

FWIC

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BOARD

The Annual Board meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was held at Carleton University, Ottawa, June 20-22.

National Convention

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.
June 24-28/79

Opening day ceremonies, Sunday, June 24 and Saskatchewan Day June 27 and an ACWW session to which representatives from Constituent Societies of ACWW in Canada will be invited. Branches in the Northwest Territories and Yukon will be invited to send one representative to Convention.

For the 60th Anniversary of FWIC there will be a presentation "Our Diamond Jubilee—A Sparkle from Each Province."

Theme—"Perspectives and Priorities."

Estimated costs: Registration \$30.00
Saskatchewan Day \$15.00
Accommodation, including meals and 10% gratuity \$27.50 per day—single and \$24.20 for double occupancy.
Day visitors—\$5.00 registration fee which will include a kit.

Voting Delegates 10 per province

Non-voting Delegates 194 for Ontario, interested persons may send names into FWIO office.

Mrs. M. Reeves, PEI, was named Chairman of the FWIC Committee for the Year of the Child. A request will be made to Government of Canada to appoint a Commission for IYC and suggestion that FWIC be represented. Each Province is to assemble their Provincial Laws pertaining to children and send same to Mrs. H. L. Noblitt who will combine all Child Laws in Canada. Details of the Child Safety Kit Competition sponsored by FWIC are outlined separately.

The work in Northern Canada continues under the Chairmanship of Mrs. P. Warren. A proposed Conference in Great Slave Lake is to be investigated. A budget of \$2,000 was approved for exploratory leadership training and Workshops with the Inuit women in and around Nain in Northern Labrador. The Newfoundland and Labrador W.I presented this proposal and stated they will be doing similar workshops in Southern Labrador under a grant from the Secretary of State and would extend the work if funds are available.

COST HIKE

Due to rising costs, subscriptions to Federated News will cost \$1.50 for individual orders and \$1.00 for lots of ten or more mailed to one address. All subscriptions are to be sent to the National Office before Nov. 30.

Board Members were very interested in the report of the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Committee and the proposed addition to facilitate the use of the entire home for its artifacts. They gave approval to the Committee to proceed with plans.

On Wednesday evening at a special dinner Madame Aileen Durand was speaker on Agriculture Canada's Intra-Departmental Committee's proposals for IYC. The Board members decided to have FWIC respond to these proposals with some reservations and offering to act as a consultative body.

It was agreed that FWIC should extend an invitation in 1980 for the 17th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the world to be held in Canada in 1983.

Provincial resolutions sustained in the Provinces had not been forwarded except from Manitoba. Discussion took place on farmers being allowed to deduct wages paid to wives from taxable income and it was sustained. Also sustained was a resolution requesting that Federal Government take steps to include spouses under provisions of Canada Pension Plan. Manitoba has made a special study on crime and the positive action they have implemented making persons accept responsibilities for the same. FWIC passed a motion to study this but to date no copy has been made available.

At ACWW 15th Triennial Conference FWIC pledged to again purchase a Land Rover for Lesno for their needs but no further word has been received on this project. FWIC anticipates CIDA will match institute grants for this.

Mrs. Frances Laracy, Chairman, Home Economics and Health for FWIC reported on the National Nutrition Survey from the last triennium.

Provinces vary in their interests and priorities and methods of presentation. In capsule form a portion of the report states: "Six out of ten provinces waged campaigns on junk foods in school canteens in varying degrees of intensity. One was in the form of a resolution presented at Provincial convention, and as a follow-up each district and branch tried to influence the schools, in their communities, to provide more nutritional products for their students. Another held a seminar that involved school officials, Department of Health, student council, parents, etc., and the Women's Institutes once again provided the same follow-up as above. Others pressured school boards and stressed aspects of nutrition on every occasion, by posters, displays, speakers etc.

CHILD SAFETY COMPETITION

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada has instituted a child safety competition for International Year of the Child.

Branches entering the child safety competition are