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The 1947 Meeting of The Associated Country Women of World

By MRS. GEORGE APPERSON

Sailing from New York on August 27 aboard the SS Queen Mary under the leadership of Mrs. Spencer Ewing, National Chairman, 75 American rural women set forth on what to most of us was a new and rare adventure. The ultimate aim of the trip was to attend the fifth meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World held in Amsterdam, Holland, August 8-13. However, many thrilling experiences were awaiting us before reaching that far away city.

The Queen Mary was more magnificent than we had ever dreamed, a majestic floating city worthy of a Queen's name. A smooth sea made the five days' crossing ideal. At midnight on the fifth day we docked at Southampton, and early the next morning had our first glimpse of how war had devastated one of England's important seaport towns. Everywhere was evidence of destruction caused by bombings.

On our way to London, we traveled through miles of typical English countryside of beautifully tended fields and quaint thatched houses. In London we visited the famous 13th Century Cathedral of Salisbury and Warwick Castle, lunched at Parridge Pot, which bears the marks of five centuries of use. After lunch we visited the home of William Shakespeare and journeyed on the walk in Anne Hathaway's flower garden.

England is tired and hungry, nutritionally sick, and is facing an ominous future with little hope yet visible.

From Harwick, England we sailed on the steamer Arnheim for an all night trip to the Hook of Holland. Aboard the motor coaches next morning the landscape unfolded around us like scenes come to life from the great Dutch painters. Driving through The Hague, we saw, again, the terrible ruins of war, but standing in the suburbs amidst its quiet gardens was the Peace Palace, home of the International Court of Justice. Coming from the scenes of havoc this building rose like a symbol of man's hopes in an afflicted world.

Our party was comfortably settled
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November Issue

This issue of the North Carolina Federation News will be given to delegates accounts of meetings of great interest to all Home Demonstration Council members in North Carolina.

These meetings are North Carolina State Federation Meeting, and the Associated Country Women of the World meeting which was held in Amsterdam, Holland. Three other meetings were held at Jackson's Mills, West Virginia—National Home Demonstration Council, The Country Woman's Council of the United States of America, and National Guild of Master Farm Homemakers.

The Meeting of The North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

The State Federation meeting was held on August 28th. An audience of 3500 heard Miss Dorothy Thompson noted columnist and author speak on "Women's Part in Establishing Peace."

Miss Thompson declared that the hope of peace rests with the women of the world and, primarily, upon the women of America.

"If the women of this country would frame their demands in the form of a manifesto and petition; if millions of them would mobilize to have them heard; if they would stretch out their hands to the women of the rest of the world and ask them to join them—then they would be heard.

"The woman points the way to the fundamental thing. The woman says: 'The center of life is home; the duty of life is to children; the necessity of life is peace.' The woman fights not for idealogy but for life itself. And it is that strength that they are now called upon to exert in dynamic demonstrative energy for the salvation of mankind, moving forward in the name of no state and no power, but in the name of God and of humanity."

Miss Thompson was honored at the annual luncheon. Mrs. Edison Davenport presented a piece of North Carolina pottery and gave the following toast:

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National Home Demonstration Council

By MRS. D. G. BENNETT

Monday, October 6, was a very busy day at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. Home Demonstration Club women from 32 States and Canada were arriving from early to late to attend the National Home Demonstration Council.

The West Virginia Council greeted each guest and served hot tea and cookies, which was a great lift for the women who had traveled all day across those beautiful West Virginia mountains. Many of the women were seeing mountains for the first time. No artist could paint the beautiful scenery surrounding the 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill where the council was meeting. This camp is owned and maintained by the West Virginia Extension Service and is used year round by 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs and study groups of the University. This beautiful spot contains 523 acres, and buildings were started in 1921.

The meeting opened Monday, October 6 at 7:30, with a recreational program.

Tuesday morning, greetings were extended from Dr. J. O. Knapp, Director of Agriculture, Extension Service, West Virginia University. Devotional period, Mrs. Cecil Morgan, President Arkansas State Council, conducting, using Luke 6th, 48-49. Welcome, Mrs. R. W. Faulkner, president West Virginia Farm Woman's Council. The theme for Tuesday was "Harmony in the Home". The first speaker was Mrs. Theodore Parsons, Southampton, Massachusetts. She used as her topic Family Relationships and Influences.

She stressed the importance of all having God's love and letting God's love flow through us. "The entire family depends on the spirit of mother in the home."

The second speaker spoke on Financial planning. She was Miss Pearl Barnes, Preemption, Illinois. She said only 2 percent of women know how to spend wisely. She urged "women, please study more carefully how you spend what you have".

