

When children look into the eyes of adults and see love, they get the message that they are loveable; when they see trust they get the feeling that they can be trusted. In this love-starved society if they see no love or trust they develop a bad self image.

The parents sometimes think more of their house furnishings or what their friends will think about an untidy house than they do about the lives of their children. The living room is often off-limits or they forbid the children to go near the picture window in case they smudge the glass. Children need a place to grow, a place where they are loved.

Father Larre concluded, "take a little time for children."

60th ANNIVERSARY

Past Presidents reminisced and chatted about the formation and progress of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada over the 60 year period. Presidents back for the Convention were Dr. Nancy Adams, Mrs. Mildred Roylance, Mrs. E.V. Fulton, Mrs. J. Philip Matheson, Mrs. Geo Clarke, Dr. Ellen McLean. They told about the projects and activities during their terms in office.

PRESIDENT REVIEWS TERM

Mrs. Joseph Bielish, President, told about her activities during her three year term in office, pointing out the priorities during the past triennium. 1. the addition to the Hoodless Homestead. 2. the appointment of a National Executive Secretary 3. Rural Women's study, a project of Rural Development. 4. IYC, laws as they affect children of Canada. 5. The highlights were, officially visiting the provincial units and attending ACWW in Kenya.

At the conclusion of the Convention, in appreciation of her work, Mrs. Bielish was presented with a past president's pin and the gift of a watch and gold chain.

HOODLESS HOMESTEAD FUND

The Provincial Presidents presented cheques toward the addition of the apartment which was recently added to the house. The donations totaled \$7021.00.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

Dr. Terry Russell, Director of Youth Services, Regina Health Clinic spoke about the "Future of Our Children."

FWIC were challenged to think about children's issues to debate and think about which direction the children and country should be headed.

People sometimes don't act as if they believe in children, concern must be more than benevolent. All too often there is only one perspective — mine — it is important to believe that collective perspectives are probably more important than one which will create a kind of change which provides greater impact than one.



Mrs. Emmie Oddie President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Emmie Oddie and husband Langford operate farms in the Regina area of Saskatchewan.

Shortly after marriage in 1946 she joined the Homemakers Club now known as Women's Institutes.

Mrs. Oddie's mother, Emma Ducie, organized the Coates Homemakers Club in 1913 and because of her influence on the lives of the women throughout the Province of Saskatchewan was honored for her contribution by being named to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

It is little wonder that because of her home background Emmie became interested in women and their role in society.

Moving on and up through the various offices in WI she became President of Saskatchewan in 1973. It seemed fitting that she should be named President of FWIC at the Convention held in her own province in June, 1979, on the campus of her alma mater, University of Saskatchewan.

Her interests have not been directed only toward Women's Institutes but professionally (she holds a masters of science degree in Home Economics), and taught home management at the College of Home Economics. For the last thirty years she has had a column in the Western Producer called "I'd Like To Know". Also, has been a vice president of the Canadian Home Economics Association, a member of the Saskatchewan Milk Board and on and on goes the list of her interests.

Emmie and Langford have two children and grandchildren.

Ontario WI members will look forward to meeting the President of FWIC and extend congratulations and good wishes.