Homemaking Club Girls' Conference

A FTER a lapse of several years the "Girls' Conference" at the Ontario Agricultural College was held last June. This time the conference was for members of 4-H Homemaking Clubs with the program built on the theme "You and Your World."

Introducing the theme, Miss Jean M. Scott, Field Consultant, Women's Institute Branch, asked the girls to consider such questions as "What sort of person are you and what sort of person would you like to be as you grow older? Are you a valuable family member? A good club member? The sort of friend who means something to other people? Are you a help to the community?" These questions and others were considered in discussion groups later in the conference and in a panel discussion "You and Your World," chaired by Miss Florence P. Eadie, Supervisor of Junior Extension with the Women's Institute Branch and general director of the conference. A socio-drama presented by Miss Marcia Gillespie and Miss Elizabeth Olsen of Macdonald Institute dealt with "You and Your Home," some of the club girls taking part in the drama.

The college staff provided a valuable part of the program. There was a welcome from Dr. Brannion acting for the President, Dr. MacLachlan; a tour of Macdonald Institute and a sketch of its history by Dr. Margaret McCready; a campus tour led by T. O. Graham of the horticultural department; a session on Flower Arrangement directed by Miss Louise Heringa and a chalk talk on Landscaping by Mr. J. A. Weall; Vegetable Culture, Storage and Freezing by E. W. Franklin. A most enjoyable part of the conference was the music under the direction of Mr. and Mrs.



Miss Florence P. Eadie, Supervisor of Junior Extension, Women's Institute Branch addressing the conference. (All photographs are by OAC—Public Relations)

Ralph Kidd of the college staff. In two days Mr. Kidd had trained a girls' choir that gave a very creditable performance at the banquet in the choruses "When We're Young" and "The Raggle Taggle Gipsie O."

Miss Lulu Row, Junior Extension Clothing Supervisor with a clothing club team from Halton County, Ruth Featherstone and Helen Vivian, staged a fashion show "Wardrobe for a Teenager." Miss Elsie Irvine of the Extension staff showed slides taken at Achievement Days, Miss Doreen Kern, a Macdonald Institute student demonstrated cooking buffet supper dishes; and with the help of Miss Sanderson and Miss Brill of Macdonald Institute staff samples of the food were served to the one hundred conference girls.



Prof. T. O. Graham, Horticultural Department, O.A.C., conducting a campus tour.