

Associated Countrywomen
of the World.
Seventh Triennial Conference.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Aug. 12 - 23, 1953.

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President of A. C. W. W.
- Mrs. Raymond Sayre.
of Ackworth, Iowa.

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Over 1000 women attended this conference.

Associated Countrywomen of the World.

Members of the Talbotville Women's
Institute Branch who attended Triennial
Conference of Associated Countrywomen of
the World, Canada Day in Maple Leaf Gardens,
Toronto, Ont. on Friday, August 21st, 1953

Mrs. Walter Goold, President.

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Dated - Aug. 21st, 1953.



PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD
 Mrs. Raymond Sayre is a farm woman of Ackworth, Iowa, and associated with the American Farm Bureau Federation. She has been President for two three-year terms and during the past two years she has travelled around the world, speaking to groups of country women on every continent.

Retiring
 President
 A.C.W.W.
 1947 - 1950
 1950 - 1953

Presidential Nominee



Mrs. Alice M. Berry, Australian delegate attending the conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Toronto, is the owner and one-time manager of a sheep ranch in Queensland. She may be next president of the world-wide organization, voting for which office took place yesterday. Announcement of results are due today.

New president
 A.C.W.W.
 elected, 1953.

1953 - 1956.

Lady Rancher Describes 'WI' Work In Australia

BY GLADYS HOUCK

Women's Editor

TORONTO, August 19 — One of the nominees for the presidency of the Associated Country Women of the World, Mrs. Alice M. Berry, of Brisbane, Australia, is a sheep rancher of no little experience.

Mrs. Berry is the owner of a 42,000-acre ranch in Queensland, with its 7,000 to 10,000 sheep. Until a short time ago, she herself managed the property, located in the Charleville district. Her husband, now deceased, was a World War I casualty and an invalid.

It was during her many years in the Australian hinterland that Mrs. Berry discovered the value, in terms of friendship and interest, of the Australian Country Women's Association (the equivalent of Canada's Women's Institutes).

"I joined in 1927, three years after the organization was formed, and I've been an executive officer in my branch, division and state ever since," she declared in an interview with The London Free Press. Mrs. Berry is now state president of the Australian organization and membership for the whole country totals 110,000.

Relating its work to the needs of what Mrs. Berry terms "a young country, lacking in the amenities of an older one," the Australian organization has accomplished much in a comparatively short period. When women in the country areas "come into town" to market or shop, they very often visit an ACWA rest centre, where they may feed the baby and change him, or just relax and chat with friends. But these centres represent just one of the organization's many projects to benefit Australian women living far from community life.

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"We have hostels for expectant mothers near each country hospital," reported Mrs. Berry. "Very often the mothers are brought in from their homes by a 'flying doctor'. There they are looked after by a full domestic staff until they go into the hospital. In our Queensland hostel, we've looked after 655 mothers-to-be in less than six years."

Another type of hostel organized by the Australian Country Women's Association is designed for students.

"The country child often gets his primary education by correspondence — he is so far from a school," explained Mrs. Berry. "When he is ready for high school, he comes to one of our hostels, situated near a school, and is boarded at a moderate rate."

"Then, too, the ACWA operates seaside cottages all up and down the coast, where women from the interior may holiday," she added.

"The Government of Queensland, recognizing what we were doing decided to subsidize equipment and erection of hostels — pound for pound raised by our organization," Mrs. Berry continued. "It still needs a lot of work to maintain, but we raise funds in the usual way — fetes, fairs, catering for race meetings, and balls."

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Although her Queensland home state has a small aborigine population, "there are no problems at all," according to Mrs. Berry.

"Our Queensland Association executive has a Chinese secretary, a half-caste aborigine treasurer and an Australian president," she pointed out.

Mrs. Berry is widely traveled, a fact which is reflected in her nomination as president of the Associated Country Women of the World. Elections came up on the

agenda here yesterday, and delegates from six countries who made the nomination are awaiting the results with interest. Her nomination came from her homeland, Australia, from The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Northern Ireland and Finland.

