



Mrs. Homer Judge, R.R. 8, London, a member of the Provincial Board of Directors presenting Miss Isabel Rose of Ailsa Craig with the certificate and cheque for the Middlesex County Women's Institute Scholarship.

The Junior Women's Institutes

IN 1915 MISS ETHEL M. CHAPMAN, then a worker with the Women's Institute Branch, and Miss Emily Guest, two women who were always concerned about young people and their problems, suggested that the Women's Institutes consider the feasibility of starting an organization for girls and young women sixteen years and over. This might be called a Junior Institute with a monthly meeting during the winter for culture and recreation. Miss Guest suggested that if the meetings were two hours long, one hour should be given over to pure fun, games, singing and physical culture and one hour for thoughtful debates, for training in public speaking, in thinking and in self confidence.

A Girls' Institute was organized in Manitoulin District in 1915. Soon after, Girls' Institutes were formed in Orillia, Simcoe County and at Springford in Oxford County. In some cases Girls' Circles were formed within the Women's Institute Branches.

In 1922, Miss Chapman was appointed to the Women's Institute Branch as assistant superintendent and gave impetus to all Junior work. Under her guidance more attention was given to planning and carrying out worthwhile programs. Some of the topics appearing on the programs were Good Form in the Home, Travelling and Public Places, Canadian Wom-

en of Note, Little Things in the Home that Make Life Beautiful, Dress as An Expression of Personality, Income Earning for Farm Girls, Etiquette, Laws of Ontario, A Woman's Education and Canadian Authors.

In the years preceding the second world war, a series of one month and three months' courses in home economics for girls was held in conjunction with courses in agriculture for boys. It became a common practice at the close of these courses for the girls to organize a Junior Institute and the boys a Junior Farmers' Association; and for the groups to meet together for some of their programs and social activities.

Senior Branches of the Women's Institute encourage the formation of the Junior Women's Institutes in their Districts and give assistance. Two representatives from the Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario are members of the Provincial Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. The present Junior Board Directors are Miss Barbara Watkins of Londesboro, and Mrs. J. A. Farrell, R.R. 1, Kincardine.

There are now 19 Junior Women's Institutes in Ontario.

The objectives of the Junior Women's Institute are:

1. to assist young women in personal growth and development.
2. to promote approved practices in home-making and a better understanding of the ideals and standards, contributing to successful home life.
3. to help discover, stimulate and train leaders.
4. to assist and encourage young women to become intelligent and responsible citizens.

The motto of the Junior Women's Institute is For Home and Country and the colours are gold and blue.

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He who gives a child a treat
 Makes joy-bells ring in Heaven's street
 And he who gives a child a home
 Builds palaces in Kingdom come.

John Masefield

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Miss Dianne Griffith, R.R. 3, Moorefield—winner of the North Perth Jean Scott scholarship. Dianne is presently a student at Macdonald Institute, the University of Guelph.

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SIXTEEN

by Grace Douglas

She wants to drive the car now,
 She wants to learn to fly,
 She wants to build a penthouse
 Right up against the sky
 She wants to do exciting things
 She wants to stay up late
 She wants a long black formal,
 She has a heavy date!
 She cannot walk in my steps
 And break her heart with yearning.
 She needs to chart her own course
 And live while she is learning,
 The world lies wide before her
 The heart within her sings.
 How shall I guide her restless feet
 Yet not restrict her wings?

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