

A.C.W.W. works in rural areas there. Through the efforts of F.W.I.C. members, 25 training centres were established. When women of Canada travelled to Ceylon to attend international meetings in 1957 one of the highlights was visits to these training centres, which are doing so much to help the women of this eastern country. Recently a similar scheme has been undertaken for aid to like groups in the West Indies.

Publications and Publicity

Since the time of organization, publicity has been recognized as an important part of the program of F.W.I.C. Newspapers and magazines have carried many articles on the program and those who guided the progress of the organization. A Publicity Convener (Public Relations Officer) is appointed at each Board Meeting to attend to national publicity. Since the first national broadcast in 1941, extensive use has been made of the medium of radio and television. Through co-operation with the provinces two national radio and television evaluations have been conducted and the findings correlated into a valuable picture of the wishes of rural Canada in regard to programing.

The use of visual aids of all kinds is a part of the program of the organization. A set of slides collected from the provinces, and depicting the work in all areas, was presented to the international organization. A similar set was collected for national use.

A national paper was published in 1939 but the circulation at that time was not large enough to warrant continuing. In 1942 a paper was again published, this time with success. Since that time the official organ of the national organization, "Federated News", has disseminated news of national importance. Each of the provinces publish their own paper or leaflet for provincial needs. Nova Scotia was the first province to publish an Institute paper, "The Home and Country", in 1922.

Three brochures were recorded for circulation among interested groups and individuals. The latest of these was published in 1959. The reports of the Biennial Board Meetings are published in pamphlet form and give an accurate record of activity through the years.

Provincial organizations have various publications of note. Among these are "Fifty Years of Achievement", published by the Women's Institute in Ontario, 1947. This tells the history of the first group at Stoney Creek and the story of the work in that province, with short outlines from the other provinces. British Columbia has a "Centennial Cookbook", which is a joy to homemakers. "From Saskatchewan's Homemakers' Kitchens" was compiled for Saskatchewan's Golden Jubilee. "Modern Pioneers" tells in picture and story the work of the British Columbia Women's Institute. Nova Scotia

has published the Nova Scotia Volume of "A Canadian Mosaic", which is a record of arts and crafts in the province from the first settlers to the present time. It is suggested that the other provinces publish their volume of "A Canadian Mosaic", the complete set to be ready for Canada's Centennial Year, 1967.

In addition to those mentioned, there have been many local publications and many members' names have appeared in print in various connections.

Honors

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have been proud to accept three particular honors proving the value of effort through the years.

One result of the Tweedsmuir Competitions was the presentation in 1949 of an unsolicited Award of Merit, granted by the American Association for State and Local History.

In 1955 a brief was presented for the Henry Marshall Tory Award "for outstanding contribution to Canadian Adult Education". The award was presented to F.W.I.C. and Radio College. The citation accompanying the award, a beautiful Tom Roberts painting, speaks of the work of the F.W.I.C. as an "unique contribution to the lives of thousands of Canadians for the improvement of community life and for service abroad".

In 1958 the "Beaver Pelt", awarded by the Canadian Citizenship Council, was received by F.W.I.C. for "outstanding work in the field of citizenship".

In addition to these and other honors received by the organization, many personal honors have been received by outstanding members for their work in F.W.I.C. Mrs Hoodless and Judge Murphy have both been proclaimed National Historic figures for their contributions to the nation. Mrs. Hoodless is the only woman whose portrait hangs in the National Archives. H. M. King George V conferred on Judge Murphy the decoration of the Order of St. George of Jerusalem for her accomplishments. Two past presidents received the following: Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Havelock, N.B., the C.B.E.; and Mrs. Cameron E. Dow, Port Daniel, Que., the O.B.E. Eleven Coronation Medals were presented to prominent W. I. members, namely: Mrs. E. E. Morton, Alta.; Mrs. Allison MacMillan, P.E.I.; Mrs. C. E. Dow, Que.; Mrs. M. McGregor, B.C.; Mrs. A. E. Walker, Ont.; Mrs. Hugh Summers, Ont.; Mrs. A. E. Abercrombie, Que.; Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Sask.; Mrs. T. L. Townsend, Man.; Mrs. Fred Fenwick, N.B.; Mrs. Scott Trenholm, N.S.

Dr. Nancy Adams, a Past President and later Area Vice-President of the A.C.W.W., was the first woman to deliver the Convocation