



The girls photographed here with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. C. D. Graham, spoke at the opening session of the conference on "My Home District." From left to right the girls are: Julia Lane, Manitoulin; Ruth Ismond, Peel; Marilyn Bracken, Carleton; Grace Josephson, Thunder Bay; Joan McEachern, Wellington; Joan Esdale, Stormont; Carol Kerr, Kent.

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which were led by Miss Irene McBride. In this activity every girl had an opportunity to express an opinion on the question under discussion in her group.

As club girls we realize that as daughters in the home we have special contributions to make. Consequently some of the conference sessions were devoted to making us more efficient homemakers.

I was fortunate in having the opportunity of studying the art of flower arrangement under the leadership of Miss Heringa of the Horticulture Department, O.A.C. Miss Heringa reviewed the basic rules of flower arrangement and illustrated the use of various containers and flowers. She then gave us the opportunity to arrange a bouquet of some weeds and a few flowers. Some of the bouquets were really very pretty.

Another highlight of the conference was the banquet held on Wednesday evening. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario was the guest speaker. He stressed the responsibilities of the club girl to her community. To help us to be able to assume these responsibilities he suggested some guide posts for us to follow. First, to have a sense of duty to one's work and to one's self. Sec-

ond, to practice clarity in thought, speaking and writing. Third, to be tolerant; to be willing to see the other person's point of view and discuss matters with him. Fourth, he stressed the need for integrity to establish confidence with others. The fifth guide was independence, to be able to think and act for oneself.

These are but a few of the excellent features so carefully planned to make our conference worth while. If every club girl in the province could have the opportunity to attend such a conference I am sure they would realize what we mean when we say that the conference is a wonderful experience.

I am sure, as a result of the conference, every girl was more able to serve her family, her community and her country.

When we say the 4-H pledge now — after having attended the conference, it takes on a new and wider meaning.

"I pledge —

My Head to clearer thinking,

My Heart to greater loyalty,

My Hands to longer service,

My Health to better living for my club,  
my community and my country."

This year's Girls' Conference assembly with some of their leaders and county home economists.

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