

Women's Institutes of Ontario and at national level owe a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Margaret McCready for her personal interest in their program for many years. Co-operation far beyond the call of interest and friendliness has always been at hand for Women's Institute members. Those of us who have known her well, appreciate the wonderful contribution she has made to our work. Time would not permit me to mention the ways in which she has encouraged us and added to our achievements, so I should like to mention one or two special contributions.

Dr. McCready could always take time from her busy schedule to welcome Women's Institute members to Macdonald Institute and Macdonald Hall at the time of the Officers' Conference. She outlined the courses of study for girls at the Institute and presented them with such appeal that she sold the courses available to many mothers with daughters about to make a choice for higher education. She was indeed an ambassador for advanced learning.

Back when the Women's Institute holidays were held at Ontario Agricultural College she was a tower of strength to the leaders, ever-ready to conduct tours of the Institute, to plan demonstrations of unusual modern equipment, to add interest to a program that helped to make the holiday a real success. Nationally and internationally, she gave freely of herself and talents and gave talks and papers on "Food and Domestic Problems" that were helpful and well received by her audience. To quote one particular instance, at the World Food Congress held in Washington where 128 countries were represented, Dr. McCready gave a paper on "Food and How to Make the Most of What One Has." Copies were made of the paper in both English and French and there were not nearly enough to go around. It was acclaimed one of the best papers given at the Congress. You can imagine how proud we Canadians were!

This merely touches on a few items in which she has served but the Women's Institutes would like to say "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts for what you have given to us and to say how much those coming after us are going to miss you.

Annie G. Haggerty,
Past President F.W.I.O. 1956-1959

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"To pass time wastefully, is to shorten the period of living."

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As a past president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario it is my privilege and pleasure to be included in the tribute to Dr. Margaret McCready as she retired as Dean of Macdonald Institute.

Looking back over the nine years I was a member of the Provincial Board from 1947 to 1956, my thoughts go with deep appreciation to the Macdonald Institute and the Ontario Agricultural College for the assistance to the Women's Institutes at all times. But I remember particularly Dr. McCready for her co-operation and consideration when helping to select from the girls in the first year of the Home Economics Course, the winners of the Women's Institute Scholarship Awards. A pleasant memory is also her cordial welcome when we had occasion to use the facilities at Guelph.

Dr. McCready had a dream which she put before us at every opportunity — the expansion of both program and space at Macdonald Institute and Hall to allow more adequate provision for more girls to attend the course in Home Economics there. I am so happy that her dream is coming to fruition before she retires and that the Women's Institutes have pledged themselves in their 75th Anniversary project to be a part of that development.

I know Dr. McCready will not retire from active life but will pick up new responsibilities as her interests change, but the members of the Women's Institutes will miss her cheerful smile and her warm welcome as they meet at the University in 1969.

Edith A. Purcell,
Past President F.W.I.O. 1950-1953

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"I have known Dr. Margaret McCready personally for many years — ever since my presidency of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. She is a gracious and charming person and I feel privileged to have her as a friend. We met often when I served on the Ontario Agricultural College Board of Directors for several terms. I have the greatest admiration for her extensive knowledge of her work and her skill as a teacher and administrator. Guelph won't be the same without Dr. McCready and I join with many others in wishing her a happy and satisfying retirement.

Dorothy E. Fatcher,
Past President F.W.I.O. 1947-1950

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"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world."—Mohammed.

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