

The Ontario Girls' Conference

OPENING THE 1965 CONFERENCE for Ontario 4-H Homemaking Club girls, Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Home Economics Extension Service, reminded the girls that they were a select group, chosen by their county or district home economists because of their ability as leaders and their desire to go on to further achievements. The program, built around the theme "The Club Girl, Today and Tomorrow," had been planned, Miss Scott said, to help them to gain an appreciation of their opportunities and responsibilities as an individual, a member of a family, a club, a community and as Canadians and world citizens; but the conference would be of value to them only if they entered into it wholeheartedly, as they did in their club work back home. As delegates to the conference they were representing the 11,500 4-H Homemaking Club girls in the province and the 50,000 club girls in Canada. "This," said Miss Scott "is a privilege which carries with it the responsibility of presenting the right kind of image." Certainly the girls did not disappoint her. Their appearance, deportment, responsiveness and clear thinking reflected credit on the clubs, the schools and the homes they came from.

The University of Guelph

Dr. J. D. MacLachlan outlined the development of the new University of Guelph, founded on the three colleges — Ontario Agricultural College, established in 1874, Macdonald Institute in 1903, and the Ontario Veterinary College which opened in Toronto in 1862 and was moved to the Guelph campus in 1922. To these three colleges a fourth, Wellington College, a college of Arts and Science, was added in 1964 and will be opened to students this fall. These four colleges make up the Uni-

versity of Guelph. Dr. MacLachlan explained that being parts of a university will not interfere with the functions of the colleges already well established; but that the new emphasis on the humanities and social sciences will enhance the program of the other colleges.

A new feature to be introduced in the university is a "Three Semester System." Quoting from a brochure distributed at the conference: "The University of Guelph operates year-round on a semester system of three fifteen-week periods beginning mid-September, early January and late April. (August is always vacation time.) Two semesters can be taken each year as in traditional universities or a student may intensify his or her program and take three semesters each year. Six semesters of university courses lead to a general degree. Eight semesters lead to an honors degree."

Another announcement of special interest by Dr. MacLachlan had to do with Grade XIII and entrance to university. Again quoting from the brochure: "For admission to the University of Guelph, Ontario students require Grade XIII standing with a minimum general average of 60% (1965: nine credits. 1966: eight credits). Students from schools outside Ontario should submit equivalent certificates. For further details on admission requirements write The Registrar, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont.

"In the spring of 1966, a limited number of Grade XIII students will be admitted to the University on recommendation, without Grade XIII external examinations. (The students would have passed Grade XII.) This constitutes a research project in higher education to evaluate student performances and to assess various criteria for admission to the University."

"We would like to bring in 300 students from



One of the discussion groups preparing their "brief" to present to the whole conference.