

A Home Economist's Field Broadens

By Lily Dempsey

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE members and the many 4-H Homemaking Clubs in Perth County learned with mixed pleasure and regret last June that Miss Jean Scott, Home Economist for Perth County and Field Consultant for County Home Economists throughout the province, had been promoted to the position of Supervisor of County and District Home Economists with headquarters in Guelph. The announcement of Miss Scott's promotion had been made by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and is in line with the widening of the Home Economic Service under the Extension Branch.

For twelve years Miss Scott has given outstanding service and leadership in Perth County and has shown particular interest in the 4-H Homemaking Clubs and the Junior Women's Institutes.

During the years by her noble qualities of character and her cheerful disposition, she has greatly endeared herself to everyone. She is extremely courteous, methodical and a person of high ideals. Her kindness and her earnest and conscientious work with and for the Women's Institutes, 4-H Homemaking Clubs and their leaders, the Junior Farmers, and Junior Institutes, has woven a chain of appreciation and friendliness that will not soon be broken.

An address accompanying a presentation by the Women's Institutes of Perth County expressed something of the women's regard for Miss Scott in these words:

"Most of us will look back and recall the fine influence of Miss Scott; and that influence will follow through the years. She will never know how far the light that she cast may influence the lives of others.

"One of the big values in human contact is just plain, everyday pleasantness. It was one of the things Miss Scott seemed to take pride in—being pleasant in the midst of her work, with her friends, and especially with our girls."

Various groups in the county expressed their appreciation of Miss Scott and her work. The Women's Institutes of the three districts of Perth, at their County Rally presented her with an Omega wrist watch. The address referred to above was read by Mrs. Wm. Nichols of Goulds branch and the presentation was made by Mrs. Wm. Burnett of Tralee. At the 4-H Homemaking Club's Achievement Day for the Listowel area, the girls and their leaders gave Miss Scott a mother of pearl necklace and ear rings. The address was read by Annis

Miss Jean Scott,
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trict Home
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Porterfield and the presentation was made by Marilyn Nichol, both provincial honor girls. The Perth County Junior Farmers' Association, the local Junior Farmers and Junior Institutes of St. Marys, Stratford, Mitchell, Listowel and North Easthope, and the 4-H Homemaking Clubs and leaders in the part of the county not represented at Listowel had a gathering at their district high school, put on a musical programme and presented Miss Scott with a chest of silver. The president of the county Junior Farmers, Arthur Horne, presided over the meeting and two club girls, Grace Weitzel and Fern Sawyer read the address and made the presentation. The North Easthope Junior Institute also presented Miss Scott with a necklace and ear rings.

The best wishes of the people of Perth County go with Miss Scott to her broader field of work as Supervisor of County and District Home Economists for the province.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILD FOUNDATION

Institute members who have been working to promote educational opportunities for exceptional children will be pleased to know that progress is being made in training teachers for this special work. The Stothers Exceptional Child Foundation, of which Mrs. Douglas Hart, of Oxford county, is one of the board of governors, is offering a scholarship to encourage teachers to take post graduate work in this special field.

Incidentally the "exceptional child" may be the very gifted learners who are always ahead of their class, the mentally handicapped — the direct learners who absorb knowledge by actually handling the learning materials, the slow learners and the academically handicapped who are hampered by poor reading and spelling. The foundation has drawn up a list of sixty-two projects to be carried out by graduate students in educational research, the researchers to be sponsored financially by the foundation . . . So the outlook for the education of the handicapped child steadily becomes more promising.