

There are sixty-six schools for retarded children in Ontario and parents would naturally get in touch with the nearest school.

One of the happy things mentioned in Mrs. Pepper's talk was that a group of teen-age boys and girls in Guelph had invited the children from Sunnyside school to join them at the YMCA once a week for games and a swim in the swimming pool.

Mr. Goodfellow Speaks

The Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, was host to the eight hundred women delegates at a dinner in the College dining hall. He said the Department was proud to have facilities at the College to accommodate such a large cross-section of the women of Ontario, and he was glad to note that the organization moved its officers about so that the majority were at the College for the first time. Mr. Goodfellow made it clear to the conference that in any changes that might be made in the Agricultural College, the Veterinary College or Macdonald Institute, the interests of agriculture would always be in the forefront.

"In spite of the fact that agriculture is not prospering as well as you or I would like to see it," said the Minister, "we still have developed an agriculture on a level with any other industry. The difficulty in farming is in the price squeeze between what the farmer has to buy and what he has to sell. Let us take a long range view and not do anything through Government or otherwise that will be a deterrent to agriculture." And he added that his Department would do everything possible, materially or otherwise, through Miss McKercher and her staff to help the

women in the Institutes to do better for themselves.

Mr. Goodfellow paid this tribute to farm women:

"The success of agriculture in Ontario has depended on women from time immemorial. No occupation is so dependent on women as farming. I care not how hard a man works on a farm, how progressive he is in his methods, if he hasn't a wife who is a good helpmate he should get into another occupation where a man is not so dependent on his wife."

Entertainment

The conference programme provided varied and most enjoyable entertainment features: delightful sessions of community singing led by Padre W. A. Young accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Kidd; an organ and piano recital by Mr. Ralph Kidd, College Director of Music, and Mrs. Kidd; solos by Mrs. R. S. McKercher and Mrs. Richard Lamb; a demonstration of square dancing by the Coronation Dancers of Haldimand county; a "History of Fashion" display of dolls and commentary by Mrs. Loren Guild and a clever skit "Bedlam" or "The Great Stamp Issue" also produced by Mrs. Guild; and an amusing "Midget Show" by members of East End Institute.

There was a showing of a film, "Mystery in the Kitchen" based on Canada's Food Rules or rather the ignoring of such rules, produced by the National Film Board and available for borrowing from the Ontario Agricultural College or Regional Film Libraries.

A "Brainstorming Session" conducted by a representative of Creative Advertising produced a rapid fire, semi-serious expression of ideas for increasing membership in Women's Institutes.

Safety Sense in the Home

INTRODUCING the panel "Safety Sense in the Home" at the Farm Safety Conference, the chairman, Mrs. James Haggerty, Past President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario said:

"This Conference has taught us many things; has given us valuable information to help us avoid accidents by controlling hazards and eliminating them . . . But what great effect will result from this meeting if we go back to our various homes and do not share what we have heard and learned? We must put into practice the knowledge acquired; we must impart the facts we have discovered to our families, friends and neighbors. We can set up safety projects in our communities and instill interest and zeal into the hearts of all with whom we come in contact."

Mrs. Haggerty suggested that as a "thank you" for the privilege of attending the conference every delegate should resolve to have the number of accidents in the province reduced, beginning in his or her own home and working from there into the broader spheres, and making it a year-round job. She said, "In this World Refugee Year we are especially reminded of our responsibility

toward our newcomers from other parts of the world. In assisting to bring refugees to Canada we are offering them a certain degree of safety; surely it is our duty as Canadian citizens to help educate these newcomers to a strange land so that they may recognize dangers and so try to avoid hazards.

"The Women's Institutes have always been concerned with the problem of safety," Mrs. Haggerty said, "and over the years many resolutions concerning this problem have gone from our organization to those in authority in places from where action might be expected. The Institutes have established projects to promote safety; they have sponsored safety competitions in schools; have tried to stir up interest in better protection of school children at crossings, on highways and in transportation. We are grateful for what we have accomplished but we cannot relax our concern for one minute. Conditions have improved but they are still far from perfect, and we must be alert to find ways and means by which we can help, not just for a week or two following this conference, but for every day in the year and for years to come. No one, whether rural