



Discussion Group Leaders — left to right — front row: Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. L. R. Trivers, Mrs. D. Hart, Mrs. H. Strang; back row: Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mrs. W. Wallace, Mrs. D. Allen, Mrs. W. Arnold, Mrs. F. Moyer, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. D. McNeil, Mrs. C. J. Agnew, Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow. Photo — courtesy Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

and the community. This objective was also chosen by the late Governor-General and Madame Vanier when they set up the Vanier Institute of the Family.

"The first Women's Institutes had to pioneer a new movement and pioneers have never had things easy. Many thought the early founders were crazy. Many of the early projects are outdated now, but today there are new problems related to home and family that require the understanding of groups of women interested in those vital subjects. Perhaps as pensioners of the past we take our inheritance too lightly."

Miss Chapman closed her address by quoting verses from Kipling's poem *The Explorer*.

"There's no sense in going farther—it's
the edge of cultivation,
So they said, and I believed it—broke
my land and sowed my crop,
Built my barn and strung my fences in
the little border station
Tucked away below the foothills where
the trails run out and stop.
Till a voice as bad as Conscience rang
interminable changes
On one everlasting whisper day and night
repeated—so
'Something hidden. Go and find it. Go
and look behind the ranges—
Something lost behind the ranges. Lost
and waiting for you. Go.'"

Other verses tell of the explorer's hardships, —storms, cold, deserts, thirst, loneliness, sickness, delirium and then finally the "promised land." The promised land from which others would benefit materially more than the explorer.

"Have I named one single river? Have I
claimed one single acre?
Have I kept one single nugget (barring
samples)?
No, Not I.

Because my price was paid me ten times
over by my Maker.

But you wouldn't understand it. You go
up and occupy."

Dr. Margaret McCready, Dean of Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph, addressed the conference and offered the women an opportunity to tour Macdonald Institute. Dr. McCready said, "Macdonald Institute has served well in its Home Economics training for girls, and even though the University has adopted a tri-semester program, there are more applications from students than can be accepted. Macdonald Institute has reached the point where the need for increased facilities is vital." Dr. McCready, having just returned from a trip to Greece and Rome, told of the gorgeous carpets of wild flowers on the rocky hillsides of Greece and the thrill of visiting the parts of Asia Minor that had been visited by the Apostle Paul in early Christian times. "But," Dr. McCready said, "only twenty miles away from flourishing modern cities there is appalling poverty among the Greek peasants." Dr. McCready had had an opportunity to observe the work at F.A.O. headquarters in Rome. It was announced that Dr. McCready has been named chairman of the Canadian Freedom from Hunger campaign.

In her address, Mrs. Everett Small reminded the delegates that because one woman, Adelaide Hoodless, had the qualities of vision and daring and had cooperated with a man of imagination, the Women's Institutes were founded. "Women's Institutes are facing a challenge to mobilize their imaginations and to commit their energies to continue and enlarge the great objectives outlined by our founders and early members. Good branches result from a dedicated membership. There is work for all to do. Members with qualities for leadership should be willing to accept responsibility."