



Representatives of the various Women's Institute Districts of the Central Ontario Convention area, who took part in the Historical Sketch at the 1952 convention. They are

wearing dresses of the period in which their districts were organized. Mrs. McCrae of Unionville, front row, fourth from right, is wearing a costume from the wardrobe of Queen Victoria.

Procedures. The greatest number of requests is still for courses in Food and Nutrition, and the other "practical" homemaking subjects, but the demand for the newer courses is steadily growing. "In addition to these courses," the Director said, "the Institute Branch has had a representative at every Convention and every district annual and we sit in on most provincial and many convention area committees."

The Director stressed the dual service of the Branch: first, to promote the work of the Women's Institutes of Ontario and second, to provide a Home Economics Service for all rural women and girls in the Province. She extended a cordial invitation to the Board members to visit the Offices of the Branch when they are in Toronto.

Referring to the growth of Institute membership, Miss Lewis said that at the first Institute Convention held in Guelph in 1902 there was an attendance of 66 women representing 24 Institutes. This year 5,088 women attended the 14 area conventions.

F.W.I.O. Tent at the Plowing Match: Mrs. Hopper and Mrs. McCulloch reported that the Institutes of East and West Carleton and Lanark served little cakes and tea to over two thousand people and made \$93.40 for their "scholarship" fund. The puppet show put on by Miss McBride and Miss Hamilton was "enthusiastically received."

Home Economics and Health: The convener Mrs. Milton Weber said: "The old Proverb, 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world' could be interpreted to read 'The housewife who manages her home efficiently is well on the way to proving herself to be a good Canadian citizen—a fulfillment of our watchword 'For Home and Country.''" Mrs. Weber expressed appreciation of the help

given by the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service in that "through the many years they have consistently kept us up to date in our studies under the able leadership of Home Economists trained in Home Economics and Health." Mrs. Weber said: "Faced with the complexities of both economic and social life today, women are seeking guidance in their important job of homemaking; and papers, discussions, speakers, and demonstrations advise us that F.W.I.O. members all over Ontario are doing their best to work and study to raise our homes to the highest possible level of health and home life."

Citizenship and Education: The convener Mrs. J. Cooper, reported that 96 out of 97 district conveners reported and only 214 out of 1,197 branches failed to send reports to their district conveners. The Institutes are studying the Hope Commission's Report on Education, the Massey Report on Arts and Sciences, the United Nations and its various agencies, the book "The Growth of Canada" and the charter of Human Rights. An Institute announced the formation of the first Junior Citizenship Council at the Lakehead. It consists of a mayor who is a seventeen-year-old girl, councillors and finance, safety and public relations committees, all functioning.

Agriculture and Canadian Industries: The convener, Mrs. J. C. Thompson said that reports are showing both a greater interest in agriculture and Canadian Industries and a greater amount of thought and effort in the planning of programmes. Activities are being classified into fine, clear reports with such items as "We have aroused our community to the need and benefit of soil testing by the distribution of soil boxes." There is a noteworthy interest in home beautification and gardening both for food and beauty, which extends also