. Perhaps you could get a guest speaker on the subject—and that would be fine—but don't forget the possibilities among your own members. Incidentally anyone who has to prepare a paper on any subject, must, of necessity, scout around for material—and that means one more person becomes thoroughly conversant with some phase of life that may hitherto have been unfamiliar to her.

Confidence Necessary

To round off the programme you might have a contest suitable for the occasion or a demonstration with every member bringing in an article of made-over children's clothing, showing how it was made and what it was made from. The clothing could later be sent to the local branch of your Children's Aid Society.

Of course a cup of tea and (we hope) simple refreshments will bring the meeting to a close and then, if your programme has been planned successfully, the members will wend their way homeward, relaxed, refreshed, and with their enthusiasm revived for all the good work that is open to active members of the Women's Institute in Canada.

We have dealt thus far with programme planning and the importance and responsibility of a good convener. But all members should share in the responsibility of mak-

ing any meeting a success. Without their co-operation the best efforts of any convener, no matter how good she is, are likely to fall flat. If you, as an ordinary member, should be asked to give a paper, a motto, or take charge of a demonstration, don't say—"Oh, I couldn't do anything like that!"—but rather—"I'll try... I'll do the best I can." That is what makes a successful organization—each one doing her part, doing the best she can. And the best you can do is the most anyone asks or expects of you. Have confidence in yourself. Remember the story of the boy who was asked if he could play the violin. He didn't say "No I can't play." His answer was—"I don't know—I haven't tried yet!"

Troy Institute Officers Review Successful Year

Troy, May 2 — The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharp. The secretary read a letter on sponsoring a girl's homemaking spring club but a leader was not appointed. The district annual meeting will be held at Copetown, June 9. Those present were desirous of holding the next available district annual at Troy. It was decided to hold a garden party again this year on June 24 on the church and school grounds.

The secretary gave a favourable report of the progress made by the Institute since organized two years ago. She stated there were 62 members. A piano was purchased and placed in the I.O.O.F. Hall for the convenience of community parties.

Present Reports

Reports from conveners were: Agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. B. C. Humphrey; home economics, Mrs. Winston Nesbit; historical research, Mrs. Ellory Misener; flower fund, Mrs. Elmer Robb; social welfare, Mrs. Frank Manel; publicity, Mrs. Edgar Robb; Blue Cross Hospitalization, Mrs. O. Dewell; auditors, Mrs. W. Gaukel and Mrs. L. S. Feiler. The speaker was Mrs. Gordon Olfield, a member of Greensville Institute and district resident of North Wentworth. Mrs. Louis Wood, who has done considerable shell work, spoke on her hobby.

Mrs. Olfield presided for re-election and officers for the year are: honorary president, Mrs. J. B. Robertson; president, Mrs. Joseph Harp; vice-presidents, Mrs. Harry Layman, Mrs. R. Weatherstone; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ross Smith; assistant, Mrs. O. Sager; district director, Mrs. O. Sager; pianist, Mrs. Elmer Robb; branch directors, Mrs. O. Dewell, Mrs. N. Denholm, Mrs. L. Meiler, Mrs. E. Chambers; flower fund, Mrs. W. Miller; agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. B. C. Humphrey; citizenship and education, Mrs. H. Hunter; historical research, and current events, Mrs. E. Misener; home economics and health, Mrs. W. Nesbit; public relationship and community activities, Mrs. F. Manel; resolutions, Mrs. Edgar Robb; press correspondent, Mrs. B. C. Humphrey.

Thirty members were present and two guests. Refreshments were served by the convener, Mrs. M. Misener, and her committee, Mrs. V. Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Robb and Mrs. W. Archer.

Attack Female Beer Parlours, Closing Urged

Guelph, May 6, (CP)—The closing of women's beverage rooms in Ontario was asked yesterday in a resolution passed at the spring meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Mrs. J. R. Fletcher of St. Thomas, president of the association, told some 600 delegates at the meeting that the continued threat of Communism does not permit a relaxation of effort.

Other resolutions passed called for stricter film and comic book censorship, adequate pensions for crippled adults and a program of safety education.

The St. George's Women's Institute won first prize for its village history, the Lakeview and Dorking Women's Institutes took first prize in hooked rug competition and the Delhi and Innisville Women's Institutes won the essay contest. The competitions were originated by Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the late Governor-General of Canada, and provincial winners advance into the Dominion finals.