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## **ACWW Highlights**

The ACWW is the only world organization for country women. At the Conference held in Toronto, Canada, August 12-23, there were farm women from 124 rural women's organizations in 27 countries around the world—many of them in their native costumes.

The theme of this conference was "How can the Countrywoman, as an individual and through her Society, take a more active part in international work?"

Two days were devoted to round table discussions and two of the North Carolina delegates were in each session. The discussions were as follows:

- Problems and Programmes of Rural Women in Less Developed Areas.
- 2. Technical Assistance Programmes.
- 3. Education of Rural Youth.
- Ways and means of spreading information about United Nations and its agencies.
- 5. Adult Education Programmes for ACWW Societies.
- Discussion of the Economic problems of people on the land.
- 7. Conservation of Natural resources.
- 8. International exchange programmes
  There were four committees set up
  for Constitution, Finance, Policy, and
  Publicity and publications and our
  delegates served on each committee.

After these various committees had discussed and voted on different resolutions we would assemble in the Banquet Hall for the plenary session.

At this session the chairmen of the four committees would present the resolutions passed or rejected for the delegates to vote. Only two could speak for, and two against any resolution. Several of the resolutions were worldwide as:

1. Trees of the World. 2. Illiteracy. 3. Concept of Peace. 4. United Nations.

5. International Trade. 6. Production and Distribution. 7. Output and standard of living.

At the last plenary session the officers were elected—Mrs. A. Berry from Brisbane, Australia, was elected President, and Mrs. George Apperson, Mocksville, North Carolina, Area Vice-President. Our advisor, Miss Stanton, served as one of the returning officers.

It was a wonderful experience to be with women from all parts of the world meeting together with the same objective—to raise the standards of living in rural areas and to strengthen understanding around the world.

Mrs. R. L. Yancey Past President



Mrs. A. M. Berry

#### Australian is ACWW President

The new president of the ACWW is Mrs. A. M. Berry, of Queensland, Australia. She is active in several national organizations and is capable of leading the membership of 6,000,000 women of the ACWW.

Mrs. Berry has experienced the problems of farm people since she took over the sheep raising business on a 42,000 acre farm when her husband died five years ago. She has two married daughters and six grandchildren.

"Plans for the future are very well laid," says Mrs. Berry. Extension of membership into countries not now affiliated will be one thing on which the organization will concentrate.

Mrs. Berry, Miss Beryl Hearndon of England, and Mrs. Helen Carlton Smith of Washington, have recently visited North Carolina to observe home demonstration work.

## My Canadian Farm Visit

On Sunday morning, August 23, Mrs. R. L. Yancey and I, along with 26 other conference delegates from different sections of the U. S., Norway, Australia, Germany, Scotland, and England, boarded a special bus at the Royal York Hotel. We drove fifty miles to Stoney Creek, Ontario, where we were met by the Women's Institute members who were to be our hostesses for the next three days.

Mrs. Yancey and I both went to the neighboring community of Winona although to different farms. She visited a fruit farm and their peach crop was just at its peak and the trees and fruit

## Mrs. Apperson Holds Office in CWC And ACWW

At the recent meeting of the CWC in Toronto, Canada, Mrs. George Apperson, of Mocksville, was re-elected as Chairman for another term of three years. She was also elected as Vice-President, from the USA, of the ACWW. Other vice-presidents in the organization come from the Netherlands, Ceylon, Australia, Norway, Canada, and South Africa.

Mrs. Apperson was president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in 1948-1949.

were beautiful. I visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Pylypiuk and they had only a small farm of twelve acres, but on these acres they had over 600 mink. It was my first experience with live mink and I learned many interesting things about them.

Visiting in this household along with me was Mrs. Dagfrid Moystad of Norway. She spoke excellent English although with a decided accent, and she was a most interesting person. She and I became good friends and I hope she learned as much about North Carolina as I did about Norway.

We both enjoyed the hospitality of this home where we were made to feel at home. There were five children ranging in age, from Luba who was 17, down to Terry who was 6. In between were Johnny, Christine, and Victoria.

During our short visit in Winona we were privileged to attend the regular meeting of the Winona Women's Institute and were glad to find their program of work not too different from ours. They do not have the help with their educational program that Extension gives us, but their community betterment programs are very similar to ours, and their goal is a better life for all people just as is ours.

It was a wonderful privilege to visit with a Canadian family, to form international friendships, and to see a local club in action, and I shall always remember my three-day visit to Winona in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Charles Graham, President N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

## Report of Finance Committee

The A.C.W.W. is today a large important well organized body all over the world. This is due to the support of the Societies, the Life Members, the

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#### Social Activities

On Wednesday evening, August 12th, in the banquet hall of the Royal York Hotel, the first social affair of the A.C.W.W. for all the visitors and delegates was held. It was a well planned and most enjoyable "Get Acquainted"

The Federated Women's Institute of Canada entertained the group with a tea at the Hart House on Friday, August 14th.

There were twenty-two bus loads of country women who attended the International Service in Memorial Hall at Ontario Agricultural College, in Geulph. We were also served dinner in the college dining hall. We went from Guelph to Stony Creek, where the Women's Institute served cookies and ice cream.

The tour to Niagara Falls was one of the highlights of the social activities. We were guests of the Ontario Hydro Commission for lunch, and the Welland County Women's Institute served a most bountiful picnic supper. After supper those wishing to see the illumination of the Falls stayed for that, and the others returned to Toronto early.

The Prime Minister and Government of Ontario entertained with a formal dinner in the Banquet Hall of the Royal York Hotel and on Monday, August 17th, in the same banquet hall we were entertained with a civic luncheon.

The meeting came to a close on Saturday night, August 22nd, with a banquest in the banquet hall of the Royal York Hotel.

> Mrs. J. P. Turlington Chm. International Relations

## Friendship Tours

There was much excitement in Toronto, Canada, when hundreds of women from twenty-seven different countries left on Associated Country Women of the World Tours for Windsor, Northern Ontario, or the Capital City. Many were to visit in farm homes several days. Longer tours included Quebec, Maritime, U.S.A., or a Western tour to the Pacific Coast.

Eighty-two women headed for the Capital City of Canada. We saw beautiful mirror lakes, enchanting Islands, and farm scenes that were masterpieces of art. Buckwheat crops looked strange as they waved to us while standing behind rail fences or stone walls, but the houses, business districts, and friendly faces reminded us of home.

At Old Fort Henry men in colorful uniforms did a marvelous military drill, then served tea.

