



The retiring board members, in an original skit, receive their graduation diplomas from the chancellor Mrs. Hendry, centre at table. Mrs. Gibson, valedictorian and Mrs. Haggerty both in cap and gown assist in

the ceremonies. The girl graduates are, left to right: Mrs. Ofield, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Taws, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Suddaby; Mrs. Goddard, Miss Josephine Bird. O.A.C. Photo

process of learning, it is found that a great many are in reading and in many cases the basic weakness is reading. If the reading is weak, this adds to difficulty in all other subjects. Mr. Wm. Anderson, inspector of North Oxford, felt that the Woodstock Board of Education, who are at present endeavouring to secure a remedial reading teacher for their schools, are meeting this problem, and that such instruction would be most beneficial in rural areas.

Opportunity Units are now being explained at Teachers' Colleges. The programme usually varies from college to college. Special speeches, films and projects have been widely used and student teachers have been encouraged to observe in auxiliary classes. Interest in special activities has been created. This may have appeared as school management or psychology on the time-table, but it acquainted the student with many aspects of work in Auxiliary Education.

We would like to see a rural school teacher sent to a short course and, in two more years, send her for her second year with some sort of agreement that she would use her knowledge for some time in rural schools.

It is important to reach every avenue that will bring parents' and ratepayers' attention to the fact that Remedial teaching is made available.

Carrying out a programme of education such as this must necessarily be a slow process. Is there a possibility in the forward look of the school boards in meeting the needs of the accommodation of the future and solving the problem of itinerant teacher versus special

class instruction, provided we continue our job of education so that the parent and also the ratepayers will feel this a real need in the expanding programme of over-all education?

A TRIBUTE TO MAUD KERR

By Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter

Read at the Board Meeting and the Officers Conference

THE Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario received the word of the passing of Mrs. Maud Kerr with feelings of deep regret.

For many years Mrs. Kerr has been a very real friend of the Institute movement in our province, across Canada, and indeed wherever it is found throughout the world. She was always keen in her notice of our activities, and never failed to publicize anything worthy of comment.

She was a speaker at the last provincial conference, which was held in May, 1955, at the O.A.C. in Guelph, and brought to the gathering so fine a message that the delegates asked to have it mimeographed and placed in the hands of each branch in the province. The secretary of the branches probably read this message to the members, and so 45,000 women in Ontario were able to hear and enjoy Mrs. Kerr's message to our conference.

I am certain that when this conference meets this year we will all be reminded of the passing of a true friend of our organization.

So, our full membership join in one great