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A social hour followed the conclusion of the programme. Mrs. Stuart Rutherford and Mrs. Thomson Dick poured tea. Mrs. Eb. Armstrong cut the birthday cake. She is a charter member, a regular attendant and also a member of the Institute which was organized thirty years ago.

ACTIVITIES

Although the Women's Institute is primarily an educational and social organization for rural women, an important aspect of their work is the raising of money which is spent on many worthy causes, for the most part in their home communities. Money raising projects have included: musical shows, banquets, euchres, bake sales, demonstrations and cooking schools by Moffatt's and Canada Packers, a bazaar auction, booths at plowing matches and farm sales, a theatre night, sales of roots and bulbs, a nylon demonstration and catering to the District Annual luncheon and the annual Masonic dinner one year. Of special interest was the sale of our special competition quilt which realized the princely sum of \$100.00.

In the spending of our money we try to abide by the motto of the Women's Institute which is For Home and Country. Accordingly, we donate to such national campaigns as the Sick Children's Hospital, Canadian Save the Children Fund, T. B. Association, Canadian Cancer Society, C.N.I.B. Building Fund and Rotary Club's Crippled Children Fund. Also during the war we aided the Red Cross, Mobile Kitchen and Seeds for Britain, the Canteen Fund, the British War Victims Fund, the Princess Alice Foundation and the Telegram Christmas Cheer. Ditty bags were packed and several boxes were sent to a sister Institute in Bolton, England. On a national level the Institute has undertaken several large scale projects to which we have contributed, such as a fund to purchase a tractor for the war ravaged village in Greece, another to buy sewing machines for Korean widows and one to provide kitchens for villages in India. On the local level we have been no less active. Local benefit funds, the Bolton Library, Humber Glen Camp, the Brownies and the Chamber of Commerce have been assisted. When the Chamber of Commerce remodelled the Town Hall we not only helped with money but donated our silver and dishes to their kitchen. When the disastrous Hurricane Hazel struck the Humber Valley in October, 1954 we donated to the Hurricane Fund and also helped in feeding the salvage workers.

When the new wing was added to Peel Memorial Hospital in 1950, Coronation Women's Institute undertook to furnish the up-patients lounge at a cost of \$250.00. Then we assumed the upkeep of the room and to meet these obligations an annual tag day has been held. However, so great has been the crowding at this hospital that in 1955 it was necessary for them to put beds in this room and convert it into a ward.

During the drive to raise money for a new building for the Institute for the Blind, Coronation Branch undertook to canvass Bolton and raised over \$750.00. An annual tag day also is held to help them in their running expenses. During the war, and for some years after an annual tag day was also held for the Navy League.

Another noteworthy project of the Institute is the Bolton Baby Clinic. On Jan. 18, 1949, Miss Wright of Peel County Health Unit addressed the Institute on the need for such a community service. It was agreed that we should sponsor the clinic which is held once a month in the United Church School Room. A volunteer worker from the Institute attends each clinic to assist the nurse in her duties. We are very proud of the success of this project as it is considered the best clinic in Peel County, by the Health Unit.

A quantity of white material was donated and several afternoons spent making cancer dressings which were sent down to Headquarters at Brampton for distribution in Peel County.

SHORT COURSES

Education is a prime aim of the Women's Institute and to this end the Department of Agriculture, Women's Branch, makes available many interesting and instructive short courses. Those which have been presented in Bolton include: Refinishing Furniture, Buymanship, Care of Clothing, Quilts and Quilt Making, Speaker Service, Use of Commercial Patterns, The Well Groomed Woman, Meat Cookery, Fruits for Food and Flavor, Sewing Class (a five day course), Picture Hanging, Draperies and Furniture Arrangement, Personality and Dress, Your Money's Worth in Food, Let's Cook it Right, Frozen Foods, Refreshments, Rug Making (a five day course), Treasures in Your Attic.