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REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. J. N. Beaubier, Champion.

The Annual Report for 1931-32 appears rather meager when compared with the editions of previous years. With no convention activities to record, no brilliant addresses to include, no social affairs to report, this booklet is necessarily a utility issue, and as such I trust it will be received and used.

Previous to the meeting of the Council in Edmonton, July 4th and 5th, it had been generally conceded that no printed report would be issued this year. However, after careful consideration, the Council decided it was the only medium through which the desired information and plans contained in the reports of Conveners of Standing Committees could reach the branches. So for this special purpose the report is published, with the hope that the many practical suggestions contained herein will be absorbed and put into practice.

Congratulations are due the Conveners for their prompt action in preparing reports on short notice. We have not held strictly to the limit of 1500 words this year, but trust you will bear this in mind and keep your reports within the requested limit hereafter.

Following the practice of the past two years, we have endeavored to meet a large share of the expense of printing by selling advertising space, and have met with excellent success, all things considered.

To our faithful friends, the business men, who have given such generous support, even in these trying times, we wish to express our appreciation, and we would urge our Women's Institute members to patronize these firms who are so liberal with us, whenever possible to do so.

Reciprocity, you know, is the safest and surest foundation for mutual benefits.

To Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Edmonton, Mrs. H. E. Kelley, Calgary, and Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Coaldale, we are indebted for the splendid service they have given to soliciting advertisements in their respective districts, and our thanks are herewith extended to them for their faithful efforts.

Cancellation of the 1932 convention was one of the most serious problems to confront the Council this year, and it was only after the most earnest and thoughtful consideration that the decision to do so was reached. The reasonable manner in which the change was received by the members was most gratifying to the Council and speaks well for the degree of confidence you hold in our judgment.

Every possible effort will be made to allay the disappointment and bridge the gap between sessions by introducing special features during the year, such as radio broadcasts by the Conveners of Standing Committees on some special topic connected with their departments; the Provincial President has collected and filed outstanding papers on various subjects, which will be loaned on request, a list of these papers is printed in this report; the Conveners of Standing Committees have prepared at least two papers on subjects connected with their respective departments, copies of which will be sent out on request; the Convener of Household Economics has compiled a most comprehensive outline for the handicraft exhibit for next year's convention, so fingers as well as minds should be kept busy during the winter months.

A great deal of time at the recent Council meeting was devoted to discussion of financial affairs and an effort to work out a balanced budget. The results from these deliberations will be presented at the 1933 convention for your consideration. Meanwhile several officers volunteered reduction in expense allowances for the current year. The President graciously accepted \$200.00 for her expense account; the Business Secretary-Treasurer volunteered a reduction of \$100.00 in salary; the Recording Secretary declined the usual yearly honorarium of \$50.00, and the Superintendent of W.I.G.C. will meet all expense connected with her work out of the annual allowance of \$150.00. Please note that your officers are sharing curtailment of expenses with you.

That we have found it expedient to reduce our running expenditures should cause no discouragement nor undue alarm. It is only a matter of good, sound business to live within our income, even by forfeiting some of the luxuries to which we have been accustomed. It will do us no harm and undoubtedly will result in the discovery of talents and opportunities never dreamed of heretofore. Alberta Women's Institutes are **not** bankrupt, nor do we intend to reach that deplorable state if careful and judicious management will prevent.

ELLA L. BEAUBIER.

REPORT OF BUSINESS SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. J. Regan, Edmonton.

It is with pleasure that I present my report as Business Secretary-Treasurer. In checking over the Institute register I find that we now have 263 active branches, of this number nine were organized since last Convention. District No. 1: Hinterland at Hines Creek, Lymburn at Hythe and Little Smoky at High Prairie. District No. 2: Thorhild. District No. 3: Buck Lake at Minnehik, Beaverflat at Rocky Mountain House, Ione at Monitor, Unity at Dovercourt and Foreman. Notice has been received during the year that nine Institutes have found it necessary to disorganize and sixteen Branches that have not been active for several years, but until recently have never been declared dead, have also been taken from the books.

Yearly report forms were returned by 220 Institutes, showing a membership of 4269, and the amount raised by these Institutes during the year was \$42,997.70; of this amount \$3,964.31 was spent for Public Health, \$1,853.28 for Education, \$9,875.25 for Community Betterment and \$544.09 was given to other organizations. Approximately \$4,000.00 of the amount shown for Community Betterment was spent on local relief of the unemployed and their families.

During the summer and fall of 1931, 37 Constituency Conferences were held with a total attendance of 2,625. District No. 4 again held their District Conference in Lethbridge, and it was very well attended and proved successful in every way.

When printing our last Annual Report we were again successful in selling advertising and you will be pleased to know that the advertisements paid two-thirds of the cost of printing the Report.

Monthly report forms and envelopes addressed to our Publicity Secretary will be supplied free of charge upon application to my office. Minute and Cash Books are \$2.00 per set. Handbooks are 25c each, Alberta Women's Institute Pins are 35c each, and Federated Women's Institute Pins are 75c each.

May I ask the Treasurer of each Institute to add exchange to cheques when forwarding money to me. As the rate of exchange varies in different towns it would simplify matters if, after the amount of the cheque the words "plus exchange" were added, your Institute would then receive credit for the full amount of dues, whereas now I have to deduct the exchange. Will you also please add a three-cent stamp to all cheques over \$5.00 and be very sure that the cheque is signed by the person or persons authorized by the bank.

May I urge upon the Secretaries the necessity of passing on, to all members of the Institute, the contents of any letters and pamphlets sent out by the Provincial Officers. Notify your President as soon as possible when correspondence is received and be sure to read same at the next meeting of the Institute for the information of all the members, as this is the only medium between officers and branches. Prompt co-operation on the part of the Secretary will materially help and quickly produce an effective and well informed Institute.

I wish to thank the members of the Council and also the Branch Secretaries and Conveners for their kind co-operation and assistance.

Following is the Financial Statement:

Receipts

Balance in General Account, April 1931	\$2,349.20
Balance in Trust Account, April 1931	1,647.44
Current Dues	2,743.50
Arrears Dues	627.25
Sale of Pins	31.85
Sale of Minute and Cash Books	23.00
Sale of Handbooks	9.25
Donations from Institutes	452.30
Exchange	8.50
Bank Interest, General Account	14.17
Advertisements in Annual Report	175.00
Miscellaneous	2.75

Trust Account:

Government Grant, 1931	1,000.00
Bank Interest	45.04
Bond Interest	160.00
Exchange Premium	8.75
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	\$2,298.00

Disbursements

Postage	\$ 126.50
Printing and Stationery	685.33
Travelling Expenses (Council and Conveners)	1,045.40
Salaries	600.00
Exchange	21.03
Convention Expenses (Delegate's fares, rent, etc.)	1,825.95
President's Grant	250.00
Recording Secretary's Honorarium	50.00
Pins Purchased	70.00
Insurance Premium	12.00
Miscellaneous	39.60
Federated Women's Institute Fees	300.00
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	\$5,025.81

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Cash in General Bank Account	2,910.96
Cash in Trust Account	1,361.23
	<u>\$9,298.00</u>

We have audited the books of the Alberta Women's Institutes for the year ended April 30, 1932. Satisfactory vouchers covering all payments have been produced and all duplicate receipts have been accounted for. Bank balances have been verified and bonds produced to us were, Canadian National Railways, 5%, 1969, \$2,000.00, and Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District, 6%, 1951, \$1,000.00.

(Signed) Patriquin & Johnstone,
Chartered Accountants.

Dues 1930-31

Acadia	\$10.00	Kimiwan	\$14.75
Beaver River	11.00	Lochearn	20.00
Benton Valley	12.00	Manola	11.75
Burnt Lake	8.00	Nilrem	16.00
Cowley	8.90	Nightingale	13.75
Carstairs	24.00	Mirror	41.75
Cherhill	10.75	Prairie Circle	21.75
Cessford	8.00	Pine Creek	24.85
Cremona	24.00	Queenstown	25.00
Cluny	19.75	Springvale	15.00
Diamond	17.85	Social Plains	10.00
Drumheller	50.00	Strome	8.00
Edson	30.00	Three Hills	15.00
Fort Saskatchewan	37.00	Taber	27.50
Fairview	8.25	Viking	30.00
Hughenden Village	9.65	Vegreville	18.00
Kitscoty	10.00	Westlock	15.00

Dues 1931-32

Albury	\$14.00	Lochearn	17.00
Argyle	27.00	Loyalist	12.00
Amisk	10.00	Lacombe	20.00
Arthurville-Paulson	9.00	Lens	5.00
Acadia	7.50	Milnerton	16.00
Angus Ridge	20.00	Munson	28.50
Armada	20.00	Manyberries	20.00
Atlee	11.00	Milk River	15.00
Acadia Valley	25.75	Millet	10.00
Busy Bees	15.00	Mountain Park	11.00
Blackfalds	34.00	Mossleigh	12.00
Barons	17.00	Maple Leaf	17.00
Busby	14.90	New Dayton	40.00
Bassano	12.00	New West	14.00
Better Days	34.00	Neutral Valley	15.00
Bow Island	14.00	Nightingale	9.90
Bindloss	15.00	Ohaton	15.00
Beaverlodge Centre	16.00	Olds	9.00
Balmoral	20.00	Paradise Valley	10.00
Blackie	15.00	Peace River	17.00
Berwyn	24.00	Penhold	11.00

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Calgary	58.10	Provost	16.00
Cluny	18.00	Pine Creek	15.00
Carmangay	12.00	Priddis Westoe	14.00
Champion	21.00	Rugby	24.00
Carstairs	20.00	Rosedale	13.00
Conjuring Creek	19.00	Raymond	20.00
Clearview	21.85	Redlandview	13.00
Condor	9.00	Rose Willow	12.00
Coaldale	20.00	Rush Centre	10.00
Cessford	8.00	Rainier	11.00
Chinook	23.00	Rio Grande	17.00
Centre Valley	26.00	Starline	8.00
D. E. L.	11.00	Sexsmith	21.00
Dovercourt	15.00	Sunshine	18.00
Dinton	16.00	Sunnynook	22.00
Donalda	32.50	Social Plains	11.00
Duffield	18.00	Springburn	12.00
Ensign	14.00	Strome	12.00
Endiang	12.00	Standard	12.00
Edmonton	30.00	Sentinel Hill	8.00
Ever Ready	11.00	Strathmore	20.00
Eagle Hill	20.00	Spring Coulee	16.00
Elk Point	35.00	Smoky Lake	14.00
Enterprise	15.00	Stony Plain	18.00
Eckville	11.75	Sibbald	12.00
Enilda	13.00	Siebertville	10.00
Fort Saskatchewan	34.00	Sylvan Lake	21.90
Foremost	1.75	Spruce Corner	8.00
Flat Lake	10.00	Sedgewick	29.00
Galahad	23.00	Shepard	19.50
Gadsby	27.00	Springvale	11.85
Glen Banner	8.00	Streamstown	12.00
Good Deeds	26.00	Taber	27.50
Garden Prairie	20.00	Thorhild	21.00
Glendale	8.00	Thigh Hill	15.00
Grassy Lake	13.00	Turner Valley	16.75
Horseshoe Canyon	25.00	United Prairie	12.00
High Prairie	24.75	Vulcan	16.00
Hermit Lake	11.00	Verdant Valley	14.00
Hillsdown Valley	10.00	Vermilion	22.00
Hardisty	12.00	Watt Lake	8.50
Hussar	14.00	Westward Ho	18.00
Halkirk	20.00	Winterburn	22.00
Hughenden Village	19.00	Wayne	34.00
Highwood	19.00	Walsh	13.00
Ione	8.00	Westlock	19.75
Independence	11.00	Warner	43.00
Irvine	15.00	Wainwright	24.90
Irma	33.00	Wabamun	16.00
Jasper	20.75	Wetaskiwin	23.00
Kirkcaldy	10.00	Warspite	18.00
Kinniburgh	15.00	Wooddale	40.00
Kirriemuir	14.00	Wembley	14.85
Lanfine	18.00	Westcott	22.00
Loughheed	10.00	Willowdale	20.00
Lockhart	14.00	Whitelaw	10.00
Leedale	10.00	Youngstown	18.00
Lomond	10.00		

