

which is sparsely settled for miles. Scattered here and there we saw a few houses where Indians lived and some Indians travelled on the bus with us. There didn't appear to be any Indians in the immediate vicinity of the Institute.

There was something refreshing about this Institute and its members. They seemed to have the ability to utilize the advantages of the North, capitalize on opportunities and the varied experiences of their members, and to derive great satisfaction in doing so. One woman, a native of Finland, mentioned how very much she enjoyed the North, but she missed Grand Opera.

## *Furnishings for Hoodless Homestead*

**T**HE ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS HOMESTEAD at St. George, birthplace of the founder of the Women's Institute, has been a point of interest to many since its purchase by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in 1960. Over two thousand visitors, including forty-seven bus loads and individuals from many countries have registered at the Homestead this year.

The Homestead, when its furnishing is completed, will be a replica of a modest rural home of the period when Mrs. Hoodless lived there as a child, nearly a hundred years ago. Already several of the rooms have been completely furnished and the committee is confident the restoration will be completed by 1967 — this is one of the F.W.I.C. Centennial projects. All articles have been gifts of groups and interested individuals, some of the most prized donated by the Hunter family and now coming back to the old home.

The grounds have been landscaped in keeping with the character of the home. Two acres of land adjoining the Homestead have been purchased by the South Dumfries Township Council and the F.W.I.C. given the privilege of using them as a parkland, in addition to the three acres of the site already owned by the national organization and utilized for a picnic area.

The Homestead is open every afternoon during the season from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m., and at other times by appointment with the hostess, Mrs. Horace Lockman, St. George, Ontario.

### **Furnishings Required:** (revised list Oct. 1964)

If any member of your Women's Institutes or in your community has items to donate to the furnishings of the Homestead, before sending the articles kindly contact the Convener of the Furnishings Committee, Mrs. H. C. Nixon, St. George, Ontario.

Any articles donated should be of the period

1850 to 1881. Articles must be in good condition, with transportation costs prepaid and a history of the article attached for recordings.

### *The following are required:*

Chest of drawers — bonnet boxes on top  
Blanket box — small  
Whatnot — corner  
Rocking chair — cane seat  
Rocking chair — kitchen  
Kitchen chairs — pine  
Kitchen table — pine  
Woodbox — pine  
Dry sink — pine  
Flour bin  
Fireplace equipment — iron  
Dining room wood stove  
Willow ware dishes  
Loom — small  
Coal oil lamps  
Hooked or braided rugs — (can be new)  
Cushions for two bedroom ladder-back chairs  
Cushions — living room  
Baby buggy accessories — (shawl, blanket, pillow, etc.)  
Cradle accessories — (mattress, pillow, blanket, quilt, etc.)  
Kitchen cupboard  
Kitchen utensils — iron or tin  
Child's rocking chair

## *Overseas Book Service*

**P**ROVINCIAL UNITS of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada are establishing closer connections with the Overseas Book Centre of the Overseas Institute of Canada.

Since 1961, when the Unesco Gift Coupon Plan No. 400, supported by F.W.I.C. in aid of the Extension Division of the University College of the West Indies, was concluded, contacts have been maintained between individual provinces and selected islands. Hundreds of books have been shipped to this area since that time, but the project is now being further developed in co-operation with the OBC as a major undertaking for International Co-operation Year.

A shipment of school and children's reading books is being prepared for the St. Lucia Women's Association at the present time, and a request from the Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes is to be filled as soon as the books can be collected.

*Editor's Note: We suggest that any Institute or individual interested in this project write their Provincial Secretary or President for further information. In Ontario of course the address is Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto 4.*