



Figures of Japanese Geisha girls made from papier mâché and displayed at Summary Day by members of the DeCew Falls Branch of the Women's Institute.

Two northern districts have purchased copies of "A Heritage of Canadian Handicrafts" and placed them in Fort William and Port Arthur libraries — an idea for others.

Anyone wishing travel films to supplement a business meeting will be able to secure them free of charge on request from the Ontario Department of Tourism and Information.

A new advance award certificate with crest in gold was announced by Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Branch, to be given to 4-H Club members who complete 18 units. In addition, those receiving this award will be presented with a plain pie server engraved with provincial crest. The Provincial and County Honors and Certificates of Achievement have been redesigned.

Impressions of their experiences at the Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada were reviewed by Board Directors, Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence and Mrs. Stanley Bride.

A booklet, "Food Notes" containing excellent program material is available free from the Ontario Food Council, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

On behalf of the committee, Miss Helen McKercher reported that Branch Life Membership cards will be printed similar in style to those of A.C.W.W.

A Safety Convener may be appointed at Branch level but if so she will report to the Branch Convener of Home Economics and Health. Ontario Department of Transport has material on safety, also Farm Safety Council of Ontario, University of Guelph.

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"The secret of thrift is knowledge; knowledge of domestic economy saves money; knowledge of sanitary laws saves health."

Kingsley

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A panel talk on "Human Rights" as it concerns Women's Institute members at the local level has been written by Mrs. Austin Zoeller and is available from the Packet Loan Library at 20 Spadina Road.

The Annual Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will be held in Toronto November 26-29. At that time, Mrs. E. Small will be completing her three-year term of office and a new Provincial President will be elected.

The Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario extend congratulations to the many Women's Institute members who have received Centennial Medals for outstanding service in their communities.

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ARE YOU AN ASSET TO YOUR COMMUNITY? That depends on what kind of person you are. Do you stay at home from all neighborhood doings? If you go anywhere is it to town where things are done in a correct style? If you do condescend to attend anything local, have you a lot of fault to find with the way it is managed and have you a very critical attitude towards things in general, especially if your opinion hasn't been asked, or if your invitation was a little late in arriving? When anything helpful is being discussed you have no ideas on the subject and are not even interested? Do you ever offer to help the teacher plan a concert, take part in the program, or can't you see any use in trying to have any entertainment away out in the country anyway? Do you ever think of helping to wash dishes after a community gathering, or lending a hand at decorating the building or doing any of the extra duties needed to make every gathering a success?

Or are you the kind that listens with enthusiasm to any plan to liven up things, and provide amusement and educational advantages for the young people, and make them the envy of their own town and city cousins? (It has been done.) You belong to the Women's Institute, for you know you are never too old to learn, and besides you may have some helpful talent. You do some constructive thinking, and talk things over with your neighbors. You invite the teacher to your home and listen to her problems and try to help her. When asked to do anything, you willingly do your best and even though your neighbors may not have had your educational advantages, you think them worth getting acquainted with anyway. You are in fact one of those people that everyone knows can be depended on to be interested in things and willing to do her share and even a little more than that, for the advancement of her community. Are you?

—Countrywoman