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COUNTRY WOMEN WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

Conference To Be Held
May 31 to June 11 Will Be
Largely Attended

For the first time since its formation the international organization, the Associated Country Women of the World representing rural women's organizations of 37 countries, is holding its triennial conference on this side of the Atlantic. This conference is scheduled to meet in Washington from May 31 to June 11 and after its conclusion the delegates expect to visit Ontario and Quebec before sailing for home.

The Provincial Board of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has appointed official delegates to represent Ontario. In addition to other official delegates a number of districts will send representatives and many members are planning to attend. Over 1,000 delegates are expected. They will represent nationally organized associations of rural women from many nations, including England, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Norway, United States, Canada and others. Representatives of rural women's organizations are also expected from Finland, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, India, Estonia, Nairobi and Palestine.

The programme will feature the names of women known over the entire world because of their outstanding interest in the problems of country life, and it is felt that this intermingling of rural women from all parts of the world on this side of the water will do much to strengthen international understanding and friendship.

An exhibit of handicrafts made from farm grown products from each nation will be displayed. A special exhibit of rare antique laces and embroideries from Europe is also to be shown. There will be exhibits of leatherwork from France, examples of spinning and weaving from Scotland, Norway and Sweden, the lace embroideries and hand-woven linen from Switzerland and baskets from British Columbia. There will also be an exhibit from the farm homes of the United States, especially the work

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FESTIVITIES

Women's Institute members are invited to meet the delegates of the Associated Country Women of the World while they are in Ontario during the third week of June.

One of these occasions is on the afternoon of Thursday, June 18, at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Many noted women will be on the programme which will start at 2.00 p.m. Country women from foreign countries will explain the part their organizations play in the development of better rural living.

Another opportunity to meet the visiting delegates will be given to Women's Institute members at the luncheon to be held at the Royal York, Toronto, on Friday, June 19. The tickets for this luncheon will be \$1.00 each. Reservations should be obtained from Miss Viola Powell, Women's Institute Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, by June 12.

Either of these occasions might well furnish a delightful reason for a holiday trip. Many members are already making plans to attend.

Local Leader Training School in Home Utilization of Wool



Local Leaders of Renfrew County Learning to Scour Wool.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss E. Hopkins, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mrs. O'McQuitty, Miss B. Kerr, Mrs. W. A. Young, Mrs. Merrifield, Mrs. J. H. Findlay, Mrs. Holliday, Mrs. Mulvihill, Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Three Month Schools Glimpsed in Seven Counties

There was an extra stir in the town of Milverton, Perth County, early on the morning of November 26, as cars of boys and girls from the highway and sideroads drove merrily into town. From the rural district to Milverton, 22 girls and 25 boys were starting back to school for three months—a school in Agriculture and Home Economics.

The basement of the library hall did not look like an ordinary class room and the girls were happy when they realized it was not to be an ordinary school with an inflexible curriculum. Their class room was to be a busy work-shop where all the class members would be given an opportunity to learn to do by doing. There they were to learn something about feeding the family and following good health habits as they planned, prepared and served meals to each other, and checked their Food Selection Scores.

In their health education and home care of the sick classes they were to consider and practise habits to build health and prevent sickness, as well as learn how to care for sick people. They were not only going to make a dress in their clothing classes, but would also learn something about purchasing material, selecting suitable colour and design for their garments, and wearing and caring for them, all of which would greatly assist them in being well-dressed and well-groomed girls. In their house-furnishing and household accessory classes they were to study ways and means of making their homes attractive. During the first week the girls became more aware of the possibilities of their course and realized it would be necessary for them to really work and study if they were to benefit from it. Already their interest was awakened and they were keen for everything they might hear, see and do at the short course.

Christmas Festivities

The Millgrove girls in Wentworth County completed their four weeks clothing course before Christmas and were justly proud of the dresses they had made. Never before had they realized all the factors to be consid-

ered before purchasing material for a dress and selecting a pattern. Print dresses and woollen dresses alike showed splendid workmanship and painstaking effort on the part of the girls, a large percentage of whom had never before made a dress nor sewn on a machine.

Here the boys and girls held a jolly Christmas party, with crackers, Christmas tree, Santa Claus and Christmas carols. The boys decorated their hall with evergreens and a Christmas tree, and the girls planned and prepared the food. The girls enjoyed showing the boys what a grand meal they could prepare following their one month of training. Happiness and goodwill prevailed throughout the party—the food was good, the speeches easy to listen to and instructive, jolly old Saint Nick handed out a present to everyone, but probably best of all was the group singing of beautiful old Christmas carols.

Illustrated Record Books

In the New Year we found the Beamsville girls in Lincoln County taking temperatures, pulse and respiration, and how their eyes sparkled when the nurse told them they were normal in these respects. These girls had most comprehensive, well-organized and neatly kept note books with subject matter and illustrations relative to their studies recorded from their lectures, demonstrations, discussions and personal reading. Since they were not merely stereotyped dictated notes, we know they will be kept in an accessible place, referred to constantly and added to from time to time. Foods and cookery, housemanagement, health education and home care of the sick and clothing were all carefully grouped.

In house management, the work and business of the house had been considered from many angles, from the care of the broom to care of individual rooms, planning daily, weekly and reasonable household duties, household purchasing and budgeting, labour-saving devices and the importance of carefully planned work methodically carried out according to approved practices. Discussions had

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LADY TWEEDSMUIR ATTENDS BRANCH MEETING

City View-Merivale Branch
Welcomes Her Excellency
At a Regular Meeting

Comparison of a Women's Institute meeting in rural England to that of a Canadian country branch was made by Her Excellency The Lady Tweedsmuir, Honorary President of the Ontario Federation, when she honoured the City View and Merivale branch with her presence, at their regular March meeting which was at the attractive farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, 10 miles from Ottawa. A typical Institute meeting was carried out to the last detail, beginning with the minutes, a roll call of "names of farm homes", the correspondence, which provoked a discussion of preparing exhibits for a "kitchen ensemble" entry at the Ottawa exhibition, reports on a wool demonstration; community and social activities; the presentation of practical ideas on the uses of salt, how to get rid of ants, the use of a lump of butter or lard in laundry starch to facilitate ironing, and a "surprise pie" recipe.

Other programme items were: an address on "Canadianization" by Mrs. Robert Bradley of Merivale, which so impressed Her Excellency that she requested a copy for His Excellency; a short talk on the origin of the pin and motto by Mrs. Laura Rose Stephens, a charter member of the first W.I. in the world, and originator of the now world-wide motto "For Home and Country"; a short talk by Mrs. J. F. Price, Vancouver, first corresponding secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada on the national and International scope of the work; and the reading of two original poems by the host, Mr. J. E. Caldwell, who is an honorary member of this Women's Institute. Her Excellency graciously brought a copy of one of her books to be used as a contest prize.

On request, Her Excellency then offered constructive criticism. "The Women's Institutes have grown to be such an organized power," she said, (Continued Page 4, Column 1)

REMEMBER

Girls are invited to attend the Annual Girls' Conference which will be held at Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute on May 6, 7 and 8.

The name of each girl wishing to attend should be sent to the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, sometime prior to April 25. The address and county should be included with the applicant's name. This is to ensure adequate accommodation at the college.

The fee for room and board from the afternoon of May 5, until the morning of May 9, will be three dollars (\$3.00).

This annual occasion affords an opportunity for Ontario juniors to enjoy college life of work and play for three days, meet with college girls and delegates from junior and senior Institutes. From visits to college departments, addresses, exhibits and discussions, the girls will receive practical information in home economics, agriculture, planning and carrying on Institute programmes and junior work.