

THE BANQUET

The Honourable W. A. Stewart, Minister of the Department of Agriculture and Food, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Austin Zoeller, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario were special guests at the Thursday evening banquet.

A feature of the program was musical numbers by that group of girls who had chosen music as their special interest group and had been trained as a choir by Mrs. R. G. Marshall, A.T.C.M.

The selections chosen were Consider Yourself, Little David Play On Your Harp, Sing A Rainbow, and the 4H Song.

Miss Jean Scott who was chairman for the evening and Mrs. Stewart were presented with corsages by the girls. The other head table guests received trillium pins, products of the group who chose crafts as their special interest.



The Honourable W. A. Stewart with (from left) Miss Susan Gilbert, Miss Jean McNaughton and Miss Diane Walker.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Stewart, who told of the great pleasure that he experienced in speaking to this special group of girls and paid tribute to the dedication of the leaders of the 4H Girls' Homemaking Clubs.

The Minister said that he realized very well that the girls were growing up in difficult times when they were besieged on all sides by conflicting ideas. Young people today are tossed into a world which idolizes its athletes and ignores its scholars. In a few years the girls at tonight's banquet will be wives and mothers and then the influence of their training in the 4H work will be felt. The influence of the mother in the home is the greatest factor in the quality of the home.

"Then you will have the opportunity to set an example for the developing lives of your children. Do resolve to develop a pleasing personality and never accept a substitute for honesty, simplicity, modesty and a desire to cooperate and to be useful," said the Minister in conclusion.



Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, addressing the delegates at the Girls' Conference.

MISS MCKERCHER

From an address presented by Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

The opening words used by Miss McKercher in her address to the delegates at the Girls' Conference were:

"Today we hear a lot about investments, investments for what . . . along with investments, the word 'management' is always creeping up — management of your time, your money, your education, your leisure — management may be said to be planned activity directed toward accomplishing desired ends — so management is basically decision making.

"The first decision is to decide on your goals — where you want to go — what you really want to accomplish.

Consider your assets.

From left—Regional Supervisors, Miss Rosemary Clark and Mrs. Margaret Woof with Miss Jean Scott.