"It is rather amazing," was Mrs. Berry's comment.

Barber - Bradshaw

Evelyn Malvina Bradshaw and Douglas Richard Barber were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by the Rev. E. G. Turnbull in Calvary United Church. The chancel was decorated with tall standards of white gladioli and Boston fern, and the aisles were graced with white gladioli and white satin bows.

The bride is the daughter of Fred Bradshaw, London, and the late Mrs. Bradshaw. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Barber, Glencoe.

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Mrs. Ethel Doherty provided the wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of Chantilly lace and nylon tulle fashioned with square neckline outlined with appliqued lace roses, fitted bodice and long tapering sleeves. A nylon tulle flounce was featured in the bouffant lace skirt. A fingertip veil of nylon tulle fell from a Chantilly lace cap and she carried a hand bouquet of gardenias and stephanotis.

Miss Fairley Dadd was the bride's only attendant. She wore a powder blue lace and nylon tulle gown styled with rounded neckline and short sleeves. With it, she wore a Juliet cap and carried a hand bouquet of gardenias with blue-tinted baby 'mums.

Robert Barber was groomsman and Douglas Banks ushered.

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Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Cobblestone Inn where the bride's step-mother received, wearing a navy triple sheer dress with navy and white accessories and white gardenia corsage. The groom's mother, wearing a slate blue taffeta dress with pink and white accessories and pink Sweetheart rose corsage, assisted.

For a wedding trip to Muskoka and Port Franks, the bride changed to a pink and grey nubbed gabardine suit with navy and pink accessories.

The couple plan to make their home in Port Credit.



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Country Women Meet At Toronto Conference

Thousand delegates and observers meet in Canada for seventh triennial conference of Associated Countrywomen of the World. **Aug. 12th to 23rd. 1953.**

IF YOU would understand the Associated Country Women of the World and view the organization in its true proportions, you must see it not in terms of the international associations or even in terms of its individual members. You must see it as a vast, global network of small, active, voluntary groups of country women. In literally thousands upon thousands of small communities around the world, these local associations are to be found. These groups are the firm and strong foundation of A.C.W.W.

So Mrs. Raymond Sayre, president of the international organization, described the structure of the A.C.W.W. in her presidential address to the seventh triennial conference now in progress in Toronto. This is the first time that the international conference has been held in Canada, although our country is generally conceded to have been the progenitor of the organization, through the Women's Institutes.

Mrs. Sayre described the enormous changes that have come about in country living in the last quarter century since the organization of A.C.W.W., and to the altered status of the countrywoman. As illustration, she quoted the motto of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation. "The home is the centre of woman's existence, but not its circumference."

Mrs. Sayre described the challenges which face the A.C.W.W. today. She called for greater effort toward stimulating interest in the international aspects of rural life and development, and for encouragement in the formation of new organizations of country women, particularly in the less developed countries.

"There is always the temptation to do good with those we already know and understand, and so settle into a comfortable sort of rut," the president warned. "But in the field of international affairs lies our competence as country women and our opportunity to make a substantial contribution. Here also lies our responsibility and our challenge as the voice for country women in the world's councils."

APPROXIMATELY six million women in twenty-six countries around the world make up the membership of the Associated Country Women of the World. They sent a thousand delegates and observers to the Toronto conference. Another nine

thousand women from Institutes and other member societies in the U.S. and Canada are expected to come to Toronto to attend the "Canada Day" programme, which features a pageant, "Dominion of Destiny", depicting Canada's history, to be held in Maple Leaf Gardens.

A special group of observers from non-member countries was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Technical Assistance Branch of United Nations. These include Egypt, Japan and Lebanon. It was felt that their representation at the discussions of means of raising living standards for rural women might result in the formation of organizations similar to the Women's Institutes in those countries.

