



## The President's Corner

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The river does not stop because it has reached the border of a country, nor did the work of the Women's Institute remain in Ontario. Energetic women expanded their thinking and enthusiasm far beyond our borders.

The Associated Country Women of the World Conference in Oslo this summer was proof that the river had flowed far beyond. The 1,100 delegates formed a mosaic and attitudes were receptive toward working together through A.C.W.W. All Societies were anxious to share their knowledge and tell of their work among the women in their own countries. This learning experience extended into the educational forums and it was soon apparent that whether we were listening to members speaking from developing or developed countries all basically focused their energies around home and family as well as a hope for peace that some day would be world wide.

The differences fell within the confines of priorities, resources and desires. Perhaps the lesson we all learned was "that nothing comes easily, that wherever we live or whoever we are we must believe in ourselves, uphold our image and strive to attain our objectives." We left the conference knowing we must walk those pathways to experience progress.

This is my last message to you and it is almost unbelievable that three years have passed. I have certainly had an interesting term of office and have enjoyed my work. It has been lovely to meet so many Women's Institute members throughout the province and because of these friendships, Ontario means much more to me. No longer are towns and villages only names, but suddenly I can associate them with many friends and acquaintances.

My philosophy has always been that objectives can only be successful and goals reached if we work together; that no one person or no one executive can achieve anything without the wholehearted support of the membership. We have completed some of our projects; some of our dreams have come true, but we still have so much to do, but isn't that the way it

should be? Always striving, reaching a little higher, adjusting our thinking toward new horizons, moving on and forward in this changing world.

They were wise women in their time who stated a provincial president's term of office should be three years, for this is why ideas and enthusiasm take on "new life" in the election of each president. Each brings high hopes and ambition for the success of the organization upon election and all leave a little of their character and personality behind upon completion of their term.

I must say farewell as your provincial president and an especially warm "thank you" to all. You have given me the opportunity to work with so many people, travel and learn more about Women's Institute; and may I wish the new president the very best during her term in office.

Margaret Zoeller

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Have mercy  
Upon us.  
Have mercy  
Upon our efforts,  
That we  
Before Thee,  
In love and in faith,  
Righteousness and humility,  
May follow Thee,  
With self-denial, steadfastness, and courage,  
And meet Thee  
In the silence.

Give us  
A pure heart  
That we may see Thee,  
A humble heart  
That we may hear Thee,  
A heart of love  
That we may serve Thee,  
A heart of faith  
That we may live Thee

Thou  
Whom I do not know  
But Whose I am.  
Thou  
Whom I do not comprehend  
But Who hast dedicated me  
To my fate.  
Thou —

— Dag Hammarskjöld

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