The following Institutes have also paid their Provincial Dues and will appear in next year's audit:

Bon Accord	\$ 8.00	Burdett	12.00
Drumheller	33.00	Garrington	16.00
Hayter	15.00	Byemoor	15.00
Cardston	24.00	Falun	20.05
Little Gem	10.00	Carrot Creek	13.00
Foremost	13.50	Grande Prairie	21.75
Fairview	12.00	Waverly	19.00
Aldersyde	26.00	Cowley	10.00
Brooks	27.00	Cherhill	11.00
Stoneyhurst	25.00	Hinterland	8.00
Stettler	34.00	Kinsella	15.00
Botha	20.00	Onoway	16.00
Lethbridge	38.00	McHendry	12.00
Elnora	23.00	Brooksley	10.00
		Veteran	10.75

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Wetaskiwin.

Dear Institute Workers,—

When your Council met in Edmonton on July 4th and 5th, they felt there should be some account of the year's work sent out to the Institutes, with the result that Mrs. Beaubier, our Recording Secretary, has compiled this little book which we hope will be of interest and benefit to you.

You were good enough to agree to the cancellation of this year's convention and the fact that you are carrying on cheerfully without the inspiration and help usually derived from it is deeply appreciated by your Provincial Officers.

From the reports and letters I have received, I am happy to say that I find the spirit pervading the Institutes and their work the best it has been for several years. Times are still hard it is true, but we are learning to do the best we can with what we have to do with, and our women are facing their problems with their heads up and smiling.

I read the other day that we use fifty muscles when we frown and only nineteen when we smile, so be economical and keep on smiling!

Several branches have disbanded and become community clubs while a few have found it impossible to carry on, in most cases due to the removal of some of their members from the neighborhood. Mrs. Regan, our Business Secretary, reports eleven disbanded and ten organized during the year. We are sorry to lose these old friends and happy to welcome the new ones. We are part of a great world-wide movement which has become widely spread since it was carried to England in 1915 by Mrs. Alfred Watt of British Columbia.

When the Women's Institutes of the world met in convention in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1930, there were over forty countries represented. They are organized in many of the European countries as well as the British Colonies, England alone having 5000 branches and 300,000 members.

Lady Chatterjee, wife of the head of the Indian delegation to the Imperial Conference, who accompanied her husband to Ottawa, in conversation with a press representative last week, lauded the work of the Women's Institutes in her country where she said the women were coming out from their former seclusion and taking a lively interest in their country's affairs.

We in Canada have 2535 branches with 69,300 members. Are we not proud to be able to say we are a part of this great body?

Plans have already been discussed for the next convention and it was decided to have a handicraft exhibit at that time, particulars of which may be found on page 00. This will be under the supervision of Mrs. J. Macgregor Smith, who has kindly consented to fill out Mrs. Gossip's term of office. Owing to the demands of other work, Mrs. Gossip wished to be relieved of the Convenership of Household Economics.

There are still a few Institutes not sending their monthly reports. I know the secretaries are busy women but please try to find time to report to your Constituency Convener, Mrs. J. F. Price, and myself, in order that we may keep in touch with the work you are doing.

With best wishes for the success and prosperity of your Institutes, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

ADELAIDE MONTGOMERY,
Provincial President.

PUBLICITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. J. F. Price, Convener.

If I were to suggest a publicity slogan for those who report branch news of the Alberta Women's Institutes, I would say "Names are News." If secretaries remembered that alone—the names of the people who took part, and what they did, then at least 75% of the copy would be the kind newspapers want.

The much talked of depression has not yet taken away our publicity media. Three publications—the Calgary Herald, the Edmonton Journal and the Lethbridge Herald continue to publish our copy—the two former using it regularly in their farm weekly papers—"The Alberta Farmer" and the "Alberta Farm Journal," and the Lethbridge Herald in the weekly magazine section. I also send some of the "highlights of our work" for use in the quarterly W. I. papers of other provinces.

Publicity "Do's" and "Don'ts"

Following is a set of directions in preparing reports for newspapers:

1. Write plainly, and in case of names, where typewriter is not used, print them.
2. In using names, use "Miss" or "Mrs." with initials. In case of "Mrs." use husband's initials, as that is the name known in the community.
3. Make copy brief as possible, to the point, writing as you would tell the story of the meeting to one who was not there.
4. Write the most important thing first.

5. Study good newspapers for style; compare printed articles with what you have written and keep a scrap book of your clippings.
6. Get personally acquainted with your local editors. Find out what they want and give it to them.
7. Do not send special Women's Institute stories to the three papers which publish our news regularly. Please send them to me, then our work is not duplicated and these papers do not waste space.
8. The earlier your report is in the better your local editor will be pleased, and the earlier you send them to me, the earlier they will appear.
9. Above all, be accurate.
10. Do not send a blank sheet. Surely you did something when you met.
11. Don't put "regular business done." Tell what it was.
12. Don't refer to "one of the members spoke," or "the president gave an address," or "we appointed a delegate to the convention," or "we presented the secretary," or "we had a reception for a member leaving the district." In each case tell the names of members.

Publicity Material

As the majority of our stories concern the following subjects, I am giving a few headings for reference:

COMMUNITY HALLS: Tell cost, how money was raised, a description of hall, number of rooms, kitchen, stage, furnishings, etc., and send picture.

PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS: Names of members, gift, details of the work done by her, where going.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Describe campaign, what you intend doing, plan of the work, prizes offered and results.

CEMETERY WORK: Buying site, its cost, location and plans for beautifying.

HOT LUNCH STORY: Number of children served, menu, equipment, cost and benefit.

DEBATES: Name of subject, names of those who took part and the winners.

BAZAARS AND SALES: Above all, mention the amount raised and how it is to be expended.

ANNIVERSARIES: Programmes and the number of the anniversary.

SWIMMING POOL and RINKS: Cost, how money was raised, how they are enjoyed, and pictures.

GIRLS' CLUB CAMPS: Description of camps, preparations, location, the division of work and pictures.

BABY CLINICS: Number of babies examined, names of doctors and nurses, general description, any concrete cases of benefit. Pictures of any special prize winning babies or clinic in operation.

RESOLUTIONS: Report discussion concerning these.

SCHOOL FAIRS: Where held, cost, special prizes, general description, and pictures.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Descriptions of it, cost, and pictures of the children enjoying same.

RELIEF WORK: Story and picture of any child helped, cost of same, how money was raised.

REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 1

Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Sexsmith, Director.

Grouard Constituency, Mrs. V. H. Robinson, High Prairie, Convener, has five branches, High Prairie, Enilda, Big Meadow, Kimiwan and Little Smoky. High Prairie has devoted most of its energy to the support of the hospital but has also given prizes in the school. Kimiwan branch at McLennan has been working hard to clear off the debt remaining on the hall. Big Meadow members have been improving their hall and are now working for a piano. The Little Smoky branch has not yet embarked on any money raising venture. They are working on a quilt and are enjoying their meetings very much. They have ten members on the roll and the average attendance at their meetings is 8. This constituency has a total membership of 78 and have raised approximately \$1000 this year.

The Peace River Constituency with Mrs. M. R. Upton of Peace River, Convener, is one of the smallest in the province, there being only five branches, namely, Peace River, Berwyn, Whitelaw, Fairview and Hinterland at Hines Creek. These have a total membership of 100 members. Owing to the conditions which have existed during the past year, two of the rural branches, Griffin Creek and Kerndale, have disbanded, but it is hoped that when farm conditions improve these branches may become active again. A new branch is to be formed at Last Lake when roads permit the convener to visit that locality. While there are no outstanding activities to report, the branches in this constituency have carried on with courage during a difficult year, confining their efforts to administering relief to their various districts. Three branches still aid in maintaining local hospitals, and all branches show progress in improving the standard of their monthly programs, trying to interest and educate the members as a whole in the work that is being done by the Women's Institutes. Baby clinics were held at all the branches and the Berwyn branch has stressed the free medical examination of school children, getting all school boards in the district co-operating. The Conference was held at Berwyn in July at which the branches were represented.

Grande Prairie Constituency, Mrs. C. E. Gillespie, Valhalla, Convener, has thirteen branches, Grande Prairie, Wembley, Sexsmith, Beaver Lodge, McHendry, Hermit Lake, Rio Grande, Hualien, Millarston, Busy Bees at Valhalla, East Glen, Lymburn and Belloy. The last named is somewhat isolated geographically but roads are improving every year and we are hoping to get in closer touch with Belloy this year as there is now a grade connecting that district with the highway. All Institutes in the district have been doing a great deal of relief work this year. In most cases a central relief committee was formed through which the W. I. worked. Considerable hospital aid work has also been done and the Women's Institutes were instrumental in getting the doctor and dentist to examine all school children, free of charge, providing they came to their office. Grande Prairie W. I. sent a child to the hospital in Edmonton for eye treatment. Practically all branches have donated magazines or prizes to the schools. Lymburn is a new Institute that is very keen and doing good work in spite of the hard times.

Conferences were held in all constituencies and were well attended, with practically all branches represented. Owing to bad weather and a confusion of dates the B. C. women were not able to attend our conference at Beaver-lodge.

All the branches are carrying on and while not having money to spend so liberally, are fulfilling their obligations. In some cases the membership has decreased but the spirit is still there and will carry us through, I am sure. The work of the Standing Committees has been taken up by the majority of branches. So many new settlers have come to the Peace River district that I am looking for great expansion in the future when they have had time to adjust themselves and get settled.

REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 2

Mrs. W. C. Short, Edmonton, Director.

I beg to submit the following report: In District No. 2 there are nine constituencies with 49 Institutes having an approximate membership of 750.

A goodly sum of money has been raised in various ways and used for the following purposes: Relief work, assisting hospitals, giving prizes, paying taxes on community halls and caring for cemeteries.