Two countries which already have member associations but which would otherwise be unable to send delegates are also represented through the action of the Ford Foundation, administered by the Institute of International Education. Representing Pakistan is Begum Shaista Ikramullah, wife of the Pakistan high commissioner in Ottawa. Direct from Pakistan are Begum Mian Amin-ud-din, wife of the governor of the Punjab, and Begum Hussain Malik, daughter of Pakistan's governor-general, and secretary to the All Pakistan Women's Association.

Representing India are Dr. Krishnabai Nimbkar and Mrs. Kameswaramma Kuopuswamy, while Egypt is sending Mrs. Matilda Greiss, a Carior home economist and outstanding social worker.

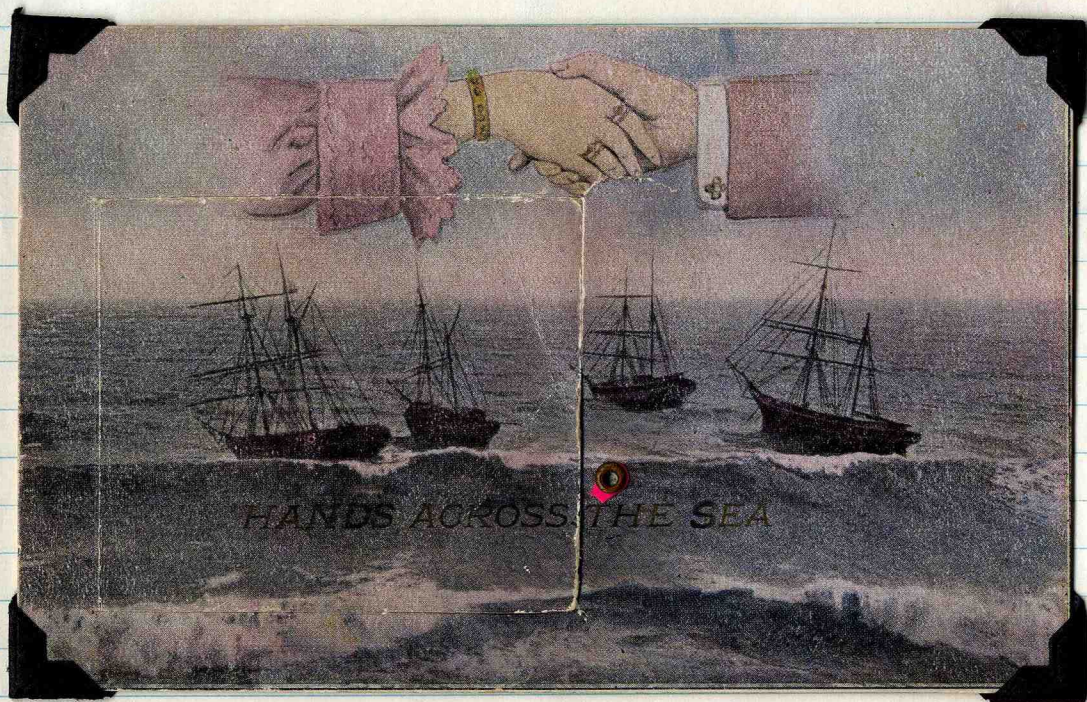
Since the nature of their countries makes it impossible to send true farm wives, women have been selected who, because of their past activities in women's work, and because of their national prestige, can bring back the necessary inspiration and enthusiasm to spark existing women's associations to a vigorous programme.

ALTHOUGH a heavy programme of work faces the delegates, a wide variety of entertainment has also been provided, including trips to Niagara Falls, Guelph, and other points.

Theme of the conference is "How can the countrywoman, as an individual and through her society, take a more active part in international work."

Further details on the conference will appear in a later issue.

Bloxworth Women's Institute,
Wareham,
Dorset,
England.



Talbotville Women's Institute,
Talbotville Royal,
Ontario,
Canada.