

Notes from the Women's Institutes

CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCE

RED DEER Centre Women's Institutes held their fourteenth annual constituency conference in the Memorial Hall recently, with Mrs. R. A. Lund, constituency convener, presiding, and Mrs. J. L. Richards acting as secretary.

The branch secretaries' reports of the year's work showed a fair financial standing and much good work being done. The Balmoral Girls' Club, the only one in the con-

stituency, was read by the supervisor, Mrs. McCann. The standing committees' reports showed activity along all lines for community betterment, household economics being a particularly popular subject.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, provincial president, and Mrs. E. E. Ullman, district director, were present, the first taking as her topic, "Education and Leisure", and the latter "Unity", stressing the need for it in government, community and institute work.

Dr. McCullough of the mental hospital was a speaker, and in his address spoke of mental conditions and showed the seriousness of the situation in the increasing number of people afflicted.

"What the Institute Means To

Me" was the subject of a short paper by Mrs. Mudie of Clarendon.

Contest Held

Two interesting contests were held in connection with the conference, and prizes awarded. Clearview was successful in winning first prize for their history of the district, and Balmoral second. First prize for the best bouquet of flowers was won by Mrs. A. Wood, Penhold; second, Mrs. R. A. Van Slyke; third, Mrs. J. L. Richards.

Special numbers were contributed by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Walton, the Misses Esme Phillips, Verne Lund and Dorothy Strong, which added to the enjoyment of the program. Mrs. Carscadden presided at the piano for assembly singing and, in appreciation, Mrs. McDougall, in behalf of the conference, pre-

sented her with a dainty cup and saucer.

Clearview W.I. will entertain the conference next year in the city of Red Deer. Mrs. Lund will remain the constituency convener until that time. At the close of the afternoon session the delegates and visitors were entertained to a refreshing tea in the basement of the hall, by the Penhold Institute.



CORONATION, July 7. — The home of Mrs. James Dowler, south of Veteran, was the scene of a successful constituency conference recently when about one hundred delegates and visitors were in attendance.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, provincial president; Mrs. Ullman, district director; and Mr. A. K. Frame,

inspector of schools, were present and gave addresses, the provincial officers speaking on the work of the institutes, while Mr. Frame took for his topic, "Education to Fit the Needs of the Rural Child," in which he mentioned Denmark as being among the nations that have met the need by establishing rural high schools.

Reports from the various branches showed good work being done, and in the less fortunate ones a spirit of determination to carry on in spite of the shortage of money.

Much relief has been given by all and the sick helped, while warm quilts have also been made for the needy. Assistance has been given to school Christmas trees and school fairs, children's clinics held

and a free carnival given as a treat to the children. Demonstrations have been given and one branch keeps up a rest room, which fills the need of women coming to town from a distance.

A sumptuous lunch was served at noon at tables set under the trees in the garden, an interesting feature of the occasion being the use of a fine handwoven tablecloth, beautifully embroidered, the cherished heirloom of the hostess, Mrs. Dowler, whose ancestors brought it to Canada in a sailing ship. At the close of the conference afternoon tea was enjoyed in the cheery dining room, bright with flowering plants and singing canaries.

Mrs. James Dowler was again elected to fill the office of constituency convener,