

padding to the basic shape. Dolls purchased from dealers are always expensive, often dressed completely out of period, and entirely without any interesting history.

In 1607 Capt. John Smith brought the first doll to America when he came to Jamestown; then handmade wooden, rag, cornhusk and many others appeared on the market.

Few articles today have the same usefulness, beauty and importance to a child that dolls have. The newest doll combines all the features that today's child expects in a doll, and is truly the result of 4000 years of evolution. Careful consideration is given to children's likes and emotional needs. Their educational value of dolls has finally been recognized.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of being a doll collector is that one never knows whence the next doll is coming. The great advantage of doll collection is that it is a hobby which can run into a small fortune and keep one happily employed forever. The joy of re-creating, planning displays and owning such lovely things, apart from the satisfaction of sharing with others for deserving causes, is an all absorbing and complete relaxation.

Leadership Forum Announced

THE ONTARIO RURAL LEADERSHIP FORUM COMMITTEE will again sponsor a week-long training course for rural people. It will be held February 14th to 20th at Geneva Court, the National Leadership Training and Conference Centre of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. at Orillia, Ontario. Cooperating in this project are the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Farm Radio Forum, Folk School Council, Junior Farmers' Association, Ontario Departments of Agriculture and Education and United Co-operatives of Ontario.

The theme will feature community development and will follow much the same pattern as that presented in 1964. Plenary sessions will provide information on the human, physical and natural resources available in rural Ontario. These sessions will be followed by discussion in small groups to seek understanding and application of the topic.

There will be opportunities for the delegates to obtain training in the various skills necessary for holding office in organizations. These will be presented for short periods each day as options, so that each delegate may spend his or her time on one particular skill during the course.

Delegates will be selected on the basis of two per county or district. Delegates to previous courses are not eligible for selection.

County Federation of Agriculture Presidents will act as Chairmen of the selection committees. In order that the programme may be geared to the needs of the delegates the deadline for receiving applications has been set as December 1st, 1964.

Farm Forum Topics 1964-65

FOLLOWING ARE THE Farm Radio Forum topics announced for this fall and winter. The topic of February 1st, "The First Hundred Years" is the one planned to be of special interest to women's groups. "The Outsiders," on January 4th is the youth topic.

November 2, "The Price of Life." Medical costs can weigh heavily on those with low incomes or more than their share of illness. Would a standardized medical plan, public or private, distribute the burden of medical care more fairly?

November 9, "The Sunday Farmer." In every community, there are people for whom farming is not a full-time job. Who are these people? Do they contribute to the rural community? Do diverse interests and perhaps higher income give their contribution particular significance?

November 16, "Farmers in Transition." Automation is the process of replacing men with machines. In the farmer's struggle with automation, what are the decisions he must make? How can he make the right plans for the next twenty years?

November 23, "To Be Announced."

November 30, "Two Roads to Market". Marketing boards operate by the control of all of a commodity. They may direct the commodity to certain processors. This can interfere directly with the right of a co-operative to receive all the produce of its members. Smaller farmers gain marketing power in both ways. Can they have marketing boards and co-operatives together?

December 7, "Talkback." This program will provide an opportunity for groups to question speakers on the "Two Roads to Market" broadcast.

December 14, "Regional Broadcast." Are rural young people handicapped by their background when they try to create a place for themselves in urban society?

January 11, "The Farmer's Image." Rural people often express concern about how urban people think of them. How can farmers convey to their urban neighbours a true picture of the difficulties and rewards of modern agriculture?

January 18, "The Split Personality of Farm