

## COMPETITION WINNERS

### Handicraft—A Pieced Quilt

Both the winner and runner up were from Ontario, warmest congratulations to both branches.

- (1) Pittsburg WI, Kingston Area—Indian Trails  
Elora WI, Guelph Area—Double Wedding Ring

### Community Histories

Dougall WI, Manitoba

### Cultural—Play, a legend or folklore from your province.

Edmonton WI, Alberta

### Senator Cairine Wilson—Citizenship Project

3rd St. John's WI, Newfoundland

The project entitled Nutrition and You—a set of 20 slides with taped commentary showing the action of WI members in developing a Nutrition Project.

### The FWIC Membership Trophy

Nova Scotia WI—for largest increase percentage-wise in membership during the triennium.

### Life Membership

Mrs. Geo. Wilson, St. Marys, Ontario resigned as Editor of the Federated News because of illness. A life membership in FWIC was awarded Mrs. Wilson for her contributions to the organization over the past many years. A new Editor will be appointed by Executive.

### Music

The delegates had the opportunity to participate in singspiration during the sessions, watch school children dance traditional dances, listen to the Confederation Boys Choir and the Convention Choir.

## OUR INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE ACWW IN ACTION

Mrs. E. V. Fulton, Area Vice President for Canada, urged members to continue support for Pennies for Friendship and The Nutrition Education Fund. Pennies are needed to finance ACWW and the many projects which assist women throughout the world, especially in developing countries, who need the support of the western world.

Mrs. Matheson, former ACWW Area Vice President, spoke about the United Nations and the UNESCO coupons, impressing upon all to continue this support which is one important way all can help rural women in other countries.

Mrs. Farquharson told about her travels and personal experiences especially into the third world countries. During her first year in office she was the guest of FWIO, who were celebrating their 75th anniversary. It seemed appropriate to begin a term in office in the Province where Women's Institutes began. She continued to speak about her travels to other member societies telling about life and customs in Rhodesia, Lesotho, the Philippines, and Gilbert Islands. Mrs. Farquharson pointed out, to represent 8 million members is a responsibility not to be taken lightly, but the assistance and desire to help women and their families can only be achieved through orderly thinking and well planned projects among the various societies in ACWW.

## FOCUS ON THE PROVINCES

The purpose of this presentation was to show through slides and commentary the work carried out by the provinces. The projects which were provincially sponsored as well as the smaller projects of Districts or Branches.

Credit indeed should go to those Provinces with on-going projects that have involved all the Branches to work and donate to obtain a designated objective.

All Provincial Presidents contributed material and slides. The information was edited and the taped commentary and slide presentation put together by Mrs. Austin Zoeller.

The Provincial Presidents were introduced on stage at the beginning of the presentation.

The prize winning play was presented by the York WI and the author Mrs. E. Lefsrud introduced to both the delegates and cast.

## P.E.I. DAY

Twelve buses travelled a different sightseeing route, but all visited the Woodleigh Replicas and Green Gables. A tour guide on all buses gave a commentary and history of the area. Noon luncheons were sponsored by WI's.

The grand finale to the day was a special performance of Anne of Green Gables by the Charlottetown Festivals '76 Players in Confederation Centre.

## NORTHERN CANADA WI

Mrs. J. Bielish reported on the work of the Northern Canada Women's Institutes. At the present only three branches, Aklavik, Fort McPherson and Teslin have complete slate of officers. Some of the other communities have as their leaders or workers women who used to belong, and there are indications that they would like to start again.

Since 1973 two Field Workers have been busy with the women of the north. The first worker, Mrs. Rachel Paton a public health nurse, served from November 1973 until the end of June 1974 when her husband was transferred to Calgary. She contacted all known W.I. branches, community health workers, home management consultants, adult educators and newspapers in the N.W.T. In addition she organized four native craft classes to encourage cross-cultural membership.

Mrs. Betty Gilday became the second field worker from May 1975 to March 1976, when her husband was transferred to Cape Dorset in the Eastern Arctic. She travelled extensively visiting Branches along the Mackenzie, and was accompanied by Bella Ross to Inuvik and Aklavik. Discussions were held at Edzo about the problems of the North—alcoholism, child neglect, physical violence, property damage and abuse, and other irresponsible behavior. In Fort Liard, Mrs. Gilday was instrumental in building a Craft Shop, financed by an L.I.P. grant.

During 1975 a grant of \$10,000 was received from the Department of Northern Affairs by F.W.I.C. for the Northern Canada Women's Institute work. Due to restraints and cutbacks the amount has been reduced to \$5,000 for 1976.

## 1979 Convention will be held in Saskatchewan