

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR

THE NORTHERN AREA FOR 1984-85

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Districts in area - 6  
Branches in area - 43

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The emphasis this year in most districts was on education with cultural activities in second place. Only a few reported programs about the Women's Institute. There were several programs listed which should have been reported under a different convenership. I have included a few at the end of this report. The word in the convenership is "Education" not educational. Almost any program could be called "educational", but it would not be a "study of education" at any level. A detailed report follows.

A - Women's Institute Organizations

Motto - The Women's Institute is like a bank; the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

Roll Calls - Name an achievement brought about by the Women's Institute.

How can we improve our Women's Institute.

A paper was given on the history of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, its structure and how it relates to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Associated Country Women of the World. At another meeting, a past Provincial Board Member gave information about the Women's Institute at all levels. A third report told of learning about the Women's Institute movement - in England. One convener closed her report with these words - Let's try to recruit new younger members.

B - Education at all levels

Teach children to respect their community and the citizens who built it.

Education is not only a road to living, it makes life worthwhile.

The mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates and the great teacher inspires.

Education is like lighting a lamp, not filling a bucket.

They say they can make gas out of garbage. Why not. They are making movies, books and T.V. movies out of it already.

In youth we learn, in age we understand.

Only some of us learn from other peoples' mistakes; the rest of us have to be the other people.

As the day dawns, so does the computer age.

We learn as we teach.

Education is not something to prepare life, it is a continuous part of life.

Roll Calls

What education do you consider beneficial to women?

Something you as an adult can learn from being with a child.

How to educate yourself.

Recite a poem.

My present memory of a day in school.

What has been taken out of the schools or put into the system and whether you think it was a good idea or bad idea.

Activities and Programs

Branches continue to donate to scholarship funds at local high schools. One branch donated educational equipment to a local public school as an "In Memoriam". One gave a cash donation. Another gives what is called "Merit Cheques". Members of a branch help with various activities at the school and some mothers go to a school to help with the children. Members enjoyed taking part in programs and courses offered at their new school.