

Dr. Margaret Nix at Guelph

"IF ALL YOU GET out of your job is money, then you will continue to want more," warned Dr. Margaret Nix at a "Program For Women" during Farmer's Week at the University of Guelph.

Dr. Nix is a graduate of the University of Manitoba where she taught school and helped establish hospitals in rural communities. She is now a professor of Behavioural Sciences at Pace College, Graduate School of Administration, New York City.

On that February day at Harcourt Memorial Church in Guelph, Ontario one hundred and fifty women listened with complete attention as Dr. Nix led the discussions, gave information and answered questions on the subject, "Family and Community Relations".

Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension for the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, opened the day's program and introduced the speaker. The day's topic was introduced by Dr. Nix by dividing the ladies into groups of approximately ten each. The groups were asked to discuss among themselves the question "What are the chief problems that we as leaders, mothers, teachers, etc. have to confront in rural areas now and up to year 2000?"

Some of the problems discussed were lack of family and community life caused by outside influences, industrial expansion and pollution, educational systems for changing society, survival of small farms, etc.

Throughout the day, Dr. Nix captivated her audience with her wit, but with the wit the ladies were given ideas for deep thinking.

Dr. Nix said, "With release of time from the physical burden of work we must put our good brains to work and fight from knowledge, not emotion, and work as teammates to help solve problems. We have to take more time off to

Mrs. Everett Small, president F.W.I.O., Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension, Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food; Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Edgar Wilcox, of the Cottam Branch, with Dr. Margaret Nix.



Dr. Margaret Nix addressing the women at "A Program For Women" during Farmer's Week at the University of Guelph.

consolidate our thinking — to enrich the tools we have to work with.

"War will never solve the problems of the world, but supreme love that understands the motivation of people and forgives enemies will lead the way.

"Education — we have to be aware of what is going on in our schools. Do we care what children want, or do we listen? The whole point in the business of teaching children is starting where they are with the things they already know."

Dr. Nix strongly advocates achievement for achievement's sake, rather than competition, recognizing that development is achievement, that successful experiences encourage people to strive for greater success.

In closing the program, Dr. Nix said, "Are we going to make the good of our life material possessions, or do we know how to interpret and teach real values of love, honesty and, most of all, how to conserve our great human resources?"

"As women, you can carry some weight, join in the front rows of action in the world today, and through warmth and humanity evident in your homes prove that there is no more important profession than that of being a woman and a mother," concluded Dr. Nix.