



The 70th anniversary of the founding of the WI movement was celebrated by delegates attending the triennial conference of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada at the University of Guelph.

Cutting the anniversary cake, from left: Mrs. Aroti Dutt of Calcutta, ACWW president; Mrs. J. Phillip Matheson, Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I., FWIC president; and Mrs. Philip Rogers, Stoney Creek.

National WIs receive \$8,000 endowment fund to provide psychiatric treatment for children

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GUELPH—An \$8,000 endowment fund to provide treat-

ment for special cases requiring psychiatric care at the Children's Psychiatric Centre in Hamilton was announced to the fourth triennial conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada yesterday.

Mrs. J. Phillip Matheson, of Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I., national president, said Donald Baxter of Vancouver, has donated \$400 annually for 20 years to FWIC in memory of his mother. The bequest will be known as the Isabel Baxter Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Matheson also report-

ed highlights of her three-year term of office at yesterday's sessions held in the War Memorial Building, University of Guelph.

Mrs. George Black, Pilot Mound, Man., in the citizenship and education report said programs on rights and responsibilities of citizens have been varied with such topics as women's rights, municipal, provincial and national governments, and women's views on citizenship.

Every province supplied scholarships, bursaries, loans and prizes to students from kindergarten to university, she said. Alberta's centennial project is a \$1,000 bursary to a social service graduate; Manitoba's is the Myrtle A. Rose Bursary for vocational training for an Indian, Eskimo or Metis girl; and Quebec is sponsoring classes in English, French, painting and music.

In her report, she recommended a follow-up program in the north with active support for the "emerging Indian and Eskimo citizens"; a concentrated study of the provinces; support and encouragement in vocational education for young people.

Mrs. Black urged members to assume responsibility in all lines of government, to up-

grade their individual education, and to promote international co-operation.

A recommendation that first aid be taught in all schools by a qualified teacher was made by Mrs. Arthur Mackenzie, of Piapot, Sask., in the home economics and health report.

She urged that air and water pollution, "as a problem of vital importance," should be of "greater concern to our organization," and all women's groups should help to further the aims of the Vanier Institute.

Mrs. J. O. Decker, Pemberton, B.C., recommended the FWIC participate in the Canadian Commission International Year for Human Rights, 1968, in the United Nations and international exchange convention report.

Mrs. Matheson reported the centennial project of restoring the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead has been completed, and she recommended the FWIC continue the responsibility of further maintenance, with financial support to come from general funds.

In the report of the Northern Canada special projects committee, Mrs. Mary Penney announced the fund-raising drive for the Northern WI exceeded the \$20,000 goal by \$4,800.

Funds will be used for: Promoting training in home-making practices; developing leaders and fostering of traditional crafts; providing a qualified field worker for the area; supplying the necessary equipment; establishing a scholarship; and providing travel assistance.

Some of these objectives have gone into force. Two field workers, Miss Florence P. Eadie and Mrs. William Hough have already travelled extensively in the NWT and the Yukon. The report recommended: The FWIC continue the development of the WI program in Northern Canada, through a national fund to be raised by an annual assessment of 10 cents per FWIC member for the 1967 to 1970 term.

Mrs. W. M. Thompson, of Souris, Man., in the International Peace Garden report, said FWIC donated \$344.77 last year to the garden which is in Manitoba.

Mrs. H. C. Taylor, in the secretary's report, told delegates there are 3,154 WI branches in Canada, with a total membership of 61,337. "This is a decrease of 75 branches for the past year," said Mrs. Taylor, "but membership remains about the same (an actual gain of 37)."