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### Ladies' Council Views European Trip Scenes

Members of the Local Council of Women met at the home of Mrs. Florida Nodwell for their regular meeting on Friday, November 21. Mrs. R. T. Paul, the president presided and opened the session with silent prayer, followed by the minutes read by Mrs. Muriel Adams, and correspondence read by Miss Hettie Lawson. From a request received in the correspondence it was decided to send a donation to "Save the Children Fund."

Miss Lawson spoke on the necessity of the establishment of a government body to deal with Consumers Affairs and suggested that a Department of Consumers Affairs be set up. Some needed legislative reforms as discussed at the provincial conference meeting held in Toronto this fall was the subject of an article read by Mrs. Nodwell. The recent findings of the Canadian Association of Consumers were also presented by Mrs. Nodwell. Mrs. D. W. Baxter presented a committee report on films and printed matter.

Mrs. Clarence Hayes moved a motion wherein it was decided that last year's slate of officers be unanimously declared elected for a further term. Mrs. Kiteley seconded the motion which was carried. Following the business session a bazaar was held when home baking and aprons, fancy goods and touch and take tables were filled with lovely things to buy. Mrs. Edwin Wilson was in charge of this. Three hundred dollars was realized from this sale.

Guest of the afternoon was Mrs. James Evans who delighted everyone with her slides taken on a trip to Europe this summer. Mrs. Gordon Urquhart expressed the Council's appreciation to Mrs. Evans and to Mrs. Nodwell for her home. Mrs. Nodwell and her assistants served a lovely tea to conclude the afternoon. There was an excellent attendance of members at the meeting along with several guests.

### Speaker had Attended Conference in Japan

The Women's Missionary Society (Alexander Auxiliary) of Norval Presbyterian Church met last Tuesday evening in the Church Hall to hear Miss Catherine Boyes speak on her trip to Japan during the summer months.

Miss Boyes was a delegate to the World Christian Education Conference held in Tokyo. Many beautiful slides were shown commemorating her journey to the Far East illustrative of the lovely gardens of Japan and the people met during her sojourn. In her address Miss Boyes remarked on the many nations represented at the conference and the many different branches of Christ's Church sending delegations.

Mrs. Harold Reed was in the chair as president of the local group. Miss Ane Davis sang a solo. Mrs. John V. McClure thanked the speaker of the evening for her very lucid account of the conference. The lunch committee for the meeting was Mrs. W. G. Reed and Mrs. James Davis.

Retarded children could be born to any family of highly intelligent parents.

Efforts are being made to prevent some causes of retardation, though the condition itself, once established, is incurable. Units and provincial organizations of the CARC are trying to help the retarded and their families in many ways.

Through schools... It used to be thought that retarded children with an IQ of below 50 could not learn. This has proved false. They need a very different approach to their educational system from that of normal children. Things the ordinary child just "picks up" (such as how to button his clothes) must be painstakingly taught to the mentally retarded. They also learn simple reading, writing and arithmetic. Yet these are the very things that, once learned, are essential to any attempt to place a retarded person even in sheltered employment.

Through camps... until recently retarded children were lonely children. Lacking normal intelligence they could not join in the games of normal children their own age. Special schools where they are with their peers, and camping opportunities have helped change all this. At camps, retarded children are taking part in simple dramas, learning handicrafts and nature lore and enjoying friends.

While retardation, once it happens, is incurable, its causes can often be prevented. CARC and supporters are sponsoring research to discover these causes and to halt them.

Parents need help, the parents of a retarded child all face problems that are bewildering, upsetting and overwhelming. The child never entirely matures in intelligence and may need constant supervision. Parents need reassurance, special guidance and help. These are just some of the areas in which the CARC is now active. Governments and other organizations are recognizing the work and supporting it financially. But more local units are still needed — more volunteers in every part of Canada to make sure that no retarded child is hidden away without help, without hope — without a future.



### PUDDING FOR THE THOUSANDS

Little Jack Horner would be pop-eyed at two tons of Christmas pudding, but he'd recognize the taste. A very old English recipe is the basis for preparing Christmas puddings for service in Canadian National Railways dining cars over the holiday season, according to Chef Instructor Joseph "Bill" Nellis and his two assistants, Joe Panko and Camille Fleurent. They are seen using silver-plated paddles to mix ingredients for nearly 20,000 pudding portions. Lix Gillan, who does her own home cooking, visited the commissary car kitchen in Montreal for a few tips, then stayed to sample the finished product.



### NEWFOUNDLAND HOUSING CONFERENCE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The Newfoundland Housing Conference held on November 15 at St. John's was a resounding success, reports John Caulfield Smith, executive vice-president of the National House Builders' Association. This organization, in cooperation with its local component, the St. John's Home Builders Association, sponsored the event. En route home from a business trip in England, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Heslop were guests at the conference. Mr. Heslop is first vice-president of N.H.B.A.

"To be proportionate, attendance at a similar event held in Toronto or Montreal would be 3,000 or 4,000," stated Mr. Smith.