Each constituency reports many splendid papers read and intelligently discussed. One convener reports so much of interest in all her branches, she cannot begin to tell it all.

Many branches report baby and dental clinics.

The expenses of two women, one to Olds and one to Vermilion, to attend the short courses being held at the Agricultural Schools, have been paid by one branch.

Much work has been done to relieve distress. Many gave clothes, others made over garments for children, sewed for the hospitals and many who were ill were cared for in their homes. All this shows the splendid spirit and goodwill of the women.

In 1931 nine Constituency Conferences were held. At each the Convener presided. Great credit is due them for in the majority of cases the conference was well organized and preparation made for all reports. Those in attendance were interested and there seemed an eagerness to know more about the work and how to carry on.

This year we again gave the \$50.00 scholarship to the girl standing highest in her first year's work at Vermilion School of Agriculture. The winner was Miss Grace Wishart of Grande Prairie.

I admire the spirit of the many splendid women I have met in District No. 2 and trust they will continue to carry on in the same courageous manner. Let us hope that true prosperity may be ever with us and that we will put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid.

REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 3**Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Trochu, Director.**

It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and disappointment that I present this my report of the activities of the Alberta Women's Institutes in District No. 3 since May 1931. It is pleasurable to know that even adversity in one of its most severe forms has been bravely faced and to a certain extent conquered by the vast majority of our Institutes, but there has been disappointment in that during the struggle some branches have fallen by the wayside and some others have lost courage.

However, we cannot complain very much for it has been wonderful the way in which our women have stood shoulder to shoulder and have given so much time and assistance to those they found not so favoured as they themselves.

In District No. 3 there are fourteen constituencies in which are a total of 98 Institutes, with a membership of 1832 reported. During the last year five new Institutes were organized and eight have disbanded.

The new Institutes are Happy Hill, Unity and Beaver Flats in the Red Deer Constituency, Monitor (Ione) in Coronation Constituency, Foreman in Stettler Constituency. Unfortunately Happy Hill was unable to withstand the blasts and disbanded after holding six meetings. The other disbanded branches are Lakeside in Lacombe-Ponoka Constituency, Zenith in Stettler Constituency, Three Hills in Olds East Constituency and Hughenden Village, Czar and Nilrem all in the Ribstone Constituency.

For the second year this district offered two scholarships for general progress in practical work at the Olds School of Agriculture. This year these scholarships were won by Miss Ruth McFall of Etzikom and Mr. Robert E. Kaiser of Red Deer.

The Institutes have been very neighborly and have helped each other in various ways. It just so happened that the western part of the district was not as hard hit by weather conditions as the eastern part. I cannot too strongly emphasize the splendid response made by the Institutes in the more favoured area on behalf of the needs of those in the drought areas. Red Deer Constituency sent a carload of vegetables to the Hand Hills Constituency; Alliance Institute was instrumental in sending two carloads of vegetables to the Youngstown district; Blackfalds Institute contributed \$10.00 towards a community car of potatoes sent to the eastern part of the province.

During the year the Institutes have all been very busy attending to local needs. I note in several instances they have worked with the Red Cross Society in relief work. Hand Hills and Olds West Constituencies are to be congratulated on the fine spirit shown by the Institutes in assisting those members who lost their homes by fire and flood.

This spring an appeal for garden seeds for the use of members in the drought areas was sent out. The response was far beyond expectations.

Seeds and money came pouring in, in quantities never dreamed of when the request was made. These were sent to the less favoured Institutes in the southern and eastern part of the province.

In spite of all this extra drain on their resources most of our Institutes kept up their usual line of work including the maintaining of wards in hospitals, and rest rooms, cemetery work, finishing community halls and visiting the sick.

The work of the standing committees has been fairly well done but much improvement in this line is very desirable.

Each Constituency held its conference last summer. I attended all these conferences and was delighted with the manner in which Institute women are facing their problems. We had good attendances at all conferences except Coronation and Sedgewick. The latter, however, was through no fault of the Convener, for it rained very heavily for two full days, making motor travel almost impossible.

I think our women are to be congratulated on their fine spirit and the courage they have shown in the face of difficulties such as are met with only once in many years. If ever the Alberta Women's Institutes justified their existence I am sure it has been during the past year. They have stood the test and I am sure the testing they have received during the strain will serve to make them more valuable still in the future.

REPORT OF DISTRICT NO. 4

Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Milk River, Director.

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of a general survey of the activities of the work of the Women's Institute in District No. 4.

In this district there are 11 constituencies, with 79 branches, and a membership of 1583. These branches have raised approximately \$12,070.00.

My first duty as Director was to visit the constituency conferences. I visited all and enjoyed the company of Mrs. Montgomery to four conferences. We travelled by motor and covered 1600 miles. By motoring to the seats of conference I became quite familiar with the territory and the lay of the district as a whole.

I am quite sure I benefitted more from the conferences than any member present. I have been familiar for a number of years with the W. I. work in the southern portion of the district and we talk hard times, but when I visited less favoured districts and saw the fortitude with which the women carry on in times of stress, it was a revelation and an inspiration.

The conferences were very well attended, though harvest operations hindered many from attending. The programs were interesting and only in a few cases was there not a keen grasp of the functions of the Standing Committees.

In the Taber constituency programs from the branches were displayed, judged and prizes awarded. Medicine Hat constituency displayed handicraft. Warner constituency held its flower show and Institute fair along with the conference, and also had a fine display of Canadian products.

Outside speakers at the conference were appreciated by the women. It is a pleasure to note the part the Girls' Clubs take in the conference with their reports and assistance on programs. A new club has been formed at Spring Coulee with Mrs. Blance as supervisor.

At the Medicine Hat conference Mrs. L. Taylor was chosen convener with Mrs. Holdershaw, of Manyberries, assisting her on the branches on the southern railway line. Later Mrs. Taylor found she could not carry on her duties, so Mrs. Holdershaw graciously consented to carry on for the whole constituency by correspondence, but is now planning to visit the branches.

and has a good program planned for her conference. The chairman of Canadianization in this constituency has introduced in her branch the saluting of the flag at each meeting and repeating the following: "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our Country, one Flag, one King, one Empire."

"It's only an old bit of bunting,
It's only an old colored rag,
But thousands have died for it's honor,
And shed their best blood for the flag."

This chairman is trying to introduce this ceremony in all the branches of the constituency. Walsh W. I. will have been organized twenty years this year and has had the same president during that time.

The Lundbreck W. I. procured funds to send a child suffering from infantile paralysis to the hospital in Edmonton for treatment.

Every branch reports that they try to cover every phase of the outline of work but some find it more advantageous to centre their interests on one or two topics each year and have a more thorough study of them. Canadian Industries has been a very popular study. Raymond W. I. had the co-operation of the storekeepers in displaying and urging the buying of Canadian made goods, then ended the week's program with a banquet using Alberta products.

Many of the conveners are trying to get something different into their programs for their conferences this summer. One is planning to eliminate the delegates' reports and have fuller and more detailed reports from the chairmen of standing committees, in order to avoid the otherwise duplication of reports when both are given. This will allow more time for other features. It is just an experiment.

Another convener plans a display of foreign handicraft. This is the outcome of a meeting of the Taber branch who had present at one meeting ten different nationalities. Each of these featured some item on the program, music of their country, sewing, weaving, etc.

Nearly all branches report doing local relief work. The need has been great in many instances and the W. I. respond willingly to the demands made on them. Pleasures have had to be curtailed during the year and out of that need has sprung a closer dependence of the women on each other and a friendliness not so evident before. Perhaps this is because there is a lack of envy when no one has much money to be envious of. I think this friendliness developed in a time of need is going to make our women finer and braver.

The branches that own their own halls find it difficult to finance, as they have taxes and insurance to cover besides their usual liabilities.

The district conference was held in Lethbridge early in March. All constituency conveners but one were present but we missed not having our Provincial President with us. The attendance was a record in spite of the very cold weather. The spirit of good will and friendliness emanating from the women present was inspiring. They arrived friendly and there was no friction. The Girls' Club met in conference at the same time and for the last hour of one afternoon met in joint session with the women, and also at the banquet. The Lethbridge Board of Trade entertained the women and girls to a theatre party. The Lethbridge Herald is most kind in the publicity they give to the Women's Institutes. They gave detailed accounts of our conference and two editorials, besides Mrs. Bletcher's item in "Today's Reflection."

All through the district the branches are having get-together meetings, one branch entertaining another. I had the pleasure of visiting Champion W. I. when they entertained Carmangay and Kirkcaldy branches.

A fine gesture on the part of five Institutes in the Red Deer and Innisfail West constituency was when they sent me several parcels of seeds for distribution in drought areas. These seeds I parcelled into 15 packages of about 25 packets each and sent them to the very dry districts. I have had some very grateful replies thanking for the seeds, especially the flower seeds, as they are in a luxury class when there is not money to provide more than vegetable seeds.

Nothing very spectacular has been undertaken this year but the steady cruising is what is most beneficial to the interests and ideals of the Women's Institutes.

REPORT ON EDUCATION AND BETTER SCHOOLS

Mrs. E. J. Bell, Hussar, Convener.

It is with pleasure that I submit this, my first report on Education and Better Schools. The scope of the subject is so vast; its methods and concepts are ever changing, so that we of the Institutes must be reading and studying constantly in order to keep abreast of the times.

During this period of so called depression, the Rural High School has and should become a very important factor in the education of our youth. The cities are finding it very difficult to finance the higher instruction for their own girls and boys, and more of the burden must be sustained by the rural and town school districts. Several have put in Grade XII, and are charging a tuition fee for each of the High School grades, such as the city boards charge for outsiders, and are finding this method satisfactory. One village hired a teacher for Grades X, XI and XII and those receiving the benefit paid their share of the expense above the school grant, and this room obtained a higher per cent of passes than ever before in the history of the school. The parents had their children home for one year longer, and the cost per family was less than \$100.00, and it was paid promptly.

Information concerning the financing of such an undertaking can be obtained from the Department of Education, and from the towns of Bassano and Hussar, where the method was carried out last year most satisfactorily.

The success of the above methods of continuing the education of our local boys and girls depends to a very great extent on the teacher. As Arthur Guiterman, in his poem, "Education," remarks:

"No printed word or spoken plea
Can teach young hearts what men should be,
Not all the books on all the shelves,
But what the teachers are themselves,
For education is making men."

If we prolong our local schools by adding more grades, we prolong the home influence, too, and give parents a greater chance to play their parts, the most important role in the relationships of humanity, at the time in the lives of the young people when parents' love and guidance is most needed.

Our school curriculum has been revised and is really a wonderfully worked

out whole. It is so heavy, however, that the average student may well spend five years on the four grades, and be greatly benefitted thereby.

Dora M. Baker, in her report to the recent federated convention, says: "In Canada the annual crop of graduates from our colleges is equalled by the number admitted to mental institutions each year." This is, indeed, an arresting thought. It seems that we must be pushing our youth too rapidly, and will have to pay more attention to the recreation and athletic sports which should balance the hours spent under the nerve strain of our schools. Let us remember that we desire from our educational system well balanced individuals. "Mens sana in corpore sano" should be our motto. And it is one of the most important tasks of motherhood, to watch over our children, both as to their mental and their physical development. Both are too important for either to be neglected at the expense of the other.