The Women's Institutes of Canada are similar to the Home Demonstration Clubs of the U.S.A. They were gracious hostesses, who gave us an abundance of free food. At night they furnished free rooms in private homes, or in a college dormitory. We appreciate their lovable, smiling faces, and generous hospitality.

We learned a lot about plans at the Dominion Experimental Station.

Ottawa is the beautiful Capital of Canada. Its new Parliament Building replace the results of an expensive fire.

In Peterborough it was a treat to watch a boat come through the liftlock on Trent Canal.

On the busses passengers enjoyed exchanging seats, and talking with new friends. By the end of the tour most of us felt we not only saw part of Canada, but we had taken wonderful mental trips to Egypt, India, Africa, Ireland, England, Pakistan, Australia, and many other countries. The most valuable part was the International friendship, love, and understanding that grew in our hearts.

Janie Gold Starling Accredited Visitor

#### Canada Day

In the spacious Maple Leaf Gardens, in Toronto, some 12,000 women from all over Canada and 26 other countries, assembled, August 21, rejoicing together in our free and democratic way of life, and renewing our hopes and determined efforts toward peace and friendship throughout the world, repeating our Mary Stewart Collect in unison, "Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one."

Greetings from Canadian hostesses. Mrs. Hugh Summers, President, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. and Mme. J. B. Cadrin, President, Les Cercles de Fermieres warmed our hearts with their sincere cordiality. The Honorable Stuart S. Garson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, in addressing us, contrasted despotic and free governments. He quoted Trynbee "who understands better than women the true moral and cultural values," and Sontayana, "those who can not remember the past are prone to repeat it. Plan for the future with due regard for the past."

It was moving to see them in their native costumes and hear the heads of delegations from many countries in their own tongue, as from Denmark, Mrs. Petersen, our hostess at ACWW Conference in Copenhagen in 1950, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Australia, and Japan, and our own Mrs. Apperson of the USA.

Mrs. Sayre's address was the highlight, as in her inimitable simplicity, and sincerity she bore each of us every color, forward, under her standard toward better living, and higher ideals for ourselves and our world neighbors. She said, "A woman plus an idea was the beginning of the great ACWW group, when Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, because of the death of her little child from impure milk, sounded the need of organization of women for better health conditions, and Mrs. Alfred Watt, also of Canada, the first president of this local group at Stoney's Creek, near Hamilton, Canada, started the expansion through Canada and the world. until today more than 6,000,000 women are affiliated under this banner. ACWW is a fellowship, a movement, a voice, non-sectarian-non political-we can bridge the gaps that divide up by postage stamps, through letter friends."

The Junior Farmer's Choir of Young Men and Women sang several numbers well, ending with the audience joining in their beautiful, "O Canada, We Stand On Guard For thee."

After a supper interval, we were reassembled in the Gardens for a most spectacular and thrilling pageant, "Dominion of Destiny," depicting Canada's glorious history from its beginning when the Indians were here, on the coming of the Vikings, Hudsons, Champlains, the Confederation, Stoney Creek, the wonders of their present Y, ballet and choral association, the United Nations, the Coronation and

the Closing Prayer, ending with their always used hymn of homage, "God Save Our Queen."

Our neighbors in Canada, so like ourselves, were gracious and generous beyond our greatest expectations. As we have pledged each to the other our trust as set forth at the International Peace Garden, "To God in His Glory, we two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live, we will not take up arms against one another," so may we pray and work that all nations may live together with unguarded borders and that it may be fulfilled that, "nation shall not rise up against nation, neither shall there be war any more."

Mrs. D. A. McDonald Accredited Visitor

**Publicity Report** 

The Seventh Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World is over, but the hundreds of women who attended will surely be talking about the meeting and A.C.W.W. for many a day. As a member of the Publicity and Publications Committee I, in particular, feel that I shall "shout from the house tops" the meaning and value of A.C.W.W.

Did you know that A.C.W.W. is the only world organization of country women? that 51/2 million country women are members from 26 different countries?

Did you know that beside the close connection with women of other lands that A.C.W.W. offers to you, you are also represented through this organization at United Nations?

The Committee of which I was a member made a study of various recommendations submitted to it by member societies. One which the general body approved was the printing of a book of Essays and Surveys showing the position of agricultural women in their different tasks in the various countries, as well as the social standing of women. This book is to be published after plans for financing same have been completed.

The Essay Contest for the 1953-56 triennial period is to have as its subject "How the Organization to which I belong has Contributed to World Peace." The announcement of prize winners at this Conference was a thrilling moment and we were happy to hear that the winner of third place was from the U.S.A., from Iowa. Let's see if this first-place '53-56 winner can not be from North Carolina, U.S.A.! Do you know your own paper, The Countrywoman, published monthly from London? Subscription is but \$1.00 a year and articles from different countries are printed.

A number of leaflets are available, without charge,—"Pennies for Friendship," "Letter Friends," "Exchange Programmes" and others. An International Cookery Book has been published which should be very interesting, and an A.C.W.W. History is also in book form. Plans were made for an Exchange Library of Pictorial Aids, such as a film strip, movies, slides or snapshot album of typical family life. These will eventually be available at an Exchange Library in each Area for distribution to constituent societies.

Attending this conference has been a wonderful experience for me, one which I shall never forget. I shall do my utmost to place the value and service of the A.C.W.W. before all peoples, particularly the women of our Home Demonstration Clubs, to whom the organization belongs. Thank you for allowing me the honor of attending the conference.

Bernice M. Smith Southwestern District Delegate

## Ways and Means of Spreading Information About the United Nations and the Specialied Agencies

Those present at the round table discussions agreed that there was wide-spread interest by members of Home Demonstration Clubs, but that we were not adequately informed.

The techniques of ways and means reported were many and varied. They ranged from discussion within the family circle, and "being a good neighbor," to international projects, and from effort by the individual member to that by group effort at the community meetings or state meetings.

Individual members can spread information about the UN by speaking at meetings and on the radio, sending UNICEF greeting cards, visits to the UN, subscribing to the "United Nations Reporter," taking out membership in their respective national associations of the United Nations, purchase of UNESCO gift stamps, and serving as chairman of the UN in local groups. We can also invite representatives of the United Nations and exchange students into our homes.

As one delegate stated: "The strength of the United Nations is in the interest of the rank and file of local groups." There is a thirty minute play "To Live By Faith" that I think would be good to arouse interest. This could be followed up by studying the different nations, by requesting editors of local papers to print items regarding the United Nations, by furnishing UN News for editors, discussion groups, teas, dinners and church meetings.

