

A school teacher member became the occupant of the "hot seat" for a question and answer period about the local school system. One meeting was a discussion about "the best teacher I ever had".

One group enlisted the help of two young computer wizards to demonstrate to them the workings and capability of computers. At another meeting a speaker talked about microtechnology and gave a demonstration of the operation of a microwave oven. One meeting took the form of a discussion - "why do we do the things we do". There was a speaker from a learning centre and one from a transition house. A teacher's strike in Muskoka caused considerable concern among the members there. There was also concern about smaller public schools being closed resulting in longer bus trips, more teachers being laid off and larger classes.

There was a paper concerning Christian education which it was felt needed to be upgraded - more qualified teachers and pastoral care for children.

C - Music, Art, Drama, Literature, History, Crafts

Mottoes - There are books, the back and covers of which are by far the best.
Great things are taking place today - are you aware of them?

There are four steps to accomplishment - plan purposefully, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively and pursue persistently.

Some of the greatest treasures are kind words and good deeds to others.

It doesn't hurt to be optimistic. You can always cry later.

One snowball of suspicion can start an avalanche of sorrow.

Roll Calls

A form of politeness you admire.

Name a Nobel prize winner.

Name a writer, painter or musician from Ontario and give a short history or display.

Name a country you would like to visit (Answers included Great Britain and Bermuda).

A social custom of grandmother's day (sleigh rides, school picnics, band concerts, were mentioned).

A remembrance day poem or a memento of the last war.

Tell about the Christmas or greeting card you received from the greatest distance.

Activities & Programs

There were travelogues-to Alaska and the Yukon, to the Fiji Islands and New Zealand and a bus trip to the Cullen Gardens. One branch enjoyed a visit to an Art Gallery. Another heard about the trip of the local band to England. The Royal Tour of 1939 and the Dionne Quints were subjects for two other meetings.

One branch promoted International Day with an exchange of recipes from a foreign country and learned about the culture and customs of those countries.

Crafts were featured by some branches. Several took the rug braiding course and reported enjoying it. One branch put on a quilting show for the bicentennial. Another branch visited Canadore College to see the master potter, Keith Campbell at work. One branch made Christmas craft articles to enter in the local fair and won a prize for their display. Another branch helped the town in its 100th. birthday celebrations. There was a speaker on "Glass" with a display. There was concern about what was considered inadequate funding available to the Canada Council to support Cultural Activities in the country. There was a program on scouting and how it is carried on today - an explanation of the badges and how scouts earn them.

A member of one branch laid a wreath on Memorial Day at the local Cenotaph on behalf of the branch.

D - Museums and Libraries

Members of one branch dressed in pioneer costumes and served refreshments at a log cabin exhibit at the local fall fair. Members of several branches volunteer to work at local museums and fall fairs. At one meeting the first settlers map of Trout Mills and Trout Lake area was shown.

Finally, here are a few excellent programs which should have been reported under other convenerships.

- (1) Brochures from the law society were studied - legal aid, wills, partnerships, etc.
- (2) A visit to the home of a woman who has received two Canada Council Grants to research and document her findings on making paper from vegetation other than trees.
- (3) Pictures and a talk on grape growing and harvesting.
- (4) A talk on nutrition followed by a questionnaire.
- (5) A discussion on the need for adequate housing.

I respectfully submit this report and
move its adoption.

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