

From left—Miss Cheryl Brown, Dr. Ethel Chapman, Miss Anne Marie Langlois and Miss Cathy Rose.



Dr. Ethel Chapman

From a speech by Dr. Ethel Chapman presented at the 1970 Conference for 4-H Girls' Homemaking Clubs.

"Considering the theme of the Conference," said Dr. Chapman, "perhaps we should think of two worlds: the world the girl has been born into and her part in it and the world that she makes for herself."

The World You Have Inherited

"You may have been told," Dr. Chapman said, "that you are unfortunate to have been born into a world of poverty, violence, youth in rebellion and moral breakdown. Is this the way to look at it? Couldn't you say, 'these are evils of my time; other generations have had their problems, too, and men and women who cared did what they could and some remarkable progress has been made.' Take comfort, too, in the realization that despite the publicity that they get, the destructive young people are really in the minority. If you have your convictions, if you want to live your way, if you want to make things better, you won't be alone."

"Do you wonder what a girl can do with the social problems of the times?"

What can a girl do about poverty? Poverty is usually prevalent among poorly educated people. Can you persuade a young man, considering dropping out of school, to continue his education? If you can, you may have helped a future family to better living condi-

tions. For yourself, you can't take a chance on being a dropout. Most women work after marriage; many women have to work later to support their families. Your education may be your insurance for your security and happiness in the future.

Poverty sometimes occurs through poor money management. Your 4-H Club work in which you learn to cook and sew may be another form of insurance for your future."

Drugs

"There's an alarming use of drugs among young people, but I cannot imagine any of the girls attending this conference turning to drugs for excitement," said the speaker, "but you have heard that authorities are agreeing that the best way to reach young people is through young people. You may have a chance to promote programs on drugs through your church and other organizations to which you belong. But don't wait too long; education re drugs must start at an early age."

Violence

"The violence we know best comes from prejudice against some race or religion. But violence comes from a readiness to defy the law, say on drinking or speeding. The girl who sets out to shock people through her dress, conversation or behaviour may be inciting violence. Perhaps now just by being what you are you are having influence without knowing it."