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lion in recognition of the principles of brotherhood being carried out by Women's Institutes.

### WOMEN'S ROLE TODAY

In view of the messages brought by guest speakers, the Symposium "Women's Role Today", with Mrs. J. Philip Matheson as moderator, was most timely.

Speaking on Women's Role in the Home, Mrs. John McLean, Senior Director for F.W.I.C. from Nova Scotia, felt that in this new age the importance of woman in the home needs greater emphasis and homemaking and motherhood should be given the same status as other professions. The mother is a big factor in raising emotionally stable children, and she is in no danger of automation. The confines of four walls do not need to be the confines of her mind, and a woman with outside interests is more complete. She is a member of a family team creating a happy home, giving emotional security, a sense of responsibility, moral and intellectual values to her children.

Women's Role in the Community was discussed by Mrs. Elton Armstrong, Member-at-large for F.W.I.C., from Ontario, who felt that every woman should be versed in public affairs and should be willing to grasp opportunities for growth, both personally and for the benefit of all. However, working women have little time and generally little interest in community affairs, and commuter families can create a social situation. She urged that we be up and doing and not of the 4B's (Bridge, Boredom, Bonbons and Bourbon) so that we will leave our communities the better for our having been in them. She also suggested a close look at certain words in the Mary Stewart Collect — "pettiness, fault-finding, self-seeking, pretence, self-pity, prejudice, hasty in judgment" — as opposed to "take time, better impulses, little things, human heart, kind."

Mrs. E. J. Roylance, Past President F.W.I.C., stated that Women's Role in the Nation must of necessity be a divided one. In many cases her responsibility in her home and in her community is the area for work as a citizen of her country. Participation in good voluntary organizations which assist their country is one of the major contributions which women can make, and activities of F.W.I.C. were cited as examples of what women can do to fulfill their role in their Nation.

Speaking on Women's Role in the World, Mrs. Keith Rand, A.C.W.W. Area Vice-President for Canada, stated that the outstanding women of the world today combine love of family with intelligent interest and participation in world affairs. Women cannot expect equal rights while demanding special privileges, and they must learn to participate as persons, not as women. Throughout the world it is being stressed that educated women should take the lead in seeing that all women have the opportunity to give their contribution towards a better way of life for all.

Twelve discussion groups followed the Symposium, based on questions pertaining to the various topics covered by the speakers. Findings of the groups were reported in plenary session.

### ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

The A.C.W.W. was brought into much clearer focus by the presence of Mrs. Graham Spry and Mrs. Keith Rand, and by the evening program devoted to the study of various aspects of the organization, now composed of 166 Constituent Societies. Mrs. Spry is Chairman of the General Purpose Committee of A.C.W.W. and was present throughout. Her pleasant smile and charming manner were a delight to all, as was her advice and assistance