

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

Reporting on the work of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Mrs. Zoeller drew attention to change of format on front page of Federated News this year, when commemorating the Golden Anniversary of the Women's Institutes of Canada. Concern was expressed that only 10% of membership gets the publication and the provinces are urged to send in more information on their activities.

Thirty slides showing the Centennial Chairs placed in Confederation Hall, Charlottetown, P.E.I. are now available for showing from F.W.I.C. office.

Each branch will receive one copy of booklet "Into The North" telling of Northern Canada Women's Institutes but these are not available to individual Women's Institute members. President, Mrs. George Clarke will add another chapter — the years 1960-69 to the F.W.I.C. history.

Birthday money, previously donated by Past Presidents, Dr. Adams and Mrs. Roylance, was used for purchase of books to circulate as travelling library in the north and then be placed in Inuvik Library. These will be designated with a commemorative plaque.

The launching of Northern Canada Women's Institutes was the greatest challenge undertaken by F.W.I.C. and there are four Senior and one Junior Branch in the Yukon now

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MY LOST YOUTH

I remember the gleams and glooms that dart
Across the schoolboy's brain;
The song and the silence in the heart,
That in part are prophecies, and in part
Are longings wild and vain.
And the voice of that fitful song
Sings on, and is never still;
'A boy's will is the wind's will,
And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.'

There are things of which I may not speak;
There are dreams that cannot die;
There are thoughts that make the strong heart
weak,
And bring a pallor into the cheek,
And a mist before the eye.
And the words of that fatal song
Come over me like a chill:
'A boy's will is the wind's will
And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.'

Longfellow

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and nine Branches in the Northwest Territories.

The National Convention will be in Winnipeg August 24-28, 1970 and registration fee is \$20 per delegate and \$5.00 daily for visitors. Each province is asked for 100 gifts, moderately priced and non-perishable, for a gift stall at the National Convention. A motion was passed that each Board Director secure from each of her districts a suitable gift valued at \$1. to \$3. Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will send a copy of Dr. Ethel Chapman's new book, "Humanities in Homespun" to the gift stall also.

F.W.I.C. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Everett Small, a member of the F.W.I.C. By-laws Committee, reported the approval of the Constitution and By-laws of F.W.I.C. which were filed with Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on August 27, 1969.

Of interest provincially is the by-law that each province or territorial unit shall have ten votes at the National Convention and if the unit is unable to send its full complement, those present may cast total number of votes. Also the executive committee shall always include one member from the Province of Ontario and we are represented now by Mrs. Leonard Trivers, who is the third vice-president.

STANDING COMMITTEE CONVENER REPORTS

Workshops were held previous to the Annual Board Meeting to study methods for preparing annual reports in a more interesting way. It was agreed that reports and outlines from the provincial conveners would be forwarded to all branch, district and area secretaries to be given out to their respective conveners, and that a panel be presented at the Board Meeting by the Provincial Standing Committee Conveners with Mrs. Charles Beamer as moderator. Other members of the panel were Mrs. E. Doughwaite, Mrs. Morris Martin and Mrs. J. A. Fairman.

Findings, beefs, problems, some solutions and also words of praise were projected by the panel. At all levels conveners were urged to consult their hand book for duties and assistance, to prepare reports in triplicate with correct names and addresses and to get reports out on time. (One is sent on to convener at next level, one given to Secretary for her files and one retained by convener for her files to be handed on to her successor.)

Conveners were urged to include highlights