

February, and at all other times must be occupied by the chosen applicants.

Some consideration has been given to having a booth with hand made articles for sale at the Home but plans are not definite as yet. However, we have received some donations which will be on sale, also on sale will be place mats, serviettes, and hasti notes with the picture of the Home.

The Committee is doing its best to project the Home of the co-founder, not only in the memory of the past but to make this a living, breathing part of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. We are depending on all members of the Ontario Women's Institutes to promote this project, to assist with donations if possible and to encourage visits by bus trips.

The committee comprises Miss Helen McKercher, Mrs. Wm. G. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, F.W.I.O., President Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, and Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Chairman.

HOME ECONOMICS BRANCH, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Miss Helen McKercher Director

In her report Miss McKercher said, "The Home Economics Branch, through its program of extension education for women and girls endeavours to improve the quality of life in rural Ontario through up dated homemaking practices and good management of time and family resources."

To carry out its extension program the Home Economics Branch relies heavily on assistance from Ontario women, a large percentage of whom are members of the Women's Institutes, who work in close cooperation with the county and district Home Economists.

The Program of the Branch is developed and carried out by the director, five supervisors and nine specialists in the Toronto office, three regional home economics supervisors, thirty-six county and district home economists and three ARDA home economists in field offices throughout Ontario and volunteer leaders.

In 1972-1973, 140 short courses and workshops were held with attendance of 2,640, and 57 food forums were attended by 5,606.

The branch loan library provides resource materials to assist in program planning. In 1972-1973 there were 1,714 requests.

The 4H Homemaking Club program for girls and young women of twelve to twenty-six years of age gives training in homemaking and contributes to the girl's development as a member of her family, her community and as a good citizen. Last year, 284 leaders' training schools were held and there were 3,069 clubs with a membership of 29,650.

Miss McKercher concluded her report by congratulating the directors for the fine work

they are doing for their homes and communities at the local level and at the national and international levels, through the Women's Institutes.

REPORT ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Mrs. Harvey Noblitt

From a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of ACWW, Feb. 1973, a message was sent to thank member societies for Pennies for Friendship contributions for the last 3 months of 1972 to the amount of \$18,230. They also reported 1 Life and 504 Contributing memberships.

From reports at the same meeting, we learn of ACWW Seminars in Tunis with the Arabs, and in Brazil led by Mrs. Haven-Smith (who speaks Spanish), of a two weeks' residential course held in Kuching, Sarawak, for leaders; a similar one in Nawi of West Malaysia, a training course in Yalova, Turkey, and help given to a Food and Nutrition course given in Spain. It is interesting to note that the Spanish ladies have been offered an award from ACWW along with the Irish Countrywomen's Association whereby two persons would train for three months or one for six months in Ireland. One would be the Hon. General Secretary of the Spanish Society who speaks English, another who is attending classes to improve her English. Maybe some of our money is helping there!

You may have read in the Countrywomen of Mrs. Farquharson's recent travels to Malawi, Rhodesia, Swaziland, Lesotho, Botswana, S.W. Africa, and the island of Mauritius and her great success in creating a wider understanding of ACWW there. She left again on January 15 for a world tour visiting in Texas, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, S. Australia, Papua and New Guinea, Sarawak and W. Malaysia.

Perth Conference

For those who are going to the Perth Conference, it is interesting to note that the pre-conference tours are being planned for men and women. There is to be an Australian choir for the official opening, the farewell party and the Church service. The closing date for the competitions has been changed from Feb. 1, 1973 to June 1, 1973.

Save Sight

There has been a tremendous response for this project. The Receipts up to February 1973 were \$12,500 plus money to purchase a vehicle for providing nutritional information.