

FWIC

Representing FWIO, Senior Board Director, Mrs. C. Diamond and alternate Junior Board Director, Mrs. Kenneth Spence.

The Annual Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was held outside Ottawa for the first time at Glendon College, York University, Toronto. This made possible a bus trip to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, Stoney Creek, and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, St. George, for many members of the Board it was a first time experience.

Another innovation was that all Board Members came in on Monday and the Executive held their meeting, while simultaneously Junior and Senior Board Directors met together under the leadership of Mrs. N. Edie, Manitoba, and Mrs. R. Fenner, British Columbia. It was agreed this was beneficial not only to establish a rapport between provinces but to listen, learn and discuss ideas, together. All Provinces shared concern to enrol younger members; lack of communication between National and Provincial Conveners; uncertainty over names of Convenerships not being unified; and difficulty created by Provinces operating within different year frames.

Mrs. D. MacInnis, P.E.I. and Mrs. T. Macdonall, Newfoundland, will co-ordinate a similar meeting in 1981.

Mrs. Gail Smith, representative from UNICEF who had just returned from projects in East Africa, Lesotho and Somalia, showed pictures to combined group. Her greatest concern was for more than 614,000 people inside Somalia, one of the world's least developed nations along the Ethiopian border. Here the income of people is about \$100. a year per capita. There are more refugees than in Cambodia and Viet Nam but the media has picked up on the latter. Slides on Manitoba's 'Forward With Agriculture' and a tourist industrial film on British Columbia were a real contrast to the UNICEF pictures.

Miss Molly McGhee, Director Home Economics Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Miss Lorraine Holding, Associate Director, Miss Joyce Canning, Supervisor Home Economists, Guelph and Mrs. Bev. Carson, Home Economist at Norfolk-Haldimand attended. They told about the programs offered to rural Ontario residents, including 4-H, adult workshops, short courses and TV programs.

Mrs. E. Oddie, FWIC President, reported on her presidential activities including participation in the ACWW Mini-Conference at Memramcook, New Brunswick earlier in the year. Each member received a report of the ACWW Conference.

Mrs. Lewis, Canadian Industries Convener, sent an outline to Provincial Conveners to make a study of Nuclear Waste and requested slides of Provincial Industries to be assembled for program material.

Under Citizenship and Legislation the 'Laws as they pertain to Children' are to be sent to each Province and Mrs. Noblitt, Convener, urged study of these to learn how they protect children and what laws are needed to improve situations with regard to children.

Mrs. Anderson, Convener of Education and Cultural Activities requested three songs from each Province for

a song book and items for an album including artists, sculptors, etc. with details to be forwarded.

Mrs. Nevers, International Affairs Convener, was disappointed all provinces had not sent slides requested on her Convenership but there was a breakdown in provincial units not receiving this.

Mrs. Laracy reporting on Canadian Unity Committee asked for suggestions for a competition. The Child Safety Kits from 1979 FWIC Convention will be available for loan as program material when all have been received and decision made about reproducing them.

Mrs. Noblitt, Resolutions, discussed National support of Resolutions sustained at Provincial level and has forwarded directives in this regard. Resolutions sustained at FWIC included • asking Federal Government to broaden the interpretation of 'immediate family' in regards to Capital Gains Tax on farm land at time of death of property owner; • Valuation Day 1971' be revised to take into account the escalating value of farm land; • urging Federal Government to amend Canada Pension Plan to permit spouse remaining at home to participate in it; • requesting government to retain legislation relating to marijuana under Narcotics Control Act.

FWIC supported ACWW resolutions on (1) monitoring of plant materials (2) agreed to work with other organizations to prevent pornography where children are involved (3) went on record as opposing Garrison Dam project and asking U.S. government to impose a moratorium.

The Executive recommended films on Canadian Agriculture be collected for use at 1983 ACWW Conference; FWIC fee be raised; Sale of Tea towels be promoted; ACWW flag tour be continued with Mrs. Rowbottom, Alberta; Mrs. Parker, Quebec; and Mrs. MacInnis, P.E.I. appointed to work on the Flag Tour with Area Vice President.

An appeal was launched for more subscriptions to Federated News and two Provinces will be requested to submit material each issue. By-laws and Constitution Committee is to act on a motion to initiate a policy book to compliment By-laws and Constitution. Appropriate archival material is to be turned over to the Public Archives.

A Committee is working on an all-inclusive design for a new FWIC pin and general opinion favored a similar style. It was agreed unanimously to invite the new World President to attend FWIC Convention to be held on the University of New Brunswick campus at Fredericton, June 10-18, 1982.

Following the Board meeting a special assembly of appointees to the Steering Committee to work with 1983 Conference Committee, met and all Board Members were invited to sit in if they wished. Chaired by Mrs. Wm. Linde, British Columbia President, chairman, appointed at Area Meeting in Germany. A decision was made to set up committees and have corresponding ones working in each province. Various committees include, Finance, Sales Table, Pre and Post Conference Tours,