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THE COUNTRY FAITH

By Norman Gale

Here in the country's heart
Where the grass is green,
Life is the same sweet life
As it e'er has been.
Trust in a God still lives
And the bell at morn
Floats with a thought of God
O'er the rising corn.
God comes down in the rain
And the crops grow tall.
This is the country faith
And the best of all.

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ing, ensuring the required attendance, providing good publicity and arranging for any required supplies or equipment. The Director appealed to the Institutes not to cancel a course at the last minute. If for some special reason a course must be cancelled the Department should be notified in time for the instructor to fill the time with another course.

Referring to the Department's problem of filling all the requests for courses, Miss Lewis said, "Although we have 43 full-time and 6 part-time staff members in our Women's Institute Branch, only 15 of these conduct the senior courses—so you can see, with the amount of time we have, a tremendous amount of work is accomplished. For example, over the past year (April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954) these 15 staff members conducted courses where 900 Women's Institutes were represented and 12,461 women in Ontario participated in these courses this year. Not only this, but you know the extent of our province and the distances the staff had to travel to bring these services to our women.

Miss Lewis spoke of the satisfaction she feels when such results as these are reported to her. (These are true statements): "Miss Collins taught me dressmaking and how it has helped in my home!" "It was through Miss Hamilton's course in Health Education that I realized I should see a doctor about cancer symptoms and it was caught in time." "Through the discussion in Miss McBride's course, Psychology and You, I learned how to surmount some difficulties that had been a problem to me for a long time." "Mrs. Hayes' course in Women's Institute Procedure just kept our Institute from going on the rocks and we have been a flourishing branch ever since."

Miss Lewis also reminded the women that the Institute Branch was established at the request of the Institutes, and that new courses—for example the courses in Psychology and Cultural Activities—have been added at the request of the Institutes. The important thing now is for the Institutes so whole-heartedly to support their courses that together we can more adequately attain our goals:

1. To help women acquire sound and approved practices for greater home efficiency.
2. To discover, stimulate and train leaders.
3. To develop a more abundant life in our rural communities and a deeper appreciation of the things near at hand.
4. To develop better, happier and more useful citizens.

United Nations And Exchange Programs

Mrs. J. E. Houck, convener of the new F.W.I.C. committee on United Nations and Exchange Programs, appealed to the Institutes to support the United Nations program for UNESCO (United Nations' Educational, Social and Cultural Organization) and UNICEF (United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund). "At the A.C.W.W. Conference" Mrs. Houck said, "the women of Asia and Africa were able to give us some idea of their problems. These women want, not charity, not money help, but help to help themselves. As a result of the A.C.W.W. Conference, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada decided we must take a further step, and a committee on United Nations and Exchange Programs was set up."

An exchange of programs with a group of country women in some other part of the world could be arranged through the provincial office or the General Secretary, A.C.W.W., 167 Kensington High Street, London, England. F.W.I.C. is considering issuing a book about Canada to send to other countries.

Concerning assistance to UNESCO and UNICEF, Mrs. Houck reminded us that over fifty per cent of the world's people are hungry; over seventy-five per cent are illiterate. The world is rapidly growing to a state of national independence and when people are hungry and unable to read or write, they are confused between what is told them by missionaries and how they have been exploited. How can they know which form of government is best—especially when the communists are losing

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GOOD COMPANY

By Karle Wilson Baker

Today I have grown taller from walking
with the trees,
These seven sister-poplars who go softly in
a line;
And I think my heart is whiter for its parley
with a star
That trembled out at nightfall and hung
above the pine.
The call-note of a redbird from the cedars
in the dusk
Woke his happy mate within me to an
answer free and fine;
And a sudden angel beckoned from a
column of blue smoke—
Lord, who am I that they should stoop—
these holy folk of thine?

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