

The plaque erected to the memory of Agnes Campbell Macphail at Hopeville by the Historic Sites Board of Ontario and those taking part in the unveiling ceremony. From left to right: Mr. Leslie R. Gray of the Historic Sites Board; Mrs. Ivan McClure, President Grey County Women's Institutes; Mrs. James Black, President Hopeville Swinton Park Institute; Mrs. Gertha Reany, sister of Miss Macphail; Mr. Farquhar Oliver, M.P.P.; Mrs. Lillian Bailey, sister of Miss Macphail; Mr. E. A. Winkler, M.P.; Mr. N. S. Campbell, Reeve of Proton Township; Mr. Wm. McLennan, Secretary Grey County Historical Society.



Archaeological and Historic Sites Boards of Ontario. The plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Gertha Reany and Mrs. Lillian Bailey, sisters of Agnes Macphail.

Many tributes were paid by the various speakers to Miss Macphail's contributions to agriculture, youth, prison reform and old people. As someone has fittingly remarked, "No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave." Miss Macphail gave the best years of her life for the betterment of her country and this is sufficient reason for us to honour her memory.

## Convention Features Education

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *For its 1960 convention, Englehart area took the theme, "Education — Everybody's Business" and officials from outside the area who attended the convention were so impressed with the programme and its close relation to the theme that we asked Mrs. Bert Brownlee, the Area Chairman, to tell us more about it. This is Mrs. Brownlee's reply:*

"We did try to carry out our theme, 'Education—Everybody's Business' throughout the entire convention. I think that all the extra little details add so much to the success of a convention and, with a little ingenuity, need not be too costly. The following will explain this further.

"The panel discussion was, of course, the highlight of the convention. Panelists were our Public School Inspector as chairman, a teacher, a trustee, a parent, a minister and a Women's Institute member. These, we felt, represented those most closely connected with our education.

"Talent for the evening session was entirely by school pupils. I felt the chorus 'School Days' at the beginning set the stage for a truly school

programme. The audience was invited to take part in singing the final chorus of the song.

"The demonstration, 'Beauty in the Home' on the second day was very interesting. It stressed making the most of what we have at hand to beautify our homes and was indeed a bit of education for the delegates.

"To further carry out our theme we had a huge poster, hand-painted, depicting our theme and topped with the Women's Institute crest, placed at the front of the hall. A smaller poster was mounted on the stage of the high school to name the panel discussion. The centrepiece for the banquet head table was a small red school house made of cardboard, mounted on a green base and surrounded by miniature figures of children, made of pipe cleaners, dressed in bright attire. Placecards were stand-up folders with a small girl or boy painted on each. Following the banquet a school lunch kit was passed around to collect the banquet tickets. On display throughout the convention was a collection of work school pupils had exhibited at the local fall fairs.

"Our evening session was held in the high school auditorium and it was advertised in advance as open to the public. Approximately 200 people were in attendance and from the many comments I have heard since, I do believe this gesture was good public relations for the Institute.

"Local merchants were invited to donate souvenirs of their choice to be passed out to delegates attending. The response was quite favourable and the delegates are most appreciative of this courtesy.

"Federation representatives, district delegates and district presidents were introduced at the first morning session, with a brief outline of the duties of each. This, I feel, helps to keep before the members the importance of these offices and their connection with the branch, the district, the area and the provincial board."