

# First prize song selected

Featured below is the first prize song written by Mrs. Ella Smith, Williamstown, Picnic Grove W.I.,

for the Bernice Noblitt Award Competition open to Institute members in the Ottawa Area. The song en-

titled "An Institute Prayer" may be sung to the tune of "Bless This House".

## *An Institute Prayer*

Bless our Institute we pray, keep us caring every day,  
Caring for the treasured things, facing all that each day brings,  
Bless the places that we meet, keep us kind in what we speak,  
Love we pray that we may be, Ever true in love for Thee.  
Bless the children we hold dear, may they never learn to fear,  
Bless the homes where we can share in all the things for which we care.  
Bless, O Lord! our neighbourhood, give us strength to do more good.  
Lord, we pray that all may see, paths O Lord, that lead to Thee.  
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Bless our country that it might, ever stand for truth and right,  
This great land from shore to shore, needs to love Thee more and more.  
Many tongues the people speak, yet good lives are what all seek,  
Lord, we pray that we may be, Always true in love for Thee.  
Bless our leaders give them grace, that with fairness they may face  
All the problems of each day, and let them know the kindly way.  
Lord, our thanks to Thee we give, for this land in which we live,  
Help us keep it strong and free, closer, closer God to Thee  
Held us keep it strong and free, closer, closer God to Thee.

Father for the world we pray, and the rulers that hold sway.  
Many countries torn with strife need to know a happy life.  
For each one in need we pray, may all learn a better way.  
May all learn to on Thee call.  
Thou hast hope and love for all.  
Women bless in every land, help them Lord to take a stand,  
Stand up tall for truth and right and may they always see the light.  
Aid in lives that have such care, let all know that each must share,  
Lord a brighter day we'll see, when all know a love for Thee  
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## 4-H pioneer dies at age 88

Florence Eadie, who helped the growth of 4-H Homemaking Clubs for girls in rural Ontario, died on October 8 at age 88.

She spent 36 years with the provincial Ministry of Agriculture and was assistant director of the home economics service when she retired in 1962.

At that time she said she had been "highly privileged" to work with so many young people.

"It has given me great satisfaction to watch the young girls grow up to become thinking citizens fulfilling their responsibilities in their homes and in their jobs."

In her first years with the Women's Institute branch of the ministry, she was in charge of girls' work. In 1935, soon after she became supervisor of the junior extension branch, the 4-H clubs were founded and became her special concern.

The first year, there were 1,000 members in 100 clubs. In 1962, there were 1,840 clubs with a total membership of 17,000.

She loved rural life and people and her extensive travelling around

the province made her good friends in every area.

A farm girl herself, she was born and grew up in the town of Scotland in Brant County. She taught in rural schools before attending Victoria College at the University of Toronto.

She was a member of the Cana-

dian Association for the United Nations.

After retiring, she made several trips to the Northwest Territories on behalf of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to set up branches of the institute among Indians and Eskimos.



*Scholarship Winner*

*Theresa Broeze, the 1982 winner of the Dufferin County Women's Institute Scholarship received her award from Mrs. Mervin McPherson, Secretary of the Scholarship Committee. Theresa, a student in Architectural Drafting at Sheridan College, is completing her 18th 4-H Club sponsored by the Laurel Women's Institute.*