

course. A considerable number of the girls are planning to enter Macdonald Institute this fall or when they have completed Grade XIII.

Another part of the program that is always especially enjoyed at these conferences is the session with members of the horticultural faculty. Miss Louise Heringa's flower arrangements were photographed by every girl with a camera and a camera has come to be almost standard equipment for a conference delegate. This year there was a live interest, too, in a tour of the landscape design area of the campus with Professor V. Chanasyk.

Living in To-day's World

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Service, spoke on "Living in To-day's World" with reference to the club girl's world as defined for the conference — her home, her school, her club, her community and her country.

"It has been said that our homes are 'the laboratories of our lives,'" Miss McKercher said. "What we do there determines the course of our lives when we leave home. Experience in the family is the first, the closest and the longest lasting of all human experiences; and it is important for all of us to have an awareness of the treasures to be gained through warm affectionate relationships within the family."

As experiences to be treasured in family living Miss McKercher named: 1. To belong to someone. (We complain sometimes that our parents worry about us, but we wouldn't like it if they didn't;) 2. To be accepted — not for what we do but for who we are. 3. The opportunity to be generous. We are happiest when we are being thoughtful of others and it is important that we make every possible occasion a source of joy and feeling especially to younger members of our family — we can lose this feeling if we are continuously rebuffed or ignored. It is important, too, that we learn to accept affection as well as to give it. The girls were also reminded that today, more than ever before, young people — and men and women too — need the wise counsel and mature advice of others.

"In the family are enacted the greatest events imaginable to mankind — birth, marriage, death and the initiation of children into society," Miss McKercher said, "and the family today is being subjected to strain and stress in a changing world. We live in an age of mobility. Maybe we're losing an anchorage that we need. In the old days the father was the head of the family and the sole provider. The tendency today is to have a democratic family. Parents know that young people are caught in situations where it is difficult to do the wise thing, so they say 'Let's talk it over together.' After that you make your own decisions, but in a way they are joint decisions."



Miss Helen McKercher, centre, with girls from Huron County.

Some questions Miss McKercher left with the girls to answer for themselves were: Have you the ability to see things and people as they really are? Can you accept the inevitable with a minimum of conflict? Are you really sincere? Sincerity in family life carries with it the best sort of sympathy and this leads to shared experiences. Are you unselfish? A self-centred person is conscious only of her own unsatisfied needs.

The girls were reminded that the qualities that make a good home life are just as essential in the club and the community. The good club member is friendly, understanding, courteous, unselfish. A good community does not depend on good buildings and swimming pools but on the interests and desires of the people in it. And in Canada we are fortunate in that if we want to improve our community we have freedom to try. In a club we have rules; and in a community we live by the same rules. In Canada we have people of many different cultures and backgrounds so we need skill in living together. The speaker concluded:

"You are challenged to make this a better world. You are given a great heritage because it is a good feeling to know you are needed and wanted. The world you will make depends on your strength, wisdom, honesty, industry and courage. These are your tools. Make the best possible use of them. You may have noticed that the same things that are required to live in your home are required to live in your club, your community and today's world. So you are in a good place of apprenticeship in living right now."

Choosing a Career

Speaking on "Choosing a Career," Miss Frances M. Kidd, Women's Counsellor, Department of Students' Affairs, Guelph University, said: "There was a time when if you asked a girl what she wanted to do when she graduated she was likely to say she wanted to get mar-