



Dr. John T. Powell, Director, School of Physical Education, University of Guelph (centre) with — left to right — Barbara DeVisscher, Elgin County; Patricia Clark, Dundas County; Magda Van Ballegoie, Thunder Bay District; and Barbara Wing, Leeds County.

Dr. John Powell

"You are a chosen few," Dr. John Powell, Director of the School of Physical Education, University of Guelph, said to the delegates at the 4-H Homemakers' Conference, in Memorial Hall at the University of Guelph. "You are the chosen few because you already know what goals and values are. That is why you are here, for you have had goals and values to be in the privileged position of being a delegate at this Conference."

Dr. Powell then invited the girls to accompany him on a journey through life. He said, "I ask you to think big, think out of your tiny group, your village, town, city, province, even out of Canada. Think from a World point of view."

"Life in many ways is a new trail, but the trail that is life has no destination, for on the arrival at a certain goal we find another ridge to cross. Eventually we realize that 'travelling hopefully' is the ultimate goal."

"Sometimes we think that getting a degree, securing a scholarship, making a team or getting that job is the most important goal in the world, but as each goal is won, another becomes paramount. This is life — a succession of struggles with hope of accomplishment."

Dr. Powell quoted the poem, "A Song of the Road" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

On every hand the roads begin,
And people work with zeal therein;
But whereso'er the highways trend,
Be sure there's nothing at the end.

Then follow you wherever hie
The travelling mountains of the sky —
Or let the streams in civil mode
Direct your choice upon the road;

For one and all, or high or low
Will lead you where you wish to go;
And one and all, go night and day
Over the hills and far away.

"Often in life we have need for guides," Dr. Powell said. "The good guide is one who has been over the trail and knows the pitfalls."

Dr. Powell continued, "We cannot look ahead 2500 years and make predictions as to the status of man, but we can look back. We have reason to assume that man will not change very much physically, emotionally, or socially. All of our technical advances have not changed man, the man at the centre of our being. He clings to the same likes and dislikes,