

it was that it gives a girl the assurance of an escort when she needs one. But others said that it spoils good times in a group because the couples who go steady keep to themselves, sometimes dancing together through a whole evening. And a girl who still looked pretty young said "I went steady for three years, but not any more. It's like being engaged, but it's not being engaged." Young as she was, this girl knew that an engagement is a period of preparation for marriage and there was no immediate plans for marriage in the teen years.

Considering the girl who drops out of high school because she is going to have a baby; and allowing that this is a personal responsibility, we asked if there is anything in our customs or our attitudes that might be partly responsible. One girl said: "We don't attach enough importance to the meaning of the white wedding dress." One who had visited in England had observed that the social ways of the young people there are pretty much like ours; but they don't have the same problems because the English boys don't have automobiles. Another girl suggested that we know so much about the biological aspect of sex, we take it so for granted and discuss it so frankly that we have no reticence left. And someone followed this with the idea that our education in both the school and the family does not help young people to understand sex in its relation to the whole of life, its significance and its beauty.

The girls had positive views on the pressures urging young people into conformity, the fear of being "different," the high value set on popularity. They felt that the ambition to be like everyone else and to be popular could make a girl compromise with her standards of conduct, could make her ashamed of the religious faith of her people, could make her a social climber, could stop the development of any gift or talent that might set her apart from the crowd.



"Meat in the Menu" exhibit, Millbank Club, Linda Powell, commentator.

Featuring Club Work

One session of the conference featured 4H Homemaking Club work. Members of Crowland Cloverleaf Club, Welland county—Marjorie and Eleanor Alexander, Norine Gill and Carol Schwarz with their leader, Mrs. J. B. Kinnaird, staged a skit "Saving With Cereals." Millbank Club in Perth county with Mrs. R. A. Jack as leader set up an exhibit "Meat in the Menu," Linda Powell giving the commentary. Peel county's Terra-Cotta Club members, Lynda Leslie, Edith MacDonald and Dianne McKane gave a demonstration, "Separates for Summer." Their leader is Mrs. C. G. Bishop.

To discuss "The Role of the Senior Club Member," the girls were divided into small groups, each group elected its own chairman and secretary and the secretaries presented the findings of the group to the whole conference. Three points on which all groups agreed were that the senior club member should try to be of assistance to the leader; should be helpful and friendly to junior members; and should set a good example in both her work and her general conduct in the club.

The Challenge of Change

Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Service, told the girls how happy



Terra Cotta Club members in a demonstration, "Separates for Summer".

the Department of Agriculture is to have them at the conference and asked them to take back a thank you to their leaders and to their parents for making it possible for them to come. Miss McKercher spoke particularly of horizons in education. The fantastic development of modern machines, she said, made it necessary to have educated people to direct and control the machines; so however machines may develop we will still need human minds to guide them. We must relate ourselves to many changes taking place in the mechanical world but it is more important that we adjust ourselves to changes in education. The horizons of our thinking must be widened