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HISTORY OF MOUNT HOPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our activities for the year 1956 were many and varied:

Tables were placed in Arran Township Park and in this project we helped financially as well.

Our group helped supply food for the Garden Party held at the Latter Day Saints grounds in Port Elgin. This was to raise funds for the Saugeen Memorial Hospital in Southampton.

Other interesting programs included such speakers as:

Mrs. Eldred Aiken, who increased our knowledge in Community Activities and Public Relations.

Professor and Mrs. Ewen from Guelph who showed slides on their recent trip to Jamaica.

Mrs. Cecil Farrow, who demonstrated the making of artificial flowers and novelties.

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The year 1957 opened with nineteen members on the roll.

That summer, the Institute members, along with the Farm Forum families, toured the recently opened Television and Radio Station at C.K.N.X.

With members of the Burgoyne Institute as guests, we had Mr. Bill McBride, Assistant Agricultural Representative from Walkerton speak.

Mrs. James Collins of Tara spoke on the work and progress of the Crofthaven School for Retarded Children at Owen Sound.

At another meeting Mrs. Russell Wagner gave an interesting talk on their summer trip to Europe.

Before the year closed, the Institute packed a layette to be sent to the Unitarian Service Committee.

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The year of 1958-59 opened with a new President, Mrs. Harold McArthur.

One of our first projects was to pack

baskets of fruit, and these were donated to the Saugeen Memorial Hospital, Southampton.

A first for our group this year was to send leaders to the Training School for the course "Sew to Save Dollars and make Sense." Then the leaders held regular meetings, for the rest of the members, where we learned many new and helpful hints in sewing as well as making several useful garments.

The Variety Program which was started by the District Branch this year, was held in Saugeen District High School at Port Elgin. To this, our Institute supplied two numbers for the program and made up candy which was sold to help raise the funds.

During the year our members visited the Paisley Institute, and had as guests at our meetings:

Mrs. Harvey Grant, who demonstrated the making of pads for cancer patients.

Mr. J. H. Chapman, who spoke on "Pre-pasted Papers and Interior Decorating."

Mrs. Wilmer Ribey, our District President, and Mrs. Otto Gateman.

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At the beginning of 1959-60, with eighteen members, our first big event was the District Annual held in the Mount Hope United Church. This meeting was well attended and quite a successful day.

Something new for our members was the "Day at the Log House" at the Bruce County Museum, Southampton, when two or three of our ladies, supplied with cookies for lunch for the visitors, were hostesses there.

This year our group entered an exhibit at the Arran-Tara Fall Fair for the first time as well as starting a 4-H-Club with the first course being the "Supper Club."

Several of our members attended a Millinery Course sponsored by the Willisroft W.I. Our group took the course "The Third Meal," with Mrs. Harvey Hopper and Mrs. Harry Kibler as leaders.

Other speakers we had were:

Mrs. Emmerson Smith, who gave a demonstration on making flowers