



## *A Girl and Her World*

# *The Girls' Conference*

"If you act enthusiastic you will be enthusiastic," said Mr. Nelson Hawn, Kemptville, the instructor of that group of girls who chose "Effective Speaking" as their special interest group.

The suggestion was unnecessary for the one hundred and ninety-seven girls who had come to Guelph for the 1970 Girls' Conference for 4-H Homemaking Club Members which took place at the University of Guelph on July 14, 15, 16, 17. There enthusiasm was the name of the game.

The girls, whose ages ranged from sixteen to twenty-three had come from all parts of Ontario. In her remarks when opening the sessions, Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension with the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food said, "The girls here are representing 16,000 Club girls in Ontario and 70,000 Club girls in Canada. You are here because you have made a real contribution to your Home Communities. You are to be congratulated for your achievements which have made you eligible to attend this Conference."

Miss Scott reported that in Ontario there are now 759 girls who have received Provincial Honours Awards and 76 girls who have achieved Advanced Honours. She also reported that the number of Clubs and the number of girls in the Clubs is increasing.

Referring to the theme the Supervisor said, "You are now at an age when you should be starting to think seriously about your World, the World you want to live in and the part you will want to play in that World. You have already demonstrated, just by your attendance at this Conference, that you are worthy representatives of your Clubs and of your Communities. To fully enjoy the Conference you must take your part in the Discussion Groups and enter wholeheartedly into the program that has been planned for you."

Dr. H. D. Branion Assistant to President, Dr. W. C. Winegard of the University of Guelph welcomed the Conference delegates to the University. He said, "It renews my confidence in youth every time I see a group of young people such as yourselves. I am often disturbed by the language and the lack of