

through the month to report at the next meeting so there will be a carry-over of interest from one meeting to the next? And, important, too, will they have fun and feel welcome?

If they can answer in the affirmative to all or most of the above questions, chances are they will be coming back for a long time.

Bernice Noblitt

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I sought to hear the voice of God
And climbed the topmost steeple,
But God declared; Go down again,
I dwell among the people.'

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LOOKING FOR A SUNSET IN WINTER

The west was getting out of gold,
The breath of air had died of cold,
When shoeing home across the white,
I thought I saw a bird alight.

In summer when I passed the place
I had to stop and lift my face;
A bird with an angelic gift
Was singing in it sweet and swift.

No bird was singing in it now.
A single leaf was on a bough,
And that was all there was to see
In going twice around the tree.

From my advantage on a hill
I judged that such a crystal chill
Was only adding frost to snow
As gilt to gold that wouldn't show.

A brush had left a crooked stroke
Of what was either cloud or smoke
From north to south across the blue;
A piercing little star was through.

Robert Frost.

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Let's all pray in our own way that the next year
will truly be a happy one, a year which will
further the prospects of peace, and the ideals and
opportunity of all.

—From the 1969 British Columbia
Women's Institute News

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A Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today, on this our 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute. We look back with pride on the many things we have accomplished, among them the Scholarships to students. We will never know what impact these have made on our young people; nor the influence it has had on their life.

We look back too, at the many times we have gathered together in small groups, the cooking classes, the Arts and Crafts group. We touched one another and were richer for it. We remember too, those members who have passed on, but have left behind many deeds, thoughts and kindnesses, never to be forgotten.

We thank Thee that our Sister Institutes are here with us today. They too must look back with pride on their accomplishments. Our Motto, For Home and Country, should be a vital part in our living today. Never in the history of our organization has it been needed so much. Our homes should be a place of peace and understanding, and O Lord let us carry the Torch high for our Country.

Lord, give us faith as individuals, and as an organization, let us be like the man who stood at the gate of the year who said, "Give me a light that I may tread safely unto the unknown, and He replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God, that shall be to you better than a light, and safer than the known way.

O, Lord, let us take Your hand and let us join and make a chain that will reach around the World; The Chain of Peace.

On this the birthday of our organization, we thank Thee for what it has been. We ask Thee to make it grow, to draw us together in real unity, and above all else, we ask Thee to help us set a high standard for the future.

Set us afire Lord, Stir us we pray—
while the world perishes, we go our way,
Purposeless, passionless, day after day.

Set us afire Lord, Stir us we pray—
Let this be our prayer for the years ahead,
in Thy name—

Written for the 75th Anniversary
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