One group reported a countrywide short course on the United Nations, another state sent ten women for ten days to visit the United Nations.

We were asked to not only mention our local organization but also indicate that we are a constituent society of ACWW, when we visit the UN, or ask for privileges of the UN.

Mrs. W. D. Ketner Western District Delegate

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contributing members, and the magnificent financial donations collected through the "Pennies for Friendship" Fund; In regard to "Pennies for Friendship" Fund which is acknowledged as the backbone of A.C.W.W. finance, it is appropriate to adapt from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" that "It falleth like a gentle dew from Heaven." A.C.W.W. being International, faces the eternal problem of the soft currency countries since their women are unable to collect money for "Pennies for Friendship" and other projects out of their countries. That is, their government controls the money

to the extent that it cannot leave their

country. It is difficult for the American

women to realize the greatness of their

problem, yet see the faithfulness of

these members who have worked so

hard to make our organization success-

ful during the 1950-53 triennial.

The finance committee reports an increase in income of £5,639 in 1950 to £11,509 as of March 31st, 1953. The budget as set up by the Finance Committee shows a marked increase in allocations of sums for the coming year. It is the consensus of the group that the dignity of the office requires a suitable sum for expenses of the office. Such financial matters as your headquarters office moving to a bigger office premises, and the staff growing in proportion to the income and the amount of work which has been put in hand were discussed during the triennial period. For this reason, the President's allowance was increased and the vice presidents were allowed money for extension

"We hope that the manner in which your money has been spent meets with your approval. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us, and for the generous financal support."

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Clyde Banks Eastern District Delegate

The Kentucky Chorus

The Kentucky Chorus of 26 members entertained us at the National Home Demonstration Council 17th Annual

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#### For You We Went

Dear Home Demonstration Club Members:

It was a great privilege to represent you in the Seventh Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World at The Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Canada, August 12-23, 1953.

For you and for ourselves we witnessed a great convention. It was international in scope, yet individually composed of country women like you and me with homes and families, too.

From many nations the delegates came—Africa, Australia, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Denmark, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hawaii, India, Ireland, Japan, Jordon, Lebanon, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Rhodesia, Scotland, Sweden, the U.S.A., and Wales—all very nearly dressing alike, speaking alike and thinking alike—"a miniature United Nations in itself," I heard someone say one day.

Everywhere there existed a spirit of tolerance, understanding and friend-ship. Those of us who were present can never forget this. It is something we shall carry in our hearts the rest of our lives. And what a treat it was to have someone preside with such capability and humanness as did Mrs. Raymond Sayre, the ACWW President from Lowa

We absorbed all we could of the spirit of the convention, the business affairs of ACWW, the round table discussions and their reports, the plenary sessions, the resolutions, the information, and the wonderful addresses that were given. As we entered each meeting, we were conscious of the fact that we were there for you, too.

We found an added joy in the various social functions, the tours and the gracious hospitality shown us everywhere by the people of Canada. (What a beautiful country Canada is and how happy were our two weeks there!)

Most touching of all were the sincere expressions of good will extended to us in greetings from the delegates who served as spokesmen for their countries on "Canada Day." We realize that we were indeed fortunate through one trip to make contacts with people from so many different lands.

Now that we are home again we shall be telling you all about the Conference and bringing to you as much as possible the inspiration we received there. We know this trip has been the opportunity of a lifetime and we wish that each of you could have shared it with

Mrs. Loy Howard Accredited Visitor

#### **Round Table Discussions**

Among the most interesting features of the ACWW Convention were the eight Round Tables, a very democratic process of informally presenting and discussing problems and programmes of the world.

The regret of these Round Tables was that each of us did not have sixteen ears to enable us to hear all of them.

Each Round Table was comprised of a chairman, a leader, a secretary, and one or more speakers. Voting delegates chose the Round Table they wished to attend; and as many visitors were allowed as the rooms would hold. All women were free to speak or ask questions.

The topics of the Round Tables were: (1) Problems and Programmes of Rural Women in Less Developed Areas, (2) Technical Assistance Programmes, (3) Education of Rural Youth, (4) Ways of Spreading Information about U.N., (5) Adult Education Programmes for A.C.W.W. Societies, (6) Economic Problems, (7) Conservation of Natural Resources, (8) International Exchange Programmes.

It was my privilege to hear Round Table No. 1 at both sessions of two hours each. The enthusiasm, eagerness, and interest of the women from Lebanon, Egypt, Japan, India, Africa, Norway, etc. were indeed inspiring; and continually the question came up, What can we the more fortunate ones do to help those who know only povetry, disease, and illiteracy?

Some of the Recommendations derived from these discussions and passed at the Plenary sessions were:

1. That a clearing house be set up at A.C.W.W. headquarters to which Societies that wish to help the Societies that require help could apply,

2. That A.C.W.W. should emphasize educational programmes, for children and adults, on conservation of soil, water, forest, natural resources, and wild life,

- 3. That the leaflet "The A.C.W.W. and the United Nations" be made available soon,
- 4. That the Constituent Societies of A.C.W.W. make a study of existing regulations controlling distribution and trade among nations for better understanding.
- 5. That A.C.W.W. support the principles of F.A.O.
- 6. That all Societies cooperate in the plan for Exchange of Rural Youth for better world understanding.

Mrs. E. P. Gibson 1st Vice-President N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

## National Home Demonstration Council Conference

New England Night was a highlight of the meeting for fun and information. Mrs. Richard James, Mass. State President, in her opening remarks, complimented our National President, Miss Jennie Williams with an Orchid Corsage. In expressing thanks for it, Miss Williams said she was having her first chance to "rotate" corsages.

The first of the New England states to entertain us was Vermont with her fifty-six voice chorus. All dressed in maroon robes they made quite a hit with the audience, and displayed much singing talent.

New Hampshire's skit dramatized the process of transferring physical labor to electricity. The setting for the skit was the farm agent's office. The movements of different chores which the women performed were transferred from them to the farm agent, who represented electricity. He received the actions of all women who came in except one. Her pregnancy he couldn't relieve. "Some things just take time," he muttered as he left the stage.

"The Maine Idea" was put across in verse and picture—not at all exaggerated say the "Mainiacs" who swear that they grow blueberries as big as rubber balloons and fish a mile long.

Rhode Island not only put us in a gay mood, but tickled our toes when the stringed band began the music for the junior dancers, who tripped the light fantastic with grace and precision as the "caller" called the figures.

