



A speaker at the conference, Mrs. Una Abrahamson, centre, with conference delegates, Gail Lynch, left and Marilyn Meadows who thanked the speaker at the banquet.

helps to keep our thoughts above some of the dirty work we have to do, above the gossip of the community and the anxiety over crops. It is also important for the homemaker to be educated for earning so that if the need arises she can command a wage to support her family and pay a baby sitter." Mrs. McAllister concluded with "Homemaking has a satisfaction that can't be measured in dollars and cents—only in personal gratification."

Miss Shantz graduated in home economics, taught in a high school for eight years then joined the Nursery School staff of Macdonald Institute. She said she likes working with children. "They have so much bounce and so much wonder; their spontaneous expression of their feelings is so whole-hearted; they give an adult a chance to be herself." Miss Shantz found that having more free time in the evenings was a help in the work in the classroom. To work with small children, she said, it helps to be slow-moving and quiet-speaking. It is strenuous work and you need health and

physical strength as well as humor, warmth, patience and flexibility. Courses are given at the University of British Columbia, and at Ryerson Institute; and Miss Shantz hopes a course may soon be allowed in the degree course at Macdonald Institute.

Miss Irene Collins, County Home Economist for Perth county, outlined the work of a County Home Economist—supervising 4-H Homemaking club work, assisting Junior Institutes and the girls' section of the Junior Farmers' Association, speaking at Women's Institute meetings—especially explaining extension services, giving information on home economics questions to women of the county, frequently writing for local papers to promote home economics interests. The County Home Economist is liaison between the local women and the Home Economics Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Food, Miss Collins said, and she has a part in organizing many of the services from the Department to the women and girls of the county. "You have to be enthusiastic about working for better homes and better living," Miss Collins told the girls and you have to be able to cooperate with people."

At the Banquet

At the conference banquet Mrs. Everett Small, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, brought greetings from her organization and left a significant message on the thought that every privilege carries with it a responsibility. On the conference theme "Making the Most of You", Mrs. Small's advice was, "Be yourself and aim high"; and she quoted a tribute from a woman's gravestone in a very old cemetery: "Ever she sought the best and ever she found it."

The Hon. W. A. Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food was guest speaker.

A discussion group considering questions related to club work, and preparing its findings to be presented to the conference as a whole.

