

Other points in this report were:

The Provincial Secretary-Treasurer would like all cheques to be signed by both the secretary and the president of the branch, or at any other level.

The progress statement of the secretary-treasurer at each monthly meeting is just for information and is not entered in the books.

The financial statement moved and accepted at annual meetings is moved not by the secretary-treasurer but by the auditors.

It was recommended that a sample financial statement properly filled out be sent to secretaries as a guide. And that, if possible, district secretaries call branch secretaries together to advise them about the making of the Form E report and the Report of Meetings.

Lost motions should be entered in the minutes.

A withdrawn motion is not entered in the minutes. And a motion cannot be withdrawn at the meeting after it is entered in the minute book.

A president cannot discuss a motion but can explain a situation before a motion is made.

A quorum for a "members" meeting shall consist of one-third of the membership; or for an executive or board meeting, one half of the members of the executive or board.

A notice of motion is before the Provincial Board for their meeting this fall, that Institute pins be bought from the F.W.I.O. Secretary.

In closing her report Mrs. Armstrong stressed the importance of good will and friendliness in the Institute and learning to respect the opinions of others even when they are not the same as our own. She urged the women to give credit where credit is due, to be generous with their praise. And she gave this warning: "Some branches have become social clubs, some money-raising organizations. Let us return to our original purpose as an educational group."

United Nations

With her characteristic humor, good will and human sympathy, Mrs. J. E. Houck, recent delegate to the United Nations gave a most entertaining and informative report of her experience.

Mrs. Houck paid a special tribute to the Hon. Paul Martin, head of the Canadian delegation for his hard work and his diplomacy, particularly in Canada's major project at this session—the admission of new countries to the U.N., "one of the most dramatic incidents since the signing of the Charter ten years ago." Of her special assignment on the Humanitarian and Social Committee Mrs. Houck said:

"This Committee discussed many items of special interest to women, such as an International Agreement on the legal status of women who marry outside their own nationality (and in some countries this involves ownership of property and loss of nationality),

the European Refugee question, a very sad and involved discussion, the draft covenant on Human Rights and a number of other very important and serious topics. It will be interesting to know that 75% to 80% of all the delegates spoke English, some of them very efficiently.

Mrs. Houck remarked that one of the thrilling experiences of the Assembly was the chance to see and meet many world renowned and important personalities. Mrs. Roosevelt, while no longer a delegate, is often present at the United Nations Building and because of her humanitarian efforts, is a highly respected and eminent figure. Mr. Krishna Mennen, the chief delegate from India, is a man of striking appearance, with rather long white hair, piercing black eyes, and strong features: he is extremely influential because he is able to discuss public questions, not only with delegates of the Western World, but with the Communist as well and has great influence with the people of Asia. I might mention also Mr. Molotov and Mr. Sobelov, of Russia, astute and very clever man from the Kremlin.

Mrs. Houck referred to the women delegates, including "four women of the Communist Satellite countries most of whom spoke broken English and all of whom made

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LILACS

By Bob Adams

O here and there, on poorer lands,
An old deserted homestead stands,
In patient sadness to deplore
The guests who come again no more.
For many feet that used to go
Across its threshold to and fro,
Far roads and trails have learned to know,
And those who built it long of old
Have mingled with the churchyard mold.
The human brood has swarmed and gone,
But lilacs in the yard bloom on,
And ever, as the old house grieves,
Are pressing upward toward its eaves
The tender green hearts of their leaves.
The mother's hands were rough with toil
Who set that lilac in the soil.
Thanks be to God who gave the wife
One touch of beauty in her life.
The father worked from sun to sun;
For living was not lightly won.
The fields where he was wont to grub
Are overgrown with brush and scrub.
His walls are down, their mighty stones
Are crushed to make a roadway's bones.
Lost are his labors great and small,
But mother's bush outlives them all.
And ever with the warmth of May,
What time we keep Memorial Day,
The lilac wakes to sudden bloom
And wafts a message to her tomb.
Gone are the sons her pangs gave birth,
Her fires are dead upon the hearth;
Sunk the flames and black the embers,
But the lilac still remembers.
It blooms for her and spreads its scent,
The incense of a sacrament.

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