The Massachusetts' skit was given by an agricultural agent who portrayed the first Indian agricultural agent, Squanto, whose first demonstration was in 1623. He said, "White man catch on quick, he have first demonstration fifty years ago." Squanto also added that pale face sit in convention and smoke peace pipe, hope not drink too much fire water.

Concluding the program the Reverend John Nicol Mark, A.M., Arlington, spoke on "Our New England Heritage." He said that the greatest progress is made when we keep up the traditions as foundations to build on. "We see more than our fathers because we stand on their shoulders. When we kick them out from under us we see less," he remarked.

Mr. Mark in closing quoted Jeremiah's statement from the Bible on walking in the old paths to gain an understanding.

Mrs. B. T. Williams 27th District Chairman National Home Demonstration Council Washington, D. C.. 1954

## N.H.D.C. PROGRAM OF WORK—1954

Now that Program Planning time is here, each county should study the program of work of the National Home Demonstration Council and incorporate as much of it as possible in their own program.

## Citizenship and Civil Defense

- Continue to work toward interesting all women in assuming their responsibilities as informed and active citizens.
- 2. Encourage states to train leaders in citizenship.
- 3. Study stabilization of our economy against inflation and depression.
- Participate in and promote conservation practices in all its phases as needs arise.
- Urge clubs to cooperate with established organizations for Civil Defense rather than set up organization within their own groups.

#### **Family Relations**

Promote a strong family life program to enable individuals to understand themselves and others.

- 1. Stress family responsibility for building character.
- Assist with and promote programs which give consideration to the needs and interests of all ages.
- Encourage recreation as a family group; reading, crafts, drama, music and sports.

## Health and Safety

Cooperate with existing national, state and local safety agencies in their programs of work.

#### HEALTH

- Continue to work for annual physical examination for the entire family.
- 2. Encourage the training of young men and women in the medical and nursing professions.
- 3. Give assistance to hospitals and doctors as needs arise, especially polio victims and diabetics.
- 4. To further promote educational programs regarding gamma globulin and new vaccines.

#### SAFETY

- 1. Safety on the highways.
  - a. Advocate uniform traffic rules and adequate road markings.
  - b. Stress courtesy on highways and good driving practices.
  - c. Encourage strict enforcements of all traffic laws.
- 2. Safety in the home.
  - a. Promote safety practices in the home and on the farm.

#### International

 Cooperate with other organizations in communities to carry out programs and activities on U.N., espe-

- cially the observance of UN Day, Oct. 24th.
- Urge special studies and programs of UN, UNESCO, FAO, WHO, such as UNESCO gift coupon plan and UNICEF.
- Encourage friendship and understanding among women through Exchange Programs with similar organizations of other countries.
- Promote and activate the exchange of visitors and students both adult and young people, between this and other countries.
- Continue to publicize UN through all media available.
- 6. Urge continued participation in the projects of the A.C.W.W.

## Welcome to Massachusetts

After the processional, The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of The National Home Demonstration Council was called to order, and the introduction of the National Board, Massachusetts State President, Convention Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and Massachusetts State Leader followed.

Warm words of welcome were said by Mrs. Corodon Fuller, President of Massachusetts Home Demonstration Council. Our welcome was not only warm in words, but warm in temperature. A temperature of 102 degrees greeted us.

Miss Winifred Eastwood, Massachusetts State Leader, extended to us very sincere greetings. She made us feel that we were very welcome guests and at the same time telling us that we could contribute in a big way to the success of the convention. She said, "We have the sweetest fellowship when we work together toward one goal." She said it was a great experience for them to work together for the National Meeting. As a result of this experience she felt they were no longer just Massachusetts State Home Demonstration Council, but a part of the National Council. They proved to be a great hostess, spicing every session with New England His-

At this point greetings were read from Scc. of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson.

Mrs. Wilfred Hitchcock's devotional message was based on Faith. She chose Ephesians 6:10-18 for her Scripture reading. Her message though very brief was very fitting and effective. There is no place more fitting to think on "Faith of Our Fathers" than the New England country. In her prayer she recognized the truth and deep significance of the words of our beloved hymn

"O God, our help in ages past Our hope for years to come." She closed her prayer with a petition for those in authority in our land that they might realize their needs for the strength and power of God and avail themselves of this ever present help.

When Miss Jennie Williams, President of the National Home Demonstration Council, rose to give her message, she said that Mrs. Hitchcock had given the phrase that set up her message-"Faith In My World." Faith, she said is very personal, yet unselfish. She pleaded that we never lose faith in ourselves and our country-that our criticism of our country and its government be only constructive criticism. We were made to feel by her message that we are a part of a B-I-G organization, not big in numbers alone but in strength as well. The closing words in her message assured us that we have won recognition in national affairs by doing constructive planning and working together.

Mrs. J. B. Frizzelle 22nd District Chairman

## Sunday in Boston

The North Carolina delegation slept late Sunday morning to recuperate from three days of traveling and sightseeing between Raleigh and Boston.

At eleven o'clock the group attended services at The Old North Church, the oldest church in Boston—a church associated with Paul Revere and the signal lanterns displayed in its steeple. To many, the Vicar's message on Prayer was one of the high-lights of their stay in Boston. After the service, punch and cookies were served at the Parish House.

During the afternoon the delegation toured Historic Boston and saw many places which the women remembered studying in History classes. Among the places visited were:

- Boston Common—where insubordinate wives used to be ducked in the frog pond.
- Beacon Hill—where there were Colonial homes with purple windows.
- 3. Historical Churches-King's Chapel Old South Meeting House Old North Church
- 4. Fanevil Hall-Center of Revolutionary Movements
- 5. Bunker Hill Monument
- 6. Site of Boston Massacre
- 7. Paul Revere House
- 8. U. S. Frigate Constitution—commonly known as "Old Ironsides."

During the evening the New England States Club Women held an informal reception for the delegates where another "Spot of Tea" was served.

Mrs. David Gay 23rd District Chairman

#### What is the Extension Service

Mr. C. M. Ferguson, Director of Extension Service, U.S.D.A., gave 'the main address of the Wednesday morning session of the National Home Demonstration Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

"Extension service," he said, "is an educational system." He said, "It teaches the adults and children, brings about better understanding of life in the rural home, better ways of living, better methods of farming, better housing. Always the extension service works to change for the better.