The third speaker, Miss Jennie Williams, Banner, Wyoming, spoke on Order, Beauty and Simplicity in the home and surroundings. She said, "Order in the home is God's first rule.

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Greetings

Miss Ruth Current, North Carolina head of Home Demonstration work since 1937, returned to her post at State College in September from a twelve-month leave of absence.

Miss Current, the popular leader, has been at Columbia University, New York, for the past twelve months doing advanced study.

Delegates To The Associated Country Women of The World Visit Rural Homes in Holland

By MRS. WALTER PIKE

Delegates to the meeting of the A. C. W. W. spent a few days after the Conference visiting farm homes in Holland in order to get a better impression of conditions in rural areas. Mrs. Walter Pike of Henderson County tells something of her impressions of rural life there as it is today.

Bombs, German occupation and inundation have left a terrible scar upon the once beautiful section of Holland which I visited, with some fifty other delegates, after our recent conference in Amsterdam.

However, from the time we were met and taken from our buses at night into what was often just a shell of a home, the Dutch people painted a picture in our minds and hearts that will never fade. This is a picture of sincere people eager to share what little they have left with others; eager to express in numerous ways their appreciation of any help they may have received from us and especially eager that friendship rule the World and there be no more War. We saw them—we met them—we loved them—"You can't beat the Dutch".

Dutch Day

By MRS. J. BROOKS TUCKER

It is difficult to limit the description of anything so interesting and colorful as Dutch Day to a short article. Furthermore, I can never think of Dutch Day without including the reception at the American Embassy at the Hague, and seeing the Agricultural Exhibits on display, which were the most gorgeous I have ever seen.

The third day of the A. C. W. W. Conference Wednesday, September 10th, was a festive day organized by the Dutch Association of Country Women in behalf of their foreign guests. Appropriately enough it was called Dutch Day, and over four thousand Dutch members attended, too, many in native costumes, which were too colorful and quaint for description.

The meeting was held in a huge gymnasium called the "Appolohal" and each person was asked to bring her lunch, and to be in her seat by eleven o'clock. Each A. C. W. W. delegate was presented a corsage of carnations or roses, in memory of our boys who were killed. The stage was banked with arrangements of orange marigolds, the color was in deference to Princess Juliana, who is descended from the House of Orange and is Honorary President of the Dutch A. C. W.

The morning program consisted of singing by the choir from Venhuizen and greetings brought from the various constituent societies and countries by their delegate. The delegates from Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, etc. wore their national costumes.

Dutch Dolls, which were made by the Dutch women, and sold to help defray the cost of the A. C. W. W. Conference, were displayed during the lunch hour, and A. C. W. W. delegates not only brought the dolls, but in many instances met the women who made the dolls they bought. The dolls ranged from elaborately dressed burgomastirs and their ladies, to lowly milk-maids.

The afternoon was devoted a pageant presented by the women from the northern provinces of Holland, called the "Netherlands Receive". It was simply superb, and depicted the happy land before the war, the invasion and the destruction of the dykes and homeland by the Germans; the occupation by the enemy; liberation; reclamation and restoration of their lands from the sea; peace, harvests, and happiness and prosperity again.

Trim our work down in the home to our size, and that we should not attempt to do the things we are not physically able to do".

The fourth speaker, Mrs. Glenn Duncan, told of the importance of health and the expense in the home it effected Family Relations, Family Finance and order and beauty in the home. We were all proud of Mrs. Duncan and the fine report she gave with her own winning expressions.

Dr. Douglas Ensminger, in charge of Rural Sociology, Extension Work, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, used as his topic, Trends in Rural Life, dividing his talk into six major trends, stressing that we should know more about our County, State and National leaders and what they stand for.

Wednesday morning, inspiring reports were given from National President, Regional Directors and from Amsterdam Conference. The new International President, Mrs. Raymond Sayre, Iowa, was introduced. Mrs. Sayre is the first American Woman to hold this office. Her brief message was a little prayer. "Women, Pray not for tasks that are equal to your strength, but for strength equal to the task."

Some of the impressions she gleaned from the world conference were:

1. America is long on enthusiasm, but short on true facts.
2. "God held America in his hand during World War 2. Women, what are you going to do about the condition of the world?"
3. God has been good to America. Lets be worthy of His goodness. Miss Florence L. Hall, Senior Home Economist, U. S. D. A., very forcefully told the group some of the things ahead of us in Home Demonstration work. She urged all clubs in the nation to support the program of conserving and sharing food.
 - (1) Find community needs and be of greater service.
 - (2) That we strive always to be better home makers.
 - (3) That we read the books, "Their Mother's Son" by Stricker, and "Ageing Successfully" Columbia University Press, and that all make more thorough analysis of Family Life Problems.
 - (4) Take greater interest in Public Problems.
 - (5) Publicise Home Demonstration Work, through press, radio and individual contacts.

