

interested in hearing a report of this new proposal at the next meeting by the agricultural convener.

Another news item, this time for the convener of Canadian Industries, was the situation centering around Elliot Lake and the almost certain death of the uranium industry.

These are but two instances of what can be done in the way of reporting monthly to their members by the conveners. Besides providing knowledge they help the president have an interesting and informative meeting. Of course the president has the responsibility of asking the conveners to report.

A Link With Scotland

WHEN THE FLAGS of all the nations represented at the A.C.W.W. Conference were presented at the opening ceremonies, it was the youngest delegate at the conference, sixteen-year-old Joyce Morrison of Scotland who carried the Canadian flag. Miss Kathryn Farmer of Combermere, came to know Miss Morrison personally as they stayed in the same college residence during the conference; and when Miss Farmer came home and gave a report of the conference at the South Renfrew District Executive meeting she suggested that the District with its Scottish named branches, Arnprior, Braeside, Burnstown, Lochurnnoch, Glasgow, and its just-as-Scottish people, send a gift to Joyce. So South Renfrew sent her a maple leaf pin and ear rings. Miss Farmer felt that other Ontario Institute members would be interested in the Scottish girl's reply. She wrote to the District President:

"I must thank you very, very much for the lovely present your Institutes sent me. It was very kind of you all to send me such a beautiful gift.

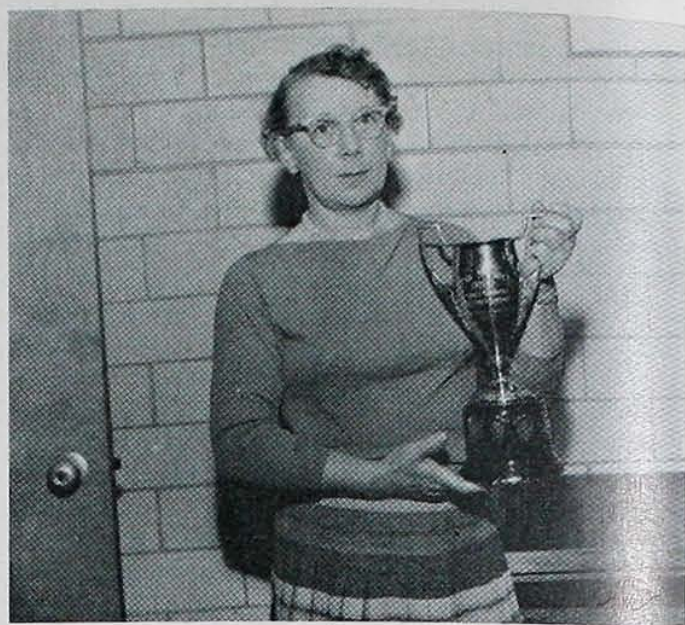
"I was very pleased that I was carrying the Canadian flag because I have an uncle who lives in Kingston, Ontario and he was over here on holidays while I was in Edinburgh and was so proud that his niece was carrying the Canadian flag. I hope I may one day be able to visit your country of which I have heard so much from my uncle.

"My mother is vice president of our Institute. It is only a small Institute of sixteen members as ours is a small community and I felt very proud when Mrs. Shann picked me to represent the whole of Sutherland as banner bearer. I'm sure I was the youngest member at the conference.

"The maple leaf is lovely. I will be very proud showing my gift to the members of our Institute."

First Institute in Britain

HILLIER INSTITUTE in Prince Edward County has the distinction of having in its membership a woman from Wales, Mrs. H. J. Lewis, who was assistant secretary of the first Institute in Britain and who now lives in the Hillier community. Mrs. T. A. Wanamaker sends this note from Mrs. Lewis telling something about the organizing of the first Women's Institute in Britain.



Mrs. Chester Smith, winner of East Nipissing Ploughmen's Association cup in '59, who also won third prize in '57 and second in '58. Mrs. Smith is a charter member of Rutherglen Institute, was a 4-H Homemaking Club Leader for 5 years, and is a Fair Board Director. Her garden is one of her special home interests.

"The Women's Institute was first organized in the British Isles in September 1915 at a large village called Danfair P.G. on the isle of Anglesey by two Canadian visiting ladies very well known to all Women's Institute members in Canada: Mrs. Alfred Watt of Vancouver and Mrs. E. D. Smith of Stoney Creek. (We did not know that Mrs. E. D. Smith, president of the first Women's Institute in Canada, was in Britain in 1915. Another Canadian who assisted Mrs. Watt in organizing Institutes in Britain was Miss Emily Guest, well known to older Institute members in Ontario.—Ed.)

"Danfair P.G. has the longest place name in the world, having 58 letters and 18 syllables—Danfairpwllogwyngwyllgogerychuyndreowee - Clantysilogogogoh. Like most Welsh place names this has a meaning: St. Mary's Church in the hollow of the white hazel near to the rapid whirlpool of Dandysilio of the red cave.

"Danfair P.G. is almost on the banks of the Menai Straits and adjacent to the town of Menai Bridge and the two beautiful bridges that connect the island with the neighbouring county of Carnarvonshire, the Menai Suspension Bridge (built in 1820-1826) and the Britannia Tubular Railway Bridge (1846-1850). Also adjacent is the Anglesey Column which was erected in 1816 to commemorate the First Marquess of Anglesey who was second in command at the Battle of Waterloo where he lost a leg. A statue of the Marquess was placed on top of the Column in 1860. The Column is 112 ft. high and open to the public, but well worth the climb as it commands a magnificent view over the island and the Straits and the Snowdonian Range of Mountains on the opposite side in Carnarvonshire. This is the chosen home of the Women's Institute in Britain.

"I can safely say that every town and village on Anglesey has its Women's Institute today and according to statistics there were 8831 institutes and over half a million members in England and Wales three years ago."