

Members of Home Economics Branch staff who took part in a Symposium on the extension services of the Branch. Left to right: Miss Frances M. Hucks (Food and Nutrition); Miss Jean Armour (Home Furnishings); Miss Eleanor Flint (Home Crafts); Miss Dora Burke (Management); Mrs. Patricia Squire (County Home Economist); Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Branch; Miss Frances Lampman (Clothing).



own loan from the bank and make the payments himself. This was done and immediately the boy took on a new responsibility with money. His mother said that up to this time if he was short of funds to take his girl out he would borrow from his parents. Now if his funds are low he finds a less expensive sort of entertainment. "Teenagers spend millions of dollars every year," said Miss Burke, "but very few have any idea of how to spend it."

Miss Burke has been doing research on various types of home appliances and on the management of money. Regularly she makes radio tapes which go out to local stations. It was suggested that if any woman would like to hear these, and if they are not being used by her local station, she might ask the manager if they could be.

Quoting Dr. Reva Gerstein as saying that we want children to be producers of education, not consumers, and that teachers should serve mostly as resource people, Miss Frances Hucks, supervisor of Foods and Nutrition, said that through the local leader training schools the local leaders are the producers of knowledge, the instructor from the Department will help with a teaching outline if the women want it. So the leaders are getting more from the experience than anyone else.

"We like you to tell us what you want," Miss Hucks said. "We were pleased that so many asked for vegetable cookery and we put it on the program." Suggestions from the women had also had a part in developing the forum, Tricks With A Mix and other features. Forums are held in the evenings in the hope of reaching more young women.

"The dinner table is one of the best ways to bring a family together," Miss Hucks said, commenting on a current idea that family

life is disappearing. "How many of your memories are built around food? . . . As consumers of home economics you can do a lot for the preservation of the family as a unit." She suggested, too, that the members of the family might develop a program on Food, one working on the cost of food, one on the nutritional value. They might also get the members interested in collecting recipes — and not just collecting them but using them.

Mrs. Patricia Squire represented the County and District Home Economists of the Home Economics Branch. She assured the conference that the Home Economist was ready to assist the women of her area in finding information. She has a great deal of resource material at hand and knows of sources where she can get special information. "If you want some special service not on the extension program, tell your Home Economist," she said. "She may be able to arrange a service for you." A major part of the Home Economist's work is the supervision of 4-H Homemaking Clubs, Mrs. Squire said; and she thanked the Institutes and the local leaders who made it possible to carry on this work; and the specialists at head office who prepared the text for the club projects. Right now the Foods staff are working on a club centennial project in Foods. She hoped the Institute women would get to know their Home Economist better and better, and that they would not hesitate to ask her if there was something she could do to help them plan interesting programs.

Education Applied to Living

Dr. Margaret McCready, Dean of Macdonald Institute, spoke on the need of applying education to living. "As scientists consider a landing on the moon, social workers consider