

## International Programs

**Craighurst** — In their annual report Craighurst Branch have asked information regarding getting to know women of other countries. Since the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario are affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World, we have a special interest in women in the 56 countries that are a part of this important women's organization. The Countrywoman is the official publication of the A.C.W.W. This magazine is published every two months and the subscription rate is \$1.00 in Canadian money, for one year.

It is suggested that all of our Ontario branches should subscribe to the Countrywoman and use it as one source of information regarding the activities of women in other countries. To subscribe send \$1.00 to Mrs. Nell Schroder, Editor, The Countrywoman, 17 Old Court Place, 40 Kensington High Street, London, W.8.

**Aughrim** — A young German member spoke on her life in Germany, family adventures coming to Canada. At this meeting there was a display of U.N.E.S.C.O. material. Members of this branch (in South Lambton County) visited Farm Bureau groups in Michigan State counties.

**Minnitaki** reports that each monthly meeting is an International Day, since they have members of many different nationalities.

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"Do you know that conversation is one of the greatest pleasures in life? But it wants leisure."  
Somerset Maugham

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**Glasgow Station** — Each member brought a newspaper clipping of news of another country.

**Madawaska Valley**—Each member brought an article from the country of their ancestors' birth and recipes from other countries.

**Pine Grove** invited senior citizens to a supper of international foods.

**RICHAN BRANCH** in the Kenora District reports that they have five members but their average attendance is five. They have a Tweedsmuir History, and help to provide a library for the community. They give gifts to hospital patients and senior citizens. They have a party and provide gifts for the children at Christmas.



As a Centennial Project Mill Creek Women's Institute erected a sign at an intersection, for the information of visitors to that area. Left — Mrs. T. D. Cowan, Mrs. A. D. Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Hanley.

*Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a letter received in the Home and Country office from a Women's Institute member in British Columbia. Ontario members may be interested in hearing of the growth of the organization in British Columbia and the difficulties with which the officers are faced sometimes.*

"R.R. 1, Qualicum Beach, B.C. In our District of North Vancouver Island we are busy once again with our fall activities. After a beautiful long, hot summer we find we must get down to business once more. At the present time we are hopeful of organizing two more branch Institutes in our District, both in quite isolated areas. I will try to go in to speak to them to explain our aims and objects. There is bus service now three times a week, so that is how I will go. I wouldn't dare drive my car over those roads. They are all logging roads and can only be travelled by car when they are not logging. It is terrific country, wild, but very beautiful. Most sincerely, Irene M. Stewart; Mrs. C. M. Stewart, Publicity Convener; North Vancouver Island District Women's Institutes, British Columbia."

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MAPLE BLOOM

J. E. H. Macdonald

In green lacy bloom  
The old maple tree  
Lifts over the pavement  
A fair mystery.

It reaches and swings  
To the rushing of cars,  
It glows to the street lamps  
And fades to the stars.

In the harsh traffic  
Still bringing to birth  
By pavement and building  
The sweetness of earth  
The hidden, enduring  
Sweetness of earth.