



Members of West End Institute in a Musical Skit, "Where Did You Get That Hat?"

being appointed to the U. S. National Agricultural Survey Commission, and Mrs. Berry had been decorated with the O.B.E. by Queen Elizabeth on her recent visit to Australia. Lady Coomaraswamy's husband has gone to Burma as British High Commissioner and one of Lady Coomaraswamy's interests there is mass education; she hopes to organize Women's Institutes. Plans are underway to organize the women of Pakistan, because to raise the standard of living there it is felt that they must begin with the women. Dr. Nimbka reports continued hunger and illiteracy in India and hopes the standard of living can be raised by developing cottage industries. From Egypt, Mrs. Grise writes of the ignorance of the masses. The university women are trying to teach sanitation but they have first to get the women to keep the hens out of the house. In Africa, Turkey, Thailand, Liberia, Chili, the Argentine and other countries the interest in A.C.W.W. is growing.

Mrs. Summers reviewed the objectives of A.C.W.W.: to promote international good will, friendship and understanding among women the world over and to raise the standard of living in underdeveloped countries. To make our contribution we can let our Government representatives know that we are in favor of the Colombo Plan and all technical assistance. We can study about the people of other countries until we learn that people of different backgrounds cannot be expected to fit into the same mould, and when they come to Canada we must accept them as they are. "No matter how different their customs," Mrs. Summers said, "they have the same heart hunger and the same needs as we have."

The National President Speaks

(We are happy to have, elsewhere in this paper, a special message from our National President, Mrs. J. W. Adams of Ethelton, Sask. and a few biographical notes.)

"We should always remember the story of Adelaide Hoodless and the beginning of the Women's Institute," Mrs. Adams said. "Adelaide Hoodless started with a problem that touched her home and her heart . . . She was not afraid to step out alone and do what

had never been done before. She took her own problem and interpreted it to save others . . . She didn't take too prominent a part herself—when others were ready to take over the task she stepped aside . . . She had vision—note how her aims and patterns still work, how the organization has spread. The movement turned like a waggon wheel across Canada so that in 1914 we had Institutes in every province and in 1919 we were able to form a national organization. And even though each province has its own agricultural problems, because we have stuck to the same objectives and have stuck together, we are the oldest and strongest farm block in Canada."

Mrs. Adams emphasized the importance of the home in the Institutes' objectives, saying that our whole civilization is founded on a stable family life; if it is not constantly evaluated in the light of changing conditions we may lose through indifference what the Marxists lost through design. Because as Institute members our first concern is for the home and family, our extension services all have a home economics twist. They should include the study of family relationships.

Because the needs of the home require that we must have concerted action, we move into the second part of our motto, "For Home and Country." Our first challenge is the children so one of our first interests should be the Four-H Clubs and the Children's Film Library. Education does not stop with the children so we are linked up with the Canadian Association for Adult Education (Here Mrs. Adams stressed the importance of family reading.) We are interested in the health of the family so we belong to the Health League of Canada. Because of our interest in good citizenship we belong to the Canadian Citizenship Council. There is no longer a division between the urban and rural women of Canada so we are affiliated with the Canadian Association of Consumers—and it is important to have both producers and consumers in this organization so that we can get each other's point of view.

Through the A.C.W.W. we belong to the United Nations. We know that if we want world peace we must do something about it.