

"Enlarge the horizons of the mind," Dr. Young advised. "Ignorance is the most dangerous thing in the world and ignorance doesn't mean lack of knowledge but lack of a desire to learn. It's tragic that with so many good books to read so many young people are willing to read comic books and to watch Westerns on TV. . . Don't neglect the horizons of the spirit. Never be ashamed of your religion. Religion is the most useful and important thing in our lives."

Vocation of Home Economics

Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President of the Ontario Department of Agriculture Federated Colleges at Guelph—the Ontario Agriculture College, the Ontario Veterinary College and Macdonald Institute, personally welcomed the girls to the campus, reviewed the history of the three colleges and outlined the present program of the Agricultural College in education, extension and research in the interests of farm people.

Dr. Margaret McCready, Dean of Macdonald Institute directed the girls' attention to the radio and television program "The Real World of Women" sponsored by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the first feature of the series of broadcasts having been presented just before the conference. Stressing the growing need of more education for women, Dr. McCready asked: "Are you afraid the boy friend back home won't like you as well if you branch out and go farther in your education?"

Home Economics, Dr. McCready said, offers a broad and challenging vocational field, including both the physical and social sciences and the humanities. Macdonald Institute's Diploma course of one year is planned to train a girl for both homemaking and the homemaker's social responsibilities. Some of the graduates from this course are also finding employment in food services. The Degree course of four years prepares its graduates

for a variety of specialties: teaching home economics in schools—after a course in teacher training; extension work; food administration such as the work of dietitians—a number of graduates are taking postgraduate work, one studying diabetes in pregnancy, one joining a medical faculty in Scotland to work on diet and obstetrics. Dr. McCready referred to Jean Steckle's work with F.A.O. in Ghana and now in Sierra Leone, saving the lives of children by teaching their mothers how to feed them. A graduate who specialized in Clothing and Textiles and worked on *Chatelaine Magazine* is leaving to work in textiles and fashions for a Public Relations firm in England. "But," said Dr. McCready, "most of our graduates settle down to do a good job raising their families."

The girls had a tour of Macdonald Institute, visiting the different departments and hearing more about the courses from staff members. Several had already made application to enter Macdonald Institute for the Degree course this fall.

Focus on the Future

In an address "Focus on Your Future," Miss Florence Martyn, Head of the Guidance Department of Forest Hill Village Collegiate, gave a provocative preview of what life might be like when the girls are thirty and then fifty years old; and what the role of women will be. The idea was that there will be more and more labor-saving devices in homes, more computing machines in offices; there will be little manual work to do but people will have to be highly trained in handling the machines. Miss Martyn suggested that because keeping ahead of the machine will cause tension, there will be lots of work for doctors, psychologists, therapists; also there will be great need for trained technicians. She also prophesied that whether a girl marries or not, she will almost certainly spend part of her life working in paid employment.

"Continue your general education," Miss Martyn advised, "but also prepare for a vocation and one that will bring a considerable income—you may have to help support a husband and family. Search for a field in which you can excell."

(Finding work in which we can excell, of course, may mean as much to our happiness as to our income.)

Cues For Careers

A panel on "Cues For Careers" with Mrs. Nancy Buchanan, Middlesex County Home Economist as moderator, had representatives from various vocations: Dr. Beth Huntington a medical doctor doing public health work; Mrs. W. R. Lawless, home economist; Mary May Gagen, clerk stenographer; Barbro Over-



A horticultural tour group study landscaping.