

Farm Radio Forum's Program

A GAIN, as last year, the Women's Institutes of Canada will sponsor a special farm radio forum program. This year the topic will be "Canada's World Obligations" — as women see them. The date is February 4, 1963 and the hour for all broadcasts will be 9 to 9.30 p.m. The method for setting up groups will be the same as last year. For the Women's Institute night, any Institute wishing to sponsor a group meeting should register with Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, R.R. #1, Owen Sound — that is, the Institute should let Mrs. Bothwell know that it will arrange to have a group meet to hear and discuss the broadcast and questions arising from it; and that following the meeting a report of the group's findings or recommendations will be sent to the Farm Radio Forum Office. Mrs. Bothwell will send to the Radio Forum Office the addresses of groups registered with her and about two weeks before the broadcast the office will mail to each group a kit containing a study guide, report forms and other literature.

Topics for the Season

Following are the Farm Radio Forum topics for 1962-63.

October	22nd	New Horizons for Farmers
	29th	Property Taxation
November	5th	Vertical Integration
	12th	Organized Action by Farmers
	19th	Fourth Night
	26th	Canada's Dairy Policy
December	3rd	The Common Market
	10th	Regional Broadcast
	17th	Fourth Night
January	7th	Taxation
	14th	A World of Opportunity
	21st	Organized Action by Farmers
	28th	Fourth Night
February	4th	Canada's World Obligations
	11th	Arda and the Community
	18th	Prospects for Farmers in Canada's Economy
	25th	Fourth Night
March	4th	The Rural Church
	11th	The Co-operative Idea
	18th	Co-operatives in the Economy
	25th	Fourth Night

Farm Forums and U.N.E.S.C.O.

Several years ago, Canada's Forum movement was the subject of a major U.N.E.S.C.O. report. As a result of that report, India decided to try to use Farm Forums. There are over 500,000 rural Indian villages, each with under 1,000 persons. There is need for basic

education, for health training, for new ideas for farming, sanitation, pest control and for those less tangible but very important aspects of life: citizenship and democracy. The Indian government decided that small farm forums would help the villagers learn quickly and easily and would give them a chance to work out their own destiny through group action.

Accordingly, some 4,000 Farm Forums have been organized. Over 25,000 will be in existence by the end of the next Five Year Plan, if resources can be found. There is a great need for radios to help make Farm Radio Forums possible in India. Canada's Farm Forum's decided to help. Money for over 77 radios has been collected so far. If the Farm Forums, the co-operatives, Federations of Agriculture, Farm Unions and other organizations continue to contribute as they have, the fund should be able to provide well over 100 radios by the end of the project.

The U.N.E.S.C.O. study of Farm Forum has had other effects. In December, a workshop on mass communications and Farm Forum will be held in Ibadan, Nigeria. A Canadian Broadcasting Corporation worker will be there to assist. Major emphasis will be on National Farm Radio Forum in Canada. 14 West African nations want to set up a similar service to aid in the development of rural villagers.

Adaptations of Farm Forum are at work in Puerto Rico, France, Japan, South Africa, Australia, India. There is great interest in other nations. The first requirement is a radio network which may be used on behalf of the people. The second requirement will be radio sets for use by the people. Canada's Farm Forum movement has provided the idea; the C.B.C. provides a model of national radio; the Radios for India project has set a possible pattern for providing radio receivers.

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SONG OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL

By Richard Burton

We are the toilers whom God hath barred
The gifts that are good to hold.
We meant full well and we tried full hard
And our failures were manifold.

And we are clan of those whose kin
Were a millstone dragging them down;
Yea, we had to sweat for our brother's sin
And lose the victor's crown.

The seeming able who all but scored,
From their teeming tribe we come;
What was there wrong with us, O Lord
That our lives were dark and dumb?

We are the hard-luck folk, who strove
Zealously, but in vain;
We lost and lost while our comrades throve
And still we are lost again.

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