



This postal card was sent to Mrs. A.E. Thomas of Talbotville W.I. by Mrs. J.R. (Dorothy) Fitcher from Copenhagen, Denmark in Sept. 1950, when she was in that city attending meetings of A.C.W.W. convention, as a Canadian Delegate. Picture shows Danish House of Parliament, Christiansborg, where sessions of A.C.W.W. met every day for over a week.

Mrs. Fitcher (of Middlemarch) W.I.) was President of F.W.I.D. at that time.

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ADMISSION CARD

THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

Honouring the Triennial Conference of

THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRYWOMEN OF THE WORLD

Presents

CANADA DAY

MAPLE LEAF GARDENS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1953

DOORS OPEN AT 12 NOON

PROGRAMME 1.30 - 4.30 and 7.00 to 9.30

August 12, 1953. - August 23rd, 1953.

1953 Triennial Conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World was held in Toronto, Canada in August, 1953, with Federated Women's Institutes of Canada as hosts. - (Mrs. Hugh Summers, Fonthill, Ont. - F.W.I.C. Pres.) This was Seventh Conference. (Triennial).

"Canada Day" was observed at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, Ont on Friday, Aug. 21st, 1953. Cavalcade was presented, showing story of Canada's history.

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Farmers Can't Use Modern Machinery

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. J. F. Booth, federal department of agriculture expert, said here that machinery sent to farmers in undeveloped countries often rust in the fields because no one knows how to use it.

Speaking at the triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, he said: "There is no use collecting money to send tractors and special seed to the starving countries of the world, if farmers there would prefer to have a better hoe or hand-plow."

Dr. Booth added: "In some countries, farmers are plowing their fields with sticks. Agencies who want to help them can do nothing better than give them a workable piece of simple farm equipment."

Aug. 1953.



Mrs. Bessie Gray, Sarnia, Ont., a Chippawa Indian, Mrs. Fritz Hay, Norway, Begum Amin-nu-din, Pakistan, Mrs. Marie Waieboer, Holland

*Guests at Conference in Toronto, August, 1963.*

# The World is Their Farm

*This is my song, O God of all the Nations,*

*A song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my love, the country where my heart is,*

*This is my hope, my dream, my shrine.*

*But other hearts in other lands are beating*

*With hopes and dreams the same as mine.*

# East and West Meet at the A.C.W.W.

1953. - Aug. 12th to 23rd.

**A** THOUSAND eager women from 25 countries met in Toronto a few weeks ago at the seventh Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. I wish I could bring to you the thrill and encouragement I found in the many addresses of Mrs. Raymond Sayre, the A.C.W.W.'s dynamic president for six years.

Her report was packed with sentences worth repeating. Here are a few:

*"You must see the A.C.W.W. as a vast global network of small, active voluntary groups of country women, dedicated to the idea of working together to improve rural life in their community and to establish contacts outside. They begin where they are with what they have."*

She quoted the Illinois Home Bureau Federation's motto:

*"The home is the center of woman's existence but not its circumference."*

She said:

*"I believe A.C.W.W. is a part in a vital contemporary force, the growing acceptance of the idea of interdependence of the people of the world."*

Mrs. Sayre also mentioned that she had found in the many countries she has visited during her terms of office that the governments have great respect for the local country women's societies and gratitude for the contribution they are making to the national life of their countries.

Speaking of the future Mrs. Sayre said, "No statement of policy on A.C.W.W.'s part is worth the paper it is written on if it does not represent the considered opinion of the majority of its societies." She closed this address by saying, "Let us think of this time together as a time for renewing our faith

in our great and enduring fellowship and for rekindling the light of our spirit."

At the formal opening ceremony, held in Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto, hearts were stirred by the colorful flags of many nations carried by young women of Ontario Junior Institutes and Homemaking Clubs. Led by the beautiful blue flag of the United Nations, the other flags of the countries who had sent delegates to this conference followed in pairs and were placed in receptacles on the stage to form a background.

Mrs. Hugh Summers, President, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was the chairman. There were speeches by representatives of the Ontario Government and the Canada Department of Agriculture. Greetings were heard from around the world, brought by eight regional vice-presidents of A.C.W.W. Here again the address of Mrs. Sayre was an inspiration for every listener.

"Mothers and teachers are the greatest factors in world unity now," she said. "The next greatest factor is food."

"Patience and sympathy and willingness to see others' viewpoints are essential. As for food, the F.A.O. announces that food production has caught up with growth of population but we must solve the problems of distribution. If goods and services do not move, sooner or later soldiers will."

These were her closing words: "In the end the things of the spirit will prevail. Each group can put one stone in place and make it secure."

Eight Round Table Groups were arranged for voting delegates, as well as group discussions for non-voting members and accredited visitors. Here such subjects as Technical Assistance, Education of Rural Youth, Adult Education, Economic Problems, Natural Resources and Exchange Programs were discussed. The panels were made up of experts from many countries as well as leading Canadians in many fields. Medical doctors from India, Ceylon and Rhodesia discussed health problems with our doctors.

All delegates and visitors wore large badges showing their name and country. It was quite simple to make up a group at any time outside the sessions to discuss any matter of personal interest. The Ontario Government dinner and the City of Toronto luncheon were ideal times for arranging "get acquainted" groups. The bus trips to O.A.C., Guelph, historical Stoney Creek and the Hydro trip of 30 bus loads to Niagara Falls provided hours of uninterrupted time for private talks.

An Exhibits Room at the Royal York Hotel was arranged with handicrafts from all Canadian Provinces. Here the visitors from all lands could see leatherwork, wood carving, hand-made costume jewellery from Nova Scotia, hooked rugs and quilts from all the provinces, hand-loomed scarves and place mats, metal trays, pottery, knitted sweaters and hand embroidery.

There were five voting delegates from each of the United States and many states sent five extra visitors. There were 20 in the group from Ohio. Many of them were demonstrators, University personnel and representatives from farm publications. Others were down-to-earth farmers' wives.

Few of the 1,000 women who met at this great gathering will ever forget the emotion they felt when joining in The Hymn of All Nations. ▲▲▲

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