

by the Institute. The convenors were Mrs. Norval Murray, Mrs. DeLong and Mrs. Schleihauf. In Sept. 1940 the name of the Flower Fund was changed to "Soldiers' Cheer Fund" with Miss Gillies continuing to act as Treasurer. Money for this work was raised by collections at the meetings, voluntary contributions from people outside of the Institute, sale of a "Dutch Girl" quilt, play, and a special tag day.

The Institute took charge of packing Ditty Bags for the Navy League, gathered old wool, gave donations to the Central War Fund to help purchase a Mobile Kitchen and send seeds to Britain; contributed to the Women's Institute Sugar Fund for further jam making and the members gave generously of blood to the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic; also assisted in the issuance of Ration Books.

Besides war work, courses were taken on meat and vegetable cookery, buymanship, sewing, nutrition, renovation of clothing, care of clothing, rug making etc., and practical demonstrations given. Rallies were attended on Officers' Training.

It is interesting to note how the nature of the meetings changed with the passing of the years. In 1939 the programmes were varied by including five minute demonstrations. Under the topics of "Standing Committees" not so many papers were prepared and given during this period as in previous years. For "Health and Child Welfare" there was a talk on "Common Problems of Childhood" by Dr. Brent, and a demonstration on First Aid and Bandaging.

Historical Research continued to be interesting with the History of West Lorne given by decades. In Jan., 1942, Mrs. (Rev.) Dr. McLean of Lalgie was guest speaker, and gave as her subject, "The Story of the Formation of the Women's Institute", and told of the first Convention held in Guelph in 1903, which she attended. It was also learned that the first "Home and