

Wentworth Farmers' Institute. From her enthusiasm and good sound knowledge Mrs. Hoodless motivated the women in the audience to form a Women's Institute. Even then Mrs. Hoodless warned the women, 'Do not waste time on nonessentials'."

"What about programs?" Mrs. Zoeller asked. "Have we lost the excitement of planning a program? The strength of our branch Women's Institute comes through program planning. We hope that we aren't at the stage where we feel and say, 'It's time to plan another program, what a chore!' If this is how we feel then we're dead. Try a brain storming session with your branch.

"Try to have balanced programs — something to make you laugh, something to make you think — something to make you dream — food for mind and body. Sometimes we need an outside speaker, an expert in their field, but do not lose sight of the talents of our own members.

"Every Institute meeting begins with you regardless of whether you are in the star role of program planner or audience. You are needed.

"Program planners should involve all of your women — every woman should feel a part of the whole — there should be no outsider. We need you with your ability and availability."

"Motivation Produces Ideas" was the theme of the 1970 Conference which was attended by over six hundred and fifty Women's Institute members from every part of Ontario. A bus trip to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, and a coffee party on Tuesday evening quickly initiated new friendships.

Mrs. Austin Zoeller, F.W.I.O. president presided for the sessions which formally opened on Wednesday morning in War Memorial Hall. Mrs. Irwin Maltby, of Dufferin County was in charge of the music and during the first music break invited seventy-five delegates to volunteer to attend practice sessions for a choir which would perform at the time of the closing sessions.

Mr. Everett Biggs, Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food was introduced by Mrs. Zoeller and addressed the delegates on the subject of "Pollution."

A transcript of Mr. Biggs' speech can be found on page 20 of this issue of Home and Country.

Dr. Branion, Assistant to Dr. Winegard, brought greetings from the University to the delegates at the Conference. He told of his admiration for the work of the Women's Institutes and of his conviction that the home is the backbone of the country. He said that homemakers hold the keys to the well-being of the people who will govern Canada in the future.

Mrs. Zoeller introduced Miss Helen Mc-Kercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. Miss Mc-Kercher brought greetings from her department to the delegates and thanked the Women's Institute members for their loyal support for the Home Economics Branch program in the counties and districts. The Director said that the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food were interested in the Women's Institutes as an organization because the members represent the homes of rural Ontario and that is important since this is a way for her department to communicate with many Ontario women.

Miss Mc-Kercher said, "In the Women's Institute Branches we have small human units and let us not think that they aren't important. You are a leader or you wouldn't be here. You are playing a very important role in society today — organized, you have a way of communicating."

Dr. Janet Wardlaw, Dean of Macdonald Institute was introduced and explained the College of Family and Consumer Studies which is now the name of the program offered at Macdonald Institute. Dr. Wardlaw said that although the name of the program has changed and the courses updated and enlarged to meet modern needs the overall goal is the same "to promote the well-being of individuals and families and to promote the well-being of family environment." Dr. Wardlaw also said that the plans for the renovation and expansion of Macdonald Institute have been given some priority over other plans at the University of Guelph.

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Peony

She has a deep hid virtue
No other flower hath.
When summer comes rejoicing
A-down my garden path,
In opulence of colour,
In robe of satin sheen
She casts o'er all the hours
Her sorcery serene.

Bliss Carman.

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Friend o'mine in the year oncoming
I wish you a little time for play
And an hour to dream in the eerie gloaming
After the clamorous day.

L. M. Montgomery

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