

the older generation and the younger, a mother and a child.

Finally we must realize that though our needs are many, since our resources are limited, and our devoted workers are few, we must set up the priorities as we go forward. In this modern age the winds of change that are sweeping through the world, no one can foresee, but the future, as always, is full of expectations. The Director General of F.A.O. said, "The fact surely is that mankind has both the resources and the skills to create a truly human society for all men within a generation. The challenge to all of us is whether we can make the bold decisions and take the decisive actions that are needed."

Today we are at the cross roads of history, when we are beginning to look upon our moral standards, our sense of values, our judgment on priorities, with fresh minds and eyes.

We feel that our life is in a condition of unstable equilibrium. There is much wood that is dead and disused, which has to be cleared away. The need for readjustment is there and it is through adjustment that we develop and progress. The growth is slow when the roots are deep. So we need not be unduly impatient or lose hope in the future. Remember, those who light a little candle in the darkness will help to set the whole sky alight, some day.

Our emphasis has always been on individual efforts, as the success of an organization, large or small, depends on the dedicated services of individuals. You have to remember that as an individual you are precious, and no work is insignificant in the context of the whole. So many of our organizations originated, sometimes from a tragedy, sometimes from an inspiration and sometimes from an individual life or mind. We are also deeply concerned with individuals in the framework of collective effort. The efforts of individuals put collectively, both at national and international level can achieve the ideal.

We have met in this beautiful country — Norway — with her rugged mountains, beyond which lies silent, the snow covered North; on her South lie the fjords of unlimited beauty, along the blue seas; Norway with her ancient historic background is a country of romance and bravery, and we are happy to meet in Oslo, her Capital.

The members of our two affiliated Societies — Norges Husmorforbund and Norges Bondkvinnelag — have worked tremendously hard to host this world conference. We appreciate their kindness, their hospitality and their friendship. I know I am voicing the feelings of all our members when I say — we shall long remember this Conference, Norway and the Norwegians.

The Educational Sessions

An outstanding feature of the Conference Program was the Educational Conferences. To participate in these the approximately eleven hundred delegates were divided into four groups and an ingenious rotating system was put into operation so that the delegates could sit in on as many of the Forums as possible. Convener for the Educational Sessions was Dr. Irene Spry, Deputy World President, assisted by Miss Freda Gwilliam O.B.E.

Forum 1 — Getting to know each other.

Forum 2 — Learning together.

Forum 3 — Helping each other.

Forum 4 — Getting things done through A.C.W.W.

Morning sessions started at 9.30 a.m. and continued to 12.00. Afternoon sessions started at 2.30 p.m. and continued to 5 p.m.

Leaders chosen from all A.C.W.W. Societies first addressed the forum, followed by speakers dealing with special aspects of the subject. A session followed at which delegates were invited to ask questions, make comments or suggestions. Many interesting ideas were projected in these open sessions. Co-rapporteurs kept records and presented findings after the forums. Mrs. Austin Zoeller, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario acted as a co-rapporteur for one of the leaders.

This delegate involvement resulted in many women having an opportunity to speak during the educational sessions.

An Evening for Ontario Members

Representing Turkey at the Oslo Conference was Miss Reba Isvan. Her presence provided F.W.I.O. members and others with an opportunity to meet and talk with her during one of the "free" evenings at the Conference.

Miss Isvan is the T.K.K. Secretary who has served as the liaison person for the Ontario Women's Institutes in the arrangements for assisting Miss Nazimya Salmon with her training as a midwife for serving in a Turkish Village. Miss Salman received assistance through the International Scholarship Fund (\$50,000) raised by F.W.I.O. members as a 65th Anniversary project.

Miss Isvan explained some aspects of her work and told of the need for assistance especially for girls in the Turkish villages. She showed pictures of homes in rural Turkey, and expressed appreciation for the interest and financial assistance from the Ontario members.

During the evening Mrs. Austin Zoeller, F.W.I.O. president showed pictures of and told about Ontario's present project to purchase the Erland Lee Homestead at Stoney Creek, Ontario.