



A discussion group led by Josephine Bird, third from left, active Junior Institute girl, Haldimand County and junior member of the F.W.I.O. provincial board.



Girls practising flower arrangement under the direction of Miss Louise Heringa, O.A.C. Horticultural Department.



Mr. Ralph Kidd of the O.A.C. conducting the conference choir at the banquet.

An illustrated talk on Birds by Mr. J. L. Baillie of the Division of Ornithology, Royal Ontario Museum, was the feature of one evening. At another session Ethel Chapman talked on "Culture in the Country Home" and the film "Canadian Landscape" — the story of A. Y. Jackson and his painting was shown. A banquet was a highlight of the conference with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. C. D. Graham, Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Women's Institute Branch, Mr. Burke,

General Manager Social Welfare of Jamaica and members of the college faculty as guests. Of Mr. Graham's address at this banquet one of the girls, Leila Nephew, wrote to us: "Mr. Graham's address did indeed, as he expressed it, 'stimulate our imagination and arouse our curiosity to delve into new projects.'" The girls proposed toasts with the graciousness and poise of experienced club women which, even allowing for personal gifts, says something for the training they get in their club work. At a session following the banquet, Mr. Burke told the girls something about 4-H Club work in Jamaica.

In letters that came to us following the conference, different girls spoke of different features of the program that had especially impressed them, but all of the letters referred to the value of simply being with other girls and conferring with them. Here are some of the comments:

"I enjoyed being with other girls and finding out about their clubs" — Barbara Willard.

"I think this conference shows how girls from all over Ontario can get together and share common interests even though they do not live next door and that this could be applied to the whole world, not just to Ontario." — Kathleen Ito.

As I toured the campus I felt that the O.A.C. offers many opportunities for Canadian young people as well as those from other countries." — Evelyn English.

"The discussion groups helped us to understand our problems better and to acquire the comforting thought that others are experiencing similar problems. The discussions also helped us to realize our responsibilities to our own and other groups that make up our world . . . The girls of this first provincial conference have come home realizing the importance of friendliness, co-operation and enthusiasm. We hope to set up new aims for our achievement." — Leila Nephew.

It is likely that this girls' conference will be held annually.

Participants in "Wardrobe for a Teenager". From left to right: Miss Lulu Row who directed the fashion show, Ruth Featherstone, clothing club member of Halton County, Miss Maxine Graham and Eleanor Smye, county home economist, and Helen Vivian second member of the clothing club team.

