

James Bell, Coldwater; Mrs. J. R. Geddes, Mississippi; Mrs. Ward Benner, Bayham; Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, R.R.2, Brampton; Mrs. M. Pardy, Mt. Brydges.

Interpreting the meaning of "programmes with a broader vision" it was agreed that the Women's Institutes have not outgrown their original objectives, but that they are seeing the need of putting more emphasis on human relationships. There was some discussion as to whether the Institutes were going beyond their depth in the study of world problems, but the decision was that just because a problem looks too big for us is no good reason for closing our minds to it. And that next to her family interests a woman should become, first, socially conscious, then community conscious, then concerned for the nation and then for the world. Someone said that the A.C.W.W. was set up primarily to promote world understanding.

Here the chairman asked Mrs. Ridley to tell about an International Day arranged by the Institutes of Welland County. A great deal of planning and correspondence must have been done in advance, for, at the meeting the chairman read greetings from East Africa Women's League, Department of Women's Welfare in India, Housewives' Association of Denmark, Norwegian Farm Wives Organization, Swedish Housewives' Association, Federated Women's Institutes of Rhodesia, Rural French Women, Country Women of Australia, Country Women of Trinidad, Women of the American Farm Bureau, Dublin — a Country Women's Association, The Netherlands, England, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, and from Edinburgh the old Scottish greeting "Lang may your lum reek." ((Long may your chimney smoke).

Each branch institute in the county was asked to bring as a guest a New Canadian — or more than one — from the community. There were guests from England, Denmark, The Netherlands, Hungary, Germany, Estonia, Malta, Ukraine, and Serbia. It was suggested that an International Day after this pattern might be arranged by other Institutes.

The question of having guest speakers at regular meetings was introduced and someone said, "We are apt to develop guest speakers at the expense of our own members." But it was felt that there was a place for guest speakers on certain special subjects. The chairman suggested, for a family night when husbands are present, asking the local banker to sit in on a discussion of "Should husbands and wives have joint bank accounts?"

The Loan Library at the Women's Institutes Branch was recommended as "a gold mine to anyone preparing a paper," but it was stressed that the woman must use this material only as a help and do the preparation of the paper herself if she is to derive any benefit from it.

Concerning district annual meetings it was felt that this was not a good day to bring in a guest speaker, as all the time available was needed for the F.W.I.O. board member and

the representative from the Department. And that certainly there is no time at this meeting to properly celebrate a special anniversary.

Getting into the wider area, someone cited the women's generous response to the tractor and flour funds for Greece as an evidence of a broadened vision. Someone else suggested that the Women's Institutes should be studying the increasing incidence of mental illness and its diagnosis and treatment; and living accommodation and proper nutrition for the aged.

Summing up the discussion the chairman quoted Mrs. Sayre as saying, "Women are too prone to think that political and economic problems are beyond their understanding . . . but women have a definite contribution to make to their solution." "Individually," the chairman said, "we have a responsibility for what George Eliot long ago called our reason for living — 'to make living easier for each other' . . . This panel feels that the implication of the Parable of the Good Samaritan must be the basis for our Women's Institute programmes with a broader vision."

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Wishing the delegates God-speed in their home going, Mrs. Purcell suggested that they had enjoyed the conference not only because of the speeches and the entertainment but because they had all taken part in it and they had enjoyed being together.

## Tractor and Flour Fund for Greece

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