

FWIC

Mrs. H. Noblitt, President-elect FWIC, and Mrs. C. Diamond FWIO representative to FWIC.

A new FWIC badge has been designed to include the crest of Newfoundland and Labrador. Nova Scotia asked that their crest be changed to the flag of St Andrew centred with the lion rampant. This shield centres the coat of arms of the Province of Nova Scotia. The new badge will be on sale early in 1981 for \$6.00 available from the FWIC office. Further details to follow.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Public Archives, Ottawa approached FWIC to give all archival material into the safe-keeping of the Archives.

Only material of national interest will be included.

An appeal to any W.I. member who might have pictures, correspondence or any type of memorabilia is asked to send it on to the National Office. Members who have ever been involved with FWIC in any way are asked to look for any type of material still in your possession, remembering everything is important in reconstructing the history of the National organization.

This material can be shared—in the Archives it is always available to the public.

CANADIAN UNITY

Because Canada is a vast, diverse country and because we all tend to be influenced by our own regional geography, history and economic situation as well as many other factors, it is possible that we may have different perceptions of our country.

For this reason WE ARE EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO INDIVIDUAL W.I. MEMBERS to send in articles or comments expressing their own hopes, aspirations and ideas for this country and its unity.

Mail your findings to the FWIO office, these will then be sent on to FWIC.

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

The controversial resolution voted on last October 23 in the House of Commons went to a Special Joint Committee for detailed study with a mandate that the work be completed by December 9, 1980. It will take sometime before an amending formula is agreed on. During the next two-four years this will certainly be an issue of National importance on which all W.I. members, should be well informed.

The Canadian Unity Chairman, Mrs. Isobel Learmonth has asked all Provinces to circulate information so Branches will be able to study and discuss these issues.

CANADIAN UNITY/CONSTITUTION KIT

1. Statement on National Unity made by FWIC. "Since National Unity is one of the most pressing issues facing Canada to-day, The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada reaffirm our belief in a United Canada and strongly urge our fellow Canadians to do everything in their power to appreciate our diverse cultures and to keep our nation as one." This statement has been listed with the Secretary of State Committee on support for National Unity.

2. Unity of a People by John Robarts. The Editor Spectrum, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Head Office, Commerce Court, Toronto, Ontario M5L 1A2
 3. British North America Acts. Price \$1.75 Editing Centre, Government of Canada, Department of Supply & Services, Reference Services, Ottawa, K1A 0S9
 4. The Canadian Constitution 1980 (proposed Resolution)
 5. Explanation of above Resolution Publication Canada, Box 1986, Station "B", Ottawa, K1P 6G6
 6. Women and Constitutional Renewal by Mary Eberts
 7. Summary Notes on above
 8. Women, Human Rights and the Constitution by Beverley Baines
- Items 6, 7, 8 are all obtainable from Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women Box 1541, Station "B", Ottawa, K1P 5R5
9. The Power Split, (from memo) National Action Committee on the Status of Women Copies from the National Office, 28-46 Elgin Street, Ottawa, K1P 5K6
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RURAL WOMEN'S STUDY

At the 8th National Convention in Saskatoon, Jane Abramson, Chairperson CRDC Rural Women's Study urged all to take a strong look and voice an opinion about womens' contributions to the economy, especially rural women. The assumption that Women's work is not really work with a dollar market value has unjustly deprived farm women of a fair share of the economic status in the business.

Refer to Volume 3, No. 4 1979 (green cover) Federated News page 11-12 for background information and recommendations.

Since the Convention a questionnaire has come forth asking the WI Branches the following questions:

1. Does your branch have a copy of the Rural Women's Study? Yes___ No___
2. Has your Branch listened to the tape of the address by Jane Abramson? Yes___ No___
3. Did your Branch undertake any action to further the recommendations made in the Rural Women's Study by:
 - A. urging government to extend CPP benefits to homemakers? Yes___ No___
 - B. urging authorities concerned to provide greater access to training and employment in occupations not traditionally undertaken by women? Yes___ No___