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INSTITUTES MARK CHRISTMAS IN MANY TOPICAL WAYS

Women's Institutes usually make something rather special of their December or Christmas meeting. As might be expected they frequently have such demonstrations as wrapping Christmas parcels, Christmas decorations, Christmas table centres; and they sing Christmas carols. But they go farther than that. Very often someone reads the story of "The Other Wise Man" or parts of "The Christmas Carol" or even the Christmas Story from St. Luke, though the Institutes, being non-sectarian, are careful not to introduce any religious observance that might not be acceptable to all the members. One Institute's theme last year was "Christmas is a Christian festival, not a commercial round of selling, feasting and drinking." In one way or another the W.I.'s seem to emphasize the idea. The Christmas meeting is, a special occasion for hospitality. In many localities every woman in the community is invited, especially any New Canadian woman in the district. Frequently these women are asked to tell about Christmas customs in their homeland or to sing Christmas carols in their own language. It is rather common practice to invite the children of the community and to have special entertainment for them, or to have the school children put on a little concert; and sometimes a shy woman who has not joined the Institute will come to this meeting because her children have been invited. With music and story-telling a cup of tea together and the Christmas spirit very much alive in the gathering, this is usually considered the happiest meeting of the year.

Do they exchange gifts at the Christmas meeting? Not often. It is a more general practice for the members to bring gifts for someone else — the sick and shut-in of the community, the children in the County Shelter, the old people in the County Home, or patients in a sanatorium. Last year one Institute December roll call was answered with the gift of a toy for a child in hospital; in another branch each woman brought a piece of her Christmas cake to go into parcels for the shut-in of the community. A "shower" of books, games, crossword puzzles and gramophone records for the County Home was the happy idea of another branch. They sent out Christmas cheer baskets where there is a need for them, or even provide clothing and bedding for families in need. An Institute on an Indian Reserve gave Christmas cheer baskets to one hundred and fifty persons — ill, aged and children, and layettes and other clothing to patients in hospital.

Very often the Christmas meeting is the time for a donation to some good cause. In Institutes where the women used to bring gifts for each other they now bring a donation for the Save the Children Fund or the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal campaign, or the Crippled Civilians or for relief in Korea or Greece or somewhere else. Their whole Christmas activity is outgoing—they aren't just having a good time among themselves. Last year one large Institute had a turkey dinner for the members and their families, but at the same meeting they voted \$10 to the Tuberculosis Seal Campaign, \$25 to the Hospital for Sick Children, \$25 to the Save the Children Fund, \$100 to the local hospital, \$15 and clothing to Korean Relief and \$25 to the caretaker of their Hall, so they could hardly be considered self-centred.

Around Christmas time many Institutes take "a party" to the County Home for old people. They have found that the residents of the Homes enjoy singing and since everyone knows most of the Christmas carols a session of carol singing, with everyone taking part, makes popular entertainment. At one Home the Women's Institute along with service clubs and the Salvation Army got the best musical talent in the district to give a concert; but they reported that the star feature of the programme was a recitation by a man ninety-six years old ... Which goes to show that Institute women are not only given to good works, but that they have a good sense of human values.

MACKENZIE NEWS

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See you at the IODE Theatre night at the Roxy Theatre on Thursday night.

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COMING EVENTS

—Euchre in Ballinlad Hall, on Tuesday, December 1st, sponsored by Ballinlad W.I. Lunch and good prizes. Tickets will be drawn on a wool blanket. Admission 40c.

—Hornby Girls' Ball Club euchre and dance, Thursday, December 3rd in Hornby Orange Hall. Euchre at 8.30. Good orchestra, lunch provided. Proceeds for girls' jackets.

—Euchre, Saturday, November 28th at 8 p.m., St. Paul's Parish Hall, Norval, under the auspices of St. Paul's Men's Club. Good prizes. Admission 25c.

—All those wishing to help with Saturday "kid" hockey report to the Arena Saturday morning at 8.30 to arrange for teams, etc. Opening games Saturday at 1 p.m.

—Georgetown Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday, December 2nd at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. G. Bell, Main St. S. Rev. John M. Smith will be guest speaker.

—Christmas Sale sponsored by St. Alban's Ladies Guild in the parish hall, Glen Williams, Friday, December 4th. Several booths and fish pond. Tea will be served from 3 to 5, 25c.

—Come to the Legion W.A. Bazaar, Saturday, December 5th in the Legion auditorium. Sewing, home baking and candy, fish pond, touch and take table. Afternoon tea, 40c. Bazaar opens at 2.30. 12-2

—Bazaar, bake sale and rummage sale in Glen Williams, Thursday, November 26th, sponsored by the Willing Helpers of the Glen United Church. Opens at 3 o'clock.

—Euchre and dance, Palermo Memorial Hall, sponsored by Hornby Hockey Club, Friday, December 11th. Good prizes, lunch, Lorne Bentley's Haltonaires. Euchre at 8.30, dancing at 9. Admission 75c. 12-2

—The Georgetown Child Health Centre will be held in the Legion Hall, the second and fourth Monday of each month (unless these days are statutory holidays), from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. Everyone may attend — Halton Health Unit.

—Oddfellows marathon euchre will close Friday, November 27th, beginning at 8.15 p.m. Fourteen prizes, birthday cake and a birthday prize. Also 3 prizes in lucky draw. Every person attending is asked to put their name, day and month of birth in the register at the door.

—Thursday is the big IODE Theatre Party. See a first rate show in the Roxy. "Something for the Birds" starring Victor Mature, and help this local organization raise funds for their welfare work.

Beaumont Knitting Mills Increase Reward Offer

Beaumont Knitting Mills have increased their reward offer to \$250 for information leading to return of goods stolen in a daring robbery on October 28th.

The entire finished inventory of socks, valued at \$4,000 was stolen by thieves who forced a window and loaded their haul on a truck which was heard by neighbouring residents. Several leads have been tracked down by provincial police who are investigating the robbery but to date no definite proof has been found of the thieves' identity.



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