

materials. These were gathered together under the AD HOC PROJECTS COMMITTEE. In the past year, however, with so many appeals, contributions to this fund had fallen off. At the top of the list was a request for a vehicle for the Lanka Mahila Samiti of Sri Lanka. We had lost hope of this when to our delight we received a letter from the State Chairman of the Iowa Farm Bureau Women saying their Society had taken this up as their project and negotiations for the van have now started. As in 1971 when the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada took up the purchase of the van for Lesotha, this was wonderful news indeed.

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.** Whatever is printed, from gummed labels to tea towels and including leaflets, booklets and ACWW publicity, is the responsibility of this Committee as is the popular bi-monthly magazine "The Countrywoman" which can keep over 8,000,000 ACWW members around the world in touch.

P & P is also responsible for the Triennial Competitions, which must be publicized, work collected, judges appointed. This Triennium the Essay competition is to be judged in London as usual, but the Handwork entries are going directly to Perth there to be judged, so that a display of handwork may be shown at the Conference.

**ELSIE ZIMMERN MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE** which was formed at Oslo to provide Leadership and Organization training, already has enough money subscribed to make it possible for one scholar to attend the ACWW 14th Triennial Conference in Perth preceded by the Seminar in Adelaide on "Leadership Training in Community Development" and followed by 10 days spent with a member society. A scholar will be selected and societies informed after January 1, 1974, which was the closing date for receipt of applications.

The Committee also provides money to help member societies run Seminars and Training Courses. These are becoming increasingly popular as a means of reaching more women and in a shorter time. In 1973 emphasis was on Training Courses organized by Member Societies in various parts of the world, the level of instruction varying according to local needs.

**UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE** also plans and administers seminars and Travel Grants with help from the United Nations Specialized Agencies. For example: from 1966 to 1969 through a joint FAO/UNESCO gift coupon project, the Child Care and Home Improvement Training Centre was set up at Villa Maria, Columbia, South America. In the autumn of 1972 seminars were held, with UNESCO's assistance, at Recife, Brazil, on the "Role of Latin American Women in a Developing World", and in Tunis — jointly with the International Alliance of Women — on "Functional Education for Women in Rural Development".

ACWW has consultative status with certain members of the United Nations family. Representatives from ACWW attend meetings such as the UNICEF Executive Board meetings in Geneva, New York, the Second World Food Congress at the Hague and the Conference on Human Environment in Stockholm to mention only a few. The Central Office asks Societies to let it know of their projects. Mrs. Roberts, our UN

Representative in New York has stressed the importance of this communication. Our representation at the UN is most important to ACWW, for the business of the highest international body in the world is passed to rural women everywhere, and conversely their voices can be heard at international level.

**THE EXTENSION AND MUTUAL SERVICE COMMITTEE** arranges the travel facilities of the officers and coordinates it with the Societies. This means not only planning the President's travels, but also those of Officers coming to the Council meetings with the visits they make on the way. This year our World President travelled to America, Southern Africa, parts of Asia, New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific.

The Committee, in its Extension work, reported that at the time of Council ACWW had 312 Life Members, 5,070 Contributing Members and 3,671 subscribers to "The Countrywoman", and these numbers are rising all the time. There are 283 Member Societies in 68 countries and the total overall membership is now well over the 8 million mark. Exchange programs, Letter Friends and Introductions are as popular as ever — 1,650 Letter Friends were put in touch in the past year, and there were 123 applications for Introductions. Members are asked, when writing in for Letter Friends and Introductions, please to remember that it takes time to make these contacts.

The **LADY ABERDEEN SCHOLARSHIP** Scheme was set up by the Edinburgh Conference in 1959 in memory of Lady Aberdeen, a founding member of ACWW and its first Honorary President. Administered by its Committee, the scheme has made awards for varying periods of individual study in such subjects as Nutrition, Child Care, Home Economics, Literacy, Conservation and Leadership Training. Scholars have gone from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in the Pacific to study in New Zealand; from Greece, Italy, the Cameroons and Jordan to "An Grianan" in Ireland; from Guyana to Jamaica and from Botswana to Zambia, to mention only a few. All must return to their villages to put their training to use and to pass on their knowledge.



Recognition at 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day was well deserved. Mrs. Garnett Cowell has led 34 projects and received her 15 year leader's certificate. (L-R) Marion Small, Provincial Honours, Susan Campbell, Advanced Honours, Mrs. Garnett Cowell and Marie Ashton, Provincial Honours.