



RADIO OF THE FUTURE

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The miracle of radio foretells
A million miracles, revealing doors
Are opening and ancient semaphores
Of sound are arrowing to sailors' bells
That Noah heard; the ultra-sonic wave
Maintains its mysteries; sound has no loss,
The air protects the murmur from the Cross—
Assurance of the thought beyond the grave.
Adventure of Tomorrow means long lanes
Of light to blaze—trails of a flying bird,
It means dimensions far beyond the third,
And streams of god-like blood in human veins;
No man can kill the evidence of this;
Love dominates the last analysis.



home, that club work is educational not only in homemaking but in social and community life, developing the ability to cooperate with others. One group said that being a club member was often the result of parental influence—many of their mothers had been club members and wanted their daughters to have this experience.

Has club work made a difference in the way of doing things in their homes? The girls reported that mothers sometimes adopted methods the girls learned in their clubs such as different ways of cooking meat, pressing woollens, putting in a zipper, cooking various foods to save food value, different ways of tablesetting and flower arrangements. Some foods not used in quantity previously, such as milk, vegetables and cereals are now popular with the family.

Some of the reasons the girls gave for continuing in club work were that the work is interesting, that it gets easier with experience, that they are working toward a goal such as provincial honours. They felt that some of the future benefits of club experience would be helping them to "run their homes," to get along with people, to express their opinions in public, to keep a safe home, to be a good hostess, to practice good dressing and good grooming. Club work, they said, taught them to face and solve problems and to stick to a job until it is completed because club projects have to be finished by a certain date.

On the question of how homemaking clubs may benefit the community, the girls felt that the friendliness and understanding in club groups carries over into the community and that new families are sometimes introduced through having their daughters in a club. The club training in conducting meetings and in parliamentary procedure helps a girl to take part in community organizations. Where home surroundings are improved by girls' garden clubs the community takes on a better appearance. It was also suggested that as a result of homemaking clubs "a community might have better mannered teenagers."

Some suggestions for getting other girls interested in club work were: to invite girls and their mothers to club meetings and Achievement Days so they would know what is done in a club, to talk about club work to school friends,

to "use the direct method campaign, take the girl to a meeting, tell her what you have learned."

Exhibits and Demonstrations

Club exhibits and demonstrations by the girls were of a high order. Ruth Hyde and Susan Sherlock of the Avon Club in Perth county demonstrated "Preparing Fabric for Cutting; Shirley Cochrane, Lorna Chipchase and Olive Jennett of Ivy Club in South Simcoe, "Dressing Up the Salad." Campbell's Cross Club of Peel set up an exhibit "A Hobby I Enjoy" with Susan Littlejohn as commentator.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Mrs. Guy Skinner of Hartford, Connecticut, formerly Miss Bess McDermid, Superintendent of the Ontario Women's Institute Branch from 1934 to 1939, was guest speaker at the conference banquet. Her address is reported in a separate article in this issue under its own title "A Look Ahead."

Dr. Helen Abell, Head of the Rural Sociology Unit, Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Families Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," with special reference to the Survey of Ontario Farm Homes and Homemakers conducted under her direction for Home Economics Service. A report of the survey dealing with what farm homemakers consider most important in raising a family is given in this issue with the title "Survey Studies the Family." This report contains a good deal of the vital statistics material in Dr. Abell's address. The girls took an active part in a discussion following this address and Dr. Abell remarked that their views on raising children coincided closely with the findings of the survey. Perhaps they were following the traditions of family life passed on to them by their mothers.

The Editor of Home and Country spoke on "What You Do Now Is Important."

A Cavalcade of Song

One of the highlights of the Girls' Conference each year is the choral singing directed by Mr. Ralph Kidd, Mus. Bac. and Mrs. Kidd, of the College. This year the programme was A Cavalcade of Song arranged by Dr. Leslie Bell, featuring the song hits of the past half century with a running commentary on the times in which each song had its day. When this was presented at the banquet, club girls Carolyn Glenney of Haldimand and Patricia Gillard of Elgin read the commentary. Marilyn Stewart of Middlesex county sang the solo part in "A White Christmas." Meada Sperian of Ontario county thanked Mrs. Skinner and Doris Woodruff of Parry Sound thanked the College for its hospitality and assistance to the conference. Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Service was the banquet chairman. Mr. Gordon Bennett, Chief Agricultural Officer brought greetings from the Department, and a most enjoyable feature of the programme was a humorous review of the Homemaking Club programme through its twenty-five years' history by Miss Florence P. Eadie, supervisor of the work from its beginning.