The Homestead

November, 1963: "Red Letter Day". On invitation by the local Homestead Committee, the Mother Institute of Stoney Creek (organized February 1897, the first W.I. in the world) visited the historic birthplace of our founder, Mrs. Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, at St. George, Ontario. A hand-painted china bowl, filled with yellow marigolds, centred the dining room table where tea was served, with dishes and cloth of that period, a hundred years ago.

In 1964 the Board Members and 400 District Directors from the Ontario Officers' Conference, travelled by bus from Guelph and were entertained in the newly decorated basement to tea.

From the Ontario Historical Society Annual Meeting, held at Brantford in June of this same year, 100 members visited the Homestead and had tea there.

Che Rugayah binte Abdul Majid, Assistant National Organizer of the Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes, and her husband were entertained in June.

A set of 30 slides showing the Homestead and furnishings have been prepared and may be loaned from the National Office, Ottawa, upon request.

The following articles are for sale at the Homestead, or may be purchased by writing to the Hostess, Mrs. Horace Lockman, R.R. #1, St. George, Ontario:

Hastinotes: 12 to a box, 4 inside views Postcards: 1 outside view, 2 inside views Towels, Homestead design \$1.25 per box .10 each \$2.25 each

Brochures and Leaflets are free at the Homestead.

Before sending any fur ishings to the Homestead, kindly contact the Convener of Furnishings: Mrs. H.C. Nixon, St. George, Ontario.

Tables in the picnic area and inside basement tables (seating capacity for 45), as well as cups, saucers, spoons and equipment for making tea and coffee, are provided for the Branches bringing their picnic lunch to the Homestead. Kindly make arrangements in advance with the Hostess, at the above address. Phone: St. George 448-1514.

The Homestead is open daily from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m. At other times by appointment only.

The Homestead is closed during the month of February.

Registered attendance for 1964 Total attendance since 1960 3,723 9,961

Restoration of the Homestead is to be completed as a part of the contribution of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to Canada's Centenary, 1967.

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