

ing Club benefits you as a member of other groups or in school?" were: Learning to run meetings; improving human relations and learning to understand other people; experience in cooking and sewing for future life; experience in public speaking; club experience gives poise and confidence; a club girl learns proper etiquette; club experience develops self-discipline and responsibility.

The girls were asked if, and how, their club experience in 4-H Homemaking Club work had been of benefit to them in taking responsibility at home. One group reported that the projects "Meat in the Menu" and other food units and the Garden Club teach meal planning, good cooking and different ways of using the same food to make meals more interesting. The Garden Club introduces new foods. The club girl who learns to mend and make her own clothes helps the family budget. Learning to be a good hostess in club work, to prepare meals, to take the responsibilities of baby sitting, to do things on time were some of the benefits named by one group. Another added as one of the important benefits to the family, "learning to take care of little children who may be disturbed or unable to do everything for themselves."

Replying to the question "As a club member, what impression or image would you like people to have of 4-H Homemaking Clubs and club members?" one group evidently felt that the members could create a right image by being the best they can be themselves. They said "4-H Homemaking Club girls should be well dressed and well groomed, poised, friendly, should follow the rules of etiquette, should be able to accept responsibility and leadership, should be courteous and develop maturity and character, should have feminine characteristics, be good citizens and good homemakers.

An Interesting Visitor

An interesting visitor at the conference was Mrs. G. A. Umu Wurie, an assistant to the Minister of Social Welfare of Sierre Leone, West Africa. Mrs. Wurie was in Ontario under the auspices of F.A.O. studying methods of spreading information on nutrition and community development. She has been doing this type of extension work in her own country, working closely with Miss Jean Steckle of Waterloo county, a graduate of Macdonald Institute and Cornell University, now an advisor with F.A.O. Mrs. Wurie demonstrated some of her native games and music at the conference play parties. Between sessions Ontario extension personnel heard something of the interesting and resourceful methods used in her own extension work in Africa.

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APOSTROPHE TO YOUTH
 By Frances Davis Adams-Moore

You will not think that once this troubled world
 Wished on the moon, roll-called the evening stars,
 Charted the passage of a comet hurled
 Through outer space. Now every creature wars.
 No longer does the architecture of
 A blade of grass intrigue our small mankind,
 And all young lovers whisper of their love
 In bitter haste. The sea of life is mined.

Grieve not alone for bruised and broken flesh,
 Young cries of anguish scattered on the wind;
 Mourn for unfinished dreams caught in the mesh
 Of war's deceit. Now is all beauty thinned
 To every essence, suitable for men
 Who, grim past recognition, march again.

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Thinking Things Through

The editor of *Home and Country* had a session with the girls when they discussed situations relating to their own lives, vocationally, socially and personally. We are not attempting to report their views except to say that their straight, clear thinking; their balanced sense of moral values and compassion; their shrewd common sense and their penetrating search for the right answer to a problem would have done credit to a group of professional sociologists. We feel that the voice of young people like these — no doubt the boys and young men in the same families as these girls are of much the same calibre — might well be heard more often in their home community. How often do the Junior Farmers, the Women's Institutes, the Church organizations hold an open forum where youth can speak out on questions seriously concerning youth?

At the Banquet

The Hon. W. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, speaking at the conference banquet told the girls that he hoped many of them would find their way back to the campus when they had finished their secondary education. He announced that the Ontario Department of Agriculture is offering a Scholarship of \$600 to an Ontario girl who has a 75% general average in the required Grade XIII prerequisite written in one year and who has completed six 4-H Homemaking Club projects. The department will also give a Bursary of \$62.50 per semester for students who register for the degree course at Macdonald Institute and have completed six 4-H Homemaking Club projects.

Referring to the conference theme, "The Club Girl Today and Tomorrow," and noting that there had been a symposium on choosing a career, the Minister said that of all professional careers the greatest is making a home. He said: "The family is the single most important influence on the life and future of a child. In the definition by St. Augustine a family is 'a group of people united by agreement