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RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED SHOW VARIED AIMS AND INTERESTS

Resolutions from the various convention areas of Ontario were submitted to the annual meeting of the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for consideration. The intent of each resolution was investigated and checked with recent legislation and the negotiations of various national and provincial organizations.

Mrs. Harvey Harris, convener of Legislation has prepared the following summary of the resolutions passed by the Provincial Board. These resolutions have been presented to the proper authorities.

That we, a body of Christian women working for the good of Home and Country, petition our Government to not legalize Sunday ball games.

That we petition for legislation requiring that all fowl sold in our markets, or in our stores be graded, "Cold Storage", "Western", or "Fresh-Killed".

That we petition the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide legislation compelling manufacturers of woollen goods to label accurately the quality of same.

That we ask for legislation making it compulsory for each car owner to place Public Liability Insurance on his car before procuring a license for the same.

That we petition to have the service of a Public Health Nurse in Algoma restored.

That the Government be petitioned to make it unlawful for second hand, unsterilized material to be used as fillings for mattresses and pillows.

That, in the interests and prosperity of the Muncey and Oneida Indian Reserves, we petition the Department of Indian Affairs to give a preference to any vacancies in office on the Reserves to capable and qualified Indian citizens from these two Reserves or from other Reserves.

"Whereas the Department has discontinued the giving of grants to community halls; and, whereas there is not a controlling board over the local boards;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Government be petitioned to so amend the act as to allow the appointment of a Controlling Board."

"Whereas there is ample evidence that the drinking of intoxicating liquors is on the increase to the detriment of health and morals;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the liquor question be entirely divorced from politics, and that changes and amendments to the system of liquor control in Ontario be subject to a vote of the people at a time other than that of a general election.

That home permits for manufacture of ale and beer be discontinued.

That the Government continue and strengthen their efforts to suppress bootleg traffic in alcoholic liquors."

That word of appreciation be forwarded to the Minister of Health, Honourable Harold J. Kirby, for the chest clinics now being held twice a year throughout Bruce County.

That the Women's Institute Districts in Bruce County be re-organized to provide three districts in place of four.

That investigations be made in regard to establishing Guelph as a permanent place of meeting for the convention area of Bruce, Huron, North Perth and North Wellington.

Haldimand Junior Leaders at Work



Leaders of Haldimand Junior Girls' Projects met recently at the Department of Agriculture office, Cayuga, for a two days Training School in preparation for the summer's work. The project being undertaken is entitled "Cotton Accessories for the Club Girl's Bedroom".

Outlook Encouraging For Homemaking Clubs

In March, the home economics coaches visited a large portion of the homemaking clubs in the province and found a general increase in membership over last year; and a good standard of work was also evident. More and more there is an increasing awareness on the part of leaders and members of the value of club work for those who willingly and earnestly participate in the club programme meeting by meeting and carry through home assignments. Rightly so, members do not acquire knowledge, develop skills, techniques, judgment and ability to express themselves by merely attending meetings and recording what they see and hear. No, they "learn to do by doing" and so here and there throughout the province, club members who have studied The Milky Way are adopting precautionary methods in care of milk, preparing nutritious and appetizing milk dishes and drinking more milk; Clothes Closets Up-to-Date has helped them to keep their clothing in better condition by means of improved storage facilities; Cotton Accessories for Club Girl's Bed-room has centered their attention on planning and making suitable and attractive bed spreads, dresser scarfs, chair pads and waste paper baskets. Changes in practice, new interests, attitudes and abilities are evident in whatever unit of work the girls are doing. Record books become reference books in addition to telling the story of club meetings,—the work members do at home, how they do it, why they do it, if they enjoy the doing, and if they are successful.

Statistical reports, somewhat incomplete, show that 2,149 members enrolled in clubs during the winter, with 228 in the Supper Club, 221 in Dressing Up Home Grown Vegetables, 421 in The Milky Way, 69 in Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed, 230 in Cottons May Be Smart, 549 in Clothes Closets Up-to-date and 431 in Cotton Accessories for the Club Girl's Bed-room.

