on the part of women to improve themselves is the growing number attending night schools.

It is obvious that Citizenship and Education programs are geared so that the finger of the organization is on the issues and problems of a Canada rapidly rising to a new eminence. Study is made through individual members and by guest speakers who are specialists in their line on banking technicalities, the rights of women, jury duty, governments at all levels, trends in education, the work with mentally retarded children, parent-teacher relationships, education for children in remote districts, civil defence, the Union Jack, alcoholism and its effect on the individual, Canadian economics, traffic accidents, rules of the road, racial discrimination; penal reform with reference to the Mercer Reformatory for Women. Christian citizenship presented by a deaconess rounded out an almost complete program of Women's Institute work.

There appears to be considerable study of United Nations, either through information from literature or persons who have attended sessions of U.N. and have seen this instrument for peace in action. Not one area missed the

study of Ceylon.

Women are enriching their lives attending the Stratford Shakepearean Festival and the Art School at Doon, visiting art galleries and museums, making a study of opera singers. Women's Institutes across the Province are encouraging and stimulating children's interests in learning, sponsoring and giving leadership to youth movements that inculcate the virtues of honesty, integrity, loyalty and brotherhood. Here is citizenship that is not merely a lip service. Districts donate cups for public speaking competitions; sponsor educational slides and films; observe Educational Week by visiting schools and presenting books; sponsor musical festivals, 4-H Clubs, Girls' Homemaking Clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cubs and Explorer groups. The number of branch Institutes donating books to schools and libraries has greatly increased this year. Women's Institutes are welcoming our new Canadians, including them in community activities, aiding them when moving in and generally offering them the pioneer spirit type of hospitality. International Day and United Nations Day are observed in most branches.

## Junior Institutes by Josephine Bird

Miss Bird said that the Junior Institutes reported an average of 8 to 10 meetings a year with the remainder of the meetings held jointly with the Junior Farmers, covering topics of interest to both. Demonstrations and discussions at a meeting centred around one theme. The variety and quality of the topics show the desire of the girls to be well trained to accept their responsibilities in their home and community life. A few of the topics included New Year Resolutions; Frozen Food; Home Beautification and Colour Schemes;

Parliamentary Procedure; A day's work with my grandmother; Should we honour Armistice Day and if so, How?; What the poppy stands for. Demonstrations included Flower Arrangement; First Aid; Fancy Sandwiches; Hair Styling; the making of hats; and telephone manners.

The Junior Institutes and Junior Farmers work together on projects and activities which include public speaking, debates, church services, parents' nights, field days and conferences. Donations are given to many worthy organizations. Money for these donations is raised in many ways. A Mother Goose Tea with the girls dressed in nursery rhyme costumes and the food and novelty tables carrying out this theme was a new idea. These teas provide some experience in entertaining as well as being an effective way of raising money.

Josephine closed her report by quoting a pledge which she thinks seems typical of Junior Institute and Junior Farmer thinkings:

"To love my land and work it with my utmost skill,

To serve my country with unfaltering pride To love my neighbor as it is God's will,

To work together in my community, side by side, These things I pledge — for Home and Country."

## Junior Farmers' Associations by Eileen Weeden.

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario has a membership of 7,300 from 290 local and county associations. The association sponsors: 1. Five Junior Farmers' Conferences held at Guelph, Kemptville, Dryden and Huntsville. Each club has an opportunity to send delegates to exchange ideas on Agriculture and Homemaking. 2. Four regional field days. 3. Public speaking, trio and quartette competitions, a choir competition and a debating competition. 4. Six one-day training schools in the Province.

Through the co-operation of the Junior Farmers' Association and the Ontario Department of Agriculture a Provincial leadership training camp of one-week's duration is held

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You who are letting miserable misunderstandings run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day; You who are keeping wretched quarrels alive because you cannot quite make up your mind that now is the day to sacrifice your pride and kill them; . . . You who are letting your friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy which you mean to give him some day. If you could know and feel, all of a sudden, that "the time is short", how it would break the spell! How you would go instantly and do the thing which you might never have another chance to do!

—Phillips Brooks.

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