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**RECORDS FROM A CLOTHES-LINE**

Agnes L. Porter

At bed-time we went out and brought the clothes  
 in from the line;  
 They bore the scents of Autumn dusk, as old kegs  
 smell of wine.  
 The ripened sweet of apple trees, the blue grapes'  
 subtle tang  
 Were in the clean and dewy folds that we had  
 left to hang.  
 The wind had blown the hearty smoke of bonfires  
 through their weft,  
 Blent with the garden musk of flowers the early  
 frost had left;  
 We folded them with slow delight, and caught the  
 rich perfume  
 Of melons ripened with the corn, which filled the  
 evening room.  
 We smoothed the soft and pliant sheets, and felt  
 the hands of Night  
 Who passed and brushed them gently with fingers  
 cool and white.  
 And from the colored pile of towels rose scent of  
 mint and sage,  
 The faint, sweet records of the pool, like thoughts  
 upon a page —  
 At bed-time we went out and got the clothes to  
 fold away,  
 But we had brought in billowed heaps the whole  
 bright Autumn day.

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in matters pertaining to A.C.W.W. She expressed the thanks of A.C.W.W. to the Women's Institutes of New Brunswick for offering to provide education and hospitality for a woman student from Indonesia, if plans can be arranged to bring her to Canada.

In her address on the topic "A.C.W.W. and You," Mrs. Rand urged those present to give to every W. I. member a picture of the aims and aspirations of A.C.W.W., and an awareness of the organization as it is today, binding rural woman around the globe in friendship and understanding. We are part of a world neighbourhood in which closed doors are a barrier to peace and progress.

In its work with United Nations, A.C.W.W. has a two-way responsibility: (1) to keep UN informed about its work, views and problems; (2) to keep its members at local level informed about UN and enlist their co-operation. A.C.W.W. has consultative status with ECOSOC, UNESCO, FAO and UNICEF.

Helping with study tours, foreign students under UNESCO, or the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship are a tremendous contribution. Exchange programs and pen friends can be mutually interesting and informative for either individuals or Branches. Competitions are another source of interest. Much work is being done in countries which have Societies, and is beginning in parts of the world where there are none. There are women's groups affiliated with A.C.W.W. in every continent except South America, and contact has been made there by Mrs. Haven Smith on her recent tour of Central

and South America. The report of her tour is excellent and is available as study material.

We must remember that this is not all 'give' either in money or training or interest. It is a mutual exchange. Every land has something to give to and take from, another. We can't all travel to far corners but we can study and talk; we can entertain those from other lands within our borders; we can write letters; we can subscribe to "The Countrywoman"; we can give to "Pennies for Friendship"; we can be alive and sympathetic to the problems of others.

The Convention accepted a recommendation to be presented at the A.C.W.W. Conference in Dublin in 1965; that a project be implemented in the village of Villamaria, Bogota, Colombia, to set up a child care and nutrition education centre, and that an organizer be sent on so that an interest resulting in the formation of A.C.W.W. Constituent Societies may be promoted.

A very striking pageant entitled "Through Open Windows—You and the UN" was presented by the members of Kings West District W. I., and featured a pyramid representing A.C.W.W., F.W.I.C., the Provincial Units, UN and its specialized agencies. Collection for "Pennies for Friendship" amounted to \$42.00.

#### **NORTHERN CANADA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

A most interesting and welcome guest who attended as an observer was Mrs. L. F. Semmler, President of Delta W. I., Inuvik, NWT. Her presence was made possible through the combined efforts of many agencies, including Pacific Western Airlines, Air Canada, Department of Northern Affairs, Indian-Eskimo Association and F.W.I.C. She told of some of the projects instituted by her Branch—the skating rink, the hot school lunches provided last winter, the two W. I. members who sit on the town Sanitation Council. The move of civilization into the Territories brings much good but some bad, and "They always learn the bad first." Women's Institutes can do, and are doing, a great deal to help them to adjust to these new conditions. Mrs. Semmler will visit Northern Canada Branches on her way home to give them a glimpse of what it meant to her to be part of a National Convention.

The Convention accepted the recommendation that the National President visit the Branches in Northern Canada once during her term of office, preferably during her third year, and also the sending of a field worker every year. Miss Eadie spent this summer in the north and will be reporting her work at a later date. All members are urged to support Unesco Gift Coupon Plan No. 367 and to make others aware of the needs of homemakers in these isolated areas.