There were twice as many submissions to the business session as had been anticipated. Over 150 delegates attended, representing nearly every major centre and every level of government in Newfoundland, and the attention they gave the proceedings can only be described as rapt," he continues. "Discussion of the resolutions was pertinent and lively. It is expected that the decisions taken will be followed up by the groups making submissions, possibly with some addition to their number."

Ten resolutions were passed by the conference. Among the most important was one dealing with the provision of serviced land, a crucial problem in Newfoundland. This resolution urged the City of St. John's to work out a land development program for the next 17 years, in conjunction with such other governments and bodies as might be appropriate. This servicing program should, the resolution stated, make 1,000 lots available over the next two years, and between 350 and 400 further lots annually over the subsequent 15 years.

The resolution also emphasized that these serviced lots should be made available to individual home builders on a fair and equal basis, without favoritism.

#### Economic Development Needed Not Subsidy

The problems of the residential construction industry in Newfoundland can only be solved when the unique economic and social needs of the province are defined and dealt with directly, the conference believed. These problems are not those which prevail in other parts of Canada, and therefore outside solutions are not applicable.

What is needed, the conference felt, is help to private industry in the province so that it might meet competition from the mainland, diversify its activities and improve the quality of its products. Only in this way can the construction industry grow to fulfill the function it performs elsewhere as a source of expanded employment and, hence, of purchasing power.

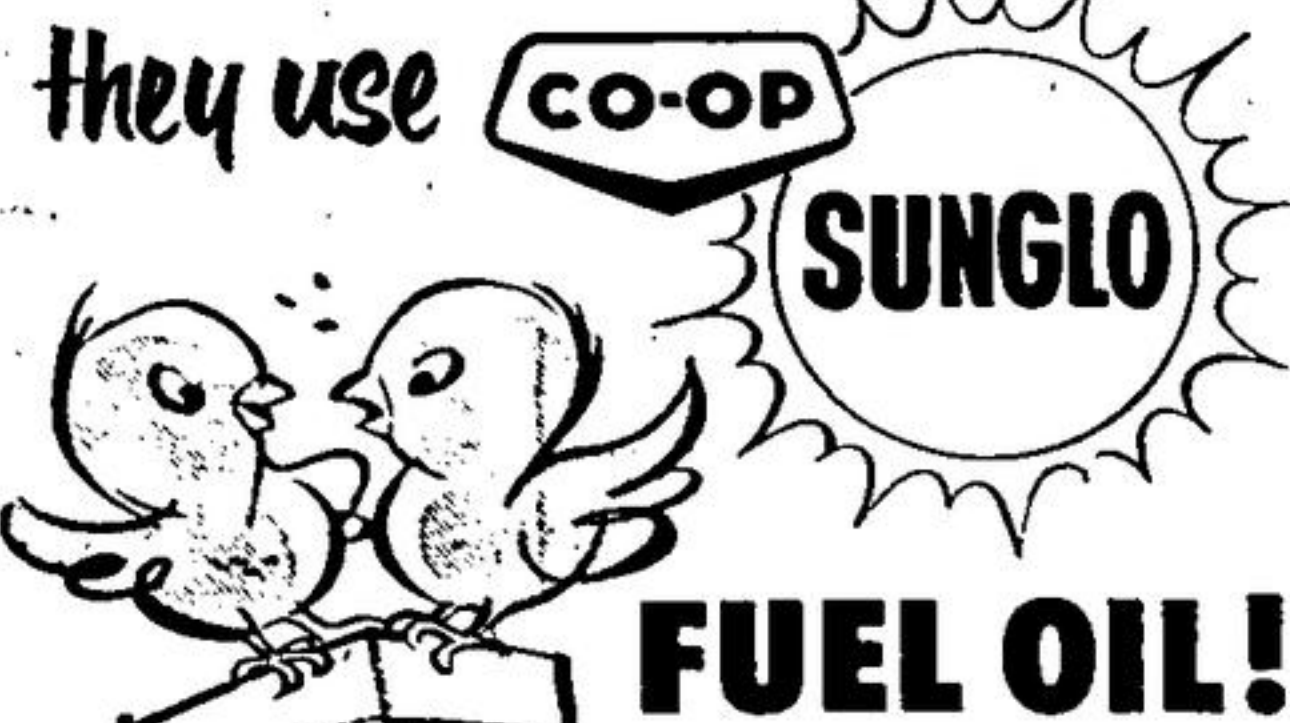
The conference, in its resolutions, urged municipal and provincial governments to take advantage of all means at their disposal to accomplish this aim. Capital loans by the provincial government and from the Industrial Development Bank were suggested as sources of initial investment funds.

Among the specific recommendations made by the conference was that the present 10 per cent deposit required on tenders be reduced to five per cent, payable upon award of contract. This, it was believed, would enable smaller builders to participate in construction activity.

Other resolutions urged the adoption of the National Plumbing Code and the Canadian Electrical Code; and that specifications for painting and finishing should be revised to take fuller advantage of new and better products on the market.

The next provincial housing conference will be that of Quebec, to be held at the University of Montreal on Tuesday, January 13, 1959. This will be in connection with the annual convention-exhibition of the National House Builders Association.

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