

Typical of Girls' Homemaking Clubs throughout the province is this group from Perth County. At their Achievement Day these girls demonstrated "Cotton accessories for the Club Girl's Bedroom," the accessories being bedspreads, dresser scarfs, chair pads and waste paper baskets. 681 of these articles, including 72 bedspreads, were made by the club girls of Perth County. The County has 203 girls in Homemaking Club work this year. Added to this, a good number of Garden Clubs are being organized. As shown here, dressed for their demonstration, the girls are wearing gray skirts, white blouses with red or green ties and smart, practical sport shoes.



and plans to use her scholarship funds to help defray expenses when she begins to train as a nurse this fall. Doreen's mother is district secretary of the West Grey Women's Institutes and has been an enthusiastic club leader for a number of years. Perhaps the best way to give an idea of what homemaking club work can mean to a girl is to quote from Doreen's own club story.

"I used to dislike gardening very much. My mother coaxed me to join the Girls' Garden Brigade and I needed no coaxing to take my second year. Gardening has become one of my hobbies . . . My first sewing club was Sleeping Garments. In that club I made a pair of pyjamas and a housecoat. I had no previous sewing experience and could not even run a sewing machine . . . 'The Club Girl Entertains' taught me how to entertain and what was expected of me in public places so far as manners are concerned . . . Through the club 'Working With Wool' I learned to cut down on the cleaning bills for my school skirts . . . I do not like pasteurized milk but I receive my daily quota through milk dishes that I was taught to make in the club 'The Milky Way' . . . In the 'Supper Club' I learned to make attractive, nutritious supper dishes from leftovers . . . In the club 'Cotton Accessories for the Club Girl's Bedroom' I fixed up a bedroom for my younger sister, and when we moved to our new home I furnished a bedroom in the attic for my sister and me . . . One of my favorite summer dresses was made in the club 'Cottons Can Be Smart.' Through this club I was taught how to pick styles that would bring out the good points of my figure and camouflage the bad . . . Also my club work has given me confidence in myself so that I can now speak in public with a minimum of nervousness."

Doreen adds that although she will not have time before she goes into training to take the one more club she needs to complete her work

for Provincial Honors, she hopes to take this club after she graduates as a nurse.

Miss Joan Otto, R.R.1, Tavistock, was awarded the Oxford County Women's Institute Conference Award at the 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day, held in Woodstock on February 6th. The award was made by Mrs. Cecil Burrell, R.2, Burgessville, the Past President of the Women's Institute County Conference of Oxford County. Joan has completed eleven 4-H Homemaking Club Units and is a member of the Queen Elizabeth Club. At the present time Joan is in Nurses' Training at the Stratford General Hospital and completed her eleventh project while in training. Joan not only maintains a very high standard in her own work but she has acted as leader for her club throughout four projects.

The Elgin County Institutes raised their scholarship fund at the time of the County's centennial celebration in 1952 and the first girl to win the scholarship was Donna Ray Prong, in 1953. Miss Agnes Turnbull, Elgin County home economist gives this report:

"Donna was taking her twelfth project when she was presented with the scholarship. Her club work has been, and continues to be, of an exceptionally high calibre. In the spring of 1952, Donna was seriously injured in a car accident while working on a Junior Farmer and Junior Institute project. In spite of the tedious months of recovery in hospitals, her faith and interest in junior activities were maintained. She continued with club work, with the projects "Sleeping Garments" and "The Club Girl Entertains," and her courage and fortitude were an inspiration to the girls around her. Now, upon the completion of her twelfth project, as an executive officer of her Junior Institute and a director of the County organization, she is making a valuable contribution to her club and her community."