



In preparation for celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes Rutherford Branch had a speaker tell the story of the beginnings of the organization. A bus trip to the Adelaide Hoodless Hunter Homestead at St. George completed the program. The committee in charge of the bus trip. From left—Mrs. Joe Sullivan, president; Mrs. Earl Johnston, Sec. Treas. South Lambton District; Mrs. Bruce Sager, committee member; Mrs. Keith Johnston, Public Relations Officer.

Because the Indians of North America in the past had no written language they had to teach their children verbally. Stories were told and retold to the young people but most important we believed in learning by example. If the parents were good people, the children followed in their footsteps, living out the spoken words of their fathers. His message ends with, "May the Great Spirit love all the people involved in Young Canada's Book Week as long as the grass grows, and the rivers flow."

"Wouldn't you like to be part of 'Young Canada Book Week?' This is the question asked of members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada by Mrs. E. R. James, F.W.I.C. Convener for Cultural activities. The week is designated as a special time for organizations, parents and schools to find out more about the library service available to them and to offer whatever assistance is necessary in making improvements. In particular it is a time to promote good reading habits among young people by taking an active interest providing good books.

Book lists and posters may be obtained from Canadian Library Association, 151 Sparks Street, 9th floor, Ottawa K1P 5E3.

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Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have pledged to send 5 to 6 thousand dollars towards UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan #523. This project is to buy a land-rover for the Lesotho Homemakers Association to help them maintain contact with their member Societies all over the country. The Associated Country Women of the World have

supported this project and asked the member Societies for their support.

F.W.I.C. members have also supported the A.C.W.W. "Pennies for Friendship" fund, which is the main source of revenue for the organization which maintains the head office in London, England. From this fund representatives attend meetings of the United Nations and other International Bodies, the A.C.W.W. magazine is published, the Triennial Conference is financed and office is supported.

A special donation of \$1,000 was given to A.C.W.W. by a meeting of the F.W.I.C. Board Members at the Conference in Oslo, Norway.

LESOTHO

Lesotho gained independence in 1965. It is a country about the size of Switzerland, completely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. In the so-called "lowlands" where the capital, Maseru, and most of the townships are situated, the altitude is 5,000 ft. above sea level rising to 11,000 ft. in the E. and S.E. towards Natal and Cape Province. It is a rugged country making communications extremely difficult — rough roads in the so-called "plains" and merely tracks in the mountains suitable only for landrovers.

In 1935 the Basutoland Homemakers Association (now Lesotho Homemakers Association) was founded and by its 25th anniversary had 160 Clubs. This number had doubled by 1968 bringing the total membership up to 20,000. It became a Constituent Society of the Associated Country Women of the World in 1961. Many of these clubs are located in the mountain area where road conditions are appalling and the women have to travel many miles along broken tracks on pony or on foot.

The most urgent need is dependable transport. The solution of this problem would open the door to real growth and development of the country. In order to accomplish this the Officers and Executive Committee of the Lesotho Homemakers Association must reach the women all over the country who need help to organize the starting of new clubs and the reviving of old clubs which have been neglected. It would also enable them not only to make regular visits to see that follow-up work is being undertaken but also to respond to the ever-increasing demand from established clubs for demonstration visits. Such visits are eagerly awaited by the women who are keen to learn a better way of living through classes on literacy and nutrition, for themselves and their families.