

it is hoped this may go in effect in 1959. Miss Ruth Moyle, formerly Consumer Consultant, CBC, under the name "Ruth Harding," is now in charge of Consumer Education, radio and TV news releases and public relations for the Home Economics Service, Extension Branch.

The Leader Training Courses have been exceptionally successful and it is expected to extend this service and add new courses, said Miss McKercher. She also said that 106 requests had been received for Tweedsmuir History Workshops, and these are keeping Mrs. R. C. Walker very busy. No more workshops will be available for some time after these are completed. Miss McKercher announced that any group of Ontario women, whether a branch of the Women's Institute or not, could take advantage of the courses offered through her Department.

Junior Farmer and Junior Institute Reports

The junior members of the F.W.I.O. Board, Miss Janet Laidlaw and Miss Audrey Dobson, created quite an impression among the senior members of the Board for the way in which they presented their reports and entered into the discussions in connection with their organizations.

Miss Laidlaw, reporting for the Junior Farmers' Association, said it was her belief that Women's Institute members were not only building a better today, but are investing in a greater tomorrow for our home communities. Through their good judgment and foresight they are developing in Women's Institute members those things which money cannot buy—good character and other attributes of all-round honest citizens. Miss Laidlaw expressed the thanks of her organization to the Board for their keen interest so generously contributed. Highlights of the year commenced with the Toronto conference at which the Public Speaking Competition was held with thirty participants, also the music competitions and choir concerts. Twenty-one quartettes and trios participated in the competitions and eight Junior Farmers choirs. The latter is non-competitive. Successful leadership training courses were held throughout the province, giving these participants direction in duties of officers and the proper parliamentary procedure in conducting meetings and ideas in programme planning. Over 400 attended the annual three-day conference held at the O.A.C. in Guelph. Debates and panel discussions form part of their programme. It has been suggested that there is a place for more leadership from senior

people, but only in an advisory capacity. The juniors must still do their own thinking.

Interest on the part of Junior Farmers in TV is becoming more evident each year. Eighteen counties participated in the competitions held at London, Wingham, Barrie and Kingston TV stations.

Indicative of the Junior Farmers' growing interest in drama, the fifth annual Inter-County Drama Festival saw seven counties competing for honours. Twenty-seven rinks participated in the Provincial Curling Bonspiel. Fifty Juniors attended the successful short course in animal health at the O.A.C. and O.V.C., Guelph.

Travelling scholarships to Great Britain were awarded to four outstanding Junior Farmers. Representatives were sent to other Canadian provinces and to the U.S.A. Junior Farmers were hosts to Junior Farmers from Great Britain and the U.S.A., thus helping to establish a solid national and international relationship.

The Junior Farmers have striven to develop sound minds and bodies through the study of educational topics and through muscular activities in work and play, but they have also realized that life is not complete or evenly balanced without the things of the spirit. The organization at all levels holds annual church services and on many occasions the address is delivered by a member of the Junior Farmers' Association.

Summing up the report are a few lines from the script of "Farmers For the Future." "The Junior Farmers are laying a strong foundation that will support a future of self-governing and self-reliant people, giving their best to the land they love and helping to build a nobler and finer Canada for those who will come after them."

Miss Audrey Dobson said she regretted to report that only one Junior Women's Institute had sent in a report, notwithstanding the fact that she knew much work had been done by Junior Institutes. She asked that the Junior Institute convener of the county or district send reports to the Provincial convener, so the work could be recorded.

Many Junior Institutes sponsor 4-H Homemaking Clubs and one 4-H Homemaking Club has become self-supporting by winning \$33 at two fall fairs. Entertaining the mothers and the Home Economist at teas and dinners was a feature of many of the groups, the girls preparing the meals themselves. Some of the Senior Institutes plan programmes for the 4-H Homemaking Club girls to demonstrate the results of their classes and many Juniors take part in demonstrations of ideas



Winners of the Ontario Women's Institute Awards at Macdonald Institute, presented at a recent banquet at the College by Mrs. H. E. Dunn of Alliston, representing the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Left to right: Mrs. Dunn; Barbara J. Dick, Bloomfield; Lois Y. Nixon, Lion's Head; Arlyn B. Ryder, Kapuskasing; Elizabeth Sickle, St. George; Marilyn Strang, Hensall. — OAC photo.