

Dr. Margaret McCready left with Dr. Janet Wardlaw at Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph.



Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Pay Tribute to Dr. Margaret McCready

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have learned with regret of the retirement of Dr. Margaret McCready as Dean of Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph. However, they welcome Dr. Janet Wardlaw as the new Dean and look forward to working with her.

Ontario Women's Institute members think of Margaret McCready as a tall, slim, silvery-haired woman with bright, dark eyes and a charming smile. They think of her as a person who seems to have the ability for moving like quicksilver, with a marvellous gift for remembering names and faces, and an amazing interest in everyone and everything with which she came in contact. They remember listening to her greetings and addresses and coming away with the feeling that they have had the privilege of being in contact with the thoughts of a truly intellectual and cultured person.

Women's Institute members may not know that Margaret McCready's roots are deep within Macdonald Institute and the University of Guelph. Margaret Scott McCready was born in London, Ontario but was brought to Guelph as an infant when her father Professor Samuel Broadfoot McCready was appointed head of

Macdonald Institute's nature study program.

Miss Mary Urie Watson was principal at that time and there is a story that a group of junior students who were studying child care had the privilege of giving a bath to a real live baby instead of the usual large doll. The live baby was Professor McCready's daughter Margaret. She received her education in Guelph and Toronto schools and graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. degree in Home Economics. She became a student dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital, New York. Then followed a busy career as a dietitian in various hospitals and universities until she was appointed as Diet Surveyor for the United Kingdom-Carnegie Diet Survey in association with Sir John Boyd-Orr (now Lord Boyd-Orr). After the completion of this survey, Margaret McCready received her Ph.D. degree from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Her thesis was on the Analysis of the Food Survey which she had completed.

Dr. McCready's career in Home Economics came from a snap decision. She had gone with her father to the University (of Toronto) to investigate the course which she would choose for her studies. On passing a certain door she