In thinking in terms of education, let us remember that we are "carrying the torch, that we must carry it till we drop by the wayside, and hurl it to the host behind." We have the privilege of handing on our faith in the precepts and promises of the Divine Father, our hope for the future and its wonderful opportunities, and our love of home with its blessed obligations; of youth, with its boundless energy, its bursts of folly and of wisdom, and of country with its boundless possibilities.

In regard to the work actually done along these lines by the various Institutes, the reports show that the subject is receiving careful consideration. The requests for help seem to be in the line of solving the rural school and High School combination, and in this line I have a very good paper prepared by a teacher, which may be had for the asking. There is also one on "The Preservation of our Mother Tongue" prepared by another teacher, which is excellent reading.

Prizes for progress, punctuality, neatness and such have been given, as well as for highest markings in examinations, in history especially, and in other subjects. Some report receptions for teachers. Others try to help the schools by adding equipment for the playground, and reading material. If interested in this line, the Canadian Geographic is an excellent aid for the school room.

Some of the Institutes have formed in groups to offer prizes for essay writing on vital topics, as "Agriculture," "The Problems of the Empire" and "One Hundred Years Progress in Education in Canada." Books and money seem to be the favorite prizes.

Much concern seems to be felt over the drop in teachers' salaries, and in the discontinuance of the loan to normal students.

Only one District Director reported, but many of the branches sent individual reports.

As Convener, I keep on file all articles that I read that pertain to education of any kind and I have several good papers that form a library to be sent out on request. Of late almost every mail brings a request for information along some line of our work, so I know that the interest is quickening.

In closing, I wish to thank all who co-operated with me by sending in the reports of their work, and the few who were so kind as to send in their especially good papers on our topics.

OUTLINE

Standing Committee on Education and Better Schools, 1932-33.

A. 1. For mothers of pre-school age, it is of greatest importance that the child learn to be dependable and honorable, loving and kind, thoughtful and courteous, all of which can be taught through the simplest methods in the home life. Good stories, sweet songs and interesting games are of the greatest help in these years. If mothers can enjoy their little children, and the hours spent with them, the result is beyond estimate.

2. The memorizing of song and verse is a wonderful habit which mothers can easily foster in the little children.

B. In the 'teen age, the reading of our youth is of the greatest importance. "Let me know what a man reads and I know the man," is a saying quite as applicable to this case. The minds of the youth may be strengthened, or they may be blighted, by the choice of reading material. Watch and supervise the reading matter of the school age child.

C. There are many lines of study for us this year:

1. The Rural High School should take up some time and consideration in our meetings.

2. The branches might consider themselves as the teachers' helpers, to advise with her and carry out her suggestions, if possible, but never to dictate to her.

3. Prizes for progress, punctuality, neatness, etc., may be beneficial for the plodder as well as for the brilliant student.

4. Summer picnics and annual sports day programmes, where several schools gather, may prove a good move, as well as essay contests among several schools.

5. "The Preservation of our Mother Tongue" is still a vital subject.

6. Where school districts are hard up, the W. I. branch might give assistance with magazines, books or chemicals, all selected by the teacher.

7. Travelling libraries may be obtained for the good of the community.

8. All Institute members should attend the school meetings in order to have first hand information as to the district's affairs, and more women should be school trustees.

9. A year with part of the programme each month from our Canadian authors will be both interesting and beneficial.

10. "Economy in Education" would be a good topic of study.

The outlines of previous years are still of value, and may be kept for reference.

I shall appreciate suggestions as to the improvement of this department, and be very glad to receive the papers that are given at your Institute meetings. I shall be glad to assist in any way I can.

(MRS. E. J.) MARGARET C. BELL,
Convener.

REPORT ON CHILD WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**Mrs. S. F. O'Brien, Berwyn, Convener.**

It is with a feeling of deepest admiration for the Institute members who have accomplished so much in the field of public health in one of the most trying years in the history of our country, that I present this report.

Maternal Welfare

The special five year plan of the F.W.I.C. to reduce maternal mortality is drawing to a close but now with so many mothers so keenly affected by present economic conditions, the situation has become more acute and will necessitate increased endeavors if we are to attain our objective. Awakening the mothers of rural communities to the fact that this question rests largely with themselves will be an important step towards this end. We can do this very effectively by a more widespread distribution of pre-natal letters and Dr. Helen McMurchy's blue book, "Lowering the Maternal Death Rate." Eighteen branches report distribution of the above letters and blue book as well as the Canadian mother's book and Alberta mother's book. Fourteen branches report papers and discussions on maternal welfare. Eight branches report donations of layettes to needy mothers. Two branches gave milk to babies and another branch had as their objective the supplying of milk and prepared food to undernourished babies at an average cost of six dollars per month. An outstanding feature of the work of one of our northern branches was that of arranging with two local girls to relieve mothers with babies and small children so that they could get out for an occasional visit. More could be done along this line by individual Institute workers as well as the branches. A short change from the work and worries of a home does much to improve the physical as well as the mental health of a mother. One branch assists in maintaining a home for district nurse. One branch supports a local maternity home. Two branches own and operate a hospital where pre-natal and post-natal clinics are held.

Baby Clinics

With very few exceptions all branches of the Institute sponsored a baby clinic. Thirty-seven branches report 1040 babies and pre-school children examined; of this number 643 had defects. Surely a very strong argument in favor of our annual baby clinic.

Other Clinics

Four branches report preventive medicine clinics (three immunization for diphtheria, one immunization for scarlet fever); three branches held a dental clinic; one reports government dental clinic; two had the government travelling clinic visit their district.

Medical Examination of Schools

One is likely to hear the argument that a medical examination is more or less a case of taking family history, noting defects and shelving the card, that today in rural districts there are no funds for follow up treatment. So often we think only of infected tonsils and adenoids, while these are a detriment to a school child yet there are many other ailments that are equally as great a handicap, and when they are noted require very little, if any, expense for necessary treatment. Let us "find our local doctor" and in co-operation with him and the school trustees have this question discussed at the annual ratepayers meeting. We shall find our doctor, or doctors, very willing to assist us and the school board glad of the opportunity of extending this service to their pupils. In a district where the school board is unable to pay

for the examination we might find parents who would be glad to take advantage of this service. It could be offered to groups of eight or more children. Twelve branches report medical examination of schools and several requested information re necessary organization for same. All schools in the Sedgewick district are examined by the local doctor and paid for by the municipality.

Schools

A great deal has been done, from a health point of view, to improve our schools. More could be done by organizing Junior Red Cross branches. The small magazine and health posters are very effective means of impressing health habits on the young mind. One branch installed equipment for hot food and several branches supervise serving hot lunch in schools. One branch installed a drinking fountain at a cost of \$25.00; two branches supervised health plays; three branches provided first aid kit and several others replenished first aid kits already established. There are a number of branches that concentrate on recreation for school children, as a result of which many donations such as bat and ball, football, prizes for races and other sports have been made as well as picnics held, and one branch reports a masquerade dance at which lunch was served at ten o'clock. In many districts milk was supplied to undernourished school children. During the month of June, this being the peak of unemployment and examination time, one branch supplied ten gallons of milk daily with bread, butter, jam, etc., at a cost of \$105.00. One branch had a child's eyes treated and fitted with glasses. Several branches sponsored Xmas trees and treats for children in outlying districts.

Home Nursing Courses

Four branches report a two and three day course in home nursing. One held a two day course in first aid and contagious diseases; another a one day course in first aid. Unfortunately this service, due to economic reasons, is being curtailed.

Mental Hygiene

One branch reports a paper on mental hygiene; another a paper on "Our Mental Health," and states that the facts and figures brought forth in this paper were rather startling and fully convinced them of the great need there is for a more thorough and sympathetic understanding of mental sickness. Mental health has been defined as "The adjustment of human beings to the world and to each other with a maximum of effectiveness and happiness, not just efficiency nor just contentment, nor the grace of obeying the rules of the game cheerfully—it is all of these together. It is the ability to maintain an even temper, an alert intelligence, socially considerate behaviour and a happy disposition." Surely this is a subject of the most vital importance to each and every one of us.

Addresses and Papers

Addresses and papers continue to be an outstanding feature in educational work among the branches. The following subjects were dealt with: Care of Children; Children's Diseases; How to Prevent Disease; Hot Lunch in Rural Schools; Child Training from the Child's Point of View; First Year Care; Laws Governing Children; Mentally Defective Children and their Care; District Nurse's Work; Diet for School Child; Why we should Register Births; Youth, Health and How to Keep It; Preventive Dentistry; Pre-school Child; Malnutrition; Sex Hygiene and Adolescent Youth; Care of Teeth; Vocational Guidance for the Young. One branch followed health topics in a paper with short discussion of same at each meeting. Roll calls answered with health hints.

Hospitals

As reported elsewhere, two branches own and operate hospitals. Through legislation recently enacted which gave power to municipalities, or portions thereof, to enter into an agreement with hospitals for care of their sick and to tax themselves for this purpose, these hospitals have been materially assisted.

Sexsmith owns and operates a maternity home. One branch sent farm produce to Junior Red Cross hospital; one branch had a visiting committee and arranges for reading material for patients; four branches held showers of fruit and vegetables; two branches donated money towards buying a quartz lamp; another provides special fruits for special diets for needy patients. One provides fruits and flowers for sick children.

Other work done includes a donation of cash to Institute for Blind, a donation of cash to Red Cross, a community first aid kit established and maintained; fruit to sick in neighborhood; three branches report an address on Sex Hygiene or Adolescent Youth, by Dr. Margaret Owens. In reviewing the reports of the work done by the health units, I find that particular stress is placed on medical examination and immunization of school children. In one district in the Red Deer unit out of 250 children examined 221 had defects. A very strong argument in favor of our objective. During the last session the Hon. Mr. Hoadley was appointed chairman of a very able committee to investigate and prepare a report on state medicine. Let us follow the findings of this committee with interest.

Relief

With very few exceptions every branch has given relief in some form during the past year, the total amounting to hundreds of dollars. Food, clothing, medical supplies, school books, doctor's services, coal, hospital bills, distributed quantities of second hand clothing. Wayne Institute co-operated with the Red Cross during the flood in caring for refugees, providing two meals a day and shelter.

OUTLINE

Standing Committee on Child Welfare and Public Health, 1932-33.

I would suggest that we again take as our objective an annual medical examination for every child under sixteen years in Alberta. I would like to join with Mrs. E. Petch, Convener of P.H. and C.W. for the F.W.I.C., in recommending that one meeting during the coming year be devoted to the study of mental hygiene. Information may be obtained from the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene or the Mental Hygiene Institute, Montreal. If sufficient interest is shown material will be available for parental study groups. I would appreciate information regarding the possible demand for this.

Let us continue the excellent relief work that we are doing, paying special attention to the food supplied for children.

