

ANNUAL MEETING

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 Mrs. Fonthill, made a presentation address and a gift of a leather hand bag on behalf of the members to Mrs. Leatherdale.

Mrs. Clarence Holmes was re-elected convener of the Central Fund Committee and voting directors include Mrs. H. Wicks, Mrs. P. W. Merry, Mrs. A. E. McNaughton, and Mrs. E. A. Duke with Miss Mary A. Clarke, honorary member without voting power.

The Central Fund Committee welcomes your continued support. All contributions to the Central Fund should be made payable to: The Treasurer, Central Fund, F.W.I.O., Mrs. H. Wicks, and mailed to Mrs. H. Wicks, 27 Buck St., Cobourg.

Youth Movements

Miss Eadie reported on meetings of the Ontario Girl Guides' Association which she had attended as the Institute representative. She reported that the Women's Institute had been classified as a "kindred Society" and this was interpreted to mean a society working to form Guide companies.

Since the Women's Institutes have a Homemaking Club programme drafted to meet the needs of rural girls, the Board felt it was not wise to undertake the promotion of two girls' organizations and for this reason it was decided not to name a representative to the Ontario Girl Guides.

Re Canadian Youth Commission: Miss F. P. Eadie appealed to the members to make it their business to be concerned about rural youth and reported on this fact-finding committee set up to study the needs of youth. Suggestions and recommendations were invited by the Youth Commission, either sent direct to Miss Eadie or to the county home economics coach.

Speaking in Public.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.B.E., who has conducted many International Speakers' Schools, made an interesting and educational contribution to the meeting in a brief lesson on public speaking. Topics covered included: Preparation, Presentation and Delivery, Different Kinds of Talks and The Human Aspect.

Other Business.

Term of Convener—The recommendation that the term of convener be limited to not more than six years was adopted.

From North Lanark District came a request from a group of five women desiring to be recognized as an Institute in a community where there were not sufficient women to make up the required membership. After thoughtful consideration it was agreed that this group be recommended to affiliate with a near-by local Institute and to have officers named to receive literature direct from the Department.

Requests come from time to time, not only from Canada, but from as far away as Australia, for the purchase of a picture of Mrs. Hoodless, founder of the Women's Institute movement. Arrangements have now been completed to have a stock of prints on hand available to members at sixty cents each. These may be obtained upon application to the provincial secretary. Size of print is 7 1/2" by 10 1/2".

Since the supply of song sheets issued in 1936 has become all but depleted it was decided to plan to publish a new Institute Song Sheet.

In considering the publication of a new W.I. Hand Book it was agreed to hold this matter over.

Miss Clarke reminded the members that in 1947 the Women's Institute will observe the Fiftieth Anniversary and that it is not too soon to be considering some suitable way of celebrating this important occasion.

With the new year we may have a forward look and the hope of peace, that the Golden Anniversary may be a time of real thanksgiving.

(Contributed by Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Secretary, F.W.I.O.)

RESOLUTIONS SHOW VARIETY OF INTEREST

WATERLOO S. DISTRICT—

A resolution designed to support the Government policies of curbing inflation and of conservation of goods pointed out that the length of service textile goods can give depends on both quality and care. It asks that the following be considered: (a) that the W.P.T.B. set prices fair to consumer, retailer and manufacturer, for staple cotton goods; (b) that staple goods whether sold by the yard or in manufactured articles be labelled according to thread count; (c) that textiles be labelled according to fibre content to ensure better care; (d) that regulations which lead to the manufacture of goods of poor quality be removed; (e) that the manufacture of ill-fitting garments be prevented; (f) that the use of the label "Made in Canada" be required. Carried.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT—This resolution expressed dissatisfaction with the distribution of sugar for canning purposes during the past year and asked that the same amount of sugar per person be given in future, regardless of the place of residence in Canada. Carried.

WENTWORTH S. DISTRICT—A resolution presented by this W.I. asks for the prohibition of the opening of motion picture houses commercially, on the Sabbath Day. Carried.

WELLAND DISTRICT—Whereas the wives of urban dwellers who are employed in war industries are allowed an exemption from income tax on income up to \$660.00, it was resolved that farmer's wives who assist in the production of food, the first requirement for all war work, be given the same exemption. Carried.

NORFOLK S. DISTRICT—A resolution from this District asks that some recognition in the Women's Institute organization be accorded to Mrs. T. B. Barrett of the Marburg Women's Institute, Norfolk County, who was instrumental in starting and carrying on in her county the "Jam for Britain" project which has developed into a contribution of great magnitude. The Board members were unanimous in expressing appreciation of Mrs. Barrett's work and the resolution was carried.

Articles have appeared in Women's Institute publications, both in Canada and in England, voicing the thanks and appreciation for the splendid effort put forth to send such quantities of jam for use by all those of the allied forces who are in hospital or convalescent homes and for British children and civilians.

OXFORD N. DISTRICT and WATERLOO N. DISTRICT—

These resolutions stress the importance of healthy family life "For Home and Country", and voice approval of the blood tests for syphilis now being given prior to demobilization, with the hope that this will be continued. They also ask for (a) Premarital blood tests for syphilis; (b) Pre-natal blood tests for syphilis; (c) Subsequent compulsory treatment for all cases. Carried.

