



DIRECT MEETING—With the theme of "Progress to Peace", more than 365 members of the Alberta WI are meeting this week at Convocation Hall, University of Alberta. Platform directors include from left to right, Mrs. R. D. Prendergast, secretary; Mrs. F. S. Lefsrud of Viking, president and Mrs. T. H. Howes of Millet, vice-president.

Women's Institute Education Program Awarded Dr. H.M. Tory Memorial

In recognition of their program of adult education the Federated Women's Institutes have been awarded the Henry Marshall Tory award.

This was announced Tuesday afternoon to members of the Alberta Women's Institute, meeting at Convocation Hall, University of Alberta, by Mrs. J. W. Adams of Ethelton, Sask., national president. The award, given each year by the Canadian Association of Adult Education, is in memory of the late Dr. H. M. Tory, first president of the University of Alberta.

"We women owe a debt to democracy," said Mrs. Adams, addressing more than 365 delegates attending the week's convention. "Democracy needs good citizenship. It is a way of life and is always in progress."

WI AS PIONEER

The speaker maintained that the WI has led the way in adult education and reported on nine provincial conventions and presented highlights of the activities of various provinces. She suggested that a national convention and a national office is needed.

Mrs. Adams pointed out that all the other WI branches are linked with the government, except the Alberta WI. "Our organization has a complex and growing program. Professional assistance is needed."

"Coming together is beginning; thinking together is unity; planning together is progress; working together is success."

Later, Mrs. Adams outlined the activities of the international ACWW which has been accorded a membership in the United Nations, thus carrying a

challenge to the women on the provincial, national and international levels.

"Only by sharing can we raise the standard of living of the world through the education of women."

PLANT TREES

A highlight of the afternoon session was the planting of the three trees in front, and to the right, of the Agricultural Building. Miss Isobel Noble of Wichita, Kans. planted an evergreen tree dedicated to the past, as first president of the Alberta WI. Mrs. S. Lefsrud, planted a black ash on the east side of the building, to the present. A Manchurian elm, to the future, was planted by Mrs. L. Dunne of Turin, as president of the Girls' Clubs.

The trees were accepted by Dr. O. S. Longman, deputy minister of agriculture, for the province; Dr. A. G. McCalla, head of the department of agriculture, for the university; and Mr. J. W. Madille, president of the Agricultural Association, for the association.

The service was conducted by Mrs. T. H. Howes of Millet, and Mrs. H. Moonen, convener of the standing committee of agriculture and Canadian Industries.

CONVENTION THEME

With the theme of "Progress to Peace," the convention officially opened Tuesday morning with greetings from Mrs. J. P. White, president of the Edmonton WI, welcoming the delegates. She presented the convention with a floral piece — a gold metal figure of the number "50" surrounded by yellow

daisies and iris to mark Alberta's Jubilee year.

Mrs. R. J. Jorgenson, department of health, brought greetings from the province, Dr. Andrew Stewart from the university and Alderman Laurette Douglas from the city. Mrs. G. R. Carnine replied to all greetings.

Reports were heard from Mrs. S. Lefsrud, president, Mrs. T. H. Howes, vice-president and Mrs. R. W. Prendergast, secretary, when it was announced that there are 37 constituencies, 284 branches, and 5,464 members in the Alberta WI. Publicity reports were heard from Mrs. W. Ockley of Calgary, Mrs. J. A. Campbell and Mrs. Howes.

Mrs. Howes, a long-time worker in the WI, was presented with a life membership pin.

Mrs. R. Styles, in discussing "objectionable literature" announced that there are 90 million types of comics published.

Mrs. R. Moore of the Edmonton Public Library, told the women what the library could do to contract this. "We must bring books to children, and one of the best ways to do this is to set up regional libraries in all the communities."

Mrs. V. G. McDonald outlined services offered by the extension service department of agriculture, when she announced that there are 17 home economic districts.

In musical entertainment which has been provided between sessions were piano solos by Mrs. S. Lefsrud, vocal solos by Miss Jeanette MacDonald and Miss R. Isaac, and Highland Dancing by Sare Lee Holden.