Fifty years of Farm Demonstration work in Texas is being celebrated this year. Here, in Texas, was where the first extension demonstration was held fifty years ago. A man started this work, but, today, 57 per cent of all extension workers who push along are women.

Better homes have been created as a result of this work. Homes where responsibility, happiness, and love exist. The extension service finds out the needs of the people by research; and teaches accordingly. This method, naturally, brings about a close relationship. He said the best thinking was done in the rural communities, that you and I are important in America as individuals, that improvement of homes lead to better communities, and better communities broadens and beautifies our lives. We are given a chance to exchange ideas. More and more research is needed in this field. Research in physical science, (better housing etc.) Housing that would make country living gracious and comfortable. Research in human nutrition. Father eats best, Mother next, and kids third.

The extension service puts this research to work by training leaders. "Leaders," he said, "are professors without portfolios.

Farm people think straight and down to earth, true to real life, because of the real close relationship with nature.

Mrs. Worth Knox 1st District Chairman

#### The Banquet

One of the most interesting highlights of the National Convention in Boston was the elegant banquet that was held in the ball room of the Bradford Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated and filled with souvenirs for the guest. A four course dinner was served with broiled chicken as the main course.

As the guests entered the dining room, they were presented a plastic shopping bag filled with a variety of souvenirs. The bags were made by the Massachusetts ladies. Soft music was played during the dinner.

After dinner the ladies had a special treat in store for them. Mrs. Raymond Savre of Iowa, the A.C.W.W. President, gave a wonderful address. She has traveled extensively in Europe, Australia, India, Africa, and many other countries. Mrs. Sayre studied the family life conditions and customs of the countries which she visited. She is truly an Ambassador of good will. She told of many interesting experiences. In her address she spoke mostly of Africa and India. At the close of her address she told of a service she attended in India. Two of the songs they sang were ones that we often sing, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Mrs. Sayre's address filled her audience with new hope, inspiration and love for these people in far away countries.

Mrs. Clarence Cameron 10th District Secretary

### **Boston Tea Party**

The Boston Tea Party was a great highlight to the women that attended the National Home Demonstration Council Convention in Boston last week. This Tea Party was made possible by the courtesy of Sears, Roebuck, & Co.

As the ladies entered the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, they were ushered into the Tapestry room where they were greeted by Mr. John D. Brown, City Greeter of the city of Boston, welcomed by Lt. Governor Sumner Whittier, and others. After being welcomed and greeted by these friendly people of Boston, the guests were served tea and cookies.

Each one attending the Boston Tea Party had the opportunity to tour the Colonial House and through the Museum of Fine Arts. This indeed was an interesting and educational tour.

> Mrs. Ralph T. Haney 16th District Chairman

# "A World's Eye View of Ourselves."

At the Seventeenth Annual National Home Demonstration Council meeting held in Boston, Massachusetts, August 31-September 3, Miss Lisa Sergio of Woodstock, Vermont, gave an interesting talk on "A World's Eye View of Ourselves."

Miss Sergio pointed out that one third of the world's people are now in the Russian orbit and another third, while not inclined toward communism, are little inclined to follow our leadership. That leaves only the remaining third, who are our allies, and many of these are allies in a military sense only.

"America must change its attitude," said Miss Sergio, "and revamp some of its policies so that the poor of the world, who yearn to be free, may finally understand the America that they cannot percieve."

We must begin at home and teach our youth the responsibility to himself and God so necessary to freedom. We must bend our efforts to reinvigorate the American home—getting away from the haste to rise above the material standards left by those who have gone before—to regain those basis values of life, which are still the common language of all the people of the earth.

Miss Sergio closed by saying "when the millions behind the Iron Curtain are able to see us as we shall then be, they will merge their force of numbers with ours and the instrument of power which Russia wields today will change hands.

> Mrs. Conway Sharpe 7th District Chairman

Family Relations and Rural Reading Panel

Family Life Education is a life-long process of learning and adjustments which enable individuals to understand themselves and others, to take a place in family and home life, and to continue larger service in the community and the world. These goals are important, no matter what the world situation is at any time.

Mrs. B. M. Harris from Texas said that Texas started a family life program by having Family Life Conferences on a county basis. The Home Demonstration Clubs, 4-H Clubs, and any other group interested in family life were asked to take part. These groups would get together and discuss various problems in relation to family life. By doing so, many problems were solved right away. Several other states told of similar means by which they have worked out a very wonderful life program. Mrs. J. Homer Ramsbers of Maryland told of the Conference on Rural Reading held in Washington, D. C., which she attended. She gave the name of a book which came out of this conference-"The Wonderful World of Books." This book can be purchased at most newsstands for 35 cents. It is a mentor book paper-bound. She found this book most helpful in many ways. The panel closed with a general discussion period. Many interesting and helpful suggestions were presented which would be useful in planning a family life program.

Mrs. W. D. Pleasant 13th District Chairman

## REPORTS

## Western Round-Up

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The foreman for the big round-up of the seven Western states was Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, Western Director.

Colorado was first in from the range, stressing organized Publicity from the state chairman down to the local clubs.

Idaho was represented by a lone stray, but her report on Special Projects showed the grass roots had grown deep in three years of Home Demonstration work. The prize winners of the herd were their Central Camp Meetings, Exchange Programs, and Workshops.

Montana's round-up was on Citizenship, stressing the tremendous responsibility of intelligent voting.

New Mexico was another lone stray in number, but showed her state was alert to the vital need for better Health.

Wyoming's report on Civil Defense showed its homemakers were well aware of one of their nation's foremost needs —Responsibility of the individual in Civil Defense.

Oregon, realizing the need of a strong and permanent corral, helped build and furnish, down to the silverware and closets for formals, a Home Economics Building.

Hawaii, on the fartherest range, brought "Alaho" from a wide-awake state on Home Demonstration Work. Its membership of 2,400 consists of six different nationalities and ranges over six major islands. Ninety per cent of the homes have modern conveniences. Their special projects were Foods and Recipes from different countries, Flower Arrangements, and Friendship Parcels.

Adios (Mrs. Ralph Phillips) 5th District Delegate

#### Eastern States

Mrs. G. W. Myers, Jr., Eastern Director, and Eastern State Presidents. The nine states to report from the Eastern states were Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Delaware: Noted for Blue Hens Chickens. Have exchange students from India. Sent a number of CARE packages to Korea. The clubs help in groups for Civil Defense. Also have visited the United Nations.