America alone can do the things which need to be done at this critical hour. Every American needs to help.

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Mrs. H. M. Johnson Makes A Friend

A lonely delegate on her way to the fifth Tri-ennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World was leisurely walking the streets of London trying to find a book on "History of Old Castles". Upon seeing an apparent native British woman she approached her and asked where she could find such a book.

The British woman queried, "From which of the States are you, and why are you in London?"

The delegate replied, "I am a North Carolina farm woman, on my way to Amsterdam to attend the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World. I am an American born citizen."

The lady smilingly said, "So am I and I thank God for it. I am from Virginia."

By this remark the Carolinian guessed she was talking to Lady Nancy Astor.

"Perhaps I can help you find such a book. Come with me in my car," she invitingly said, "Maybe too you will like to ride over London and see some of it. I am Lady Astor."

With this remark the chauffeur po-

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Return Trip On The Marine Tiger

The members of the A. C. W. W. group sailed from La Harve France Septembred 26th ,with 800 passengers on board including 600 students.

They had been in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Finland, Norway and Czechoslovakia studying the economic and agricultural conditions of these countries.

Each day an orientation program was held and the A. C. W. W. group was invited to attend these group discussions .

Professor Maynard Krueger of the University of Chicago was the leader and was assisted by Mrs. Krueger, Librarian, Molly Flynn, U. S. R. R. A. Sarah Hailey, Friends School Palestine, Barbara Haynes, British Information Service. Bert Haslitz, Professor of Economics, Dorothy Jackson ,Department of State, division International Exchange of Persons. June Kempf, Institute of International Education. Hilda Koch, Writer and Lecturer.

The following groups were represented—World Student Service Fund. Congregational Christian Service Committee, Junior year in Switzerland,

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Country Woman's Council Of The U. S. A.

On Thursday, October 9th, the National Home Demonstration Council adjourned at lunch. The delegates for the states who belonged to the C.W.C. of the U. S. A. remained for their meeting. Mrs. Spencer Ewing, National President, presided; Mrs. Raymond Sayre, Ackworth Iowa, President of the World Organization of A. C. W. W. was presented. She is the first American president of this world organization.

Mrs. Sayre challenged the group to keep informed on international affairs, the work of their organization and the United Nations. She stated, "God has been good to America. Lets be worthy of his goodness.

Reports were given from the meeting of the A. C. W. W. meeting held in Amsterdam.

The C. W. C. of the U. S. A. was asked to continue their Penny for Friendship fund which had meant much in supporting the organization.

Mrs Glenn Duncan was the North Carolina delegate from the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

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Experiment in International Living. American Boy Scouts and Oxford debaters.

Our trip was very interesting and informative but we were happy to see the Stature of Liberty.

—Mrs. Eva U. Person.

SEVEN PAST PRESIDENTS OF STATE FEDERATION



To the Fortieth Annual Farm and Home Week at State College the last week in August came seven past presidents of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. They represented the passing years that spread from 1920 to 1946.

Shown above as they paused to pose are, left: Mrs. D. Hubert Boney, 1937 president, from Teachey's in Duplin County; Mrs. A. W. Pierce, 1946, Pikeville, Route 2, Wayne; Mrs. T. W. Lloyd, 1938, Durham, Durham County; Mrs. W. B. Lamb, 1920, Ingold, Sampson; Mrs. W. C. Pou, 1930, Elmwood, Iredell; Mrs. J. S. Turner, 1927, Reidsville, Rockingham; and Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, 1944, Marion, McDowell.

Master Home Makers Hold Meeting

By MRS. HUBERT BONEY

The 18th Annual Session of the National Guild of Master Farm Homemakers was held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia on October 8th—the theme being "God's Love-Peace". The president, Mrs. C. A. Steele of Ohio, presided. Highlighting the program were Mrs. E. D. Funk of Illinois with her gems of poetry, the president's address on "Beauty from Within", and the report of the ACWW by the Guild's delegate to Holland, Mrs. Walter F. Heick of Kentucky.

Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Iowa, newly elected president of the ACWW spoke of the pressing needs of today and a summary of facts showed that food is the primary need of the world today, that friendship of the nations will come with the providing of food, that enthusiasm is good but we must know the facts about the tasks that confront us, and that the Penny for Friendship Fund is playing an important part in bringing about a closer feeling between the women of the world.

Mrs. C. A. Rasmussen of South Dakota presided at the recognition service for those first Master Farm Home makers elected twenty years ago, nine being present. North Carolinas five members of the ninety-eight in the United States that were honored in 1928.