Hold a Baby Clinic.

Sponsor a Preventive Medicine Clinic.

Encourage recreation and amusement in our districts.

(MRS. S. F.) ELLEN S. O'BRIEN,
Convener.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION**Mrs. J. W. G. Morrison, Vermilion, Convener.**

I herewith submit my first report on Legislation. I quite appreciate its many shortcomings, for which I crave your indulgence. My purpose has been to give a brief outline of the activities of the different branches during the year as shown by their reports and correspondence.

I had pleasure in receiving the following very excellent papers:

"Legislation," by Mrs. W. S. Murray, Paradise Valley; "Our Natural Resources," by Mrs. Norman Stewart, Penhold, and "How Canada Is Governed." Unfortunately the author of the last named was not disclosed. I would like to see a wide use made of these papers and while they are too extensive to be contained in the annual report, I feel that copies could be had and these passed on from one branch to another. They are all well worth reading.

I submitted to the different branches as a suggestion for study and discussion:

1. The Naturalization Act, the British North America Act; in other words a study of "How Canada is Governed."
2. The problems to be worked out by reason of the return of the Natural Resources from the Dominion to the province in 1930.
3. Mothers' Allowances, Widows' Relief, Minimum Wage, Sex Equalification, and such other acts as relate to the rights and privileges of women.
4. The making of wills and a study of the statutes with respect to probate and administration of estates, succession duties, etc.
5. The constitution of our Institute.

In forwarding these suggestions as topics for discussion and study I enclosed a brief outline of what had been done for women in Alberta through legislative enactments; our institution and what it stood for as set forth in our constitution; the naturalization of married women and the many complicated phases of that question. I trust these outlines were found helpful.

In this connection I was pleased to note the following activities among the different branches:

WESTLOCK: An address from a local solicitor on the subject of "Wills."

PICKARDVILLE: A paper on Legislation.

MANOLA: A paper on Wills and Dower Act; thirty men attended this meeting.

LOBLEY: A paper on Dower Act, Provincial Land Act, Child Welfare, Naturalization Act and Domestic Relations Act. Deportation came up for discussion.

RED DEER: Two topics discussed, Naturalization Act and Natural Resources.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN: Rights of married women, particular attention being drawn to the management of estates after the death of a husband, special reference made to making of Wills.

RUSH CENTRE: Asked for information on Mothers' Allowance, Widows' Relief.

OHATON: A paper on Legislation was read at January meeting.

KINSELLA: Report a paper on Wills as they affect women.

GALAHAD: Report discussion Mothers' Allowance Act.

ALLIANCE: Report discussion on important amendments to the various acts.

STROME: Recent doings of government at Ottawa.

SEDGEWICK: Problems to be worked out by return of Natural Resources.

PINE CREEK: Paper on Naturalization, also law regarding marriage and divorce. Stress care in our legislation so as not to weaken the bond of domestic unity.

BON ACCORD: Alberta law for women. Roll call was "Our Alberta Laws for Women."

FLAT LAKE: Legal position of women including various laws affecting women.

MUNSON: Discussed "Are We Over-governed in Canada?"

LEO: New federal laws put into effect in 1931.

DIDSBURY: Natural Resources. Discussed Naturalization Bill, new home-stead regulations, changes in dower and marriage acts.

SHEPARD: Discussion of wills, estates and succession duties.

STONEY PLAIN: Re-organization provincial lands act.

MARWAYNE: Naturalization.

WINTERBURN: "Who will inherit your money?" A paper.

DUFFIELD: Discussed legislation in general.

EDMONTON: New constitution and bylaws of Women's Institute. Address on Alberta law courts dealing with procedure.

HIGH RIVER: A paper dealing with old age pensions, Dower Act, Natural Resources.

SIBBALD: Mothers' Allowance, Widows' Relief, Natural Resources.

LETHBRIDGE: Natural Resources, British North America Act; Mothers' Allowance, Wills, Probate, Administration of Estate.

ALSASK: Constitution of Women's Institute.

VERMILION: Talk on Wills, Succession Duties, etc., also outline of federal legislation.

STONEYHURST: Paper on Mothers' Allowance, Widows' Relief.

THRONE: Study of Natural Resources.

WARNER: Study of naturalization of women and making wills.

VAUXHALL: Study of making wills.

Inquiries for different topics were received from: Wetaskiwin, Munson, Benton, Adinodé, Warner, Warden, Vauxhall, Walsh, Metiskow, Taber, Carstairs, Eyemore, De Winton, Acadia Valley, Ohaton, Stettler, Accondale, Shepard, Habkirk, Arrowood, Alliance, Kinsella, all indicating interest in different phases of women's work and study.

New Legislation in 1932.

There has been no outstanding legislation of interest to women passed at the last session of the local legislature, except possibly The Alimony Orders Enforcement Act. This Act provides penalties in case default is made in the payment of moneys under an Order for Alimony, maintenance or affiliation. It provides the procedure necessary to enforce payment of moneys under the Act. The Act is worth studying for general information but not so much for practical purposes.

Notes.

A suggestion comes that our Institute take appropriate action with the view to securing assistance from the government for women having no other income and who have several small children to support.

A convener asks if a more interesting way than having a paper on legislation be possible. Mrs. Hosegood's contest was suggested.

Coaldale asks about the "eternal" question of raffles. The Criminal Code deals with this matter and the code makes "raffles" illegal except under special circumstances.

Pickardville asks if it is legal to serve lunches at public gatherings. I do not see anything illegal about this as long as permission is had from the promoters.

A few branches had no convener on legislation. One reports having no meeting where legislation was on the program. Some sent no reports.

Two very good reports came in but one had no name, place or date; the other, no name.

A splendid contest sent by Mrs. Hosegood. A set of questions on our province and towns. Where papers are not read this contest or some such contest would be good.

The annual report should be read more. Every member should read our constitution at least once and every branch give at least one meeting to a discussion of it.

In conclusion may I extend my thanks to all who assisted in any way towards making the "life of the convener" more pleasant by their discussion and reports. I was pleased to see so much activity and such interest displayed.

REPORT ON HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

Mrs. Maurice Gossip, Calgary, Convener.

Before presenting a summary of reports received I wish to state that this year we continued the study of Sanitation as outlined for the previous year.

Very few reports have come to hand, but during the year many requests for material for papers and debates have been received, so I feel that the subject has been more thoroughly discussed.

The following is a list of subjects presented in papers and demonstrations: "Safeguarding Food Against Bacteria," "Control of Insects," "Ventilation and Effects of Sunshine," "Housecleaning Aids," "Care of Children," "Canning Fruits, Vegetables and Meats," "Thrift and Economy of Time and Labor," "Desserts," "Alberta Made Products," "Coffee of Roasted Wheat and Barley," "Altering Patterns."

Independence reports another successful year in school lunch work.

Household Economics week, April 1st to 9th inclusive, was observed in Calgary with a daily program, which included the following topics:

Broadcast over C F A C by Miss H. L. Aylesworth, Home Service Department, Canadian Western Natural Gas, Heat, Light & Power Co.; subject, "Spring Menus." Luncheon, when all women engaged in Household Economics work in Calgary were guests of the T. Eaton Co. "Humidification for Health," Mr. W. B. Trotter. "Household Economics in the School System," Miss M. Howard, Supervisor Household Economics in Calgary schools. Lecture and demonstration of meat cutting, Mr. Cahill, Supervisor Meat Grading, Dominion Government. Lecture and demonstration, "Table Service," held in dining room of Hudson's Bay Co., Miss H. L. Aylesworth. School exhibit, window, T. Eaton store. Story of Women's Institutes given in school classes by household economics teachers. The girls in Technical High School wrote essays on the subject "The Value of Household Economics to the School Girl." A prize for the best essay was donated by the Calgary W. I.

OUTLINE

Standing Committee on Household Economics, 1932-33.

After the meeting of the A. W. I. Council, which was held in July, I was asked to finish Mrs. Gossip's unexpired term as Provincial Convener of Household Science for the Alberta Women's Institutes. We will make as our one big objective a real Handicraft Exhibition, which we will hold in conjunction with the W. I. Provincial Convention in Calgary. Let us do our very best to make this a worth while project.

From coast to coast next year, beginning April 3rd, W. I. Home Economic Week will be held. This was done on a small scale this year. Please remember, in every possible way bring before the people the meaning of Home Economics, our aims and objects. Do help me to have a good report for Alberta.

Never has it been more necessary than this coming winter for the schools to have hot lunches. What is your W. I. doing about it?

There are three simple things for us to work on. May I hear from the Conveners real soon. I am closing this outline with an outline of the Handicraft Competition.

A. W. I. Handicraft Competition

All exhibits to be the work of the exhibitor and done within the current year. Enter with class number on one side of paper and name on the other.

1. Rugs:

- (1) Hooked—
Class 2501—New material.
Class 2502—Old material.
- (2) Crocheted—
Class 2503—New material.
Class 2504—Old material.
- (3) Braided—
Class 2505—
- (4) Any other kind—
Class 2506—

2. Quilts:
 - Class 2507—Patchwork.
 - Class 2508—Quilted or tied.
3. Weaving:
 - Class 2509—Any hand woven article.
4. Lace:
 - Class 2510—Irish crochet.
 - Class 2511—Tatting.
 - Class 2512—Fillet (fine thread, not coarser than 60.)
 - Class 2513—Knitted.
5. Embroidery:
 - Class 2514—Crewel.
 - Class 2515—White (fine.)
 - Class 2516—Samplers, stamped.
 - Class 2517—Samplers, Original.
6. Class 2518—Darning on Stockings.
7. Class 2519—Patching on Cotton.
Class 2520—Patching on Wool.
Class 2521—Patching on Silk.
8. Class 2522—Quilt made by the members of any A. W. I.
9.
 - * Class 2523—Flour sacks made into Household Article.
 - * Class 2524—Flour sacks made into Clothing.
 - * These will be judged for originality, usefulness, suitability and workmanship.
10. Knitting.
 - Knitted Socks in Wool.
 - Knitted Gloves in Wool.
11. Handwork by new Canadians featuring national type of needle work.

There will be ribbon awards except in Darning and Patching where a small amount of money has been donated. There is also a special prize for the W. I. receiving the largest number of points.

Please help us to put this over the top.

Faithfully yours,

IDA B. SMITH,
Convener.

CANADIANIZATION AND IMMIGRATION

Mrs. F. G. Grevett, Calgary, Convener.

This department calls forth, perhaps, the greatest enthusiasm of any department. It is our patriotic appeal and the call of our country finds a ready response in the hearts of our women.

But emotion is not sufficient, it is not lasting. We must know our Canada, her history, her geography, her great men and women, then and then only can we know what it means to be a Canadian. Then we can teach our "New

Canadian" what it means to be a Canadian. Let me impress the importance of this upon you, and may that impression be evident in your work on Canadianization and national events during the coming year. Much has been accomplished during the past few years. Much remains to be done. The possibilities of this department are almost limitless.

