

The F.W.I.C. President

Mrs. E. V. Fulton, paying her official presidential visit to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, was a guest speaker at the Conference. For her address she used the theme, "Our Heritage" and said, "As Women's Institute members we have a great heritage, the vision and work of women in the past. Adelaide Hoodless, our co-founder stated, 'A nation cannot rise above the level of its homes.' She believed this and worked hard all her life to raise the standard of living for women and their homes. It is our privilege to belong to an organization that began as a vision of Adelaide Hoodless and has grown into the organization that it is today with 7 million women working for the betterment of the world. It is now our duty to preserve this heritage, add to it, and pass it on. 'How?' it is asked. Listen, look, work with the youth of today, with Senior Citizens. Do we appreciate the heritage they gave us? Have we recorded their stories of the past? If not, why not?"

"Have material things become so important to us that we cannot enjoy the beauty around us? Are we so busy making money that we cannot see what is happening to our environment? Do we care?"

"A community may be defined as a society in which the ideal life of all its members is promoted in every possible way. Its people enjoy feelings of security, pride, self respect and hope. It has many different interests, spiritual political, business, industrial, educational and social.

"People in the community should be willing to keep up to date with the changing society. People who are wholly absorbed in maintaining a status that they believe is necessary to their lives do not contribute meaningfully to community living. They are like hens, too busy observing the pecking order in which each bird is pecked by those above her and pecks those below.

"To create good communities we must have good citizens. What does citizenship mean?"

1. A good citizen should be personally responsible.

2. A good citizen will be socially responsible. 'Love thy neighbor as thyself' is an important religious precept. It also makes good sense in human society. We owe a debt to many others past and present. The only way we can pay that debt is by service to others.

3. A good citizen should be politically responsible.



Mrs. E. V. Fulton.

4. A good citizen will be a responsible world citizen."

Mrs. Fulton concluded her address by saying, "From my own observations, the people who give most of themselves to the community in which they live enjoy more of the rich satisfactions of life than do those whose activities are bounded by the narrowing confines of their own affairs."

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Books must be read as deliberately and reservedly as they were written.

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Nazmiya Salman on duty in Bursa Hospital in Turkey.