

the increase in broken homes and unmarried mothers," Dr. McCready said. "As thousands of new, improved products roll off new, improved assembly lines, thousands of people pay regular visits to psychiatrists and counsellors." Because the home has become a consumption unit instead of a production unit, and because of pressures from so many sources telling us how to use our time and our money, we need sound guidance in how to be discriminating in our choices.

Dr. McCready referred to the publicized need of more social workers to deal with broken homes and low grade family life, and she stressed the need of trained home economists to do preventive work by educating people to develop a sound and happy pattern

of family living. She explained how art and creativity could be applied to the selection and preparation of food and the choosing and care of clothing, housing and furnishings.

Speaking of the present plans for the expansion of the University of Guelph, the Dean of Home Economics reminded the conference that Macdonald Institute is the only college at the university with a restricted enrolment, and that while it is the oldest college of its kind in Canada and still the largest by a slight margin, others are far out-pacing it in growth.

Findings from the discussion groups were presented in four different buildings on the campus at the same time, so it was impossible to report them. Perhaps summaries may be made available later.

National President Visits Ontario

A HIGHLIGHT of the Institute Officers' Conference was a visit from the F.W.I.C. President, Mrs. Philip Matheson of Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I. Mrs. Matheson spoke at a meeting on Thursday afternoon directly following the conference proper, and open to any Institute woman in the province. There were so many applications to attend that the meeting had to be held in the large auditorium of the Physical Education Building on the University campus and the audience numbered around three thousand women.

Mr. K. E. Kantz, Assistant Deputy Minister, brought greetings from the Department of Agriculture; and N. R. Richards, Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College, greetings from Guelph University.

Centennial Projects

Mrs. Matheson reviewed the Women's Institutes national Centennial Projects. The book "Canadian Mosaic" dealing with the handicrafts of the different provinces is now in process of publication with the assistance of a grant of \$5000 from the Centennial Commission. The gift to the Fathers of Confederation Building in Charlottetown, of twelve chairs with the provincial crests worked on the backs in needlepoint is well underway. The 'Make Canada Lovelier' project has already resulted in many brighter, cleaner spots across our vast country. The dream that the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead would be fully restored by 1967 will be an accomplished fact. "In whatever way we celebrate Canada's birthday or the seventieth birthday of our Women's Institute movement," the president said, "we must not only look back on past accomplishments and dream of what the future holds for us. We must combine these and put our dreams into action."

Work in the North

Mrs. Matheson had this to say about Institute work in the Northwest Territories:

"Maybe the project on the home front that is the most thrilling is our work in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. There are twelve branches there now. The work that Miss Eadie and Mrs. Hough have done is to be commended very highly. The 'Northern Lights Bulletin' with the editor Mrs. Wilson, is a very worthwhile magazine and I hope that you are subscribers to it. Discovery Women's Institute has compiled a history of their community.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd of Guelph University who gave an organ and piano recital for the 2,000 women in the University Physical Education Building.