The five-year plan of community contests, under the direction of Dr. W. J. Black and Dr. R. C. Wallace, is of inestimable value, and will do much to create a better understanding among these people from other lands.

There is an awakened interest in this branch of our work, throughout the province, nearly all branches report splendid papers given on the "New Canadian," "Our National Holidays," "Armistice Day," "Thanksgiving Day," "Empire and Victoria Day," "What we should do as Canadian Citizens," "The Future of Canada." Knowledge has been sought of the men and women who have made themselves famous in various ways. Kathleen Parlow, Edward Johnstone, Jeanne Gordon being among those who have brought fame to Canada through their gifts of song and music.

Many branches report prizes offered for best essays on some phase of Canada. Schools have been presented with copies of the Peace Pact and photographs of the Prince of Wales. The importance of and respect for our flag seems to have played a considerable part in teaching patriotism.

Travel talks have been given on our Dominion, with occasional glimpses from other lands, "Scotland," "In England Today," "Ireland and Wales." "A jaunt through our National Parks" and "Seeing Canada First" have been enjoyed.

From time to time branches have been urged to interest themselves in local history from the time of first settlement of a locality to the present, and in legends and traditions of their district or province. This is beginning to bear fruit, but one big difficulty presents itself; how to get these valuable records together before they are destroyed or pass out of knowledge. Frequently the paper is given in the local Institute and then straightway forgotten and that is the end. How can we conserve these records for coming generations?

Great progress has been made in the purchase of Canadian books and magazines. Conveners have presented sample copies of various periodicals, farm journals, etc., for discussion and inspection at meetings. Mrs. Wood, our Provincial Supervisor of Girls' Clubs, in speaking before the southern District Conference, strongly condemned the flooding of Canadian market by a certain type of American magazine. I believe this focussed public opinion in such a manner it has proved beneficial to our Canadian periodicals.

It is pleasing to know that the appreciation of beauty and art are being fostered by a number of branches, and great pressure has been brought to bear on governments to preserve many beauty spots for coming generations.

During the past year it has been my privilege to visit a number of Institutes and to come into personal touch with chairmen of my committee, which has helped considerably in putting over programs.

Immigration.

Immigration for the present is halted, which is a good thing considering the financial conditions of the country. Now is our opportunity to do effective work among the strangers within our gates, who have come to us with high hopes for the future.

Seven branches report much interest taken in this work, and several others report help given where families had not adjusted themselves before the period of depression struck. (As Amos and Andy say, "It is too bad Old Man Depression had to come in these bad times.")

The "Back to the Land movement" will be a great factor in relieving the cities from the heavy burden of taxation, and will ensure at least a livelihood for the family.

Practical assistance has been given to many needy families by fourteen Institutes who have reported; there may be more who have not yet reported.

The total number of deportations from Canada during the fiscal year 1931-32 from April 1, 1931 to March 31, 1932, was 7024.

Immigration from Europe and many other countries is now practically limited to the wives and children under 18 years of age of persons already satisfactorily established in Canada. British subjects from the British Isles, British Dominions and the United States, and citizens of the U. S. from the U. S. A., are still admissible provided they can comply with the immigration regulations, which require that they must be literate, of good health and good character, and must have sufficient capital to establish and maintain themselves in this country, and to give assurance that they will not directly or indirectly contribute to unemployment.

OUTLINE

Standing Committee on Canadianization and Immigration, 1931-32.

The following activities have been suggested to the Women's Institutes of Canada, along the line of "Canadianization and National Events":

1. Historical research of their neighbors, stories of the pioneers, preservation of old landmarks, etc.
2. The study of books with an authentic historical content (fact or fiction) as part of their monthly program.
3. Arrange an exhibit of your Community History, photographs of first settlers, school house and teacher, etc.; display them at your Institute meeting and, if possible, later at your Constituency Conference.
4. Have public speaking contests or debates on the subject of Canadian Art, Music and Literature.
5. Strive to develop the spirit of friendliness, not only among our own membership, but especially among the new settlers and foreign born women outside our circle. Welcome them to the W. I. meeting.

A list of books which will guide your Committee in selecting suitable material may be obtained from the Provincial Convener on application.

6. Encourage reading of more Canadian magazines and periodicals.
7. Encourage Canadianization in the schools:
 - (a) By adding suitable books to the school library.
 - (b) Helping to produce patriotic plays and pageants on National Days.
 - (c) Offering prizes for patriotic essaying, presenting flags, etc., and taking an active part in the community celebration of national events, e.g., Empire Day, Dominion Day, Armistice Day.

SUGGESTIONS ALONG THE LINE OF "IMMIGRATION"

1. That our slogan be: A kindly welcome to all newcomers.
2. That every Institute have a Visiting Committee appointed to receive and welcome newcomers.
3. That a program on Immigration such as the following, be given:
 - (1) Roll Call of noteworthy Immigrants.
 - (2) A Study of the History of Immigration to Alberta.
 - (3) Standpoints from which to study Immigration:
 - (a) That affecting the Mother Country;
 - (b) That affecting Canada;
 - (c) That affecting the individual.
 - (4) A discussion of Assisted Immigration vs Voluntary Immigration.
 - (5) Oriental Immigration.
 - (6) A study of the various nationalities entering Canada and their effect upon our own Canadian nationality.
4. That every Institute, as well as individual members, become a "Link of Empire."

Address: Honorary Secretary, "Links of Empire," British Empire Union, 180 Piccadilly, London.

5. That reports be sent in to your Provincial Convener on Immigration.
- Please forward good papers to me for future use.

(MRS. F. G.) ALICE L. GREVETT, Convener,
240 13th Ave. W., Calgary, Alberta.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE

Mrs. D. H. Galbraith, Vulcan, Convener.

The bright and interesting reports received telling of the many activities of the farm women, show little of the striving to make ends meet with the low prices received for all agricultural products. The increased energies of the women to produce good gardens and thus grow a living and improve the home environment, indicate the effort being made to cope with existing economic conditions. A wonderful spirit of community co-operation is manifest, farmer helps farmer, exchanges work, seeds and plants, each one doing his best to help the neighbor who may be less fortunate than he is. Many districts sending carloads of vegetables to dried out areas planned and arranged by the Women's Institute. Sports are not forgotten. Each district has its softball team and many friendly games are played; this is quite a contrast to the days of high wheat prices when the farmer was so independent he hardly knew his neighbor, but was off to the cities for his pleasures; thus while we bewail our hard times, character is being developed.

I would like to thank those branches who so kindly sent me copies of excellent papers on agriculture, as I receive many requests for information, these are a great help to me. A larger number of papers were sent me than

any other year. Many splendid papers have been delivered by W. I. members, the staff of Olds, Vermilion and Beaver Lodge contributing largely of their services. The bulletin issued by the University of Alberta on "Beautifying the Home Grounds" has been used extensively; the study of this good bulletin cannot be too strongly advocated. "The Prairie Farmer's Vegetable Garden," issued by the Federal Dept. of Agriculture, and the one "Make the Garden Pay," published by the International Harvester Co., and presented by the Bank of Montreal, contain much instruction which is valuable to the gardener.

Among the various subjects discussed were "Weeds and how to fight them," "Caring for and doctoring dumb animals," "Is Beauty a Necessity?" "Growing a Windbreak," "Care of house plants," "Turkeys, their care and feeding" and "Raising the young chick." The results of activities undertaken by the different branches of the W. I. is seen in the well kept and tree planted cemeteries throughout the country, the improvement in many school grounds and in assistance given school fairs.

In looking forward may I urge the conservation of our food supply. Too often much of our hard work is lost because of lack of knowledge of storage. Meetings given to discussions on the best methods of storage of vegetables, also drying and canning; the storing of eggs for winter use or the making of jams and jellies from our own grown fruits will produce wonderful results. The true homemaker is ever eager to learn improved methods. Greater returns from the dairy may be secured by cheese making in the home, demonstrations in Gouda or soft cheese making arouse wonderful interest. Good bulletins on cheese making may be secured for the asking from the T. Eaton Company.

In closing may I thank the members for the kind letters received during the year, and also wish you one and all the best of health and happiness and continued interest in Agriculture.

OUTLINE

Standing Committee on Agriculture, 1932-33.

Agriculture at its best is a home making proposition and those who enter it for other purposes meet with little success; our program must necessarily for this year, deal with rural home making. In this connection we would continue in our aim to make Alberta Beautiful.

Early spring meetings given over to round table discussions on gardening methods, varieties of seeds, etc., are helpful. It is often profitable to have an exchange of plants, seeds, etc., the same day.

The local Agricultural Schools and Dominion Experimental Stations are willing to co-operate with the different organizations and will give you what assistance they can. I would therefore suggest that at least one meeting be arranged with help from these schools or with a speaker from one of them.

Constituency Conveners can do much to assist those localities where there is a failure in garden produce by putting them in touch with other Institutes where there may be an over supply. We must endeavor to do all in our power to help those who are less fortunate than we may be.

Any information I can give you will be gladly done if you write me.

(MRS. D. H.) ANNA P. GALBRAITH,

Convener, Drawer 39, Vulcan..

REPORT ON CANADIAN INDUSTRIES**Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Edmonton, Convener.**

The Committee on Canadian Industries have had a very successful year, each new convener being more interested than the last in the work.

The reports that have come in have been exceptionally fine, reporting far reaching work.

In July 1931 the Committee on Canadian Industries provided one of the booths at the Edmonton Exhibition where the provincial body had an exhibit of the work they are doing. The passing comments were all very complimentary.

The Edmonton Women's Institute assisted in the "Produced in Alberta" Exhibition in October 1931, and educationally it was a very great success.

Some of the smaller branches have had displays of a similar kind and were each a great success.

During the last six months on the first Tuesday of each month at 4.15 o'clock, through the kindness of the Edmonton Journal radio station C J C A we have been having radio broadcasts. The first one was given by Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, President of the Alberta Women's Institutes, on "Wool and Woolen Products," the remaining ones were given by myself, under the headings, "Fish and Fishing Industry," "Story of Linoleum," "Canning in Tin, the Cause and Effect of Discoloration," "Peat Moss for Gardening" and "Employment and Industry." The talks were very well received and I had quite a few requests for copies to be sent out.

At this point I would like to thank Mr. Stutchbury, Trade Commissioner for Alberta, for his kindness and great help in the radio broadcasts. It is appreciated and very instructive.

During the year I have sent out about 350 letters and numerous parcels of literature. The requests for literature were more numerous this year than in any previous year, showing a greater interest in the subject.

Copies of the broadcasts can be had on request.

This work is gaining more recruits all the time, the buying public are commencing to realize that it is in the every day buying that the most money is spent, and that if we try to buy products that are made at our own doors, we will be not only helping the manufacturer but will be keeping the money at home and more of it will be sure to come back to us.

OUTLINE**Standing Committee on Canadian Industries, 1932-33.**

Never lose sight of the fact that price and quality must equal.

Visit retail stores in your district making notes of goods "Produced in Canada."

Ask retailer what are his best sellers; if imported, try and discover why, whether it is demand or quality of the goods.

