

# The 1973 Girls' Conference

By Maryn Pardy

"You are here because of your fine contribution to 4-H Homemaking Club activities." Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension said, when she opened the 1973 sessions of the Annual Conference for 4-H Homemaking Club members. Miss Scott commended the delegates for their achievements saying that a large number of the girls attending had been awarded Provincial Honours. Tribute was paid by the supervisor to club leaders and parents. She said that it would be impossible to carry on the 4-H work without the cooperation of the mothers.

Commenting on the Conference theme, "Horizons '73", Miss Scott urged the girls to widen their horizons by taking part in the discussions, learning new skills, making new friends, etc.

Dr. W. C. Winegard, President of the University of Guelph, welcomed the girls to the campus. He said, that the University is a place for teaching, learning and research, both students and faculty must be willing to learn, and assured the girls that they would always receive a friendly welcome at the University. He said that in 1974 the University which started as the Ontario Agriculture College would celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary.



Miss Helen McKercher, Director, Home Economics Branch and Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension, discuss plans for Conference with Regional Supervisors, Mrs. Margaret Woof, Mrs. Mary Beth Bristow and Miss Donna Hepburn.

Program Planning and Supervision of the Conference was ably carried out under the direction of Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension with the Home Economics Branch, assisted by Regional Supervisors of County Home Economists, Mrs. Mary Beth Bristow, Miss Donna Hepburn, and Mrs. Margaret Woof. Also assisting were County Home Economists Mrs. Heather Blair, Miss Barbara DeVisscher, Miss Mary Ann Durnan, Miss Karen Moses, Miss Janet Page, Miss Jane Pengilly, Miss Isabel Rose, Mrs. Anne Thompson, Miss Barbara Vanden Bosch and Miss Kate Ann Wahl.

## WOMEN OF THE 70's

*Ed. note—The following is a condensed version of a speech made by Mrs. Woof in introducing the panel who discussed careers.*

You are the women of the 70's. By 1980 many of you will be 25, you will probably have made decisions that will set the course of your life. You will have probably chosen a career, you may be married. The decisions you will have made will affect the next generation for some of you will be mothers by then, so you are the women of the 70's.

Looking at you, I find the potential awesome. You are a special group, from different backgrounds, and different aspirations. What future mayor, parliamentarian, mother, nurse or surgeon sits beside you?

You all have dreams. Will they remain dreams or will you make them become reality.

Your dreams can become reality but you must take stock of yourself today, consider what you would like to do and the kind of person you want to become and take the necessary steps to fulfill your dreams. Barring ill health, you can make of your life what you want.

There is a greater choice of rules for you today than there was for your mothers. The roles of women are less defined. It was once thought that nursing, teaching, secretarial work were women's careers now it is no longer strange for you to think of becoming an engineer, a doctor, or a lawyer.

The stereotyped picture of a woman marrying, raising a family and working at home which was not long ago is not so valid now. Statistics indicate that 8 out of 10 women work outside the home at some time in their lives and more than one third of all married women are working. Consider what job prospects you will have after you finish your education. It is easier to get that education now than it will be after you are married and have children. Many women return to a profession after having children. So now take advantage of opportunities to find out about various careers. The door is wide open to you. You must decide for yourself basing your decision on your interests, your abilities, the rewards you want. How far do you want

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