

panel expressed some interesting viewpoints with one member suggesting that women's groups must become more political while still remaining non-partisan. Buzz groups followed the panel discussion.

Senator Martha Beilish, the final speaker of the conference, directed her audience's attention to "Women's Role Today". The attitudes of society are slowly changing, but we still hear, a full-time housewife described as being someone who doesn't work! She told of an amusing incident when she produced her Senate Card for identification in an Ottawa store only to have the clerk say, "Oh, your husband is a Senator?" She told of the confused taxi driver who picked up the wrong person because he just knew that a Senator was a man! But in the end, it is women who must bring about a change in society's attitude towards women. We must be able to speak up on a subject that is important to women, but we must also be able to shut up until we know what we are talking about. We must first be informed and then vocal, — never in the reverse order.

Throughout the conference sing-song breaks were enjoyed and following the banquet the Fun & Frolic items presented by each constituency were an enjoyable highlight. The Conference was expertly organized and efficiently handled, with many opportunities for interaction between women from all of Canada west of the Quebec-Ontario border. One left the Mini-Conference with the impression, that if the future was in the hands of rural women, then the future was in good hands.



ACWW Area Vice-President, U.S.A., Mrs. Fayola Muchow, left; accepts book on Canada entitled "Yesterday", from Canada's Area Vice-President, Senator Martha Beilish. Hazel Britton, Manitoba Co-Operator.

### BARRIER FREE COMMUNITIES

**SPRINGMOUNT WI, GREY WEST DISTRICT**, in conjunction with their 60th Anniversary recognized the IYDP by presenting a \$100.00 cheque (to be used for equipment), to the Adult Rehabilitation Centre, Owen Sound.

**CORNWALL CENTRE WI, STORMONT DISTRICT** are saving their old Christmas cards to be turned over to Arc Industries. A meeting has been arranged to include the community, when a guest will speak on the disabled.

**PRESTON WI, WATERLOO SOUTH DISTRICT** celebrated their 75th Anniversary by entertaining local Branch members and District representatives at a Tea.

**MCCRIMMON WI, GLENGARRY DISTRICT** sponsor three 4-H Homemaking Clubs. At their annual WI concert, two local girls, Harriet Fraser and Lois Bickerstaff, both of whom have received Provincial Honours, were honored by the Branch.



**WEST VICTORIA DISTRICT** celebrated their 75th Anniversary. L-r, Mrs. Stella Heals, Past President poses during the cake-cutting ceremony. Life member Mrs. Minnie Neale is seen cutting cake while Mrs. Jean Harding, 1st VP and Mrs. Alice Baker, Social Convener look on.

**PORTAGE WI, MUSKOKA NORTH DISTRICT** celebrate 60 years by including former members as well as members of the Dwight WI. Mrs. C. Thompson was presented with a corsage honoring her for her long years of service.

An update in the history review told about the organizational meeting at the home of the first President, Mrs. Joseph St. Armour.

The evening started with a buffet luncheon, then a short business meeting followed by a social time.

**GARNET WI, HALDIMAND WEST DISTRICT** visited Taguanyah Nature Centre. The members viewed two films produced by the Grand River Conservation Authority. It was noted there are 600,000 persons residing in the Grand watershed which extends from Dundalk to Port Maitland. Balancing needs against supply has been one of the important features of the Authority. Many graphic pictures of the May, 1974 flood were shown.

It was interesting to note the different types of plants while strolling down through the marsh on the boardwalk.



Pictured are five Charter Members who attended the 30th Anniversary celebration of the **QUAKER HILL WI, ONTARIO NORTH DISTRICT**. L-r Vera Jones, Irene Noble, Madelene Noble (deceased), May Forsythe, Dorothy Monkman.