



When Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter was elected F.W.I.O. President, Bothwell's Corner Institute, of which she is a member, held a tea in her honor. 150 guests

attended. The branch presented Mrs. MacPhatter with a leather brief case and the district gave her a crystal cream and sugar set. Mrs. MacPhatter is sixth from the left in the picture.

a well-planned, co-ordinated program to take care of any eventuality which might arise as a result of a national disaster or war.

The conclusion of all attending at the close of the course was that there was a definite need for a well-planned, co-ordinated program; that not only must the planning be carried out on paper, but that it should be well rehearsed so that each person would know what to do.

The first objective of any air attack on our country would be to destroy the morale of the people. Civil Defence is the counter-attack to restore confidence and hope and the more quickly we could get the injured taken care of, the shocked and homeless provided with reassurance, food, clothing and homes, with the family unit restored and the workers back to work, the better it would be. Our main work in the rural areas will be to provide evacuation and supply points. We need to know enough not to eat any uncovered food after an air attack, or drink any water until it has been tested. Each family should have a supply of canned goods on hand at all times, particularly juices to drink. We, as Women's Institute members can help get this information out to the people.

Radio Program Evaluation

Mrs. D. S. McNaughton reported from the Canadian Radio Program Evaluation Council. As homemakers and citizens, Mrs. McNaughton said, we are more than at any previous time conscious of the many influences there are in our daily living. We are particular about the books we read and that our chil-

dren read. There are movies we wish discontinued. We are keen on supervised recreation. But the average family spends more time with radio and television than any other diversion. But how do we listen? How good is our taste for that which is wholesome and which has some value? How many homemakers leave the radio running a goodly part of the day, paying little attention? Our Canadian Radio Evaluation Council was set up to bring influence in keeping the good things on the air and weeding out those programs which have no value and may even be harmful.

The Council suggests that listening groups be set up, opinions compiled and sent on to the Dominion representatives. Then an overall survey could be presented to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters for their study. It is suggested that we try this scheme for six months, giving alternate months to children's programs and to programs for adults or the whole family. Second, that each Branch have a discussion with the Citizenship convener in charge and sum up a report that would give the opinion of a cross section of the country and also serve to make the Institute members think about the question. Third, that panel discussion on some phase of radio programs could be held with several members taking part and followed by a discussion from the floor. This would be a rewarding experience, too. "If we accept whatever comes to us over the air and through television, however poor, without raising objection, then the fault is ours," Mrs. McNaughton said. "If the members of the Women's Institutes in Ontario alone ask for the best programs and keep on asking, results will surely follow."