

WOMEN'S SECTION

British Columbia Women's Institutes

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MISSION CITY.

The Women's Institute met on October 28 with an average attendance. Red Cross work and its needs occupied a good deal of attention.

Owing to a very small attendance at the September meeting, the delegates' report to convention was held over and given at this October meeting.

A most interesting paper was also given by Mrs. H. Deagle on "The Twentieth Century Woman, Her Needs and Opportunities."

Considerable discussion ensued concerning the Christmas gifts of woolen wear the Institute is sending this month to the boys who have gone overseas from this vicinity. A bit of Christmas cheer is to be given in the shape of chewing gum or a bar of chocolate, the money for same to be taken from the general fund, and not from the Red Cross treasury.

A prize was presented Mrs. E. J. Abbott from the pumpkin pie contest in September.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE.

Three weekly meetings devoted to Red Cross work were held by Shawnigan Women's Institute members at Cobble Hill and Shawnigan Lake during the past month; the meeting in the fourth week being occupied with institute work. A large consignment of articles, shirts, pyjamas, slippers, socks, etc., were dispatched to Temple Building, Victoria, on October 28, together with cash donations amounting to \$59, a sum which included the profits realized from the Trafalgar Day entertainment in the S. L. A. A. Hall, at Shawnigan Lake.

It is hoped that some of the children's scrap books may be ready to go off with the next monthly parcel on the 25th instant.

Satisfactory evidence of activity was given in the reports of their work by the four sub-committees, though much concern is felt that at present the children at the Shawnigan school are debarred from enjoying the privilege of the traveling school library. The teacher does not feel able to assume responsibility for the care of the books, and members are anxious to learn of some kind friend near the school who will house and superintend the loaning of the books to the children.

The recreation committee and other dancers have been invited to repeat the dances performed on Trafalgar Day at Cowichan, on the 12th instant, in aid of the Red Cross society's funds. Considerable amusement as well as interest was caused by the response to the invitation to members to bring with them to the monthly meetings the household utensil most valued by its owner. There was quite a good display, and many helpful hints were gained by all present.

There has been much sorrow and sickness among the members recently. Votes of sincere sympathy were transmitted to those who have suffered bereavement, accident or illness. An art loan exhibition is to be the feature of the December monthly meeting at Shawnigan Lake.

At the recent conference of the National Council of Women in Toronto, Miss Alice Ravenhill's report on "Professions and Em-

ployment for Women" was read by Mrs. George Watt.

SURREY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

CLOVERDALE, Nov. 12.—The Surrey Women's Institute held its November meeting in the municipal hall, Cloverdale, Mrs. Croft, president, in the chair. Seventeen members answered roll call, a special one—"my pet economy"—and four visitors were also present.

Mrs. Hill gave a most interesting paper entitled "Are Fairy Tales True?" Mrs. H. Tarves demonstrated the making of Scotch shortbread which was afterwards served with afternoon tea.

At the next meeting on Dec. 7, Mrs. Macrae will be the speaker and a good attendance is hoped for.

STRAWBERRY HILL NEWS.

At the last regular meeting of the Farmers' Institute on Nov. 6 it was decided to hold an organization meeting at South Westminster. It is the intention of the institute to hold a meeting there each alternate month, and cover more of the district by so doing. Mr. Marshall has kindly offered the use of the hall to help encourage the movement.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BENEFIT.

HATZIC, Nov. 17.—Last week the sum of \$120.80 was placed to the credit of the Hatzic Women's Institute, being the money collected for the machine gun from Hatzic, several months ago. A vote of the contributors to the fund was taken, and this disposal of the fund was decided upon.

There was an average attendance of 25 a day at the lectures delivered by Miss Kennedy of Vancouver for three days to the Port Haney Women's Institute.

KELOWNA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The meeting of the Women's Institute held November 6th was one of the largest and most successful they have ever had, over 82 members attending. Mrs. B. McDonald gave a most instructive demonstration of "candy making." In a discussion which followed on the advisability of doing something to alleviate the condition of the prisoners of war in Germany, it was decided that the Institute make itself responsible for one prisoner. This would mean a monthly outlay of \$4 which would enable a parcel of food or other comforts to be forwarded regularly.

It was also agreed to adopt the suggestion of the local Council of Women throughout Canada and make a special appeal for cast-off furs to be forwarded to Italy, where the soldiers are fighting amongst the Arctic rigors of the high Alps. Any such contribution may be left at Oxley's store.

November 22nd to the 24th a series of lectures under the auspices of the Provincial Women's Institute will be given in Kelowna by Nurse Fanny Steed, on "Home Nursing." The lectures are for the benefit of the local institute members, and any lady wishing to join before that date should send in her name to the secretary, Mrs. Harold Newby,

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