



Staff of the Ontario Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service photographed at the annual staff conference.

Front Row (left to right): Thos. J. Blair, Mimeographing and Mailing; Eleanor Kidd, Supervisor of Clothing; Anna P. Lewis, Director Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service; Florence P. Eadie, Supervisor Junior Extension; Edith Collins, Supervisor Cultural Activities; Sidney Harvey, Mimeographing and Mailing.

Second Row: Lilly Petty (North and South Cochrane, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing); Jean Steckle (Bruce and Huron); Laura Phippen (Algoma, West Cochrane, Manitoulin, Sudbury, Timiskaming); Agnes Turnbull (Elgin and Middlesex); Lulu Row, Clothing; Florence Arnold (Essex, Kent and Lambton); Rhea Simpson (Frontenac, Leeds and Grenville).

Third Row: Margaret Meyer, Supervisor Foods and Nutrition; Mary Porteous, Foods and Nutrition; Jean Davis (Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland); Leslie Wall (Norfolk

and Oxford); Ruth Shaver (Ontario and Simcoe); Jean M. Scott (Perth); Marilyn McPhail (Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont); Elsie Irvine (Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay).

Fourth Row: Jeanne Armour, Home Furnishings; Isabel Leslie, Home Crafts; Mrs. Mary Dawson, Loan Library; Lois Clipsham, Loan Library; Audrey Spencer, Supervisor Home Crafts; Mrs. Evelyn Frankling, Stenographer; Ethel Cowan, Loan Library.

Fifth Row: Mrs. Ethel Hayes (Carleton); Mrs. Marion Smith (Prince Edward); Dora Burke, Clothing; Helen Downie, Food and Nutrition; Flora Durnin (Dufferin, Grey, Wellington); Irene McBride, Psychology; Nora Creyke, Clothing.

Sixth Row: Jane Robertson (Brant, Waterloo, Wentworth); Ethel Chapman; Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom (Halton, Peel, York); Mrs. Jean Wilkie, Stenographer; Monica McNeil, Stenographer; Edna Peters, Stenographer; Grace Hamilton, Health; Florence Wright, Home Crafts.

Using Fabrics" and "Guides to Buying Household Linens"—both half day courses.

Reports indicate the Institutes' growing interest in health and health education. In line with this trend a Registered Nurse gives a one-and-a-half day course in "Home Care of the Sick"; a one day course "Hints for the Home Nurse"; a one day course "Safe at Home"—very timely when we know that a great proportion of the accidents that kill or maim our people, especially the children, occur in the home; and an afternoon course "You and Your Family's Health."

The Home Furnishing programme continues with courses in "Brighten Your Home with Colour"—one afternoon; "Treasures in Your Attic"—one afternoon; "Curtains and Draperies"—two days; "Tailored Slip Covers"—four-and-a-half days. Occasionally there is this difficulty with the course in slip covers, that there are not enough women in the branch prepared to bring the required four chairs for covering. In a few cases the officers did not find out about this until a day or two before the course was to begin so they cancelled the course at the last minute when it was too late for the instructor to arrange for a course with another Institute to fill the week.

It would be a good safeguard if officers could check the probable attendance early and so avoid late cancellations. A happy outcome of one of these courses was that the women who learned to make slip covers passed on the teaching to their neighbors.

The Homecraft courses are "Homecrafts, Past, Present and Future," a display and discussion — one afternoon; "Needlecraft—Colour, Design and Stitches"—four-and-a-half days; Workshop—ten days. For the Workshop the instructor brings equipment to teach simple weaving, needlepoint, leathercraft — gloves, moccasins, purses, belts. It is not necessary or usual for students to take all these crafts, so while the course runs for ten days most of the class members would not attend all the sessions. The Workshop can accommodate about fifty people, but of course it is not necessary to have this number.

With a new awareness of the importance of mental health and family relationships fostered by education and health agencies, there are a great many requests for the courses in Psychology for the Homemaker. These courses are "Psychology and You"—one afternoon; "Give Them a Good Start," the care and guidance of young children—four afternoons; "Now They're at School"—four after-