Spring Training Schools

Reports received to date from spring training schools indicate encouraging growth in the number of clubs and a continued interest in most counties. Grey County stands ahead

with 25 leaders and assistants representing 15 clubs at training schools for the unit of work, Cottons May Be Smart. What a record will be made by Grey County if all clubs carry through to completion and what a gay colourful achievement day they will have with all the members wearing their club dresses. Congratulations are also due to the following counties for a marked increase in the number of leaders attending training schools—Bruce, Haldimand Middlesex, Oxford, Lanark and Hastings. Reports indicate that in Middlesex 90 enthusiastic girls are enrolled in Cotton Accessories for the Club Girl's Bed-room.

County Achievement Days

During the summer months, achievement days will be held in every county and district with the exception of Kenora and Rainy River. Achievement days give members an opportunity to exhibit their work, check their ability to judge, and test their skill in demonstrating some phase of club work. They are not competition days with individuals competing for high marks, but a day when each club member may show what she has accomplished, learn wherein she may do better and feel justly proud of her own achievement because it is the result of earnest effort and marks progress on her own part.

Leaders and members might take as their slogan "Every member carries her work through to completion and attends County Achievement Day". The County Achievement Day should be a red letter day for juniors in every county. How happy these juniors will be if seniors throughout the county plan to visit them on that day!

Inter-county achievement days will be conducted for homemaking club members at Class "A" and Class "B" Fairs. These fairs will be at Toronto (C.N.E.), Ottawa, Peterborough, London, Lakehead, Leamington, Galt, Stratford, Woodstock, Simcoe, Barrie, Brampton, Lindsay, Belleville, Kingston, Richmond and Renfrew.

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SPECIAL SHORT COURSES HELP GIRLS FIND EMPLOYMENT

In 1937, the Dominion and Provincial Governments provided funds to allow for a number of courses designed primarily to aid rural young women who require part-time employment. In Ontario, the Women's Institute Branch assumed the responsibility for the planning and administration of these courses and during November and December representatives of this Branch made a survey of the demand for them. As an outcome of this survey, courses were scheduled in various parts of Ontario as follows: Catering for Tourists, 10; Marketing of Home Baked Foods, 4; Rug Making, 2; Simple Dressmaking and Remodelling, 12. These courses were held in the following counties: Northumberland, Simcoe, Leeds, Wellington, Grey, Carleton, Dundas, Manitoulin, Peterborough, Bruce, Russell, Stormont, Glengarry, Kenora, Kent, Huron, Rainy River, Lanark, Renfrew, York, Wentworth, Welland, Hastings, Durham, Lennox-Addington. Arrangements for each course was made through a county advisory committee comprised of the agricultural representative, public school inspectors, district presidents and secretaries of Women's Institutes and the county home economics coach or her substitute. Each of the courses, with the exception of Rug Making, was held five days a week for four weeks.

Reports of these courses show a total enrolment of 622 with an average attendance of 19 and an average age of 20 years. Of this enrolment 34 per cent had never attended high school, 41 per cent had attended for two years or less, 14 per cent had received special training in some line and 45 per cent had been previously employed. Farm homes supplied 62 per cent of the enrolment, while 25 per cent came from villages and 13 per cent from towns.

As a result of the work in Clothing, 12 students have definite plans to sew for others, one girl hoping to earn money to attend art school and one already having received orders for slips and simple dresses. Of the remainder, all will be able to do at least part of their own sewing and that of their families.

In Rug Making, the members enrolled mainly with the idea of improving their own homes, but the courses have awakened interest in the possibilities of financial returns from such work.

From the Foods courses, three students have definite plans to sell home baked foods on a farmers' market, six to establish road-side stands and two to take in summer boarders, one of these to sell home baked foods as a side-line. Six students have plans to start tea-rooms or tourist homes and eight already established in tourist homes have received definite help in ideas for improvement. Seven girls will find summer employment in tourist homes, two in summer resorts and three in domestic service; and 15 who have been previously employed have acquired knowledge and skills which should fit them for better paid positions. At least 39 others expect to use their course in some way to improve their economic situation. All students, besides receiving instruction in the fundamentals of business management, were made aware of the possibilities in the field of catering to tourists and the sale of home baked foods.