

perhaps hundreds of miles. So a Presbyterian clergyman conceived the idea of having a "flying doctor" and of setting up a sort of radio equipment in homes by which people could call him. This is the equipment the Country Women's Associations of Australia use to conduct their "Branches of the Air."

A radio station co-operates by offering time on the air, and on the afternoon of the meeting the women settle down by "the wireless" in their homes and proceed with the programme. One member reported that her president was one hundred miles away, the pianist fifty, but there was no difficulty in carrying on. In order to take a vote, the president does not say "Those in favor say 'Aye'"; she says "Those in favor keep quiet."

"We now have six branches of the air in Australia," Mrs. Walker said, "and they mean a great deal to isolated women. One member told us that on the afternoon of a meeting she puts on her best dress, puts some flowers on the table and says to her husband, 'Now don't disturb me. I'm going to my CWA meeting.'"

Mrs. Dethmers of Holland reported an "Advisory Bureau for Interior Decorating." This began when a member wanted to remodel the kitchen in her old-fashioned rambling farm house. She put the plan of her kitchen on paper and the Institute appointed a committee of six to study how to remodel it, learning what they could from magazines, exhibitions and so on. They found that literature provided by trades people was often directed to advertise the goods they had to sell; and that the experts in house planning didn't know much about the requirements of rural homes, but that in consultation with rural women the experts could be very helpful. They have held exhibitions on rural housing and they hope soon to announce the opening of a bureau to which women can bring their plans and their problems and get the advice they need.

Mrs. Occloo of Ghana, reporting "Village Work" among her people, said that first they had to teach the women to read and write. Then they taught them hygiene and cleanliness, then how to cook their native dishes to get the best in nutrition. They taught them some "foreign" dishes, too. Their first projects in community work were sweeping under the trees where the people spend their leisure time in this hot climate and sweeping the cemetery. From simple cookery, the lessons progressed to bottling or canning and foods for expectant mothers and babies. In this country they have midwives — some of them very skilled — and Mrs. Occloo puts on short courses for them. A great deal of the work is carried on through local leaders.

Mrs. Occloo who directs the work is a native of Ghana who took special training in England, including a course at Denman College.

Mrs. Verne Alden of the National Home Demonstration Council of the United States told about the "Traffic and Safety" programme of the council. They distributed printed material on highway safety, held traffic safety seminars to which women of all organizations were invited, and had traffic safety contests in local clubs. Looking ahead to new developments in highways they are



Mrs. Esther Occloo of Ghana and her husband, photographed at their wedding two weeks before the conference. Mrs. Occloo, who studied Cookery and Good Housekeeping in England, and is now teaching the women of her own country, spoke on "Village Work" in the Symposium: "The Most Worthwhile Project of My Organization." Mr. Occloo is a commercial designer.

considering "psychological adjustments to new developments in highway traffic."

#### Some Notes From Group Discussions

Happily the women who planned the conference programme provided a fair amount of time for group discussion. The themes were Roads to a Better World, 1. Through Technical Assistance, 2. Through Understanding Each Other, 3. Through Understanding Each Other's Cultures, 4. Through Understanding the Youth of Today. Following are some of the findings of the groups.

#### Through Technical Assistance:

We must acknowledge that there is a job for all of us in both well developed and less developed countries to support and promote technical assistance. We should make a study of material available from the Sales Section of United Nations, New York, in the form of printed material, films and film strips. And we should not miss the Country Woman Supplement on United Nations called "Two Way Traffic" by Miss Hearnden. (The address of The Countrywoman is 78 Kensington High St., London, W.8, England.) Then we should spread our information as widely as possible through our own societies. It is our responsibility,