

tario. Miss Ahmad and Miss Ali are doing similar work with her.

### Featuring Club Work

Demonstrations and exhibits from club projects were provided by the girls themselves. An exhibit "The Cereal Shelf" came from Brooke Club in Lambton county with Minnie Scholten as commentator; and another "A Wool Skirt and Its Companions" from South Yarmouth in Elgin, with Susan Sullivan acting as commentator. Mrs. H. Hair is the leader of the Brooke Club, and Mrs. Joe Sullivan



Club exhibit "Accent on Accessories", Perth County, Marilyn Meadows, commentator.

leader of the Yarmouth group. Three members of Peel county's Terra Cotta club, Margaret Ostrander, Marion Young and Joan McDonald demonstrated "How to Care for Accessories." This club's leader is Mrs. J. A. McDonald.

The discussions on club work are very popular with the girls. They were divided into groups of twenty and were given specific questions to discuss in these groups, afterwards presenting their finding to the whole conference. A few of these give some idea of what club experience means to a girl and sometimes, indirectly, to her family. For example, on the question as to how club work might help a girl to carry responsibilities at home, some of the answers were that a club girl learns to be economical in the use of money; she learns to make many of her own clothes and clothes for young brothers and sisters; her home garden may provide fresh vegetables for the family; her mother may find some of the club's short cuts in sewing and cooking helpful in her work; a club girl learns to plan and prepare meals—something especially helpful if her mother works away from home or if there is a large family to provide for.

On the question of what might be expected of a senior club member apart from completing her club projects, the girls showed a fine sense of responsibility. (Most of them



Club exhibit, "Working with Wool", Elgin County, Susan Sullivan, commentator.

could be classed as senior members themselves since they had been in club work for four years or more.) They felt that a senior club member should welcome younger members and help and encourage them; should try to get younger and shyer girls involved in discussions and group work; should take responsibility in helping leaders; should "really live up to the 4-H pledge." In areas where there are many girls and few clubs a senior girl could lead a club or assist the leader.

Asked if their club work was a help in their work at school or in other organizations, the answers gave one reservation: that the home work from both clubs and school is increasing and this sometimes makes things difficult for a club girl; but club experience was a help with home economics at school, it developed ease in public speaking and expressing opinions, helped in budgeting a school allowance, had a good influence on eating habits, grooming and manners and helped in entertaining at school parties. The girls said, too, that club work had helped them in their relations with members of their own family and such groups as Junior Farmers, young people's church organizations, school, Sunday School, and in such work as baby sitting and camp counselling. The project "The Club Girl Entertains" had been most helpful socially.

The girls had a most enjoyable session with the Horticultural Department of the Ontario Agricultural College—touring the Landscape Design Area with Prof. J. T. Sykes and Dr. P. M. Harney and watching Mrs. H. Peterson's demonstrations of Flower Arrangement.

This conference was planned and supervised by members of the Home Economics Branch staff, Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension and Miss Rosemary Clark, Supervisor of County and District Home Economists. They were assisted throughout the conference by eight newly appointed County Home Economists—assisted, too, by one of the most cooperative, intelligent groups of conferees ever to meet on the campus.