

CONGRATULATIONS



Mrs. H. L. Noblitt, Ottawa, President Elect of FWIC.

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National Executive Secretary	Mrs. Janet Morgan, FWIC of- fice.

CLOSING BANQUET

Guest speaker, Premier Allan Blakeney spoke on national unity, disagreeing with the two nation concept, instead he suggested a multicultural theory.

"What Canada needs and what we must work toward is a vision of our future as a great nation which can arouse the enthusiasm of all of us, whether we are English, French or Native or people of any one of the dozens of ethnic origins that have come together in this country."

"So long as we in Canada rely upon other countries for our magazines, our books, our TV, our movies and much of our business leadership, we will remain adolescents. We will not spark in the minds of Quebeckers a belief that ours is a proud land, worthy of their loyalty and affection."

ACWW

In preparation for the International Conference in Germany in 1980 all Area Vice Presidents will bring an ACWW flag to their countries from the Council meeting in England in June.

The flag for Canada will be brought back by Dr. McLean to begin its journey to all Constituent Societies in Canada. Mrs. McLean will give directives upon her return from England.

The flag tour is a method of promoting Pennies for Friendship and the aim is to raise 8 1/2 million pennies as a jubilee gift to be presented at the 50th anniversary of ACWW at the Conference in Hamburg in 1980.

LAWS

Laws as they affect the child.

Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, Convener of Citizenship and Legislation compiled a lengthy report on the Provincial and Federal laws as they affect children. It is hoped they will be printed into a booklet at a later date.

AWARD OF MERIT

FWIC's first Award of Merit honor was presented to Mrs. Merle Williamson, President of Saskatchewan WI. This recognition is given to a member for service in FWIC.

THE SEED GROWS

A pageant and evenings entertainment was prepared and presented by Mrs. Vera Petty and June Headley assisted by other Saskatchewan members. Included in the evening program was FWIO's President Mrs. Diamond, telling about the formation of the first WI at Stoney Creek, portraying Adelaide Hoodless was Mrs. Adele Westlake and Erland Lee by Mrs. Mary Miller. All provinces, the Yukon and Northwest Territories contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

WORKSHOPS

Nine workshops concerning the Child were included in an afternoon session. Delegates participated in • The role of the parents, school, state, in the lives of children. • Youth and the law • Parenting • Alcoholism and drug abuse. • The effect of the media on children. • The rights of the child. • Developing citizenship through youth groups. • Safety for children in the rural community. • Quality of cultural life for our children.

All delegates attended two workshops. Reports from each workshop were handed to the executive for further use.

RESOLUTIONS

1. To request the Canada Pension Plan be amended to permit the spouse that remains at home to contribute on a voluntary basis as a self employed worker.
2. To request that laws be amended pertaining to custody of children under the Divorce Act.
3. To request that the CRTC ban advertising of feminine hygienic products.
4. To request that advertising be banned on highly sweetened products for children under seven years, in order to avoid health hazards.
5. To request that the legislation be extended for 6 months on the allowance to a spouse of a deceased pensioner who was in receipt of old age security pension and supplement.