

lies. Ties with their home background would prove to be anchors when facing decisions which have to be faced as a young person approaches maturity.

The former Dean told the girls a little of her own changing life. Since retirement she felt that she was entering an entirely new career. This might include, she said, going to Ghana to assist with teaching programs in that country. (Ed. note) Dr. McCready is now in Ghana.

On behalf of Dr. Janet Wardlaw, Professor Edith Bray addressed the conference and invited the delegates to tour Macdonald Institute.

The afternoon program opened with another session of music with Mrs. Marshall and Miss Crane. Miss Helen McKercher presided and introduced Dr. Elizabeth Waterson, Associate Professor, Department of English at the University of Guelph. She chose the title, "The Worlds of a Girl" for her address.

Dr. Waterson began by mentioning some elements that are part of "The Worlds of a Girl." The Universe, Our Country, Our Community, The Family. She posed the questions.

The Universe — Does the expanding universe reduce individual significance?

Our World — Do we do enough individually and as an organization to try to understand the concept of the whole world?

Our Country — Can we and should we resist Americanism?

The Local Community — Are young people playing an active role in their communities? Are they listened to enough? Is there a generation gap? How do your 4H Club programs serve your community?

My Family — Is the family losing its perimeter? Its geographic roots? Its multiple function? Is woman's place in the home?

Using slides with an overhead projector the speaker examined the following poem by the sixteenth century poet John Donne.

"I am a little world made cunningly
Of Elements, and an Angellike sprite.
But black sinne hath betraid to endless night
My worlds both parts, and (oh) both parts
must die.
You which beyond that heaven which was
most high
Have found new sphears, and of new lands
can write,
Powre new seas in mine eyes, that so I
might
Drowne my world with my weeping earnest-
ly,
Or wash it if it must be drown'd no more:
But oh it must be burnt! alas the fire

Of lust and envie have burnt it heretofore,
And made it fouler; Let their flames retire,
And burne me, O Lord, with a fiery zeal
Of Thee and Thy House, which doth in eat-
ing heal.

Dr. Waterson pointed out that the theme of the conference, "A Girl and Her World" was probably inspired by the Expo theme, "Man and His World". The French translation of which is "Terre des Hommes" or "The World of Men" and this has a slightly different meaning if you think of "The Worlds of a Girl".

"A girl lives in a multiplicity of worlds. How does a girl feel important and significant in this huge world?" Dr. Waterson asked and quoted a poem by George Johnson,

"This blessed little world that turns
Does so on its own concerns
As though it weren't my home at all
It turns me, winter, summer, fall
Without a thought of me.
I love the slightly flattened sphere
It's restless wrinkled crust my here
Its slightly wobbling spin my now
But not my why and not my how
My why and how are me."

In conclusion Dr. Waterson asked "What are you going to do to help Canada become a grown up nation, an adult nation? A girl must decide what her stand is to be in the confusion of today's living. Young women have a great role to play. You have unlimited opportunities. Promise yourself that your stand will be such that your role will be a glorious one."

"YOU AS A CLUB MEMBER IN 1969"

"You as a club member in 1969" was the theme of a group discussion which was a part of the Thursday morning's sessions of the Girls' Conference.

The following are some of the titles discussed.

How do you think your club work might assist you in creating the kind of "world" you are hoping for at age 25?

In 1969 there are many opportunities for Club members to travel. What value do you feel this travel has had or will have?

It is commonly believed that teenagers are spending money to a greater degree than ever before. Do you agree? How much influence do you think TV, radio, and other advertising has on your spending?

Today's young people are the future leaders of Canada. What do you think your greatest challenge will be as women and leaders in the future?

Do you think the family unit as you know it now will change in the future?