

Ontario Girls' Conference

YOU IN YOUR WORLD" was the theme of the annual conference for 4-H Home-making Club members, arranged by Home Economics Service Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and held at Guelph University in June. The girl's "world" was taken to include her home, her school, club, community and country. Welcoming the girls at the opening session, Miss Jean M. Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension in Home Economics Service, reminded them that they had been chosen to attend the conference because their County or District Home Economists felt that they had not only made a good contribution as a club member in their own community but that they would enter into the conference program with enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility. This they did without reserve and with a grace that endeared them to everyone who had anything to do with their conference. Miss Rosemary Clark, Supervisor of County and District Home Economists, Miss Frances Lampman, Clothing Supervisor and the newly appointed field home economists served as directors and counsellors.

A Welcome to the New University

Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President of the newly established University of Guelph, explained that the university includes the Ontario Agricultural College, Macdonald Institute, the Ontario Veterinary College and a new faculty of Arts and Science to be called "Wellington College." But he assured the girls that the university will be closely identified with rural Ontario, and that the red carpet will still be out for any organization of the rural people of the province.

But the university would have extra advantages, the President said, explaining: "It will offer to people like yourselves an opportunity to take your education here not only in agriculture or home economics or veterinary science, but in the other sciences and arts as well.



The Hon. W. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, guest speaker at the banquet.

The new program of Arts and Sciences will enhance the other courses."

As it was discovered later in the conference that rural girls have plans for professions outside the fields of home economics, agriculture and veterinary science, it was plain that the new university may have a wider appeal to rural youth than the colleges on the campus have had up to this time.

Thoughts on the Conference Theme

Dr. W. A. Young, College Chaplain and Director of Students' Affairs spoke on the conference theme "You in Your World."

"The most outstanding feature in your world is that it is a new world," Dr. Young said, "but while you are living in a new world, your generation has the same needs, the same emotions, the same temptations as the youth of every generation before you. Human nature does not change. The young people of today are no better and no worse, no smarter and no dumber than young people have ever been. But you're living in a different world and you're making a pretty good job of it."

Dr. Young predicted that the changes of the next fifty years will make the changes of the last fifty "look like nothing at all." The important thing is to look at them carefully and to remember that not all change makes for progress; and that some things in human life are eternal. "One of the eternal things is the



Dr. Margaret McCready, second from right, with girls possibly interested in the course at Macdonald Institute.