

W.I. Gives Leadership In 313 Island Areas

Many communities in Prince Edward Island have benefited during the past year because of the leadership given by the Women's Institutes. The Institutes have supported community projects and promoted community activities. The Women's Institute Division of the Department of Agriculture is primarily interested in the farm home and with the Institute Motto being "For Home and Country" it is evident that the objective is to make the home and country an ideal place in which to live.

During the past year the Institute groups throughout the province have contributed to community projects both financially and educationally — the projects included music and drama work, rural education, and 4-H club work.

The newest project was the "Women's Institute Community Improvement Contest"—an added class to the Rural Beautification Competition. Twenty-three Institutes took part in this competition, and it is expected that more will enter this year.

LEADERSHIP COURSES

Leadership Courses for officers of 313 Institutes were held in six centres during the latter part of November. The program for these courses was planned by the Women's Institute Staff. One or more members of the Provincial Executive attended each course and took part in the program. Discussions were held and talks were presented on various discussion methods, procedure for meetings, the Federated Women's Institute Convention, and recreation programs.

The purpose of these courses is to acquaint officers with their duties so that the local meetings will be carried out in an efficient manner. The officers from the various areas have an opportunity to meet one another, exchange ideas, and discuss their problems together.

HANDICRAFT SERVICES

The two weeks course in handicrafts and home sewing is popular, and during the past year courses were conducted in twenty-one (21) combined centres. The average attendance at each course was eighteen—one district had thirty-six members enrolled in the course. The crafts taught included weaving, grommeting, letaher work, stencilling and dress making—the most popular being dress-making and leather craft.

The purpose of these courses is to create an interest in new crafts and to preserve the use of the older ones. People are encouraged to exhibit their work at the Provincial Exhibition and at their county fairs.

The 1957 Maritime Winter Fair featured a Women's Work display of handicrafts. This was the first time such an exhibit was held, and proved to be very successful. There were approximately two hundred and seventy-five (275) entries from this province, and many of these were prize winning articles.

CONVENTIONS

Twenty-eight district conventions are being arranged for and will be held during the month of June. The theme this year is "Health", and each district is free to choose whatever phase they are interested in.

Conventions will be held in the following areas:

- June 3rd, South East Kings—Murray Harbour North; West Prince—Spring Valley.
- June 4th, North Prince No. 3—Springhill, Northam R.R.; County Line No. 1—Springfield.
- June 5th, South Prince—Central Bedouque; Centre Queens No. 1—East Royalty.
- June 6th, North West Prince No. 3—Urbanville; North West Prince No. 2—West Devon.
- June 10th, Central Prince—St. Eleanor's; South East Queens—Melville.
- June 11th, North West Prince No. 1—Knustford (O'Leary Hall); North Kings No. 2—Bear River South.
- June 12th, County Line No. 2—Cape Traverse; North Prince No. 1—Alberton.
- June 13th, East Kings—Elmira; South Kings—urray River.
- June 17th, North Prince No. 2—Duvar; West Queens—Darlington.
- June 18th, North Kings—Morell Rear; North Shore Queens No. 2—Stanhope.
- June 19th, South Queens—Uigg-Kinross; Three Rivers (Centre Kings)—Montague.
- June 20th, South Center Kings—Kilmuir; South West Queens—St. Catherine's.
- June 23rd, North East Queens—Fanning Brook; Centre Queens No. 2—Mt. Herbert.
- June 24th, North Centre Kings—Eglington and Howe Bay; North Shore Queens No. 1—Stanley Bridge.

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1st Vice-President, Mrs. Murdoch McGowan, Kilmuir, Past President; Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie, Alberton, President, Mrs. R. L. Burge, Five Houses, Secretary - Treasurer. Back row, Mrs. Julian Herring, Ch'town, Radio Con-
President, Mrs. Fred Gates, West Royalty, Institute News and Public Relations; Mrs. Stewart MacGregor, East Baltic, second vice-president; Mrs. Anthony Gaudet, St. Nicholas; Mrs. Robert Woodside, O'Leary; Mrs. Arthur Campbell, French River, third vice-president; Mrs. David Mutch, Mt. Herbert; Mrs. Aubrey Cutcliffe, Fredericton; Mrs. Norman MacMillan, Alberry Plains; Mrs. J. Lincoln Dewar, New Perth; Mrs. William Aylward, Morell.

New Glasgow Housewife Enjoys 4-H Leadership

Many citizens throughout the rural areas of this Province and as a matter of fact throughout Canada as a whole voluntarily give of their time and talents in the instruction of the youth through the 4-H Club movement.

Mrs. Harland Hill of New Glasgow, Prince Edward Island, tells of some of her experiences as a leader of a girl's garment club:

"Someone once said, 'My interest in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there'. This thought holds true for rural youth and the 4-H Clubs on P.E.I.

"Besides the splendid opportunities these 4-H Clubs offer for both boys and girls, there is that coveted prize of a trip to the National 4-H Club Week in Toronto each year, which every youth hopes to obtain.

"As leader of the New Glasgow 'Butterflies' garment club for the last two years, I can assure any 4-H'er the time and interest spent on these courses is time well spent. First, it is up to the parents to encourage their children to take these courses, and then equally important for leaders to keep them interested and instill in them pride in their project work.

"Parents have been quick to welcome the principle of 'Learn to Do by Doing', because they want their boys and girls to know the technical skills and knowledge related to farming and homemaking, as well as the training that is received in citizenship.

KEEN INTEREST

"In this club of ten girls, seven are taking second year work and show truly remarkable interest and ability. The other three are doing first year work and are progressing favorably. Two of the girls are just nine years of age. Of the seven who took the course last year, one girl placed first for Queens County and third for Provincial honours with a mark of 96 percent. Two girls placed second and fourth for Queens County honours, while all the class attained very high marks.

"I do believe parents and leaders can do much for these club members by being patient and understanding, remembering one cannot expect perfection before experience. Even I, as leader need information and help sometimes. When I do, I write to Miss Theresa MacLeod our W.I. Supervisor or Miss Jessie Bingham who is Assistant Supervisor, and

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Wheat Crops Tested In Tanks

Experiments on growing crops on soil in tanks, which are weighed periodically to determine loss or gain of moisture, have been in progress for many years at the Canada Department of Agriculture's Soil Research Laboratory, Swift Current, Sask. For the past 30 years wheat has been grown continuously in one set of tanks, and in a fallow-wheat rotation in a comparable set. No fertilizers have been added but water has been supplied as required to maintain satisfactory moisture conditions. The 30-year average yield of wheat under continuous cropping has been equivalent to 31.4 bushels per acre, with a drop of 25 per cent in the last ten years. For the fallow-wheat rotation, the corresponding yield has been 59.6 bushels with no appreciable drop in late years.

Canadian Poultry Popular Overseas

Because of its quality and attractive package appearance, Canadian dressed poultry had made a place for itself even before the last war on the British market in spite of keen European competition. In recent years, however, only about eight percent of

the annual 300 million pounds usually produced in Canada has found its way to the export market, as there has been a keen demand at good prices for quality products on the domestic market.

In the opinion of officials closely associated with the dressed poultry industry, the future expansion of both the export and domestic markets depends to a great extent on further improving quality by giving more attention to finishing and to improved packaging of the product being sold to the consumer.

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