Arrange one night for Canadian Industries and give a paper or talk. Work through the Home Economics Committee and try and plan an Alberta or Canadian menu.

Talk up "Home Buying" whenever possible.

Write a paper on Canadian Industry and send me a copy with your ideas on the subject.

Make a survey of local industries, if any, getting information regarding products and output.

Please send any idea that you might feel is particularly adapted to your locality, for the farther one can spread the idea of "Home Buying" the greater will be the results. You will have a good opportunity to educate the newcomer in home buying.

I will be pleased to furnish you with any literature or assistance I can.

Where it is possible you could have a "Made-in-Alberta" exhibition and as in the small places, have several Institutes go in together.

There is a lot of work to be done in this line and I am sure that it is not only a pleasure to learn of all the things that are being made in Alberta but it also is good for trade. Always remember where your pay check comes from and patronize home industry.

Please keep in touch with me and I can assure you that I will appreciate any ideas you may have for furthering the work.

MRS. J. W. JOHNSTON, Convener.

11007 84th Avenue, Edmonton.

REPORT ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Mrs. E. A. Oatway, Donalds, Convener.

In making this report on the League of Nations, I wish to thank the branch and constituency chairmen who have been so active and faithful in carrying out the work of this department. I appreciate the interest evinced in their requests for literature, and am grateful for the many helpful suggestions. In some constituencies, where there were no chairmen appointed in this department, the Constituency Conveners have done splendid work.

Although many branches have reported to me, yet there are many which have not communicated with me in any way, and I should be glad if they would do so.

I have been able to collect considerable literature, which is constantly in use by the Institutes. Branches may also obtain helpful material from Col. C. P. Meredith, Secretary of the League of Nations Society in Canada, Ottawa, and from Mrs. H. E. Tremain, Secretary of the Women's League of Nations Association, 20 St. Joseph St., Toronto. Wherever possible, the branches should subscribe to "Interdependence."

Many branches have carried out in detail the outline for 1931-32, found on page 63 of the last report of the Annual Convention, while some apparently have not known of its existence. I am particularly grateful to those Institutes which have carried out the program outlined for the schools and have offered prizes for essays and posters. Several Institutes have had public peace entertainments, have observed Peace Sunday and Peace Day, in addition to the program carried out at a regular meeting of the Institute, and have thus brought the question of Disarmament and World peace before the public in varied and interesting form.

It is not enough that we devote one meeting a year to the Peace movement and then forget it for the remainder of the year. Peace will never be realized in that way. We must link this movement with our homes, our schools, our community life, making it something vital. And we must first of all fervently believe that World Peace is desirable and necessary before we can hope to interest others.

One convener suggests that an open discussion be held in which members are encouraged to ask questions and give opinions, the person responsible for the program conducting the discussion. This seems to me a good idea, particularly if the subject is announced in advance so that members may inform themselves as to the facts concerning the question under discussion. This would seem to be preferable to having a paper read, although much depends on the person giving the paper. Often a lively discussion may follow a short paper.

A few of the conveners prepare monthly synopses which are sent from branch to branch; others circulate literature among their branches.

Space will permit only a brief reference to the work of the League of Nations during the last year.

The Twelfth Assembly of the League of Nations held last September opened in a spirit of depression due partly to world conditions. Three events of major importance, however, served to profoundly agitate what promised to be the quietest Assembly on record. These were: The financial crisis in Great Britain with the abandonment of the gold standard, the seizure of Mukden and other Manchurian towns by Japan, and the long drawn-out negotiations regarding an armaments truce.

It was but natural that much time and discussion should be given to the question of Disarmament in view of the World Disarmament Conference to meet the following February. S. Grandhi proposed that the Assembly con- declared that peace can rest only on the security of States and that security can result only from harmonious development of two factors—the peaceful settlement of disputes and the general reduction of armaments.

Great Britain and Germany both supported the affirmation of S. Grandhi of disarmament before further security, but France set up again and again the thesis of further security before disarmament.

Emphasizing the fact that the World Disarmament Conference was to meet the following February, S. Grandhi proposed that the Assembly conclude an armaments truce to last while the work of the Conference was in progress, and the Assembly finally endorsed the demand that every government would abstain from increasing its armaments at least until the Conference had concluded its work.

The Japanese invasion of Manchuria was a clear violation of the League Covenant, the Kellogg Pact, and a special Nine-Power Agreement regarding the integrity of China, signed at Washington in 1922. The Chinese member of the Assembly at once requested the Council to take immediate steps to stop Japanese aggression in Manchuria, while the Japanese representative intimated that intervention by the League was not desired. Ultimately, the question was settled by the Japanese agreeing to withdraw their troops that had advanced outside the treaty zone.

In the year preceding the convening of the World Disarmament Conference, various organizations including the Women's Institutes conducted a vigorous campaign, issuing peace petitions, circulating literature and in many ways striving to educate the public to the importance of this Conference.

The Hon. Agnes McPhail addressed audiences from coast to coast on the importance of sending peace-minded delegates to the Conference. The Hon. Irene Parlby, out of her experiences as a Canadian delegate to the Assembly in 1930, urged people not to expect too much of the Disarmament Conference, and said, "Education is the great need in fighting war."

We were glad to have Miss Winnifred Kydd, president of the W. I. L., as a representative of the peace-loving women of Canada, at this conference, which met last February and is still in session.

You have read reports of the Conference. You know that the same arguments that were presented before the Twelfth Assembly of the League regarding Disarmament were brought forward again and that various plans of disarmament, based on the Draft Convention, were introduced, but that no agreement has been reached.

For several weeks the Disarmament Conference had to mark time in order that the League of Nations might deal with the situation in the Far East. On March 3rd, a special session of the Assembly was summoned to adjudicate China's case against Japan, the Council having failed to stop Japanese aggression of Shanghai. On March 4th, the Assembly passed a resolution demanding immediate cessation of hostilities at Shanghai and removal of the Japanese troops. The Japanese were thus forced to make the best of a bad matter and evacuate Shanghai.

The Assembly by its prompt action, purged the League from charges of cowardice and hypocrisy, and restored its prestige.

We hear that the Disarmament Conference has been a failure. What the Disarmament Conference has tried to do is to carry out Article VIII. of the Covenant. To limit the air, land and naval forces of 54 States, most of which still remember the last war, is a stupendous task. One could hardly expect that this could be accomplished in one session of an Arms Conference.

Since I began this report, it has been announced by the press that Premier MacDonald of Great Britain, now in attendance at the Lausanne Conference on war debts and reparations, will propose an armaments truce to last at least ten years. If this can be agreed upon by the nations, it will afford a breathing space during which peace-loving people may redouble their efforts to educate public opinion, for it has been clearly demonstrated that governments and representatives can go no further than public opinion permits.

The women of the Disarmament Conference who represented the organized women of the world, not only presented peace petitions signed by millions of women, but they have issued an international Peace Policy. In issuing this policy, the women have laid down proposals of a technical character, but more important than that, they have drawn attention to the fact that practical disarmament and moral disarmament must go hand in hand.

The Women's Institutes of Alberta should be a vital force in shaping and maintaining in Alberta a sound public opinion in sympathy with the League of Nations and its splendid endeavors. We of this generation should exert ourselves to teach the youth of our land the awful tragedy of war and the beneficent results of peace.

Every thinking person must face the question today—who are responsible for the world's future peace? Who, if not you and I?

Therefore let us support the League of Nations in our homes and in our Institutes; let us strive to educate our youth along lines of World Peace, laying the foundation and rearing the structure on the principles enunciated by Him at whose birth the angels sang, "Peace on earth; good will among men."

OUTLINE**League of Nations, 1932-33.**

1. If possible, appoint a League of Nations Convener in each Institute branch, and urge that reports be made regularly to the constituency and provincial conveners.
2. Devote at least one meeting during the year to the study of the problem of Disarmament and World Peace. The problems of war debts and reparations and the tariff problem might well be studied, inasmuch as they affect the question of World Peace.
3. Offer prizes to high school pupils for the best essay on some subject dealing with World Peace. Poster contests for which prizes are awarded may be held in the junior grades.
4. On or about May 18th or November 11th, hold a public peace program in which the young people of all nationalities represented in your district participate. On this occasion have the prize-winning essays read and the posters displayed, and prizes awarded.
5. Present at least one book dealing with the work of the League of Nations or World Peace to your school library during the year.
6. Co-operate with your teachers to have Peace Day, May 18th, suitably observed in all schools.
7. Advocate a yearly peace service on the Sunday nearest to May 18th or November 11th. Be sure to have your young people assist in the singing and in other ways.
8. As soon as possible, obtain a copy of the International Peace Policy and take action concerning it.
9. Send good papers, press articles and suggestions for the work to the provincial convener for distribution among the branches.

Helps to League of Nations Conveners.

Canada and the League of Nations. Interdependence—a monthly review. Geneva, 1931—an account of the 12th Assembly. Secretary, L. of N. Society, Ottawa.

The Truth About War by Col. Drew. Dramatized Speeches, Plays, etc. Mrs. H. E. Tremain, 20 St. Joseph St., Toronto. Department of Extension, University of Alberta.

(MRS. E. A.) IRENE L. OATWAY,
Convener, Donalda.

**REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GIRLS' CLUB**

Mrs. R. E. Wood, Stony Plain, Supervisor.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Alberta Women's Institute Girls' Clubs was held at the Olds School of Agriculture on July 5, 6, 7 and 8 with 52 delegates and visitors registered. Twelve clubs out of the forty in the province were represented.

Mrs. A. Kjorsvik, Constituency Convener of W. I. of Olds West constituency, welcomed the girls to Olds, and Margaret Hudson, provincial president of the Girls' Clubs, brought greetings and spoke briefly on "The Value of the Convention as a Stimulus to Useful Club Life."

Each day demonstrations in cooking and sewing were conducted by Miss McIntyre and Miss Shaw respectively. These demonstrations were very helpful and practical and the girls enjoyed them very much.

Miss Lilly Sahlen of Garden Prairie Girls' Club gave an interesting talk on "My Trip to Sweden," rendering her remarks doubly vivid by exhibiting hand woven linen, some Swedish embroidery and a series of characteristic photographs. Mr. A. T. Kemp, of the staff of the Agricultural School, gave a helpful talk on "Improving the Home Surroundings." A paper on "Short Story Writing," sent in by Mrs. J. A. Rodell of Wetaskiwin, was read by Mrs. J. Ross Anderson.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson of Trochu, Director for District No. 3, visited the convention on Thursday morning and brought an inspiring message and greeting to the girls. Miss Marion E. Story of the Women's Home Bureau, spent a few hours with the girls and gave them an interesting talk on the short course work, and encouraged them to take advantage of this excellent service. Mrs. J. A. Campbell of Milk River, Director for District No. 4, also attended the convention for a short time and brought greetings.

