

homes where discipline was not inculcated at home. Dr. Winegard introduced the deans who each described briefly the courses of study of their colleges.

Dr. Janet Wardlaw, Dean, Macdonald Institute explained the "New Look" in the curriculum of Macdonald Institute. She said that she and her faculty had a two-day "sit-in" to discuss changes in their programs. For family studies they considered the whole entity of family living — food, clothing, shelter, education, et cetera. For consumer studies they took into consideration the rapid technological changes as they affect consumer goods. They discussed the needs of the family in relation to manufacturing and marketing; they studied dietetics as they affect the physical and mental growth of small children; they planned an undergraduate program in textile science. Dr. Wardlaw congratulated the Women's Institutes on the progress of the 75th anniversary project and explained that the Women's Institutes are providing the private sector in relation to the raising of funds for the expansion of Macdonald Institute since \$95 in public funds is available for every \$5 donated from a private sector. (Ed. note — the private sector in this case will be the \$50,000 donated by the Women's Institutes of Ontario.)

Dr. N. R. Richards, Dean, Ontario Agricultural College. Dean Richards expressed the wish that despite the changes in the O.A.C. they still hope to have a close liaison with rural Ontario. He said he felt that they have always had a happy association with the Ontario Women's Institutes because so many of the students come from Women's Institute homes. Dean Richards urged the delegates to advise young people to take an interest in agriculture, pointing out that agriculture is the use of science to help man to dominate nature to provide food, shelter and clothing for himself.

Dr. D. G. Howell, Dean, Ontario Veterinary College. Dean Howell said that there are now new challenges in the approaches to veterinary medicine, that they are constantly researching ways to enable farmers to take advantage of new methods in preventing and treating animal disease; that they are doing research on the effect of having pets on family living; and that they are examining the widening horizons of veterinary medicine on spare part surgery. Dean Howell said that it was interesting that there is now a trend for more girls to enter courses in veterinary medicine.

Dr. Murdo McKinnon, Dean, Wellington College. Dean McKinnon said that there are not enough good students preparing themselves for science courses in university. He pointed out that in a totalitarian society a student would be told that he must take science. He

said that we need more students interested in political science, geography, library science, languages, literature, art and philosophy. Students should avail themselves of the excellent program in Fine Arts at Guelph University. He pointed out that this university has small but lively programs in music, history, fine arts and drama. The Dean congratulated the Women's Institutes on their fine work in connection with the preservation of local history and urged Women's Institute members to promote local libraries and home libraries. "The habit of reading, instilled in children at an early age, is an invaluable asset in later years," concluded Dr. McKinnon.

The Theme — "To live for oneself alone is not to live at all," a quotation from Governor Vanier was commented on by Mrs. Zoeller. The president started her remarks by pointing out that the Women's Institute was the outcome of ideas in the minds of Adelaide Heedless and Erland Lee and it is obvious from these ideas that these two people were not living for themselves alone.

Mrs. Zoeller extended a special welcome to all delegates who were attending the conference for the first time. (Ed. note — a poll indicated that over two thirds of the delegates had never attended an Officers' Conference before.) She pointed out that the value of the conference is fully realized when it helps us to understand ourselves and others, when it helps us to be more creative in our thinking, and helps to create in ourselves a sense of pride in being a member of the Women's Institute.

"Do some soul searching," said Mrs. Zoeller. "Ask yourselves why are we here? What are we expecting? What are the group leaders expecting of you? What are you expecting of the group leaders?"

"You have come," continued the president "with a common desire to learn more of our organization, to better understand the mechanics of the organization, how to create a better image and how to be a better Women's Institute member."

"Examine and think about the Ode and the Creed. Are we living up to them? We often hear it said, 'What's wrong with the Women's Institute?' There's very little wrong with the Women's Institute. Perhaps the question should be 'What is wrong with us?' Ask yourselves how much do you contribute. The greatest danger lies in negative thinking."

Mrs. Irwin Maltby of Dufferin county was in charge of the musical interludes at the conference. She led community singing for all of the delegates and selected a group of those who were particularly interested to give them some special training for the formation of a conference choir.