



Attending the South Grenville District Annual Meeting — left to right — Mrs. Cecil Bell, President; Mrs. H. Noblitt, Provincial Board Director; Mrs. R. J. Kelso, Past District President; Mrs. L. Landon, Curator; Mrs. J. Steele, Ottawa Area Public Relations Officer; Mrs. Helen Wilson, District Public Relations Officer; Mrs. Herb Byers, Secretary, and Mrs. Ross Sommerville, 2nd Vice-President of the District.

International Meetings

A "Rajah" greeting members of the Solina Branch of the Women's Institute to an "Indian Street Bazaar" was the opening feature of an International Night Program.

The "Rajah", a papier mache figure borrowed from a local travel agency, sat on a silk covered table. The Street Bazaar contained all the brass ware, ornaments, and carvings that the members and their friends could find to contribute. The hangings were oriental-style silk draperies from a member's parlor.

Biographical sketches of Prime Minister Indira Ghandi of India and Mrs. Aroti Dutt, president of the A.C.W.W., were presented. The sketches stressed the achievements of modern women in an ancient land.

A nurse at the local hospital whose home is in Bombay, India, addressed the meeting. She told of the life lived by the ordinary women of India; of the contrast to the lives their mothers lived. The speaker wore a beautiful silk sari and showed the methods for draping a sari.

On the walls of the hall were posters illustrating life in India (also borrowed from the travel agency) and a map of India. Lunch was a supper of chicken curries with typical eastern condiments, steamed rice and even Indian green tea. Ed. Note — Congratulations to the Solina Branch. This meeting must have been a lot of work but also a lot of fun. How about other branches trying out similar ideas? (There are a lot of countries in the world. Norway for instance where the next A.C.W.W. conference will be held.) Your editor would like to have accounts of these meetings for Home and Country.

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"Truly each new book is as a ship that bears us away from the fixity of our limitations into the movement and splendor of life's infinite ocean."

Helen Keller

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Age is a quality of mind
 If you have left your dreams behind,
 If hope is lost,
 If you no longer look ahead,
 If your ambitions fires are dead
 Then you are old.
 But if from life you take the best,
 And if in life you keep the jest,
 If love you hold
 No matter how the years go by,
 No matter how the birthdays fly,
 You are not old.

From The New Brunswick Women's Institutes
 Home and Country.

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"You may have tangible wealth untold
 Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold,
 Richer than I, you can never be
 For I had a mother who read to me."

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Mildred Summers Branch in Welland just enjoyed a memorable meeting with a theme related to International activities and the United Nations. For an International buffet supper each member brought a dish of food that might be served commonly in another country, and the recipe. The table was centred with a world globe flanked by flags of other countries.

A speaker explained the purpose and scope of the working departments of the United Nations.

St. Lawrence — "Name a country that is constituent part of A.C.W.W." was the call for an International meeting.

Islay Zion — A speaker gave the members information on A.C.W.W. by taking them on an armchair trip around the world. Thus they visited England, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, Pakistan, Ceylon, New Zealand and South Africa. It was pointed out that although cultures, colours and languages vary, one goal of the organization is similar — to improve general conditions and homes.

York Road — A feature of the International Night program was a panel presentation by New Canadians telling of their experiences and problems.

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"The position of past president is a very happy one. Something like being a grandmother, who can enjoy the children without responsibility and when difficulties arise can always send them home to mother."
 Mrs. Raymond Sayre

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