

Fellowship for Miss McBride

The Canadian Government has conferred a distinctive honour on Miss Irene McBride of the Ontario Women's Institute Branch in the award of a fellowship to study Psychology in the Netherlands.

This is one of nine fellowships awarded by the Department of External Affairs this year and financed from Canada's unused credits in France and the Netherlands. The fellowships are for advanced study in the arts, humanities, social sciences and professions, and are intended to give Canadian men and women of proven ability an opportunity to spend a year abroad in whatever study they feel will be of most benefit professionally.

Miss McBride is well qualified by ability, training and experience to benefit from this opportunity. In 1928 she received an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and because of aptitude and high standing was appointed to the staff of the Psychology Department of the University of Toronto. In 1930 she took her Master of Arts degree in Psychology and with further work at the Universities of Toronto and Chicago she has completed all the necessary course requirements toward a Ph.D. Her practical experience includes work as psychologist with an Ontario Mental Hospital and travelling Mental Health Clinic; several years as senior psychologist with the Division of Mental Hygiene of the Toronto Department of Public Health, supervising the psychological work in the city schools.

Miss McBride joined the staff of the Women's Institute Branch a few years ago and at present is Supervisor of Extension Work in Psychology, specializing in child study, family relationships and mental health. Ontario Women's Institute women who have come to know Miss McBride's work will look forward to her return to this field.



Miss Grace Hamilton and Miss Irene McBride of the Women's Institute Branch with their puppets; Mrs. Shirker, Mrs. Worker, Mrs. Willing and Mrs. Know-all. These puppet shows have been popular at Women's Institute conferences and at the Provincial Plowing Match.



Mrs. George Kerr, at eighty-four still active in the Fallbrook Institute, South Lanark.

A Pioneer—Still Active

Mrs. J. R. Geddes of South Lanark sends us this tribute to the district's oldest active member, and a life member of Fallbrook Branch, Mrs. George Kerr, aged eighty-four:

"Through Mrs. Kerr's influence, Fallbrook organized an Institute in 1919. (The Institute was organized by Mrs. Alfred Watt, assisted by Mrs. Fowler of Perth.) Since then Mrs. Kerr has held all offices in the branch, and has been district president, district secretary and district convener.

"Mrs. Kerr has been almost entirely responsible for the Fallbrook Tweedsmuir History. She has given time and energy to the promotion of Girls' Homemaking Club work in her village. She had the drive that resulted in getting things done for the community such as the purchase of two acres of land and a hall for Women's Institute meetings.

"Mrs. Kerr is 84 years old. At the Ottawa Convention last year she was asked to speak, and she spoke remarkably well, telling us that she enjoyed life, especially Women's Institute work, and that at Christmas time she had played the church organ in the absence of the organist.

"At the Fallbrook July meeting Mrs. Kerr gave a paper that she had prepared herself. It put some of our younger members to shame. A wonderful and uplifting paper for older and discouraged people, it carried the thought that one is never too old to begin new ventures, and gave a list of prominent men and women who began illustrious careers at seventy."