Maine: Only about a year old in the National Council, have participated 100 per cent in a better homes and grounds project. Pick up, clean up, and paint up campaign. Beautifying Mail boxes. Emphasized outdoor eating arrangements. They have twenty-six foreign students in the state.

Maryland: Known as the Black Eye Susan state, have done much for International Relations. Many UN Flags have been made and placed in public places. Also pageants pertaining to International Relations. One club adopted a Korean Orphan. Homemakers correspond with other homemakers in Foreign countries.

Massachusetts: They are stressing Radio and TV programs for Homemakers and 4-H clubs; for 21 months have had weekly programs.

New Hampshire: Reported on Citizenship. They made a survey of the towns and the needs. Signs were erected; stop lights were added where needed and recreational centers were opened.

New York: The extension service worked in relationship with other rural organizations. A conference board of farm organizations made up of committee's of all organizations.

Rhode Island; first year in National Council. They plan programs to fit the need of their women. They have exhibits; aid to the hospitals, and support all national drives.

Vermont: Health programs. The women have health programs, sponsor dental and immunization programs. The women have health checkups. Sew for the hospitals, and make dressings for cancer patients.

West Virginia: Better living projects for home. Projects on food preserving and preparing. They have over one thousand women taking the project on weight control. They also have a project on family spiritual growth.

> Mrs. C. E. Morris 24th District Chairman

## **Health And Safety**

The health reports at the National Council showed that better health was being stressed more and more each year. Special emphasis was placed on physical checkups, attending cancer clinics, diabetic camps, having every member of family become better informed on Gamma Globin, and to get in touch at least once a month with local and National organizations.

High school girls were trained (in spare time) as music aids, office workers, working therapy, craft, etc. After serving one hundred hours (100) they were awarded a cap to match their pastel uniforms—also a pin.

The health panel also suggested that the sale of cokes be prohibited in the schools so that the children would eat the more nutritious lunches provided for them. The Rural Health Conference will be held this year in Dallas, Texas, March 5-6. The theme will be "Widening the Highway to Health."

The Safety Panel offered ten questions which could be a basic for club discussions and work.

- 1. Why are not more courses offered in schools?
- 2. Why are not tests given to applicants for drivers licenses as to their emotional stability?
- 3. Why not a better and completely written test with emphasis on traffic laws and safe driving practices?
- 4. Why are not periodic re-examinations given?
- 5. Why is not a physician employed as a regular member of *licensing* staff member to check health and eyesight of applicants?
- 6. Why are not more adult drivers courses given in communities?
- Why are there not stricter penalities for DWI cases? Jail sentences
   —not fines.
- 8. Why are not doctors required to report cases of epilepsy they treat to licensing bureaus?
- 9. Why are not school bus drivers required to pass strict physical test and present certificates of driving ability?
- 10. Why don't we all take a quiz as to our attitudes towards safe driving?

Some members of council brought out the fact that some of the above suggestions were already in practice in their state.

All materials on health and safety can be obtained through Mrs. Vern Sageser, Amelia, Nebraska.

> Mrs. J. T. Fisher, Jr. 21st District Chairman

#### The United Nations

A play—"To Live In Faith" was presented by the homemakers of Maryland. The theme of this was the great desire of the people of America to help to improve living standards of other nations.

Mr. Finn, Director of UN Council of World Affairs in Boston, led the panel discussion. He declared that organizations like the UN are the salvation of the country. There are thirty-five World Affair Councils in this country, and they provide facts of international affairs. No secret material is allowed in these councils. This makes it possible for every one to know the true facts and make up their own mind about the question under discussion.

Mr. Finn said that the United States gets back each year two thirds of the amount it invests in the UN. However, the most important thing that the

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#### Central States

With Mrs. Verne Alden, Director of the Central States, the Presidents of the Central States gave the report.

Missouri—S t a n d a r d achievements such as inviting 4-H'ers to give Demonstrations before the club women.

Illinois—Had 4-H Camp program. Studied nature, crafts, and recreation. This was a living memorial to 4-H'ers who died in War. The program as outlined will cost a million dollars. Each 4-H'er gives \$1.00.

Nebraska—Family centered program. They are having camps for Diabetic children. Schools for pre-school deaf children. Started by Doctor's and assisted by home demonstration clubs. High school girls invited to teas to interest them. Each community or family have at least one community or family meeting a year.

South Dakota—had organization and transportation problems.

Kansas—had an original pageant called "Far Horizons." This pageant showed the growth of home demonstration work.

Ohio—Farms for peace. A state committee composed of members from all organizations. Survey young married people as to the uncertainty of annual income, fear of receding prices, and indebtness, more training in Home Economics needed, more training in Finance, more food produced at home.

Wisconsin-Better radio and television programs.

Michigan-Publicity

North Dakota—Peace garden was a state project and is now a national project. To God in His glory we two nations dedicated these gardens. We will not take up arms against each other, The Puerto Rico delegates presented a flag to North Dakota for the peace garden.

Mrs. J. P. Morgan 25th District Chairman

(Con't from page 7, Col. 3) United States gets is an understanding of the people of the world.

The assembly meetings last for a period of five or six weeks, at which time national and international problems are discussed.

The security council is organized to maintain peace between countries—Great Britain, Russia, France, China, and the United States are the permanent members of the council.

Some things that we as club women can do in regard to the UN and discussed by members of the panel were:

- Collect groups and learn about United Nations.
- 2. Distribute literature about the United Nations.

- 3. Work with the young people in schools or other organizations.
- Organize tours and make a study of radio, television, and essay contests. All these will provide both good and bad facts.

In the International court there are fifteen judges, elected for a nine year term. They are elected by qualification rather than popularity. One good project that all local clubs could carry out would be to collect material about the United Nations and cooperate with other organizations in a study of the problems, aims and accomplishments.

Mrs. I. M. Hobbs 18th District Chairman

### Southern States

The Southern Region was the largest one represented at the National Home Demonstration Council held in Boston, Massachusetts, with 13 states reporting. Several of the state presidents reported on celebrations held commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Farm Demonstration work.

After hearing the wonderful reports from the Southern States, it seems to me that we are going forward in meeting the Challenge of extending organized home demonstration activities to thousands of families, and that we are keeping pace with the nations growth in population by expanding our membership, and by helping more homemakers put into practice the improved farm and home methods developed through research.

Other interesting projects included Citizenship, Health, Welfare. Packages for overseas, Recreation, and Rural Youth work. Our own State President, Mrs. R. L. Yancey, reported on our music project, stating that interest in music is growing and that the music bill has passed, providing \$35,000 for more and better music. Mrs. Yancey concluded her report by asking the Tar Heel Delegation to stand and said, "The cocks in North Carolina crow, but the hens deliver the goods."

