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A.C.W.W.'s theme for the Conference in Perth, Australia, is, "A World to Share". Do we want to share Canada? A good debate or a panel with speakers could be prepared on this topic. Can Canada afford to have a small population beside our big neighbour, U.S.A.? Who are today's immigrants?

"Country Woman" subscriptions are used by many and this is one of the best sources of U.N. information concerning our Organization. Each copy deals with some part the A.C.W.W. is playing in the work of the United Nations. The July-August issue has an article entitled, "Your Voice at United Nations". This article could be the basis for excellent programme material at a branch meeting.

Do not forget that 1975 has been declared "International Women's Year" by the United Nations. The central theme is to be "Equality, Development and Peace". Do try and have a branch, district or area project to celebrate this year 1975.

Please keep up your studies of the work and structure of the various organs that make up the United Nations. May I recommend a booklet to you which may be purchased for 35¢, entitled "United Nations, What It Is, What It Does, How It Works", from the United Nations Association, Metropolitan Branch, 31 Wellesley St. East, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1H1.

Remember your Letter Friends. Our Twin Province is British Columbia. More than thirty of our branches have already been given pen-pals. Write to me if you or your branch would like to take part in this exchange of ideas and ask for a name.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Brock Suddaby — Convener



It is a shame that all conveners do not think as well of themselves as the monkeys in Jungle Book, who said, "We monkeys are the smartest monkeys in the world, we know because we said so."

If Women's Institute conveners at all levels would think "We have the best programmes because we are mostly responsible for our organization's programmes," there would be little difficulty in sending reports to the next level.

It is important to remember that each Convener performs a very valuable work in the long, loosely-connected chain of the organization. If even one report is missing, the chain loses some of its strength.

Perhaps in this my last year as convener at provincial level you will keep tuned in to this bit of advice. Please be sure that the vital statistics, as referred to on pages 12-31-41 in the Handbook appear at the head of Convener's report.

This is such a wide-ranging convenership that every branch will have programme information to report.

FOOD AND NUTRITION — Have you studied the nutritional value of the snack foods, boxed cereals, food preparation? Are you getting the most nutritionally from your food dollar? Home economists and health nurses will supply you with information.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES — Do you understand the new care labelling on clothing? Have you had a chance to study and compare the new textiles? Manufacturers have many bulletins available to help you learn more about fabrics and their care.

HOME AND MONEY MANAGEMENT — Making a house a home takes many things that money can't buy. Speakers are available on money management, credit buying and budgeting. The shrinking dollar and how to live within your budget could make an interesting programme.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS — Some schools have a program for family life in kindergarten to Grade 3. In the first two grades the child is taught that he is an individual different from anyone else. Next he is shown, how, as a member of a family he and each of the others have certain privileges and responsibilities. In the next grade he learns the responsibilities and privileges of being a member of the community. How well this could fit in with the study of Women's Institutes and their motto "For Home and Country." What are the duties and privileges of every individual to the family, the home and the community?

4-H HOMEMAKING CLUBS — There is little I can say. I hope, if you have enough interested girls, that there is no lack of leaders to carry out the programme.

HEALTH AND SAFETY — We are all deeply concerned with the magnitude of accident problems. The quality of our programmes are important. The wise choice of films with active participation and discussion after the viewing is recommended. The policeman, doctor or nurse could add much to a meeting.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Lowell C. Eller — Convener



As I write this column for Home and Country, I am reminded of all the historical points of interest in the Niagara Peninsula. It is now called Niagara Region. An interesting place to visit is the "Niagara Apothecary" at Niagara-on-the-Lake. It was opened in 1866 as a pharmacy and has been restored as a museum by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Canada) and the Ontario College of Pharmacy, which maintains and operates it. It is a delightful old building with its display of old bottles, papers, hand written books of prescriptions, all the instruments and objects used in the pharmaceutical business of the 1800's.

Since its dedication in 1972 an award was noted from the Interior Designers of Ontario, "in recognition

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