Mrs. E. F. Bratton and Mrs. J. G. Lang of West Virginia conducted a "Service of Remembrance" for those Master Homemakers that have died this year. One of this number being Mrs. Henry Middleton of North Carolina.

On the evening of October 7th the West Virginia Guild of Master Farm Homemakers entertained at a Fellowship Hour in the Century of Progress building. Forty homemakers from fourteen states attended. An educational picture of West Virginia was shown. Gifts of glass made in that state were presented each guest. Coffee and cake were served. Mrs. J. S. Turner, Reidsville, Mrs. W. C. Pou, Elmwood, and Mrs. D. H. Boney, Teachey represented the North Carolina Guild.

North Carolina was represented by: Mrs. A. W. Pierce, Mrs. D. H. Boney, Mrs. W. C. Pou, Mrs. Loy Howard, Mrs. Edison Davenport, Mrs. J. S. Turner, Mrs. Glenn Duncan, Mrs. Dewey Bennett, Mrs. R. E. Ward, Miss Flossie Whitley, Mrs. T. W. Lloyd, Mrs. LeRoy Clark, Mrs. George Apperson and Mrs. Esther G. Willis.

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in Hotel Krasnapalsky in Amsterdam. We then turned our thoughts to the objective of the trip—the Conference Here 500 delegates from 25 countries of the world had gathered for their first post-war conference. In spite of the fact that war had brought about changed circumstances of many of the individuals and countries concerned, here was a great group of country women whose intention and purpose was to understand one another and despite the great differences in background, language, nationality and politics, there was a deep interest common to all—the land and its worth to humanity.

The opening meeting of the conference was held in Amsterdam's great concert hall and was presided over by Mrs. Evers, President of the Dutch Woman's Association.

At the Krasnapalsky, various committees were attempting to work out eight years' problems of Constitution, Policy, Finance, Publicity, etc., while the plenary sessions listened to reports of work done by these committees.

The American, as well as many other delegates, were pleased with the election of Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Iowa as World President. She is a capable leader, with wide experience in practical farming. Mrs. Sayre in characterizing the thinking of the conference said that we are now at the turning point at which we may use the forces at our command either to ease the ills of this world or for its destruction. She pointed to the use of atomic energy to illustrate this choice. Mrs. Sayre stressed the need for the achievement of unity, which would constitute a test of our progress. We must have the courage to accept the changes taking place in our world and assume the responsibility for directing these changes through intelligent and courageous action. Finally, she pointed out that we must not fail to associate moral and spiritual values with human and social issues, quoting from Carl Sandburg, "I am credulous of the destiny of man. I believe more than I can prove."

Many special events were planned for the delegates attending the conference. At Hotel Europa, Mrs. Helen Carlton-Smith entertained at tea. The Minister of Agriculture and the Burgo-Master of Amsterdam each entertained at a reception for the delegates and the City's Symphony Orchestra gave a concert in their honor.

The conference closed formally with a farwell dinner at the Krasnapalsky.

Mrs. Watt, the retiring World President of the Associated Country Women, spoke to more than 600 guests of the beginning and growth of the organization.

A short stay in Belgium and France with the opportunity of seeing something of the two cities, Brussels and Paris, added much to our pleasure.

Against the scene of comparative peace and plenty here at home, the want and misery of England, Holland, and France stand out in bold relief. The little Dutch Boy Scout's almost worshipful thanks for a chocolate bar, my Dutch hostess' one presentable dress, the lean faces and frayed collars of men whose manners bespoke a past of plenty; these and many other like conditions tend to bring us back home with a kindlier feeling for and a greater broad mindedness toward our neighbor nations.

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A Toast To Dorothy Thompson

A toast to Dorothy Thompson
Who is known far and wide
As a tornado terrific
But lovely and blue-eyed
And here's to her column
With the clear cut views
Of a cosmopolitan columnist
Who debates the world news.
Her readers are legion
Who read her each day
And form their opinion
By what she has to say;
Obsessions, she has one,
Dictators, beware,
Or she'll give you a roasting
When she gets on the air.
Her popularity is one
That has grown with the years;
As a radio commentator
She stands without peers.
She's known for her sarcasm,
Mimicry and wit,
Her objective analyses
Are enlivened by it.
She's a crusading columnist
Who with passionate plea
Speaks against wrong and injustice
Wherever they be.
So here's to Dorothy Thompson
First Lady of the Press
And thanks from all of us
For that atom-bombish address.

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lately helped them in the car and drove around the city showing the worst bombed areas also the beautiful sites, which had not been marred by the devastation of war.

From this time on, this delegate woman was designated as Lady Astor Johnson.