

Reports and correspondence are sent to the 14 Area PROs. Committee and Executive Meetings have been attended.

In May the PROs are to be included in the Officers' Conference and material has been prepared for the discussion group leaders.

ACWW

The latest figures released show the membership in ACWW as follows: 291 Member Societies, 181 Constituent Societies, 21 Associate Societies and 89 Corresponding Societies in 69 countries.

Mrs. Maluske reminded all that the next Conference will be in Nairobi, Kenya, October 11-21, 1977. Those wishing to attend must have been a Contributing member for three years immediately prior to the Conference and should fill in the form which was printed in the January/February 76 Countrywoman. The registration fee is £15 sterling (not refundable) and the Kenya hostess coordinating committee fee, 25 Kenya pounds. The number of life members in ACWW have doubled. As of October 1975 there were 225 Life Members and 1,021 Contributing Members with an additional 99 Life Members and 141 Contributing Members awaiting acceptance. A recommendation to be presented at the 1977 Conference that Life Memberships be raised to £40 sterling. **Note:** Application forms and sponsors are no longer required to become a life member. Send your name and address along with your money to the FWIO office for life memberships as well as contributing members.

On March 1, 1976 the subscription to the Countrywoman is £1 sterling.

The UN Conference on Human Settlements "Habitat" to be held in Vancouver May 31-June 11, will be attended by ACWW's representative, Mrs. Anstey.

Mrs. Maluske reminded the Board of the UNESCO gift coupon #569 under the support of ACWW.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Mrs. Chas. Fetterley presented the report along with the recommendations. Information was read from Mrs. W. Schumann regarding the leadership training courses being carried out in South Africa by the S.A. Union of Homemakers Clubs.

Recommendations accepted by the Board Directors instructed Mrs. Morden to send \$500.00 to each of the following: UNESCO Coupon #569 Zambia and Malaysia; Lady Aberdeen Scholarship and Pennies for Friendship. This money derived from the interest from the FWIO International Scholarship Fund.

HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Gerald Holder, Hospitality Convener, will work with groups or individuals seeking assistance. It is difficult to have firm terms of reference and as requests come in they will be dealt with on a personal basis and assistance provided wherever possible.

ROYAL WINTER FAIR

The President attended the annual meeting and luncheon for Directors and Exhibitors. The 47th Royal attracted visitors from 39 countries, 26 states of the United States and every province in Canada. Exhibitors came from as far away as Rhodesia, Australia, Great Britain, as well as North America.

Livestock quality was the highest in many years. The Queen's Guineas competition resulted in the highest number ever, with 288 steers being shown. The Flower show, Christmas around the World, featuring Christmas customs in eight countries attracted many visitors.

The Royal is still Canada's Show Window of Agriculture and we as a great rural organization should be proud of it.

The 1976 Royal — November 12-20.

COME ON OVER!

Mrs. Austin Zoeller, Chairman

Encourage your members to visit the Erland Lee Home this year. There are so many who have not seen the property, we wish you would make an effort to "make a day of it."

The Ontario Women's Institute week May 31-June 4 was designed to promote not only the Home but also the work of the Women's Institute. This year we are encouraging Stoney Creek residents to attend so those in the community can become better acquainted with the Institute, our work and aims and objectives.

Mrs. Beachin, Hostess, will receive extra assistance for this week and there will be demonstrations of pioneer crafts, displays, and the Provincial Tweedsmuir History Book will be available.

The Erland Lee Home has qualified for a grant through the Ministry of Culture and Recreation amounting to \$9,000.00 for maintenance. Because of this the Home, Drive Shed, washrooms and tenant house will be painted this Spring.

Post Cards will be available this summer, 4 different views in one package for 50¢ per package.

SOCIAL EVENING

The nine retiring Board Directors, known as the No 9'ers arrived in their imaginary train to provide entertainment for the evening. Skits, songs and games as well as a souvenir booklet prepared by the retiring group was given to all present. A "novelty" collection for Pennies for Friendship which netted \$75.00 was presented to Mrs. Maluske to be sent to ACWW. Three years pass so quickly and all too soon we must say goodbye to Florence McCaffrey, Ilda Holder, Margaret Gemmill, Zetta Matthews, Ruth Papple, Verna Merritt, Ileen MacNally, Zella Spry, Irene Watson and Sylvia Jackson, a Junior Director retiring after her two year term.

FUTURE PLANS

— The FWIO Executive will appoint a committee to explore the possibilities of some type of celebration for the 80th anniversary of the Women's Institute.

— Also, the Executive are to appoint a committee to work with Mr. Robert Carbert, Manager of the Ontario Agricultural Museum regarding some type of official opening for the Ontario Women's Institute Hall later in the year.

— To date, no word has been received if space is available for a "Rest Spot" at the Royal Winter Fair. A committee, Mrs. Gerald Holder, Chairman, Mrs. Melville Wiseman and Mrs. Orval Jordan were appointed to be in charge, if space is available.

— Annual Board Meeting, Lord Simcoe Hotel, November 29-December 3, 1976.