

New Zealand Institute who wanted them. A "Link" correspondent was then appointed, and a most interesting correspondence ensued. We learned how bad conditions were for them and that fats were almost non-existent, so members saved dripping, and hundreds of tins of clarified fat were sent. Soaps, biscuits, anything that would help went across the sea. We sent Christmas cakes every year, also parcels containing individual gifts to be distributed at their Christmas parties. On one occasion, an Institute raffled a large Christmas cake for Patriotic funds. A member took a ticket saying if she won it, she'd send it to the Link. She won it. An o.s. tin was made, and the cake duly despatched. A letter was received, signed by every member of the Link, expressing gratitude.

Our "Links" wished to show their appreciation of our interest, but their resources were limited. However, many beautiful embroidered tablecloths were received by Institutes here, and these are proudly used at each meeting. We exchanged ideas for programmes and competitions, also our "Home and Country" magazine.

Through this contact, many lasting friendships have been made — one member has been a "pen friend" with an English member for 26 years.

If any New Zealand members travel overseas, and visit our Links, they are assured of a wonderful welcome. Nothing's too much trouble for the members, hospitality arranged, and everything done to make their stay pleasant. Sometimes they'll speak at a meeting, thereby taking New Zealand into the midst of the English countryside. We have had the pleasure of meeting members from overseas here and it has been good to do so.

Last year 25 new Links joined, showing the venture was very worth while. We now have Links in South Africa, England, Australia, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Holland, United States of America, Solomon Islands, Sarawak, Isle of Wight, Eire, and Rarotonga.

All manner of items are written about. We learn of their home life as well as Institute matters. Here are snippets from letters we've had. First from Sutton CWI England. "We had an interesting talk about Denman College. It is a large house in the country not far from Oxford. The Institutes bought it after the war, and equipped it to a residential college for members to go on with their education. There are courses in almost every possible subject of interest to wives and mothers."

From Holland, "In February my husband was 25 years doctor here. We had a reception in the country house presented by the villagers. My husband received a writing table, two chairs, a table lamp, and 65 flower bouquets.



Miss Janet McCormick of Trenton, the 1968 winner of the East Northumberland District Women's Institute Scholarship.

The whole house is one flower garden. Very nice." From Scotland, "I have just had a lovely holiday in Cortachy, the home of Angus Ogilvie, who married Princess Alexandra. The Princess is a great favourite with the estate workers. She pops in to see them when she is staying at the castle and has a cup of tea."

We feel that, wherever we go, where there's a CWI we're never strangers in a strange land. We meet on common ground, have the same interests, and the same motto, "For Home and Country." Surely this can only be for the good of all in this troubled world.

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"An error in medical practice may endanger a human life;

"An error in judgment in politics may endanger a whole generation;

"An error in teaching may endanger tens of thousands of generations."

Chinese proverb

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"Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed."

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