

FWIC

Mrs. C. Diamond, Mrs. H. L. Noblitt

Mrs. Diamond extended congratulations to Mrs. Noblitt new president elect of FWIC and to Mrs. Martha Bielish, upon her appointment to the Senate.

Mrs. Ellen McLean, ACWW Vice President for Canada announced plans for a mini conference for Eastern Canada in March. Mrs. Raigh Roe, ACWW President will be in attendance.

During the Convener's reports, recommendations included - studying FWIC's Land Use position; use of logos or slogans to identify Canadian products; using Laws pertaining to children as a guide for study in the Provinces; asking Provincial Conveners to be responsible for adding any new laws.

The Northern Canada Committee reported that funding from the Government of Northwest Territories has been cut and now requires a detailed projected program so the Northern people will be asked for their value on our participation. Expenses will be paid by FWIC to bring two representatives from Northern Coastal Labrador to Newfoundland W I Convention in 1980.

The Adelaide Hoodless Foundation Fund was inaugurated this past year and a one dollar per member solicited. You will recall that FWIO Board postponed action because of the Lee Foundation Fund timing coinciding. At the National Convention in Saskatoon a ceremony was held where each Provincial President presented a donation in the replica of the Hoodless Homestead and over \$7,000.00 was received. A charitable donations number was to be obtained for this Fund.

The safety kits prepared for the FWIC competition last June are to be sent to the FWIC office for duplication and made available to those requesting them.

A Committee has been appointed to consult with all the provinces requesting ideas for a new design for the FWIC pin to include the Newfoundland crest. In the meantime a limited number of the present pins will be ordered.

SENATOR BIELISH

Of interest to all Women's Institute members was the announcement at the end of September by the Prime Minister of Canada The Hon. Joe Clark that Mrs. Martha Bielish, Past President of FWIC has been appointed to the Senate.

Congratulations to the Honourable Senator from Alberta.

Senator Bielish well known W I member from Alberta, had just completed her Presidential term in June for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Senator Bielish had the distinct honour during the opening of Parliament to reply to the speech from the throne.

It is with interest we look back in history and recall that Judge Emily Murphy first FWIC President succeeded in having Canadian Women recognized as "persons" in the legal interpretation of the BNA Act, therefore eligible for the Canadian Senate. Isn't it marvelous to think fifty years later another FWIC President Martha Bielish, now has received this honour.

REFLECTIONS

Ontario's voting delegates presented brief reports and impressions of FWIC Convention in Saskatoon.

Father Larre's speech was praised highly and the workshops were appreciated in varying degrees. The Effect of the Media on Children, which was partly about radio, the movies and the effect of TV on children. TV does broaden the child's world in spite of our many concerns, however as parents and members it is good to know there is a Children's Advertising Section as well as Advertising Standards at 1240 Bay St. Toronto, Suite 302, M5R 2A7.

The Parenting Workshop emphasized the family is not dying but changing and the importance of raising children in love. There must be mutual understanding and respect, all must learn to focus on assets and appreciate the efforts of each child individually.

Delegates agreed it was meeting the people, chatting at the tables during the meals, gaining new ideas for meetings, that really was important to all Convention delegates.

As one delegate said "the warmth of the western hospitality during those long days with hardly any nights was a Convention long to be remembered."

PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	Branches	Members
Newfoundland	60	1,535
P.E.I.	201	3,000
Nova Scotia	150	2,397
New Brunswick	230	3,780
Quebec	85	1,807
Ontario	1,240	28,734
Manitoba	120	2,038
Saskatchewan	147	2,142
Alberta	176	2,681
British Columbia	166	2,980

CORRECTION FWIC COMPETITION HISTORY KITS

It was reported in the last issue of Home and Country that Cranbrook B.C. received Honorable mention in the History Kit competition.

This should read Cranbrook, Ontario.

Twelve entries were received

Stanhope W I, PEI winner

Harbour Grace, Newfoundland and Cranbrook, Ontario both Honorable mention.