



Members of panel on "Cues for Careers". Left to right: Mrs. W. R. Lawless, home economist; Dr. Beth Huntington, doctor; Mrs. Nancy Buchanan, moderator of panel; Miss Barbro Overstrom, nurse; Mrs. Wallace Knapp, homemaker; Miss Mary May Gagen, clerk stenographer.

Horizons Unlimited For Girls

The 4H Homemaking Club Girls' Conference

TWO HUNDRED GIRLS, sixteen years old or over, attended the ninth annual conference for 4H Homemaking Club members at the Ontario Agricultural College in June.

At the opening session, Miss Florence P. Eadie, Supervisor of Junior Home Economics Extension Service reminded the girls that they came to the college representing all the homemaking club members in the province as well as their own homes and families. "What sort of 'image' do you give?" Miss Eadie asked; and she added: "I get an image of you as an ambitious, industrious, enterprising group of young women. Some of you are already working; some are still in school; and in going over your applications I was amazed at the variety of your plans for further education. . . Different members of the group are planning to become teachers, nurses, office workers, home economists, doctors, psychologists, physiotherapists, veterinarians, geologists, archaeologists."

It was a satisfaction, Miss Eadie said, to find so many girls thinking seriously of their future education. The applications had listed many extra-curricular activities, too. "But it takes a great person to have all these interests and to give priority to the most important," the supervisor said. "A great deal depends on how you use your time. The question you have to answer to yourself is 'Are you achieving your greatest potential?'" Miss Eadie encouraged the girls, in discussion, to say what they think regardless of whether or not they agree with anyone else.

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Dr. W. A. "Padre" Young, the College Chaplain, spoke on the conference theme, "Horizons Unlimited." "The horizon," Dr. Young said, "is nothing but the limit of your sight. If your vision is large, the horizon becomes unlimited, a challenge."

"My grandmother had two sets of glasses: one for reading and fancy work and one to use when she went to look for the cows in the swamp," Dr. Young said. "And it seemed that she always had the wrong ones with her. Then someone invented bi-focals. We have great need to be able to see in two different ways—to see both our immediate responsibilities and great dreams in the distance. . . Youth is the time to see visions and dream dreams. In these exciting days there's no such thing as impossibilities. You can be what you want to be, do what you want to do, **if you're willing to pay the price.** And the price of making your dreams come true is hard work, self-discipline and preparation."

Dr. Young suggested that one result of the conference would be that the girls would find the horizons of their sympathies and understanding broadened. In a world where two-thirds of the babies born every year are coloured our sympathies must be broad. We must learn to see that there are many kinds of people in the world and all interesting. We must not build walls around ourselves, our homes, our clubs, our communities. "One thing that's wrong with the world today," said Dr. Young, "is that it's a neighborhood without neighborliness."