

Mrs. Alexander gave an interesting and informative talk on A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World.) It circles the world with 302 societies in 66 countries. In some countries it is known as the Homemaker's Club. The Women's Institute Headquarters are in London, England. It was organized in 1930 after three years of planning.

It was formed of:

(1) no one particular social political, racial or religious group.

(2) It is open to all organized bodies of women having a number of country members with power to elect officers and lay down their own policy in harmony with that of A.C.W.W.

(3) It is a Women's International non-government organization.

The current president is Mrs. R. Roe, C.B.E. of Australia.

There is a World Conference every three years to discuss matters and elect officers. An annual council meeting and other special committees meet regularly between conferences.

The Work of A.C.W.W. is for Women of the World by speaking for them at the United Nations in the following organizations: (1) United Nations Educational Organization. (2) Food and Agriculture (3) Social Development and Status of Women. (4) Development Program of the United Nations to Governments. (5) Energy and National Resources. (6) U.N.I.C.E.F. - Children's Fund to provide food, medical care and education for the world's children which includes Save the Sight Project. (7) A.C.W.W. invites support for women in India, Mexico and Bonsvana.

Funds for A.C.W.W. comes from (1) membership dues. (2) life membership. (3) sale of publications. (4) Pennies for Friendship of which 75 per cent of funds come. (5) Trust Funds enable Grant Aid to support projects.

The Women's Institute has 1,240 branches with a membership of 28,734 members.

The Motto for the day was: Guard our heritage well; study before we criticize; understand before we recommend; become aware before we judge.

The meeting closed with a contest and a social hour. Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. Karlson and Mrs. Magee were the committee in charge.