We must not forget to extend our friendship to foreign countries, and one suggestion was for each club member in a country to contribute five cents (5¢) per month to help pay the expenses of a foreign student who would be interested in taking a home economics course in one of our colleges or universities. We would not only make new friends, but we would be sharing knowledge and learning as well as giving.

Tain't what we have But what we give Tain't where we are But how we live. Tain't what we do
But how we do it,
That makes this life
Worth going through it
Mrs. Robert Cook
Vice-Chairman—26th District
Mrs. A. B. Sutton
Vice-Chairman—4th District

#### Rural Arts

Mrs. Blanche Kelsea, of Vermont, was moderator of the Rural Arts Panel which discussed Handicrafts, Creative Arts, Recreation and Drama.

In 1931 Massachusetts started craft leagues which was sponsored by legislature. Each community has its own office and shop. A fee of \$1.50 is charged for joining a league. Twenty-seven towns or communities now have Craft leagues. Some of the crafts are: Woodwork, Metal Work, Rug Making, Carving, Pottery, Needlework, Jewelry and Weaving. In 1952, Mass. had 133,000 Craft leagues members.

"Every Art that comes from within is Creative Art." The Homemakers in Wisconsin sponsor Rural Art Shows (open only to rural families.) They have 12 shows each year which are moved from county to county, one show for adults, and one for children. Only two works from each Artist is accepted. These paintings must be original. Each show lasts one week.

They also sponsor "Let's draw programs," over the air. These programs are for the first through the eighth grades,

Square and Folk dancing are taught in New Hampshire. This dancing is just for fun and no certain styles are taught. It is taught to groups from 8 to 80 years old. Training groups for women as leaders are held. New square dance steps are taught to take back to their communities. They also bring in new leaders from other states. The New England Folk Festival started in 1944 and is held annually in Boston. Square dancing is a clean wholesome fun for the whole family.

Cornell University began in 1921 to give three-day training to leaders in Dramas: a. How to prepare a drama. b. How to write a drama. c. play acting, costuming, shadow and color effects, and stage setting. Community theaters are also helpful in giving plays and drama's on 4-H work and Child Adjustment.

Mrs. Verlin Reese Secretary 1st District

# OCTOBER 24

Are you sending "greetings" to your Letter Friend on this date?

## Global Thinking for a Global World

One of the keynote addresses of the H.D. Convention in Boston was given Wednesday afternoon by Dr. J. H. Furbay, world traveler and educator. He presented a challenge to homequestions, "Are we thinking big enough? Are we teaching our children to think? Are our teachers 'air-conditioned'?

The world has shrunk in size from countries to countries. Today's distance is measured in time. All people today are closer than the people were in the 13 colonies. We can fly around the world four times in the time it took to travel from New York to Boston. We must learn to be neighbors with everybody in the world. Being neighbors with all takes work and thinking and we don't want to think. It's so much easier to fall back on the old ideas and old plans than to build new ones. The transition is doublely painful because we have the dying pains of an old work and the birth pains of the new. We are in the middle and it is apt to be confusing. The best and quickest way to get through the confusion is to work,-work to build a new and better world community and to do it now.

If we are to have a new world we must learn how to live in it. The biggest thing to learn is that all people are like ourselves fundamentally. They all want these four things:

- 1. home—for themselves and their family
- food—all get hungry and hungry people will rise up to get food. Must find a way to get it for all.
- 3. love and affection for wife and husband, children, pets.
- religion—tells why we're here and what's our purpose. How to tell right from wrong. What's in store when this life is over.

Religion is like a hike to the top of the mountain. All will have the same view from the top when we get there, but we may take different paths.

Superficially people differ. They won't talk alike though all languages say the same thing. They don't all look alike though they have the same blood.

We need more than technical knowhow for a world community. We need the power of love. We must want for others the same things we want for ourselves and *just as badly*. The old is going; Let's build a new and better world with our hearts as well as our head and hands. Have faith in it and do the job well.

> Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt 14th District Chairman

### From Adam to Atom

Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels, National Authority on Anthropology and Social Behavior, frequent lecturer appearing before some 2,500 religious, educational and civic groups, moderator of TV programs on W.N.B.T., New York City, was outstanding speaker at the National Home Demonstration Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Alpenfels used as her subject "Adam to Atom." We know that knowledge is power, but we must realize that knowledge is the power to destroy as well as to create. Today we must do more than just teach facts—we must teach the interpretation of these facts.

Understanding is necessary between adult and child on every subject. Above all, she affirmed, parents must initiate a rebirth of moral values and not just talk but start living their religion. "Parents cannot make a path for their children to follow but must let each build his own," she asserted. To do this, she explained, they must make the home a place of security, love and affection.

She concluded by stressing that parents should set up standards and then be consistent.

Mrs. D. T. Ayscue 15th District Chairman

# Thoughts from Lt. Governor Whittier

Lt. Governor Whittier who served in the state senate for a number of years, is a direct descendant of John Greenleaf Whittier, the noted poet.

He is a tall, handsome young man with a good sense of humor. He was very complimentary of the ladies attending the National Home Demonstration Council Convention.

He asked that we export ideals and faith in the way that we live; "We must be a magnificent example of democracy," he said.

"You are aware, I am sure," he continued, "that the strength not only flows from the leaders, to the people, but from the people to the leaders."

"The dangerous menace to our democracy today is the person who quits. Each of us has an important piece to play in our democracy. We need democracy and democracy needs you."

Lt. Whittier said in closing, "Women like you have the faith and are equal to meet the challenge that our future may bring."

Mrs. C. E. Leagans 8th District Chairman

Walking Tour

One of the many nice things planned for the delegates at the National Home Demonstration Council was a walking tour of Boston. Two blocks from the convention hotel is the historic Boston Common, which is land set aside in 1630 as a cow pasture for the inhabitants of the town. Walking along the edge of the Common, you are over the subway, one of the first in the country. It is now a deep subway like those in New York, but just under the ground with the street over it supported by reinforced concrete. Near one corner of the Common is Frog Pond, a shallow wading pool for city children, which was filled the hot days we were in Boston.

On the corner of Park and Tremont Streets in Park Street Church where on July 4, 1832, "America" was first publicly sung. Behind the church is the Granary Burial Ground where are buried most of the parsonages of Historic Boston including Mother Goose, the parents of Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and many others.

