

Like many other club leaders, Mrs Stanley Franks traces her interest as a leader back to her experience as a club member. This is part of her story: "I started homemaking club work when I was about seventeen and our Institute sponsored its first club — the "Supper Club". A lot of us lived away out in the country and it was a wonderful chance to get out together once a week or so. We enjoyed the fellowship; we loved cooking and sewing or shampooing someone's hair in the 'good grooming' lessons. My sisters and I put on snow-shoes and tramped across the fields when there was no other way to get to a club meeting. I think I took six club units. Then I married and led one club the following year. I have five children so I did not have much time for club work until about 1951. There was no Institute in the community where I was living — one has been organized since then; but I allowed myself to be persuaded to lead a club. It was the Sleeping Garments club and I had fourteen girls. Only about two of them could even use a machine so we really had a time. However, my assistant leader was an excellent sewer, and she had the only button-hole maker in the community which was a wonderful help. Those pyjamas eventually got to Achievement Day and I was proud of them and of my girls. They came to us for help between meetings and I like to think we helped the girls who needed help." Mrs. Franks later moved to another community where she again worked both as assistant and as leader.

Mrs. D. C. Johnston is one of those who became a leader — first a leader's assistant — while she was still a club member taking the project herself. She says: "I think my mother had as much as anyone to do with my becoming interested in Women's Institutes and Homemaking Clubs. She has been a very faithful Institute member and took her turn as a club leader, and I guess some of her interest rubbed off on me."

Mrs. Robert Smith says she is a club leader because she enjoys working with girls and because it is rather difficult to find leaders in her locality. There are a good number of girls in the community and she does not want them to miss the opportunity of club work. She adds, "Also, I feel I am getting a

great deal out of the Leaders' Training Schools both in sewing and nutrition."

As one of her reasons for being a club leader, Mrs. E. Carman says: "During the 'teen years girls are in a receptive frame of mind so I am all for taking advantage of it." We think that Mrs. Carman's own experience as a girl may be partly responsible for her interest too. Starting club work in 1935, she had completed enough clubs to receive her County Honours in 1939. She explains: "I missed a club in 1937 as my mother died suddenly that year, and I remember I felt overwhelmed with my responsibilities. I recall that I wanted especially to take 'Meat in the Menu' as I had to buy and cook the meat for the family and it was something I had not done before." Later Mrs. Carman has led clubs in Foods, Clothing and Gardening. Her daughter hopes to receive her County Honours this year and Mrs. Carman says "I feel she is doing better work than if she were just learning under my direction." She feels however that club girls are helped greatly by the encouragement of their mothers.

Mrs. Frank Brown is a leader because she "felt she would like to have a share in helping girls to have the best available knowledge of how to be a happy, healthy and economical homemaker"; Mrs. T. Gemmill, because she has a 'teenage daughter who is now taking her tenth unit and because when she sees, at an Achievement Day, the record books and the work the girls have done, she knows the time she has spent with them has been worth while.

Mrs. N. Norsworthy, like several others, gives her time and talents to club leading because being a club member meant so much to her as a girl. And she adds: "Although Mother was a wonderful homemaker and a good cook and sewer, it is difficult for a mother to teach her daughter all the intricacies of baking and sewing. They just don't have the time to sit down with their daughters and explain things such as fagoting, shell hems and all the different seams unless the girl is making something that requires these. Some mothers never had a chance to learn all about the structure of woollens or the food rules for health."

Miss May Hayward began leading a club when she was only sixteen years old. Now she has her



Lennox and Addington County girls, at one of the forty Achievement Days held in 1935, the first year of the Homemaking Club programme. The girls are wearing dresses they made in the Clothing Club unit "A Simple Cotton Dress".