

THE ROUND ROBIN LETTER

By Elizabeth Bride

The Round Robin Letter for United Nations conveners was the outcome of an idea suggested at the National Conference for provincial conveners. The aim was to bring our national conveners into closer touch with each other and to help each one with suggestions and ideas used in the provinces. Because the conveners had met in Ottawa the letters became friendly and almost personal and have been a delight as well as encouragement to your national convener.

We hope by these letters to give support and subject material to each convener. This in turn will be reflected in the branches and to the individual member and thus the wheel completed. Provincial reports will become better and enthusiasm for our Standing Committee will grow. When we consider that this letter has gone across our entire Dominion and every province has given to it we cannot but be encouraged.

No condensed version can tell of the warmth friendliness and unity that was expressed in every letter. Every province contributed something and every convener has given a bit of herself in her letter. If no other object has been accomplished it has brought our conveners closer to each other. Communication, however fragile, has been tied with a knowledge that we are all working together towards the same end, understanding each other. What better way to bring peace and unity to our nation?

Every convener considered the National Conference in Ottawa the highlight of her term of office; each considered the Round Robin Letter a worthwhile project. The two kits sent to each province — The A.C.W.W. Kit and the United Nations Kit have been used and appreciated.

Pen Pals have been established with the "twinning" province. The outcome of this will surely round off a program of "Know Your Canada."

Other suggestions from the provinces

To give five minutes at each meeting for information on the United Nations.

Encourage Canadian pen pals and making scrapbooks re twin provinces.

Read special items from the Federated News and the Countrywoman.

Radio programs.

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"Running people down is a bad habit, whether you are motorist or a gossip."

—From Junior Women's Institute Newsletter

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Life Member of Bogarttown Women's Institute, Mrs. I. Colville, 95 years old, whose poem "Anniversary Salute" was read at an anniversary meeting. Women's Institute coffee spoons were presented to other life members and three charter members.

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ANNIVERSARY SALUTE

By Isabelle Inglis Colville

Of Bogarttown our Institute
There's a tale that we must tell,
Now she for five and twenty years
Served Home and Country well.

Newcomers to her meetings found
A welcome warm and true,
And often from these casual starts
A lifelong friendship grew.

The Tweedsmuir Book the record stays
Of lands and deeds around us,
Of older men, their words and ways
And how they still affect us.

We entertained our sister groups
Were entertained in return,
And from the pictures, arts and crafts
We found we still could learn.

Our Christmas meetings always bright
With Carols and auctions fun,
And a very special Christmas cake
Made by hands whose work's now done.

And now our Institute will find
That in the coming days,
Both home and country can be served
In ever widening ways.

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