

The Rural Extension Program

The Van in the Village



The Rural Extension Program in Ceylon is conducted by the Lanka Mahila Samiti (Ceylon Women's Institutes), a member of the A.C.W.W. Programs, is carried out in twenty-four village centres throughout the country and in addition a specially equipped van travels to remote villages to bring a homemaking program. The van, a Volkswagen minibus, is equipped with an electric motor and carries films and records, providing an evening of entertainment and information for the whole village.

During the day in the village the Home Economists conduct a full program including a Women's Institute meeting, talks by local health and agriculture officials as well as demonstrations in foods and nutrition, clothing construction, arts and crafts and home decoration. This extension program is made possible by foreign assistance. A large part of the equipment was purchased through U.N.E.S.-C.O. Gift Coupons financed by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. The need for assistance in operating this program continues. Ed's. Note — Miss Ruth MacIntosh, a Home Economist, a graduate of the Mount Allison University, New Brunswick and University of Toronto served with F.A.O. in India and Ceylon for 6 years. She is now working as a Home Economist with the Ontario Home Economics Branch with the Arda program in the eastern counties of Ontario.

Ruth MacIntosh

A.C.W.W. Conference, Oslo, Norway 1971

The conference is to be held at the Oslo University, Norway, from August 10-19, 1971. The theme is to be "Pathways to Progress." The deadline for registration will be March 1, 1971. The hostess fee should be 200 kroner (a U.S. dollar equals 7.13 kroner). This to include the cost of transportation from meeting place to residences.)

Because of accommodation, attendance is to be limited to 1,100 with the addition of participants at the Seminars. Accredited visitors are to be 25 from each society in Norway, 10 from each society in Denmark, Sweden and Finland and 2 from each society for the rest of the world. There are to be 5 voting delegates and 1 voting council member from each society.

The educational part of the Conference program is to take the form of 4 forums devoted to a study of the work of A.C.W.W. member societies and of A.C.W.W. itself. The subjects will be

How we get to know each other.

How we learn together.

How we help each other and our communities.

How we get things done through A.C.W.W.

Pre Conference tours are to be in Norway while Post Conference tours are to be in the neighbouring Scandinavian countries.