

on an 1,800 acre farm near Johannesburg. She is the only woman on the Advisory Council to the South African Minister of Agriculture. She explained that Bantu women are not members of the Women's Agricultural Union but have their own organization, instigated by the Union and run by the government.

The delegates from Africa were especially interested in nutrition for the natives. Mrs. Winifred Woods, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Natal said "One problem is to train the Africans to eat native food like butter, eggs and fish. Women can do a great deal in this field."

Mrs. Ulla Schulman of Finland, vice-president for the Northern Europe Region, a graduate of Helsinki University and wife of a farmer, belongs to the Country Women's Organization, one of four Finnish groups affiliated with A.C.W.W. The organization tries to teach farmers' wives not only homemaking but also farm management so that in times of war or sickness they could run the farms," Mrs. Schulman said.

In the delegation from the U.S.A. was Mrs. Haven Smith, wife of an Iowa farmer, one of A.C.W.W.'s three world vice-presidents and warmly remembered by Ontario women who heard her speak at the F.W.I.O. anniversary luncheon in Toronto last February. She said that one of the current projects of her organization, the American Farm Bureau of Women, is to modify the rigid government farm program of price control, which, the women feel, holds up production. Mrs. J. Homer Remsberg of Maryland, another farm wife, represents the Home Demonstration Council of America, the main topics of whose monthly meeting are nutrition, health and fashion. Mrs. Riddel Lage who lives on a ranch in Oregon is president of her state's Home Economics Extension Council. Their program this year featured canning, freezing and budgeting. A Kentucky delegate, Mrs. H. P. Myers came to the conference especially to learn about programs for friendship and leisure interests of country women. Mrs. Henry Dickinson, President of the Colorado Parent-Teachers' Association said that one of the problems being investigated by her organization is the drop-out of boys and girls before finishing high school. (How like the Ontario Women's Institutes!)

Another delegate especially interested in a good use of leisure was Mrs. S. Engstrom, President of the Swedish Homemakers' Association. Mrs. Engstrom studied child psychology when her children were small and from that beginning became especially interested in mental health and activities to promote it.

Mrs. Basil Price of Rhodesia, said that the aim of the Women's Institute in Africa is to encourage women to take an active interest

In a Japanese Farm House

MISS McKERCHER brings these observations from a visit to a farm home in Japan as evidence that whether or not we can accept a religion different from our own, we may find that we have much in common with the ethics of another religion, much to respect in other creeds. This was a "wealthy" farm home by Japanese standards. The farmer had five acres of rice, five acres of mandarin oranges, five acres of pears and ten acres of green tea. Miss McKercher copied this inscription from the Shinto altar in the home:

"Our Pledge

Let us work with happiness

Let us live with bright mind

Let us speak to each other with harmony."

And on a wall plaque, just as we might have a "motto" "God Bless This House," the Japanese family had before them "Thanks to the Grace of God, Let us start working today with a smile."

in community affairs and community development.

For the first time, New Guinea was represented by two of its women's club members who came as observers. The chief aims of these clubs are, to quote these women, "to instruct women in child care, serving food, cleaning the home and to teach them such crafts as basketry and mat weaving." They meet for four hours every week.

Dr. Nancy Adams, the area vice president for Canada reporting her tour of the Caribbean said that she found Women's Institutes even on the smaller islands. "Lack of trained personnel and local leadership, over-population, over-crowding, an improper system of education, and one-parent homes are some of the problems there," she said.

Mrs. Oudone Sananikone, president of the National Association of Women of Laos visits the villages of her country to train women as teachers. There are not enough schools so they hold classes under the trees. They also train the women in child care, agriculture, hygiene, handicrafts, nutrition, cooking and home industries.

Mrs. Kit Ahern told how the Irish Country Women's Association is working to improve the rural home, the farm and the community. They are getting water piped into the farm houses, studying how mothers can give their children a true sense of values, lay solid moral foundations and teach that all men are broth-