

News from the Juniors

A BUSY YEAR FOR HOMEMAKING CLUBS

THIS has been a busy year for Girls' Homemaking Clubs with over 1,200 Local Leaders and Assistant Local Leaders attending 113 Local Leader Training Schools. Records indicate an all-time high in clubs and membership.

Members are encouraged throughout to strive to improve their own previous records to achieve good standards rather than do something better than someone else. The twelve-year-olds are commended for their good beginning, and County and Provincial Honour girls for consistent improvement and progress through their club experience. Senior members help and encourage Junior members to keep at it, to try again, to comment on club exhibits and to take part in demonstrations. Mothers, whose interest and understanding is vital to good club work, attended Achievement Days in greater numbers than in previous years. Youthful newcomers to Canada find a welcome at clubs and soon make new friends. They readily learn to write and speak English, attempt record books and assume their responsibilities as good club members. Occasionally, their mothers look in on the Achievement Day and make new friends too.

GIRLS' HOME GARDEN CLUBS

Some 320 Girls' Home Garden Clubs have been organized with a membership of over 2,600. These clubs, requiring four meetings,



Members of the Kirkton Girls' Homemaking Club, giving a demonstration on Meat Cuts at the London Convention last fall, created a lot of amusement when they led this "cow" onto the stage. The framework was of heavy wire, the covering of jute sacking dyed in Holstein black and white; and two girls got inside and provided the legs and the action. On this model the demonstrators pointed out the location of the various beef cuts.



Elma Centre Junior Gals' Homemaking Club at Atwood in Perth county has four sisters as members, Marion, Grace, Marilyn and Margaret Nichol. They are shown here with their leader, Miss Jean Ballantyne. Miss Ballantyne has been a club leader almost continuously since 1941 and has, herself, completed sixteen projects.

are led by local leaders, who attend a one-day Local Leader Training School.

Gardeners plan, plant and care for a home garden with 20 varieties of vegetables, following recommended plans and practices suggested in their pamphlet, "Garden Plans with Cultural Instructions for Ontario Girls' Home Garden Clubs". They consider and practise ways and means of improving home surroundings by tidying-up home grounds, and planting flowers. Flower gardening includes planting six varieties of flowers, and planning and starting flower beds, borders or some special planting.

It has been suggested that clubs observe Coronation Year by planting trees. It is recommended that funds available for recognition for "good gardening" be used to purchase seeds, plants, or shrubs. Members registered in their third year undertake a special project such as starting a hot bed, setting out strawberries, raspberries, asparagus or rhubarb.

HOMEMAKING CLUB MEMBERS GO TO THE CORONATION

Homemaking Club members were selected to go to the Coronation. Flora McLaughlin, Tamworth Club, Lennox and Addington county, and Jean Samells, Scugog Club, Ontario county, were members of the W. Garfield Weston party, while Ruth Prindle, Allenford Club, Bruce county, went with a group of Girl Guides.

JUNIORS' TRIP TO BRITAIN

The young people selected from Junior Farmers' and Junior Institute members to receive the Ontario Government's trip to England and Scotland are: Helen Nesbitt, Peel county; Katherine Ferguson, Elgin; Fred Fancher, Lambton and Charles Griffiths, Ox-drift. They will be accompanied by Miss Flora Durnin from the Women's Institute Branch. The young people were selected largely for outstanding work in their home communities, and the selecting committee found it a difficult task to choose from the many well-qualified applicants nominated by their county associations.