



**DR. ETHEL CHAPMAN**, who died recently, was a well known writer, Institute worker and educator. The photo was taken in 1969 when local Institute members honored her at a tea in Campbellville.

Dr. Ethel Chapman, one of Halton's most illustrious women, passed away recently.

She was born in 1888 in the Township of Nassagaweya, the second youngest of a family of 13 and attended No. 6 Public School at Kelso and acquired her high school education in Milton.

Miss Chapman enjoyed a rewarding family relationship, filled with music, teaching and a deep interest in community affairs. Ethel, as she was affectionately known to her friends, had a great interest in rural young people. She was a member of the Campbellville Debating Society.

**First clubs**

Following her graduation from MacDonal Institute, Guelph (now part of the University of Guelph) in 1912, she presented lectures and demonstration courses in food and clothing. In 1913 she left the Women's Institute department to accept a position with MacLean Publishing Company, where she edited *The Farmers' Magazine*. In 1922 she returned to extension work for the Women's Institutes and began the first garment clubs for rural girls. This led to the

Flame of Freedom, *From a Roadside Window* and *Humanities in Homespun*. OWC Medal

For her contribution to rural life and the WI, the University of Guelph conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1966. In 1967 she was chosen one of Ontario's top five agriculturalists, as part of the centennial year celebrations. Then at the 100th anniversary of Ontario Agricultural College in 1974 she received a College medal.

Halton District Women's Institute in 1969 established a scholarship in her honor, to be given to the student going on to higher education having completed six 4-H club projects and being at least 16 years of age. At that time a painting of the creek and bridge on the Chapman homestead was given to her. The artist was Mrs. Norman Langton.

Miss Chapman's retirement years were spent at Chester Village Retirement Home in Toronto. When the

library there was being assembled, Miss Chapman gave of her literary experience in selecting and arranging the books.

"Her life was earnest, her actions kind; a generous hand and an active mind; anxious to please, loathe to offend; a loving sister and a faithful friend."

(Contributed by Women's Institute members Mrs. Velma Norris, Mrs. Mae Crawford and Mrs. Lois Parker.)

garden clubs, now known as the 4-H organization. The girls were delighted with her ability to think as they do.

She was editor of Women's Institute publication, "Home and Country" for several years. Her philosophy of life and understanding of world affairs made her internationally known and in great demand as a guest speaker.

A gifted writer, her better known literary works were *God's Green Country*, *WI*