

Ed. Note — As yet it is not known how many delegates from Ontario will be allowed to attend the Oslo International Conference. Even so it might be well to keep in mind that only contributing members to A.C.W.W. will be eligible to attend. To become a contributing member the first step is to write to the Secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes, 5th floor, 1200 Bay St., Toronto 185; for an application form.

A Canadian passport will also be necessary.

### Letter Friends

By Miss Sybil Lessey — A.C.W.W. Letter Friend Secretary

ARE YOU interested in people?

DO YOU wish to get to know women of other lands?

DO YOU need a new hobby?

DO YOU like writing?

WOULD YOU like an A.C.W.W. Letter Friend?

The first aim of A.C.W.W. is to promote international goodwill, friendship and understanding between countrywomen and homemakers of the world; in other words, A.C.W.W. helps you to GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

Some of us have the opportunity to do this by travel — to Conferences, to Seminars and other A.C.W.W. meetings, or by exchange visits and other organized group travel. BUT, over 55,000 members of A.C.W.W. and members of A.C.W.W.'s societies all over the world now know each other much better without ever leaving home — through the A.C.W.W. LETTER FRIEND SCHEME.

The A.C.W.W. LETTER FRIEND SCHEME is for the benefit of individual members, and all who belong to A.C.W.W. through their own women's organisation. There is no charge.

### Widen Your Horizons

Are you waiting for something unusual to happen in your life? Then be a pen friend! There is no end to the amount of excitement such a friendship can hold in store for you.

I appreciate that some of you in the non-English-speaking countries are naturally hesitant at accepting a friendship by letter, because you feel the task of composing letters in English takes too much time. But take heart from the experience of others who have previously considered themselves to be poor letter writers. On becoming pen friends they discover they possess a hidden flair for descriptive writing, and thoroughly enjoy the new experience of expressing their thoughts on paper.

Many genuinely lonely people have found infinite pleasure in a heart to heart with the sympathetic listener, their pen friend overseas. A chance mention of some seemingly small and unimportant topic can often set the train of thought racing, stimulating interest in a variety of different subjects, and giving untold hours of joy.

So widen your horizons. Shake hands with a new friend overseas. Bring the world into your home with the vivid impressions your pen friend will give you, on her view of life in her country. You never know where you may travel!

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME AN A.C.W.W. LETTER FRIEND?

If you would like to increase your circle of friends, just write to me, giving a good description of yourself — age, environment and as many interests as you can think to include (plus your children's ages and your husband's work, if you are married with a family) and I will do my best to match you with a really congenial friend as soon as I can.

Especially, too, I would like to hear from those of you who have an ACWW Letter Friend, and have an interesting story to tell about your friendship. Your experiences will be an inspiration and an example to others, thus helping to generate original ideas around the world.

The above is quoted from A.C.W.W. Letter No. 11.

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### STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Whose woods these are I think I know,  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lonely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

—Robert Frost

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