

Photographed at the evening session. Left to right: Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President O.A.C., Mrs. H. E. Dunn, chairman of the session; Mrs. Jas. Haggerty, Pres. F.W.I.O.; Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Secy.-Treas. F.W.I.O.; Dr. C. D. Graham, Ontario Deputy Minister of Agriculture.



lege last year for conferences and extension courses. At the same time, the college, last year, felt its sharpest demand for education, that is more students applied for admission to the degree course in both agriculture and home economics. "We feel that pressure," Dr. MacLachlan said, "but we're going to meet it." Research work would also be continued and intensified, "because," said the College President, "if through research, we can show how to cut down the cost of production, it is one of the best things we can do for farmers."

Dr. Margaret McCready, Principal of Macdonald Institute, said that the industrialization that is making such changes in farming is having its effect on homes, too, and is changing life for women, though many women are still working in poorly equipped homes partly because they are not alerted to the need of something better or because they don't know how to solve their problems. In meeting the changes of the times, both industrial and social, the staff of a home economics school have to consider how much they need to teach homemaking skills or whether it is more important to teach such things as human relations and the use of money.

"The little units, the homes of this country, are the power houses of our human resources," said Dr. McCready. "We can't afford to be casual about them. We need more research in homemaking, but we have our problems. One of them is that many people don't think home economics is worth spending money on. It is far harder to get funds for the teaching of home economics than for teaching agriculture. But the Department of Agriculture has allowed us to have a Child Study unit," Dr. McCready announced. "Personally it seems to me impossible to have a course in home economics without some study of child development."

Dr. McCready thanked the Institutes for the interest they have shown in Macdonald Institute by their donations of scholarships.

At the Thursday evening session, Dr. C. D. Graham, Ontario Deputy Minister of Agriculture, always a welcome guest at any Institute gathering, brought greetings from the Department of Agriculture.

Home Economics Service

Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Extension Service reported that this had been a "lucky seven" year with local leader proj-

ects. Over 70 training schools were held for local leaders from senior Institutes; these leaders represented over 700 local groups; and nearly 7,000 women studied the various topics—The Third Meal, Sew to Save, Hints for the Home Nurse, New Lamps for Old, Hooked Rugs. This year five new topics have been added as announced in the Extension Service booklet: Dairy Food Facts, Focus on Finishes (Clothing), Window Treatment, Block Printing, Safety Begins at Home.

In addition to leader training schools, 444 short courses were given with about 10,000 women attending. And because some Institutes seem especially anxious to learn all they can through these courses the rule of only one course a year has been suspended, and if an Institute is ready to organize a good class for a second course, and to make all the necessary arrangements, instructors will be provided so far as staff and budget permit.

Tweedsmuir History Workshops have been popular. One hundred and seven districts asked for a workshop but with only one instructor it was impossible to fill all the requests. Sixty-two workshops were held and the rest are scheduled for this year.

The membership in 4-H Homemaking Clubs reached a new high last year. One hundred and forty-seven leader training schools were held and there were 1,306 clubs with a membership of 11,813.

All of this service, Miss McKercher said, was made possible only through the support and cooperation of the Institutes, and it is very much appreciated by the extension staff.

The Loan Library, in answer to requests, sent out 17,000 folders and 173 study kits. When the A.C.W.W. Letter Friend Secretary sent an appeal for Ontario Institute women to exchange letters, and when this appeal was put before the Institutes there were 654 replies — so many that the A.C.W.W. hadn't enough correspondents to go round.

Miss McKercher announced the appointment of Miss Ruth Moyle to the extension staff to work on consumer information. (Please see Miss Moyle's article in this issue.) She also announced another adventure in extension service in the Farm Home Survey now under way in the province. Miss McKercher said:

"We in Home Economics are keenly aware that keeping programmes adjusted to the modern day