



Miss Louise Heringa of the O.A.C. Horticultural Department with flower arrangements created in her demonstrations.

leader and Patsy Gosnell commentator, set up an exhibit, "Cottons May Be Smart", featuring a cotton dress with special accessories to make it right for wearing to school, to church or to a dance. Meadowvale Club in Peel County had an exhibit, "Five Ways With One Vegetable," showing varied ways of preparing carrots. Their leader was Mrs. J. L. Norton and the commentator Joan Stewart. Members of Whitfield Club in Dufferin County with their leader Mrs. Dalton Brown, put on an entertaining skit, "A Planned Shopping Trip."

#### **The Banquet**

The Honorable W. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, speaking at the banquet, told the girls: "We like to think of you as future homemakers because we believe homemaking is the greatest vocation in the world," and he quoted from the Royal Bank Monthly Letter on "The Family, Cradle of Law":

"The family is the single most important influence upon the life and future of a child. It is required to fulfil the definition, 'a group of people united by agreement as to the things they love.' In such a society children learn that certain things are right and others are wrong; they grow from stage to stage of confidence, skill, affection, understanding and responsibility. They build character."

On the point of character building the Minister referred to the danger of associating ourselves entirely with material things that disappear quickly, and neglecting the imperishables such as integrity, unselfishness and respect for law and order. The challenge of assisting children from stage to stage of confidence, skill, affection, understanding and responsibility, he said, is the reward of parenthood.

Mr. Stewart said he had been especially impressed with the value of 4-H Homemaking

Clubs on a visit to Thunder Bay District recently, where he saw young mothers still within the age for club membership, continuing their club work to learn more about how to cook and manage their homes and sew for their children. He complimented the girls on being chosen to come to the conference and reminded them that their challenge now would be to take what they had learned back to their communities. He hoped they would leave the conference determined to develop the talents they had been given and to use them in their homes and communities; from there their influence would spread to their country and the world.

"Set your sights on a high goal," the Minister said. "I hope many of you will come back to Macdonald Institute and train as home economists to help other girls."

Lynn Manson of Stormont thanked Mr. Stewart for his address and Carol McDonald of Wentworth thanked Dr. MacLachlan for the hospitality of the college and the staff members' contribution to the program.

There was a delightful gaiety about this gathering, too. From the beginning of their Get-Acquainted Party on the evening they arrived on the campus, the girls were relaxed, eager and friendly, ready for whatever was going in the way of fun or hard thinking. At the Play Party on the last night with Margaret Gilchrist of Wellington county as Master of Ceremonies they put on a hilarious program of original skits and songs.

And, as in other years, one of the highlights of the whole three days was the choral practice with Mr. Ralph Kidd of the University. This year the program included an Ontario 4-H Club song composed and written by Mrs. Kidd — a song that we hope will soon have a wide circulation among the 4-H Clubs of our province.