

The Officers' Conference

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE for Women's Institute Officers was held at Guelph University in May. This year the conference was for a slightly wider range of officers than usual—Branch Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers, Public Relations Officers and Tweedsmuir History Curators. Around six hundred women attended and it was one of the liveliest, most down-to-business conferences on record.

Welcoming the delegates to the new Guelph University, Dean N. R. Richards, head of the Faculty of Agriculture, said that the staffs of the colleges on the campus value highly the association they have had with agricultural

less prominence than it once had, it is because life is becoming more complicated—there are more problems to think of. Looking to the future, Mr. Richards said that Dr. Murdoch McKinnon, Dean of the new Wellington College, has developed an imaginative program in Arts and Science, and the university has planned an extensive building program beginning with a new Arts Building and a residence for 400 students. The O.A.C. will have new buildings for Crops Science and for Animal Husbandry and, Dean Richards said, "Plans are underway to add new facilities to Macdonald Institute."

Chairmen and leaders who directed the conference workshops.



groups and that they look forward to further association in the new pattern as a university. While the University of Guelph is new as a university, Dean Richards said, three of the colleges that comprise it are not new. The Ontario Veterinary College is 104 years old; the Ontario Agricultural College is 91 years old; and Macdonald Institute 63 years old. When these three colleges join hands with the new Wellington College of Arts and Science they will bring an experience that will contribute to a mature and proven university; and there is no doubt that the O.A.C. and the Macdonald Institute will be a vital factor in moulding the character of the University of Guelph. At the same time the O.A.C. and Macdonald Institute must be capable of seeing the relation of other sciences to their own specialty. And the faculty of the university must not let the past interfere with an adaptation to the future. If agriculture seems to have

Macdonald Institute Projects

Dr. Margaret McCready, Dean of Macdonald Institute outlined some of the newer activities of the school. This summer there will be a number of short courses including one in foods and a course put on by the Ontario Spinners and Weavers. This year, when Macdonald Institute has become part of the graduate school, it will have three research workers and, said Dr. McCready, "To carry on research with graduate students is a stimulus to the whole school."

The Institute is now working with a Family Service Bureau to see what part a home economist can take in a "family renewal" project. "Our greatest challenge," Dr. McCready said, "is to let people know what it means to make a home tick. We realize that a welfare program can't go on just patching up families. We need education, especially in human relations."