

**REPORT—A.C.W.W. COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10-12, 1972**

Mrs. Harvey Noblitt,
F.W.I.O.

President and Council Member

Present A.C.W.W. Membership .. 7,819,178
Contributing Memberships 4,000
Life Members 353,

At the Council Meeting, President Mrs. Olive Farquharson, O.B.E. emphasized that a purpose of the meeting was to assess progress on the Oslo Conference theme, "Pathways to Progress." "It is important that we know all what is going on," the President said.

It was reported that A.C.W.W. has new office quarters at Suite D, 5/51 Warwick Square, Victoria, London, S.W.1.V.2.A.J. England. The Suite contains 7 rooms on a second floor and a good sized room in the basement. It is served by an elevator, has a small kitchenette and an entrance hall. It is being newly wired and decorated. To finance the expense of setting up the new office some A.C.W.W. bonds were sold and a bank loan arranged, but help is needed from the Societies. Much appreciation was expressed for the generous donations of Pennies For Friendship and we are urged to keep them flowing.

For the A.C.W.W. Competitions for the Triennium 1971-1974 see Home and Country, page 27.

It was announced that the subscription price of *The Countrywoman* might have to be raised due to rising costs, but it was doubted if this would be reflected in an increase in the cost of Contributing Memberships.

The Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Committee — The following are reported as having been projects assisted by this committee.

1. Assistance to the National Association of Women's Institutes of West Malaysia for training courses in five centres with four hundred persons receiving training.

2. Assisted in leadership training courses organized by the Sarawak Women's Institute.

3. Contribution made to Rhodesian Homecraft Training Course for African Women.

4. Contributions made to an A.C.W.W. Caribbean Seminar.

5. Individual awards made to two members of the Botswana Council of Women to study nutrition, mother and child care, handicrafts, leadership in community development in Monze Homecraft Training Centre in Zambia.

6. A contribution toward expenses of a course for rural women in the Monze Area.

7. Three students have been sponsored — one in Fiji and one in British Honduras to attend the Oslo Conference who have made contributions in their work back home; and one in Jordan who worked in refugee camps.

8. Joint award with Indiana Farm Bureau Women's Department, U.S.A. to give a member of the Jamaican Federation of Women four months training in the University of West Indies.

9. Grant to a Society in Spain to help them organize evening classes in food and nutrition.

The Triennial Conference, 1974 to be held in Perth, Australia October 8-18 in Perth Concert Hall and smaller halls in the vicinity for smaller meetings.

Registration fee \$25.00.

Theme — A World to Share.

Forum subjects — (a) Home and Family (b) Health and Happiness (c) Man and Nature (d) Communication and Understanding.

A pre-Conference Seminar will be held with the heading "Leadership Training in Community Development."

Recommendations from The Council Meeting:

(1) that Les Circle de Fermieres of Quebec be reinstated as a Constituent Society.

(2) that the applications of the following societies be accepted for Associate Memberships: the Cimite de Dameas de la Camara Agricola Y Canadera de Torreon of ; the Women's Organization of Iran; the Association of Greenlandic Women's Organization; and the West Midland Federation of Townswomen's Guilds of the U.K. be given Corresponding Membership.

A.C.W.W. Ad Hoc projects completed:

1. Lesotho Project

2. Electric sewing machines to Turkey

3. Six sewing machines to Panama

4. Twenty pounds of sewing materials to Greece

5. Sewing machines to Rhodesia

6. Braille duplicator supplied to Indonesia School for the Blind

7. Fund closed at \$2,500 for water holes in Botswana.

A.C.W.W. is following closely the Conference on Human Environment. A book on the subject of environment, "Only One Earth" by Barbara Ward and Rene Dubas (Pelican) is recommended.

The Council session closed with an excellent skit presented by a Surrey Women's Institute drama group and based on the skit written by Mrs. Austin Zoeller and presented by the New Hamburg Women's Institute when Mrs. Farquharson attended the meeting.

Save Sight. At the last A.C.W.W. Conference in Oslo, Norway, Mrs. Aroti Dutt was appointed chairman of the Ad Hoc Nutritional Deficiency Committee. Complying with a resolution adopted at Oslo, the purpose of the committee is to arrange pilot projects in nutritional education for women with the special