

A Program For Women

Panel members at the Program for Women, left to right — University of Guelph students—Don Langford, Peggy Brisley, Dr. Margaret McCready, Professor Marjorie Harris and Dr. Janet Wardlaw. Photo — courtesy Kitchener-Waterloo Record.



ON FEBRUARY 21ST AND 23RD Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph, in cooperation with the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food launched a new venture when a Program for Women was set up for wives who might accompany their husbands attending Farmer's Week at the University of Guelph, and other interested women. The well attended sessions were held in the Cooperators Insurance Building in Guelph. Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch welcomed the ladies.

Women attending the sessions were presented with two days of lectures and discussions by specialists in their fields, concerning subjects of interest to homemakers and mothers.

Dr. H. R. Richards, Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph discussed Textiles, telling about the new fibres and fabrics now available. Miss Dora W. Burke, the Home Economics Branch, brought pertinent information on new laundry products and equipment, emphasizing the need for careful reading of labels on the articles to be laundered, on the many detergents and other laundry aids and on the mechanical equipment now in use. "This is an age when housewives do not have such heavy work but they have to do more reading and thinking in their homemaking duties," said Miss Burke.

Dr. Mary Singer and Professor Nancy Hook of the Macdonald Institute, University of Guelph with the assistance of two students explained good points and bad points of small household gadgets now on the market, and kitchen planning to make the work of the housewife easier.

Professor Edyth Bray of Macdonald Institute explained the differences in the new and old floor coverings and Mr. George Fuller also of the University staff showed slides telling the story of the use of colour in the home.

A special feature of the two interesting days was a lively Panel Discussion with Dr. Margaret McCready, dean of women of Macdonald Institute as the moderator, with Professor Marjorie Harris, Dr. Janet Wardlaw and two students. The subject for the Panel was Youth Today, Credit Buying, Responsibility With Money Budgeting, Nutrition and Family Relations, and Keeping Communications Open.

A film Hazel and David in which a husband tries to keep his fears about losing his job from his wife, resulting in an emotional disturbance for the whole family, started some spirited discussions and comments.

Editor's Note: This film, available through the National Film Board, could be used to start a panel discussion and then open discussion in a Women's Institute, or other, meeting.

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Who is blind?
The man that cannot see another world.
Who is dumb?
The man that cannot say a kind word at
the right time.
Who is poor?
The man plagued with too strong desires.
Who is rich?
The man whose heart is contented.

Indian Wisdom

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