

FARM JOURNAL Test Group alumnae who are here in Dublin include Mrs. E. L. Survant, Colorado; Mrs. Lawrence Fisher, Wisconsin; Mrs. Floyd Tucker, Indiana; Mrs. Bernard J. Richter, Nebraska; Mrs. J. S. Van Wert, Iowa.

Farm talk . . . Idea swapping

"Our country lives on the sheep's back" (Australia).

"When does the monsoon come to Texas?" (Laos).

"Milking is expensive business now that farm laborers have a 5-day week" (The Netherlands).

"It's rained every day since August 2, and a combine can't swim" (England).

"We have to import rice, so we're trying to produce more of it ourselves and also to eat more vegetables instead" (Philippines).

"The price of cattle dropped \$8.50 per head in the last week, but the price of meat hasn't gone down a thruppence" (Ireland). Familiar story!

"Those rough strips on the bottoms of bathtubs I've seen in Ireland are what we need for our old people's homes" (The Netherlands).

"Our women have seldom left the sheltering tree of home. Colored badges with their names may help cure their shyness" (Cameroons, West Africa).

"The Irish cooperatives' exhibit gives me courage to plan for a model kitchen at our international trade fair" (Pakistan).

"A psychologist on the nutrition staff of a home ec college in Holland helps sell nutrition and change food habits. Why don't we try that at our state college?" (U.S.)

Odds and ends from my notebook

- When ACWW asked for action pictures to show what member organizations are doing, the headquarters office got a photograph of Eskimo women dealing with a dead whale.
- Danish ambassador to his Irish colleague: "You Irish gave us Scandinavians a black eye at the Battle of Clontarf (1014 A.D.), but we gave you lots of blue eyes."
- One of America's greatest gifts to the world is our extensive nutrition research. I've just seen literature used at an ACWW nutrition seminar in Sarawak (Malaysia). I was proud to see that the U.S. was the source of virtually all nutrition information given to volunteer Southeast Asia leaders.
- Handicraft exhibits at the meeting vary from carved wooden combs (Papua and New Guinea) to an embroidered ceremonial gown from Nepal.
- Two firsts today . . . I was introduced to a princess (from Sikkim) and I rode in a Rolls Royce.
- While I was making my speech to the conference about how to report the ACWW meeting back home, I noticed in the audience of about 1,000 a woman with a seedling conifer in a plastic bag. Later she told me she had brought a Cedar of Lebanon to the Irish Countrywomen's training center. The center, a farm and school, was a gift to Ireland from the Kellogg Foundation.
- At business sessions each of us had an assigned seat. On my right sits a young woman from the Cameroons, West Africa. She has a quick mind and a quick wit, and her round black face often lights up with an impish grin. Farm women in her country formed a co-op to buy barbed wire so that during harvest time they can fence their cows, she told me. Before that, women sat in the fields all night, beating drums to scare the cattle away from their crops.
- Today I heard of a dairy co-op handling buffalo milk. Also of a co-operative matrimonial bureau (honest!).

Many American women here feel that our program on co-operation and cooperatives is aimed more at women of the emerging nations than at themselves. Now as hostesses they'll have the tough job of planning a program for the 1968 conference which will help and satisfy U.S. women as well as those who go to club meetings by elephant. **END**



Laura Lane, FARM JOURNAL, greets Mrs. Kamsiah Ibrahim (right) of Malaysia, new vice president for Asia, and Mrs. T. S. Bernardino of the Philippines at the ACWW meeting in Dublin.



ACWW's "Madam President," Aroti Dutt, is not a farmer's wife—few farm women in India speak English or have the background to attend an international conference. But if Mrs. Dutt has her way, India's farm women will one day have the education and opportunity. She is the wife of a lawyer, mother of a teen-aged son and is a highly educated social worker, though she's a volunteer with no pay. Her mother-in-law started the first women's organization in Asia. A pacifist at heart, she believes India should wage war on ignorance, illiteracy, poverty and malnutrition—not on a neighbor. Her two paramount ambitions . . . to teach practical nutrition to Asian women and to persuade them to accept family planning by use of the "loop," a safe, inexpensive contraceptive.