

an Australian engineer invented a pedal system of sending out radio messages by the Morse Code. The women work the equipment as they would pedal a bicycle; they call the doctor when he is needed and he flies in. Now the Associated Country Women of Australia have a Branch of the Air and women who live too far apart to meet together hold their meeting by way of the Flying Doctor Radio Service—the president calling on the secretary miles away to read the minutes, and so on through the program.

The Associations have a few cottages on the seashore where inland women can come for a holiday. They also provide rest rooms in towns, where country women in town to do their shopping can bring their babies, rest and have a cup of tea. "And," said Mrs. Berry, "a cup of tea is a panacea for all ills in Australia."

### The World Outlook

Mrs. Berry paid tribute to Canada as the mother of the A.C.W.W., with the world's first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, and our Canadian Mrs. Watt promoting the international organization. We were reminded that there are now thirty member countries in A.C.W.W. and that the number is growing every year. Five countries were added this year—Malaya, Gold Coast, Zanzibar, Pakistan and Lebanon.

The president spoke of her travels and the comradeship she had found with women the world over. In Bavaria she stayed in a home where the son had been a prisoner of the British in the last war. "They bore no malice," Mrs. Berry said, "but the family feel as women all over the world must feel, that this must never happen again. "I am no feminist," the speaker continued. "I was very happy in my

childhood home and in my married life, but I feel that women should take more part in public affairs to see that the world is made better for the next generation."

All over the world, Mrs. Berry said, women were concerned with the same problems: better reading for children in many countries, better films, better health, better international relations. In the Gold Coast country the African women are interested in better schools, adult education, courses in leadership for both men and women. They want to work for health and hygiene. She had found there two women magistrates in the juvenile court. In a new East African society the leaders go out teaching women how to do their housework. The future is bright because they are learning a new way of life.

Speaking of the joy of knowing women the world over, Mrs. Berry commended pen friends, international days, the international magazine "The Countrywoman," and working through UNESCO, and UNICEF and the World Health Organization to keep children alive. She stressed the importance, along with our love of our own country, of appreciating the feeling people of other nationalities have for their own lands; quoting from the Hymn of All Nations:

"My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,

And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine,  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,

And skies are sometimes blue as mine."

"We must work for freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom from war," said Mrs. Berry. "Let's open our windows wide and let the world into our homes and our hearts."

## Mrs. Berry In Ontario

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MEMBERS throughout Ontario were especially privileged in that so many were enabled to meet and hear the A.C.W.W. President, Mrs. Alice Berry from the moment she arrived in Ontario until she left for Quebec. Even the weather spread a benign sky for festivities everywhere throughout the province. Reports indicate that well over four thousand members greeted Mrs. Berry at the various centres in which she was entertained.

From the time of her arrival at Port Arthur where she was greeted by members from the most northern groups until she said au revoir to the southern members at Niagara Falls, members everywhere were impressed by the woman who had undertaken the arduous task of heading A.C.W.W. a little more than two years ago, here in Canada at the last Conference. Everywhere, Mrs. Berry left greater

enthusiasm for the work of the organization and for the work more precisely, to be done by women in their communities, areas and country. Surely her visit here, however short, must have been one for great good for everyone privileged to meet and hear Mrs. Berry.

In northern Ontario, Mrs. Berry was driven through the countryside in order that she might view that wonder of the northland, Kakabeka Falls, and to meet with members along the way.

Leaving the north she flew to Ottawa and here a finely timed program allowed for her to see many sights as well as find time for rest. Sunday was something of a leisurely day with a welcome at Government House and the privilege of viewing state rooms, gardens and greenhouses. Monday found Mrs. Berry received by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Louis