

schemes of government-sponsored, long-term credit at low interest rates have been worked out in order to help the farm youth who wishes to start farming, or the farm operator who wishes to improve and expand."

And there is always the question of markets. Dr. Adams said: "Food is not food until it is brought to the table. Production is worthless until it goes to the market. Marketing boards and long-term agreements have taken some of the 'if' out of the farmer's expected returns and make it a little easier for him to plan his operations and budget his business. Many, of course, are concerned about the effect of the newest development, the European Common Market. Farmers are very concerned about international trade policies. I often wonder if this is the reason the A.C.W.W. has expanded and grown so rapidly. It is easy for us to know the neighbor who buys our produce and provides us with other needs.

"One thing we know is that change must be accepted. It is the one permanent thing in our whole way of life. 'The old order changeth.' We hope the new is progress and improvement."

### The Changing Home and Family Life

"To discuss and investigate the changes which have taken place in the home and family, it would be necessary to briefly examine the position in these spheres about seventy years ago," said Mrs. Douglas Lee, a delegate from Malaya. "It is undoubted that the home and family have from time immemorial been regarded as essentially the woman's world. Woman in that period was to concern herself wholly and completely on matters pertaining to the home and family. Basically this meant the affairs within the four walls of the home. Marriages and births, sicknesses and deaths, religious ceremonies and customs and the routine household chores were to take all her time.

"Gradually there came changes which were to affect the home and family and, as a con-

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#### EVERYONE SANG Siegfried Sassoon

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;  
And I was filled with such delight  
As prisoned birds must find in freedom,  
Winging wilding across the white  
Orchards and dark-green fields; on-on-and out of  
sight.  
Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;  
And beauty came like the setting sun:  
My heart was shaken with tears; and horror  
Drifted away . . . O, but Everyone  
Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing  
will never be done.

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sequence, women as a whole. The harnessing of water and mass production changed the structure of ancient methods of industry. Where once women were involved in home industries which took a great deal of their spare time, now within the factory and by power, women together with men began to form an important part of the economic structure of the nation. It should be noted here that this form of labor was cheap and basically required no specialization or great skill.

"For the first time, particularly in the West where industrialization in the modern sense of the word took place, women were leaving the four walls of their homes and were carrying the dual responsibilities of home and gainful employment.

"Education, which initially was accorded to women with no intention of preparing them to take up careers and professions, was to be the most significant change. If women were to become good mothers they would have to be given some fundamental education which would enable them to help towards the education of their children. The illiterate masses of women were now given rudimentary education. Prior to this, women gave to their offspring little more than the customs, traditions, superstitions and very often the prejudices of their society.

"Education, however, opened up new vistas unimagined before. The home was no more a woman's sole domain. It became necessary for her to concern herself with every facet of life which was to affect her children. The home, therefore, eventually became a different place. She demanded a real home, not the family home where she was part and sometimes a very insignificant part of her husband's family. She desired even a small hut or a two-roomed apartment where she would take on the full responsibilities of her home and family in a partnership with her husband.

"The family became more of a unit; children were treated as individuals, and where possible their individuality was catered to. No more were they just seen and not heard. Their demands were made known in no uncertain terms. Their lives and careers were dictated by their own aptitudes and inclinations. This parent-child relationship, while in many ways more interesting and challenging, is fraught with many difficulties—the adolescent struggling to break through what little discipline and restraint there is, and the parents attempting to do their utmost for the child who, they know, is not as yet mature enough to be free completely. The need to find a solution to this and other problems is ever present in the structure of today's family. Life has become increasingly complex and the demands made on wives and mothers are great.