

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Helen M McKercher, former Director of the Home Economics Branch Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food received a special recognition upon acceptance into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame gallery at the Coliseum, CNE, Toronto.

Many Women's Institute members were present at the Seaway Hotel, Toronto, on November 12th for the unveiling of the portrait of Miss McKercher. It was of special concern to all the WI members throughout the province, because her name had been proposed by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Recognition was given to her work with the Women's Institutes in the Province, the Dominion and overseas with the A C W W.

Miss McKercher's background was rural and her interest in the farm family was always uppermost although she was equally interested in the lifestyle of her urban friends and associates. An honorary life

member of the Canadian Society of Rural Extension, her contribution was invaluable to the Extension Council.

All of her public service was spent working with people, whether as Chief of Consumer Education for the Canada Department of Fisheries or as Advisor on Food Preparation for the Canadian Naval ships in Eastern Canada during the second world war; or in the office of the Home Economics Branch working with and through the Home Economists.

Now in her retirement years, she is active in her church, on the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph and is now an active member of the Classic Women's Institute in Perth Centre District.

The portrait of Helen McKercher was painted by Mr. Roberto DeSeta, Toronto and unveiled by the Secretary of the C A H F, Mr. John E. Moles.



During the evening Miss Helen McKercher and her family gathered around the recently unveiled portrait for a picture of the memorable evening. L-R Mr. Robt. McKercher, brother, and his wife Greta of Seaforth; nephew Donald McKercher, Seaforth; niece Mrs. Peter Hay, London; Miss McKercher; and niece, Mrs. Janet Schreiber, London; Miss M. E. Courtice, Hamilton, a cousin; and Peter Hay, London.

Helen McKercher Scholarship

- Application forms available from FWIO Office
- To be returned by June 1, 1979
- Scholarship must be used within year of acceptance
- Scholarship value \$1000.00-\$500.00 at beginning and \$500.00 upon completion

ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian Citizen
- Resident of Ontario for five years
- Graduate in Home Economics from a Canadian University
- Pursuing a post graduate degree in Extension Education related to Home Economics (such areas as leadership, communications, Consumer Studies, Community Development etc)
- Must have been accepted by a University