

At the Central Ontario Women's Institute Convention two young married club members, following their part in the programme, introduced their children. The husband of one of the girls came to help with the children and incidentally to show his approval of homemaking club work. Left to right: Mrs. Leslie Thompson with her two children, Mr. Douglas Earle and Mrs. Earle with their family.



Homemaking Clubs and the Family

WHEN the 4-H Homemaking Clubs put on their programme at the Central Ontario Women's Institute Convention, two of the young married members, Mrs. Douglas Earle and Mrs. Leslie Thompson, of Derry West Club in Peel County, told how their club work is helping them in their homemaking.

At the suggestion of their County Home Economist, Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, these young mothers brought their children along and introduced them to the Convention. Mrs. Earle's husband, Douglas Earle, a member of the Peel County Junior Farmers' Association, was there to look after the children while his wife was giving a demonstration and in a conversation on the sidelines he left no doubt as to

his appreciation of what homemaking club training means to a girl—especially to a girl not too young to appreciate it and make the most of it.

It is an outstanding feature of the Ontario 4-H Homemaking Club programme that it holds the interest of girls right up to the maximum age of twenty-six. Mrs. Earle, who is twenty-six this year, regrets that she cannot continue in the work, though she has completed twelve units. Mrs. Thompson, at twenty-two, has finished her tenth unit. The complete programme includes units in Foods, Clothing, House Furnishing, Hospitality, Gardening and a Home Defence unit dealing mostly with health and citizenship.

Side Lights on Club Work

WHEN Helen Marilyn Robertson of the Almonte 4-H Homemaking Club took part in the girls' programme at the Central Canada Exhibition this year, her mother was with her at the evening banquet as a special guest of the Exhibition. Mrs. Robertson was a guest at the banquet because she had taken part in the first girls' home economics programme at the Central Canada Exhibition twenty-five years ago. There were other women guests who had been active "juniors" around twenty-five years ago and who had represented their counties at the Central Canada Exhibition and in Royal Winter Fair parties in Toronto.

County Achievement Days and intercounty days at fairs each year see more mothers of

club girls—who were themselves club girls years ago—dropping in to examine the work and listen to the programme.

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It seems that each year more girls from Northern Ontario are coming to the intercounty 4-H Homemaking Club meet at the Canadian National Exhibition. And Miss Laura Phippen, District Home Economist for Algoma, west Cochrane, Manitoulin, Sudbury and Temiskaming gives one reason for the good attendance. Miss Phippen says: "Our girls up here are so pleased to have the opportunity to go to the inter-county meet at the C.N.E. that they are glad to pay for a car to take them." From Temiskaming eight girls paid for car transportation at a cost of \$10