

An enthusiastic supporter of 4-H Club work—and very knowledgeable about it since his four daughters have all been members of home-making clubs, Mr. Stewart expressed his pride in the fact that last year there were 2208 girls' homemaking clubs in the province with a membership of 21,457.

"Youth today, as in every generation, has a great desire to make the world a better place," the Minister said; "and it would be unfortunate if you didn't want to make it over to your specifications." He spoke of the opportunities ahead. One-third of the people of Canada today are under fifteen years old. In a few years they will be in the professions. They will have to be educated for these professions and many of them will have to continue to take retraining periodically to keep up with the progress in their fields. It means carrying responsibility. At the same time youth is capturing the headlines in another direction. "This is a time for all of us to reassess our standard of values," Mr. Stewart said. "The standards of adults have sometimes let our youth down," and he mentioned such things as a father telling a boy to watch for the cop while he drives his car beyond the speed limit, a mother having her children tell an unpleasant visitor that she is not at home. He spoke of the need of home discipline that is not too strict or too lax or inconsistent, and what is still more important the need of self discipline for youth.

On the point of "the new morality," the speaker said: "You young ladies should establish standards—standards based not only on morality but on a sympathetic understanding of others. There is a great lack of this in our society today. We let wrongs go unchecked because we don't want to get involved. He added that it was interesting to see that as keen a business man as Donald Gordon, had said in his Chamber of Commerce letter, that the essential requirement in a youth applying for employment is not intelligence but character.

Perhaps the Minister had it in mind that his audience, girls of sixteen to twenty, would be thinking of homes of their own as well as careers and education, for he left a thought on the rights of a child: the right to parents who love him and love each other; the right to learn to discipline himself; the right to a family that is all for one and one for all.

Marilyn Meadows of Perth county thanked Mr. Stewart and Linda Cosler of Middlesex thanked the University for the use of its facilities and the assistance of staff members with the conference program.

A special entertainment feature at the banquet was choral singing by the girls under the leadership of Dr. Glen C. Kruspe, organist and choirmaster of the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Kitchener and a former director of the Kitchener Waterloo Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Kidd. The chairman, Miss Jean Scott, reminded the audience that these leaders are also composers. One of the numbers was the Ontario 4-H Song with words and music by Edith Kidd; in the other "As a Bird at Dawning Singeth," the music was by Dr. Kruspe.

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On another evening the entertainment was provided by students and visitors from Asiatic



A demonstration from the project, "Accent on Accessories", Peel County.

countries—a program of Filipino dances and an international fashion show.

Three interesting visitors throughout the conference were Malaysian girls, Misses Horsiah Nordin, Aminah Ahmad and Sharifah Ali. Miss Nordin had been on the staff of the Rural Development Department of the Malaysian Government, teaching home economics and came to Canada on a Fellowship. This included a diploma course at Kemptville Agricultural School, some time with the Nutrition Division of the Department of Health and with Wellington County Health Unit. Miss Nordin will also see something of the County Home Economists' work in On-



Club exhibit from "The Cereal Shelf" Lambton County, Minnie Scholten, commentator.