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IMPROVEMENTS FOR INSTITUTE PROCEDURE SUGGESTED BY PROVINCIAL BOARD

At the annual meeting of the provincial board, the president, Mrs. T. J. McDowell, told the members how much she appreciated attending the conventions held during the past fall. She said there was evidence that the Institutes are developing better programmes each year. In her recommendations she made the following applications to branch and district work:

That Women's Institute officers should become familiar with the hand book.

That each branch should carry on its business meetings according to British parliamentary procedure. That branches might very well study and discuss pages 20 to 26 of the hand book very thoroughly at Institute meetings.

That each district should send to the board member in whose territory the district is situated a courteous invitation to attend the district annual.

That branches wishing to carry on a correspondence with Institutes of other lands may obtain addresses by writing to Miss Evelyn Thompson, Warpleston, Surrey, England.

That presiding officers should not accept the name of a nominee who does not qualify for the position under the ruling of the hand book.

That conveners of standing committees for convention areas should send to the provincial convener a report which is a summary of the work accomplished in their respective areas. Under no circumstances should an area convener send a miscellaneous collection of branch and district reports to the provincial convener.

That grateful recognition is due to the provincial conveners who sent copies of their annual reports to Department for loan to Institute branches.

PROVINCIAL CONVENER OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS STUDY OF CIVICS

Increase in interest in the work of the Legislative Committee on the part of branch Institutes was reported by the convention area conveners, but a lack of system in the application of this interest seemed to be evident.

The provincial convener, Mrs. R. B. Colloton, in her report asks: "Would we not make greater progress and be much better informed if we thoroughly covered one of the many branches of this very wide subject at a time, rather than picking out some topic at random?" She suggests "that good and easily available material may be obtained on such subjects as, Traffic Laws, Civics (which includes the various forms of school, municipal, provincial, and federal governments with required qualifications for voters, candidates and members), Laws relating to Inheritance, and Parliamentary Procedure. When any one subsection has been well covered another can be started. By degrees a complete programme covering all of the above, and other topics not mentioned, will be systematically covered. With a brief, pithy paper or a well prepared questionnaire, it is amazing how

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Three Month Short Course in Home Economics



The girls enrolled in the short course at Baden prepared and served a Christmas Luncheon in an attractive and successful manner. Sixty-one girls were registered in the course.

Resolutions Approved by Provincial Board of Women's Institutes

Resolutions passed in the Women's Institute conventions held in Ontario in 1936, were examined by the provincial board at the annual meeting held in November. In a few cases, Mrs. R. B. Colloton, chairman of the resolutions committee, assembled resolutions with the same content, taking care not to omit a single point of the original.

The outstanding resolutions passed by the board were:

"Whereas many residents of Cochrane and Temiskaming Districts when ordered special hospital treatment available only in the large centres are unable to finance the railway journey; Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the Women's Institutes of these districts ask the chairman of the Railway, Col. Lang, to make a reduced rate available under such circumstances, one cent a mile being suggested."

"Whereas there is a great need of a Public Health Nurse in Algoma; Therefore be it resolved. That we, the Women's Institutes of Algoma and Manitoulin petition the Government to restore this service at an early date."

"Be it resolved: That we the Women's Institutes of Ontario, petition the Government to submit a referendum to the people of the province to ascertain their opinion regarding the continuance of beverage rooms."

"That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Government to raise the legal age of marriage with parental consent to at least sixteen years of age."

"That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Minister of Health to resume publication of literature and pamphlets formerly issued by the Department of Health."

"That the Women's Institutes of Ontario do heartily endorse such policy as the Government may initiate in connection with the eradication of the caterpillar menace."

"That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Minister of Education to place music on the Public and High School curricula as a regular course of study."

"Whereas the warning signs placed at railway crossings are not enforceable as are the 'Stop' signs erected by the Department of Highways; and, whereas many people disregard the present signs, and thus carelessly imperil lives; and

Whereas many lives have thus been

lost, and many persons injured; Therefore be it resolved: That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Government to have 'Stop' signs placed at all railway crossings and to introduce legislation making the observance compulsory."

"Whereas many apparently well-to-do people have parents who are in receipt of the old age pension, be it resolved: That a survey be made of present recipients in respect to this matter and that in future more consideration be given to this aspect of the question before a pension be granted."

"Whereas in urban municipalities, wives of ratepayers are qualified to be elected as trustees of schools; and

Whereas in rural municipalities only wives whose husbands are ratepayers upon a farm of more than twenty acres in extent are so qualified; Therefore, be it resolved: That the same qualifications apply to wives of rural ratepayers as now apply to wives of urban ratepayers."

"Whereas there is in Canada a large body of consumers desirous of buying products manufactured under conditions which conform to government regulations and recommendations, yet is often unable to obtain information as to conditions under which articles are produced; Therefore, be it resolved: That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Provincial and Dominion Governments to give serious consideration to a means of providing reliable information for the consumer as to the conditions under which commodities are manufactured."

"Whereas we believe that unprovoked warfare of aggression is abhorrent and contrary to the principles of Christianity and modern civilization; and,

Whereas, in the past, private corporations and individuals have reaped large pecuniary profits from the sale of munitions of war; Therefore, be it resolved: That the Women's Institutes of Ontario petition our governments to take such measures in times of peace as will prevent the making of large profits on armaments and munitions of war by private firms or individuals; and that in time of war, should such occur, all such manufacture of armaments and munitions as well as all natural resources and other ingredients required for their manufacture be conscripted, and that necessary manufacture be carried on under government control."

GIRLS' CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT O.A.C. GUELPH MAY 5, 6, 7, 1937

The twelfth Annual Girls' Conference will be held at Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute, Guelph, on May 5, 6 and 7. College accommodation makes it necessary to limit the registration to 400 girls. Therefore, any one branch or Homemaking Club will be limited to two delegates.

This conference gives Ontario Juniors an opportunity to attend College for three days and become familiar with the services offered by the College to homemakers and farmers. Through visiting the various departments, seeing exhibits and demonstrations, hearing addresses and discussions, the girls will gain practical information in Home Economics and Agriculture. Junior Institute and Homemaking Club programmes will also be discussed and demonstrated.

If you plan to send Junior representatives to this Conference, send the names and addresses of the girls to the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, some time prior to April 25. Each applicant's name and address, the county and the name of the organization sending the delegate should be included in the application. If more applications are received than can be accepted, the first 400 will be considered. Only girls receiving official acceptance of application will be assured of accommodation. Girls who find it impossible to attend, after having application accepted, will be expected to notify the Women's Institute Branch in order that their reservations may be transferred to other applicants.

The fee for room and board from the afternoon of May 4 to the morning of May 8, will be three dollars (\$3.00).

KINDLY SERVICE RENDERED BY INSTITUTES GIVES HELP IN MANY WAYS

"Neighbourliness and handicrafts, home talents, English and etiquette—yes, we have plenty to keep us busy, now and always", said Nina Moore Jamieson. From the reports received, we know that all have been busy keeping alive the flower of kindly interest in others. To carry on this work, much financial aid has been needed and this support has been raised in the usual ways. If it were possible to place a money value on this service of kindness and friendship, we would find that the figures would be stupendous.

The reports have been most inspiring and have covered every line of activity which might be mentioned. The work has been carried along similar lines, and as usual the old, the young, the living, the dead, the sick, the well have all been looked after.

The same kindly interest has been maintained in our cemeteries and the last resting places of the dead have been made more beautiful. One area purchased a casket for a deceased member, while another lined the casket for the remains of a little child whose parents were not able to provide it.

Community halls have received the same generous assistance as in the past. They have been repaired, re-

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