The Public Speaking Contest held annually for the Nellie McClung trophy was won by Miss Coral Strang of Garden Prairie Club, speaking on "Mrs. McKinney, a Canadian who deserves a place in the Hall of Fame." Miss Lilly Sahlen, whose topic was "Choosing a Vocation," and who belongs to the same club, was a close second. Miss Marion Aitcheson of Sedgewick G. C., won a well-deserved third with her glowing description of "Peace River—a Land of Opportunity." The other speakers and their subjects were as follows: Elsie Irish, "Progress of Women in the Political World"; Mary Sahlen, "Hobbies"; Jane Popham, "Disarmament"; Margaret Annabel, "The Peace River Country." The judges in this contest were Miss McIntyre, Mr. Holeton and Mr. Phillips.

A masquerade parade and stunt night provided splendid entertainment one evening. Every girl was in costume and the judges, Mrs. Murray, Miss Shaw and Miss Rogers, had a very difficult time awarding the prizes, as the costumes were of such high quality. Marion Aitcheson and Elsie Irish representing a Knight and his Lady received the prize for the prettiest costumes, Zorah Bertram as a Baby, for the most original, and Esther Peterson and Lillian Taylor as the Gold Dust Twins, carried off the prize for the funniest costumes. Following the masquerade, several of the clubs presented clever skits. These with solos and monologues, rounded out an interesting program and a very pleasant evening.

A great deal of athletic talent was uncovered on a sports day, the Emily Murphy Cup finally going to Miss Elsie Irish of Loughheed, with 26 points. Miss Muriel Bloss of Eagle Hill was second with 23 points. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Phillips very ably conducted the sports program.

The high light of the convention was the annual banquet held on Thursday evening in the dining hall of the O.S.A. It featured, as in former years, the presentation of the cups and trophies to their respective winners. Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Provincial President of the W. I., was one of the guest speakers. She brought greetings from the W. I. and gave a most inspiring and encouraging message to the girls. Dr. Hartman of Olds, the other guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on "The Philosophy of Life."

Following the banquet, Mr. Fisher entertained all with a delightful account of his experiences in the Klondike.

In addition to these entertaining features much business was transacted. A question box was held which brought out many questions and the delegates received a great deal of help from this feature. A full explanation of the working of the program was given and a good discussion followed as to how it was helping the various clubs with their program planning.

Several notices of motion from the 1931 convention were dealt with, most of them concerned with changes in the details of the constitution, rendered necessary by the removal of the government grant and the introduction of the program providing for Junior and Senior Clubs.

The delegates voted to publish their Magazine again this year, which will be edited by Mrs. Jean Blewett Anderson, the Girls' Club Publicity Con- vener.

The beautiful cup donated by Mrs. J. A. Rodell of Wetaskiwin, for the best short story sent in by a Girls' Club member, was won by Miss Florence Hoffman of Sedgewick. Her story was entitled "How the Mystery of the Haunted House Was Solved." There were seven entries for this contest.

The prize for the best discussion at business meetings, given by Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, President of the Alberta Women's Institutes, was presented to Miss Coral Strang of Garden Prairie Club.

The following officers will guide the destiny of the clubs during the coming year: President, Lilly Sahlen; Vice-President, Esther Oliver; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Morrison; District Directors, Molly Rutledge, Vera McLennan and Jane Popham.

To sum up, the convention was a very helpful one and all the delegates received a great deal of useful information dealing with their club work. There was sufficient entertainment to add the necessary "play" to their program, and all the girls were filled with enthusiasm and interest in club work. Everyone had words of praise for the Olds School of Agriculture as an ideal place for their convention, and the staff certainly did everything they could possibly do to make the convention a success.

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RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented to the Council of Alberta Women's Institutes. Following careful consideration, action was taken on each as here recorded:

1. Whereas, so far as is known to us, no provision for relief of the wife, children and dependents of citizens who have been convicted of crime and sentenced to serve terms of imprisonment in gaol, is at present available for the relief of such dependents in necessary cases; And whereas it is manifestly unfair and unjust to leave such dependents in such circumstances;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bassano branch of the Women's Institute do petition the Alberta provincial government to enact such legislation as it may deem advisable to provide for a reasonable measure of support and maintenance to the dependents of citizens who have been

convicted of offences and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, in necessary cases and where such dependents are incapable or unable to support themselves or each other during the term of imprisonment in each case.
—Tabled.

2. We, the members of District No. 4, Alberta Women's Institute, desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of the faithful services given by our two women magistrates, Mrs. Emily Murphy and Mrs. Alice Jamieson, and to express our regret at their retirement.

Whereas we believe it necessary and desirable that women offenders should be tried in a women's court;

Therefore be it resolved that we urge the appointment of competent women to fill the vacancies created through retirement. District No. 4 Conference.—Tabled.

3. Whereas the number of unmarried teachers is increasing enormously every year, and

Whereas the teachers (married and single) from neighboring provinces are allowed to make further demands on the schools available to our own provincial teachers, and

Whereas many married women have returned to the profession who have homes and comforts, for monetary reasons, thereby working a real hardship on young women (and also their parents) who have made a sacrifice that their children would achieve that goal;

Be it resolved that married women be debarred from teaching except in case of widowhood or where the husband is incapacitated. Constituency Conference at Strathmore, Aug. 6, 1931.—Lost.

4. Resolved that each municipality ask that a sign board be placed at the entrance to each town, so that persons coming to the town may know the name of it. Calgary-Okotoks Constituency, Aug. 2, 1931.—Lost.
5. Resolved that the government be asked to continue the short courses as soon as finances will permit. Calgary-Okotoks Constituency, Aug. 2, 1931.—Carried.
6. Resolved that members of the Women's Institutes and Girls' Clubs do all in their power for the elevating of literature in Canada and particularly in the province of Alberta. This can be done by:
 - (1) Reading only the best periodicals and newspapers;
 - (2) Keeping the better type of reading materials in our homes.
 - (3) Giving this viewpoint to all communities.
 - (4) Boycotting news stands or those who handle cheap, questionable magazines, etc.
 - (5) Resolutions to Dominion government to prevent printing many questionable publications in Canada or prohibiting them the mails. District No. 4 Conference.—Carried.
7. Whereas the provincial executive has intimated that owing to the present depression there are not sufficient funds to carry on as formerly, and

Whereas, the annual convention absorbs a large portion of these funds, and

Whereas, owing to hard times, many locals are not represented at the annual convention, and consequently legislation passed there would not express the voice of the Alberta Women's Institutes in general, and

Whereas, in order to hold an annual convention it means, in times of financial stress, contributions over and above the regular yearly provincial dues, which already tax many locals,

Be it resolved that under such conditions as above stated the provincial executive shall use their discretion as to whether a convention shall be held or not. Shepard Women's Institute, Cluny Women's Institute.—Not presented after favorable action of District No. 4 to consent to cancellation of provincial convention.

8. Resolved, that the members of Alberta Women's Institutes urge upon the government of Canada to instruct their delegates to the World Disarmament Conference to insist upon the inclusion in the Disarmament

Convention of an undertaking by the nations signing the convention to assume control of all factories manufacturing the primary equipment of war, and that all parties to the convention undertake to accept the principal of enforcement by common action of all international obligations, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the premier and the leader of the opposition. (Copy of a resolution passed by the Local Council of Women, Toronto, and by the League of Nations Society, Toronto. Submitted by Irene L. Oatway, Donalda.)—Filed.

9. 1. Resolved that a telephone tax be placed upon every quarter by which the telephone line passes.
2. Resolved, that school trustees should be able to read and write in English and be British subjects.
3. Resolved, that all public offices be open to British subjects only, and that they be able to read and write in English. Conjuring Creek Women's Institute.—(1) Further information desirable; (2) carried; (3) the term "public offices" too indefinite for action.
10. Whereas, the cost of funerals at the present time is felt to be a hardship upon the chief mourners at a time when every cent has an increased value, and

Whereas the methods of funeral directors give us no security as to costs, advantage being taken of mourner's embarrassment;

We, the Women's Institute of Kitscoty suggest that the question be brought to the notice of the provincial authorities, and that the undertakers be approached to publish a standardized price list showing costs of plain funerals, and the grading of prices of extra equipment, etc. Kitscoty Women's Institute, Paradise Valley.—Tabled.

11. Resolved that resolutions be sent to all Institutes two months before the annual convention in order that the delegates may have opportunity to be instructed as to voting on same. Bindloss Women's Institute.—Tabled. (Impossible to send out copies of resolutions as most of them do not reach the executive until near the date of the convention.)
12. Whereas, Section 191 of the Municipal District Act, when an election for Councillor is being held, provides that the wife, husband, son, daughter, father or mother of any person whose name appears on the voters' list, is allowed to vote, if he or she duly takes the oath in the form provided;

We the members of the Cremona Women's Institute do hereby protest that this is an insult, especially to the women of the municipal districts, and request that an amendment be made to this part of the Municipal District Act, providing that a relation of an owner on applying for a ballot have name added to the voters' list and vote allowed without further ceremony, unless vote is challenged. Cremona Women's Institute.—
Tabled.

LOAN COLLECTION

List of papers and clippings that may be obtained by writing to the President, Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Wetaskiwin.

These must be returned in four weeks from the time of loaning. There are also others not listed, among them some material from the Department of Public Health:

Title	Author
"The Community School Board, The School Trustee,"	Dec. 1931.
"The Little Red School House,"	Dr. Geo. Dickson. Calgary, A.S.T.A., July, 1932.
"The Problem of Modern Education,"	Miss Anne Gaukler, Brooksley, W.I.
"Jack Miner, The Naturalist,"	The School Trustee, July 1932.
"Some Problems of Rural Life in Canada,"	John A. Cormie, D.D.
"Canadians and Patriotism,"	Mrs. Mabel F. Overton, Edmonton, A.S.T., Sept. 1931.
"Canadianizing the New Canadian,"	Mrs. Lund, Hughenden.
"What Canada Has Done,"	Lyman Jackes.
"Duties of Parents,"	Mrs. W. C. Short, Edmonton.
"Building the Roadway to Peace,"	Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, St. Stephen's Church, Calgary.
"The League of Nations,"	Mrs. W. E. Frame, Coronation.
"Southern Alberta Ranchers,"	Mrs. J. F. Price, Calgary.
"Pioneers of 1872-73 in Calgary and South Country,"	Mrs. Elizabeth McDougall, Calgary.
"Washing Day in Other Lands,"	Mrs. Chas. Davie, Mossleigh.
"The Institute Movement, a History of Service,"	Mrs. A. A. Campbell, Milk River.
"Our Creed,"	Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Wetaskiwin.
"What the Country Women of the World Are Doing,"	Mrs. H. J. Mont- gomery, Wetaskiwin.
"Domicile of Married Women,"	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Trochu.
"Naturalization of Married Women,"	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson.
"Home and School,"	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Trochu.
"Ideals,"	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Trochu.
"Milk Desserts,"	Laura C. Pepper, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.
"School Lunches,"	Laura C. Pepper, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.
"Rural Denmark and Its Schools,"	Harold W. Foght.
"Let Us Take a Look at Ourselves,"	Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Fort Saskatchewan.
"Let Us Stop Worrying,"	Mrs. W. C. Short, Edmonton.
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