

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**  
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Women of all nations began their invasion of Toronto last week. They overflowed the Royal York, the Walker House, the Y.W.C.A., the W.C.T.U. and the homes of personal friends. Dining rooms, restaurants and coffee shops, all had a long line-up at rush hours. Americans, British, Canadians and folk from "down under" mingled with visitors and "observers" in colorful national costumes from Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden; from India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Egypt and Japan as for the first time in its history Canada was the meeting place for rural women from all over the world during the Seventh Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

The first president of this great organization was a Canadian, Mrs. Alfred Watt, who was elected at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1933 — the same Mrs. Watt who successfully introduced the Women's Institute to England and Wales. Mrs. Watt was a woman with vision but it is doubtful if even Mrs. Watt visualized an organization that in 20 years would reach its present membership of nearly 6,000,000 women, representing 25 nations of the world.

From this vast membership considerably over a thousand delegates gathered for the Triennial Conference in Canada, to meet together for one specific purpose — to discuss ways and means of improving rural conditions in every country, but especially in underdeveloped areas.

Round table discussions are being held almost every day during the Conference for the purpose of studying the economic problems of people living on the land. These discussions are extremely valuable as from them the women learn to appreciate the difficulties of other nations in dealing with problems which may be quite different from their own. One country may report a surplus of farm labor; another—Canada, for instance, a serious shortage.

Ideas, opinions and experiences are freely exchanged in these discussions, and no matter what the subject may be, there is every evidence that most of these women have an extraordinary grasp of the situations involved, and, in most cases, definite suggestions for improvement are offered.

Naturally the emphasis is on what women can, and should do in the world of affairs, all the way from educating the under-privileged to participating in the work of the United Nations. As one woman put it: "To educate a man is fine but educate a woman and you educate the whole family."

Preliminary activities had been taking place for several days but the actual official opening took place in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto on August 14, followed by a tea on the campus at Hart House. The weather was ideal, bright sunshine accentuated the varied coloring of the picturesque national costumes worn by delegates from far countries—the glittering Egyptian costume, the dignity and charm of the Ceylon and Pakistan dresses and the homespun, richly embroidered dresses from Scandinavia.

Mrs. Hugh Summers was chairman for the opening ceremonies at which there was an impressive procession when the flags of the countries represented by the A.C.W.W. were carried in, slowly, solemnly, by members of the Junior Women's Institutes and the Home-making clubs of Canada. No doubt you will have read all the details in your daily paper so that anything I might say would be merely repetition.

Yes, you may have read complete and exact reports but this I must add. No report, no photograph, can convey to you the unexplainable inward emotion that came to me as, in my dual capacity as W.I. member and press representative, I stood on the sidelines and watched and listened. Believe me, I felt both proud and humble to be a part of this great assembly.

Day by day, one hears and reads depressing and conflicting reports of world and local affairs. But here, amid the women of many nations, I was conscious of an uplift of spirit, a feeling that with so many fine and intelligent women taking an active interest not only in their own problems but in those of other races and creeds that somehow out of chaos, we shall find peace and good fellowship among all nations.

I felt this even more strongly during the splendid service in the Memorial Hall at the Ontario Agricultural College Guelph, attended by 21 bus loads of delegates from Toronto headquarters. The Rev. Dr. David M. Gallagher in his address, said that we no longer think of distance in terms of miles but of time—time in getting from one place to another—and how short a time it often is.

**MILTON TOWER BEING TESTED AS LINK IN DOMINION SKYWAY**

Milton is being tested as a link in a "skyway"—a microwave relay system which can provide long distance circuits and television programs.

Transmission tests to determine the route of Bell Telephone's Toronto-London-Windsor microwave radio relay system are underway, the company announced this week. When completed, this new link in the company's communications "skyway" can be arranged to provide long distance circuits and, if required, it will also be capable of carrying television programs.

The westward extension to the microwave radio relay system will be connected to the existing Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal system at Toronto. From the roof of the Bell's Adelaide building in downtown Toronto, test signals have already been beamed to a temporary tower near Milton, and tests have also taken place between the sites of proposed relay stations at Manheim, near Kitchener, Woodstock and London.

Other relay stations will be located at or near Glencoe, Chatham and Ruscom, about five miles northeast of Essex. Western terminal of the system will be Bell's nine-storey Goyreau street building in Windsor on which antennae will be erected.

The company already has in operation a microwave relay system linking Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. This system is Canada's first capable of transmitting both television programs and telephone calls. With an extension from Buffalo, N.Y., it is used by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for relaying television programs and by the Bell company to provide additional long distance circuits between Toronto and Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and Montreal and Ottawa.

An eastward extension of the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal system, between Montreal and Quebec City is now being constructed. It will be in service next spring.

The 140 foot tower at Milton has been testing relays for some time. An article in this paper in May, 1951 told that Milton was a relay link between Fonthill and Toronto, in an experiment to determine if it were practicable to relay television programs from Buffalo that way.

The tower near Milton is at a high vantage point. Microwave beams are sent to hit antennae on the horizon.

**European Movies Upped by 3-D Haze**

Hollywood's current confusion over three-dimensional films may soon give a boost to Canada's imports of Continental movies, already at a record level, says the Financial Post.

Hollywood's movie-makers have a wide choice of three-dimensional systems, including Natural Vision, Cinemascope and Cinemascope. But expensive alterations and equipment are necessary to adapt a theatre to the showing of any 3-D system and no two systems use the same equipment.

Until U.S. producers reach some measure of agreement on films-in-depth, the output of Hollywood films is being reduced by some 50%. This means that British and foreign producers, still turning out two-dimensional or "flat" pictures, have an opportunity to enlarge their share of the North American market during the next year or so.



THREE "OTTERS" Canada's newest and most serviceable bush aircraft joined the Ontario Lands and Forests Department's fleet of 40 "Beavers" when the forest fire season opened. They are engaged in fire patrol and aerial photography. The "Otter" is powered by a 600 h.p. air-cooled engine, will carry eight to 14 passengers or two complete fire-fighting crews with pumps and equipment. It can also be equipped as an aerial ambulance.

**MOOSE'S FAVORITE**  
In Edmonton, an amateur photographer has photographic evidence that at least two horses in the Northwest Territory prefer eating fish to hay. This camera enthusiast last returned home with a movie showing two big, white horses eating a pair of fish. It seemed as if they could not get enough, for when the Indians hung out fish for drying and curing, the horses would come along, pull them down and eat them.

**NO PANHANDLER**  
Two men fishing from a pier had varied luck. When one of them commenced catching quite large fish, he unhooked them and then he promptly threw them back in the water. After a time the other fisherman, having had no bites and appalled at the action of the more fortunate one, asked, "What's the big idea?" To which the other replied: "They were all too big to fit my pan."

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