Facing the Common on Beacon Street is the "New" State House, which was built in 1798 (the old State House on Washington Street is much older, and is now a museum.) The gold dome was originally covered with copper by Paul Revere. Only the central part is the original building. The back and sides were added at different times later.

Going west on Beason Street, we see old houses with lavender panes in some of the windows; this glass was brought from England before the Revolution, and there is some of it in London. The glass was made colorless, but some unknown imperfection in the mixture turned lavender after being exposed to the sun. The glass is highly prized by its owners.

Crossing Charles Street, we enter the Public Garden which is about one-half the size of the Common and contains an artificial pond of irregular shape. Graceful swan boats filled with visitors are propelled by the feet of a boatman who sits in the rear. In the Public Garden are many statues of famous historic people, if you want to take time to look at them.

Leaving the Public Garden, we go toward Copley Square. Here we see Trinity Church and a statue of Phillips Brooks. To the west of the Square (which is triangular), is the Boston Public Library, with its famous paintings of the Frieze of the Prophets and the Search for the Holy Grail. South of the Square is the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, formerly the Copley Plaza, where King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians were entertained soon after World War I.

Mrs. N. E. Lefko 9th District Chairman

## Civil Defense and Citizenship

Civil Defense is foremost in the work of many states as the Home Demonstration Clubs cooperate with other organizations. Twenty-one states are well organized.

The mid West as reported by Colorado and South Dakota are preparing to receive evacuees. They have studied outdoor cookery, cooking without electricity, gas, etc., and how to have a pure water supply. Stores and warehouses are required to keep a certain amount of food on hand at all times. Blood typing has been started.

In more vital areas as around Chicago and New York, stations for airplane spotting are manned every second day and night. Blood typing, study of first aid, and construction of shelters are being done also.

The problems as discussed on the Citizenship panel were those expressed by all the states. They were: getting our women interested in our government, getting them to know about our government, and getting them to vote.

In Vermont, 50 women are members of the legislature. Last year the Home Demonstration Club members were at every voting place to tag those who voted. The tags read, "I have voted. Have you?."

In many states, booklets on government have been studied. One state has a legislative chairman who sends information on every issue up before the people to the county chairman and it is then sent to the club chairman. She presents it to the club. Then the wishes of the women are made known to the representative in the Legislature. Another state has the candidates for office to publish their records.

Mrs. Katherine Howard, deputy administrator for the Civil Defense Department in Washington, stated, "We must learn to discriminate between rumored danger and real danger. There are too many signs calling for patriotic action to permit the luxury of lethargy or inertia."

Mrs. Howard stressed the fact that our farm population is vitally tied up with Civil Defense today. The cities would be first sparing nothing. She explained the effect of this upon the rural areas. She also stated that Civil Defense might be a problem for the rest of our lives, and gave some suggestions as to things we might do ourselves. They follow:

- 1. Find out all that we can about warfare.
- Start at home by teaching the family what to do to protect themselves.

- 3. Keep on hand three days supply of food.
- 4. First Aid Kit.
- 5. Prepare a shelter
- 6. Get rid of all trash
- 7. Take First Aid Courses
- 8. Take Home Nursing Courses
- 9. Look out for biological warfare
- 10. Interest the clubs in studying Civil Defense.

Mrs. C. B. Strickland First Vice-Chairman 17th District Mrs. Sam Swindell 20th District Chairman

## International Projects Panel

One has only to attend a panel composed of people from different parts of the world to realize the great necessity of living as neighbors with everyone on earth because we live so close to each other due to radios and airplanes.

There were seven speakers who reported on activities in Pakistan, India, England, Sweden, Hawaii, and several others. The lady from Sweden, Mrs. Ruth Jaeger, was dressed in her native apparel which added color to her report-there the women share alike due to their ways of taxation. Mrs. Malloiu and Mrs. Wells, from England, spoke on America's hospitality and what it meant to foreign born. Mrs. Brewster from Hawaii stressed the need of America learning more about Hawaii while Mrs. Basil of New York told of their methods of entertaining women who came to America to learn our ways of life.

The two programs that the UNESCO sponsors are: the Bombay Educational Fund and the Extension project in Ecuador. Mrs. Sawyer who is an observer at the United Nations and has been around the world four times expressed her opinion of the organization UNESCO and thanked us most profusely for that aid. They use Audio-Visual as means to show the people how to improve their modes of living.

Mrs. Margaret H. Dillard 19th District Chairman

## Subscription Campaign of "1,000 or More for 1954."

Plans are being made for a News Letter Subscription Campaign for 1954. All county publicity chairmen will be notified soon and asked to put on a vigorous campaign to get not less than 1,000 subscribers. Every county in the state could, surely, send in ten subscriptions! Under the new setup, there will be an increase in the subscription rate and a bigger and better paper.

## FOOD NEED STRESSED BY ACWW

To produce food is to help produce peace—"your first and especial contribution to peace is the production of food for mankind," Mrs. Raymond Sayre, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, told delegates to the triennial meeting. She spoke at the opening ceremonies in Conoocation Hall at which Minister of Education W. J. Dunlop Officiated.

"The compelling need of our time is to bring some sense of unity to a chaotic world, to build spillways of understanding that channel emotions and feelings into constructive paths," she said. "We have no alternative in this world but to learn to live together."

"To bring peace is also a matter of dealing with problems that have bread-and-butter meaning," she said. "It has become axiomatic that hunger and starvation are underlying causes of the misery and unrest which breed war. You who are here represent those who provide food for the world's dinner tables."

"For the first time in mankind's long struggle for enough food we have begun now to find ways to meet the problem of hunger," she said, noting that agricultural production now is moving ahead at the rate of 2 per cent, while the world's population increase is 1.4 per cent a year. However, the increase in agricultural production, is not evenly distributed, and many of the world's 30,000,000 babies born each year may go hungry as a result.

The permanent solution to the world's food need is the increasing application of science to all agricultural production, particularly in the great undeveloped areas of the world, where hunger is always present, she said.

The United Nations, said Mrs. Sayre, reports that a 50 per cent increase in agricultural yields can be accomplished in two decades without a substantial increase in capital or the reorganization of the agricultural system if farmers were taught modern methods.

## **Kentucky Chorus**

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meeting in Boston last week. They sang eight selections and were dressed in blue robes which they made themselves. The troup was made up of 26 Homemakers from Fayette County, Kentucky.

Mrs. R. L. Cansler 3rd District Chairman