



Noted Home Economist and author, Dr. Ethel Chapman was one of five "Centennial Agriculturists" honored by the Ontario Institute of Agrologists at their annual meeting held at the University of Guelph recently. A long-time member of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada, Dr. Chapman has made major contributions to health education, national insurance and the rural church. The Hon. William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and

Food for Ontario (right), praised such recognition of those who have contributed to agriculture in the province. Mr. Stewart said "The Department is primarily concerned with people and our programs are instituted to serve the people in agriculture." Other award winners were (from left): George E. Raithby, Dr. Chapman, William P. Watson, Harry A. Dawson, (missing) Frank Hart.

### Erland Lee Home

Mrs. Russell Wise, R.R. 3, Puslinch, Chairman of the Committee which has been investigating the possibility of preserving the Erland Lee home at Stoney Creek for its historic value, reported that the Historic Sites Board of Ontario had agreed to erect a plaque at the Lee home. This plaque was to have been erected and unveiled in 1967. Since the death last October of Mr. Frank Lee, a son of Erland Lee, some difficulty has been encountered in receiving permission as to the site of this plaque and further progress has been delayed.

### Officers' Conference

Mrs. Gerald Holder, Officers' Conference Secretary, reported that 606 applications had been received for the 19th annual conference. The conference is reported in detail in this issue of Home and Country.

### Women's Institute Story

Mrs. John Charlton reported on the meeting of the committee concerned with "the Women's Institute story." Everyone reported on their homework and a vast amount of material has been collected, but more research

is still needed. Material yet to be prepared was assigned to the various members of the committee and a further meeting will be held in the summer.

### Elizabeth Fry Society

Mrs. N. Payne reported on the general meeting of the Elizabeth Fry Society when bylaws were revised and an interesting panel discussion held on "Why send people to prison?" It was the opinion of Miss McNeil, a member of the panel, that large institutions are outdated because first-time offenders are in contact with more frequent offenders and are soon companions in crime. It was felt that if a number of these cases were considered in smaller groups and not segregated from society, they could be employed in supervised, useful work.

The Elizabeth Fry Society is in need of a good, used sewing machine, flat-heeled shoes and good used clothing.

### Macdonald Institute Project

At the time of the annual fall board meeting, it was arranged that the appointed committee investigating Macdonald Institute expansion meet with the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. T. Hilliard and others re the