

the Institute donated funds and engaged local support for its renovation and continued upkeep.

White scrim curtains were fashioned to brighten the interior of the ancient stone school. Articles for a first aid kit were purchased for the sizable sum of \$1.90 and a branch member supplied a tin box in which to store them. The law forbidding teachers to administer even an aspirin or a toothache remedy had not yet been passed. In 1924 the matter of health inspection in the public schools was an issue. It was done only under certain conditions of payment by the board of trustees.-
TO THE RESCUE LADIES. "If the trustees are willing to take up the work of school health inspection we will donate \$10.00 for each classroom to help in the work."

Can you picture the streets of Consecon on a dark evening with no lights other than the dim glow of oil lamps seen through the windows of village homes? The first street lighting was a 1922 project of the W.I. The community was canvassed for funds to purchase the initial lanterns and the Institute paid for the gasoline to light them. During the long summer days lanterns were stored in the Institute hall, presumably out of the weather; BUT one of our former members was fond of relating how her brother and several of his friends borrowed one for a night of fishing. The lantern was never returned for quite accidentally it was dropped overboard.

Most of you are too young to remember the tragic forest fires in Northern Ontario during the summer of 1922 with the terrible loss of lives and homesteads. In December of that year Consecon W.I. sent two warm quilts to the sufferers in the Haliburton District.

As for Programmes? Some of us prefer to stick to our old ways of doing things but at the same time we do aim to learn about what is new in the line of Homemaking and kitchen equipment. Today, one of our programmes might include recipes and a demonstration of microwave cooking. In June 1922, 35 members plus a number of visitors profited from a demonstration of cooking in ultramodern WEAREVER Aluminum cooking utensils. On sampling the foods cooked therein everyone emphatically declared it to be most palatable (but was it aluminum or aluminium?).

How would you fare in a buttonhole contest? Mrs. Fred Chase, an early pres. was the winner of the prize scissors which the financial report itemizes as costing all of 39¢. Or would you be more successful at darning a sock? Miss Mavis Kenny, a junior member, won the prize of a box of chocolates by her effort.

We must not fail to mention the social evening to which all the grandmothers of the village were invited. Times have changed. Today our membership consists mostly of grandmothers