

Some delegates to the A.C.W.W. Conference had an interesting visit at the Six Nations Indian Reserve, Brantford. From left to right, front row: Dr. Mary Rutnam, native of Ontario, now a medical missionary in Ceylon, Mrs. de Mel, president of the Women's Institutes of Ceylon. Back row: Mrs. D. Elema-Bakker, the Netherlands, Mrs. Hilton M. Hill and Mrs. F. Johnson, life members of Oshweken Women's Institute. The women examined Indian relics, especially the illustrated mask of the ancient Medicine Man. The party was entertained at the home of Mrs. Elliott Moses, and Indian women and visitors exchanged stories from the folk lore of their people.

train our children and grandchildren in world understanding, tolerance and friendship; we ourselves must be the pattern for their guidance.

"Today we live in a world which is full of problems and we find ourselves bewildered, wondering how we in our own homes and in our organizations can assist in building a better world.

"Right thinking and knowledge and understanding are necessary if we are to make our contribution to the problems which beset the world. Let us resolve then to think more widely. Fast transport, rapid communication and visual education have made us one world. I crossed the Pacific from my homeland to this country in twenty-seven hours. You who have come from different parts of the world realize space is no more. No longer can we think nationally. We must have that international outlook if the world is going to overcome many problems of the present moment, which is the greatest desire of every woman. The tribulations and trials of the less developed countries are now our concern, whatever country we may belong to, The United Nations and its Specialized Agencies must have our full co-operation so that technical assistance may be given in the field of education, health and hygiene, food production and care of the soil.

"We must reaffirm our belief in mutual aid and mutual understanding as a means of attaining world peace, which we all so earnestly desire, but we must also see that it is peace with freedom. Peace with complacency without freedom will mean ruin.

"Let us strive then for freedom for all the peoples of the world, freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom with peace. Let us foster the spirit of mutual understanding, teach our children to respect the faiths of other people, their way of life, and let us resolve in our own hearts to dedicate ourselves to the alleviation of suffering humanity. We, the rural women of the world banded together by the A.C.W.W., have a part to play. Let us strive for the right and let us never grow complacent."



Population in Process

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One of the most important questions facing farm people today is the question of just what is happening to our farm communities and the farm families within these communities.

Are our farms remaining in the hands of old established families; are farm families smaller than they were a generation ago; are fewer members of these families remaining on the farms; are farm operators actually older than farm operators of a generation ago? Or how about the farm womenfolk—are more of them leaving the farm than a generation ago; what type of work are they doing; what are their interests; how does their education compare with their mothers' or their husbands'? These are questions of vital importance to every farm community in these days of rapid change, and yet they are questions on which there is not too much accurate information or systematic study.

The Department of Agricultural Economics, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, have completed a study of what happened to the farm families on 184 farms in one Ontario township between the years 1918 and 1949. Here are some excerpts from the findings of this study:

1. During the period 1918 to 1949, 52.2 per cent of the farms passed out of the hands of the original operators and their descendants or relatives.
2. The average age of farm operators in 1949 was seven years greater than in 1918.