OXFORD S. DISTRICT—Recognizing the importance of the new Canada Approved Vitamin B white flour, and that it is not generally available for home cooking, this district asks the Department of Pensions and National Health at Ottawa to take steps to make Canada Approved Vitamin B white flour available to consumers in convenient packages for use in their homes. This resolution further asks that individual members and Institutes, and convention areas of the Women's Institutes write to the Department of Pensions and National Health, asking for this service. Carried.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT—Whereas at the present time, fruit growers are permitted to cover baskets of peaches with red gauze, thereby concealing the state of ripeness of the fruit which is often too green to ripen properly, it was resolved that we petition the Dominion Government to enact legislation prohibiting the use of this red gauze. Carried.

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT—Whereas throughout the Rainy River District, great loss has been caused by the depredation of bears on live stock, and no compensation for such loss is now provided by law, it was resolved that the Provincial Government be petitioned to provide compensation to farmers losing live stock by bears, and that the bounty on bears be continued. Carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, OCT. 1, 1942 --- SEPT. 30, 1943.
 Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario**

RECEIPTS		President's Travelling Allowance	
Balance, October 1, 1942	\$1,746.90	57.00
Federation fees and exchange	3,409.48	Representatives to Other Organizations	14.80
Sale of Life Members' Pins	133.65	Provincial Conveners' Postage	16.05
" Directors' Pins	31.30	F.W.I.C. Biennial, Toronto	180.95
" F.W.I.C. Pins	54.00	Special Meeting, Pres. Sec.	21.40
" Hand Books	72.25	Putnam Memorial Fund	2.55
" Song Sheets	10.92	Gifts — Retiring President, Miss W. Brodie & Flowers	31.33
" Motto Cards	3.05	Motto Cards for Sale	15.00
Provincial Life Member, Norfolk N.	10.00	Pins for Sale	238.13
Refunds:		Memberships and Subscriptions	2.28
Fed. Representatives	25.70	Secretary's Honorarium and bond	312.00
Lakehead Convent'n Grant	30.00	Office Supplies, Stationery, Postage	95.95
Bank Interest	3.84	Auditor's Fee	10.00
Total Receipts	\$5,531.09	Interest on Loan—1 month	4.11
		Exchange	16.06
		Cheques Payable	13.13
		Total Disbursements	\$4,050.36
		Balance, Sept. 30, 1943	\$1,480.73
			\$5,531.09
		NOTE: Excess of expenditures over receipts for year—\$266.17.	
		Certified correct, J. C. PRIOR, Auditor.	

Mrs. E. A. Duke, provincial convener of Resolutions has submitted the following report of resolutions and action taken with respect to them by the Provincial Board. Board directors will be pleased to give any further explanation desired by Institutes or Districts in their subdivisions.

LANARK NORTH DISTRICT and ALGOMA EAST DISTRICT—

Resolutions dealing with post-war educational development in Canada outline important matters for consideration, and ask specifically that teachers' certificates secured in any province be valid in every province, and, that women be represented adequately on commissions studying post-war education and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the premiers of each province. Carried.

N. LANARK DISTRICT—

A resolution dealing with the lack of medical service in this area, asks to have this matter brought to the attention of the Minister of Health for Ontario, with a view to improving conditions. This resolution was considered carefully and it was decided to refer it back to the District for action and that a supporting letter would be sent from the Provincial Board.

RUSSELL DISTRICT—

A resolution, in the interests of those handicapped by blindness, asks for improved financial assistance and increased facilities for education and training, to make it possible for the blind to become independent, financially. Tabled until further information may be secured.

BELLEVILLE AREA.

Resolved that the Government be asked to take steps to have ladies' beverage parlors closed. Carried and sent to the Ontario Temperance Federation.

YORK N. DISTRICT and RAINY RIVER E. DISTRICT—

Resolutions presented by these districts ask that men and women serving in the Navy, the Army and the Air Force, be granted free transportation in Canada when on furlough, from camp to home and return, for the duration of the war. Carried.

BLOUNT W. I.—Accepted as an emergency resolution at the Toronto Convention, and

MIDDLESEX E. DISTRICT—

These resolutions ask for increased rations for transient labor. Carried.

BURLINGTON W. I.—Accepted as an emergency resolution at the Guelph Convention.

The mounting death toll resulting from level crossings of railroad tracks urged this W. I. to ask for the removal of as many such crossings as possible where bus and other vehicular traffic pass; these measures to be undertaken on a plan satisfactory to any public highways, and within the jurisdiction of the Department controlling these crossings. Carried.

WATERLOO S. DISTRICT—

This resolution, pointing out the disadvantages experienced through the adoption of daylight saving time, asked the Government to consider the advisability of returning to Standard time. Lost.

The three resolutions following will be passed on to the various offices of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

WATERLOO S. DISTRICT and WENTWORTH N. DISTRICT—

These resolutions ask the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to appoint to their Ottawa office, or as an advisor, a woman who has had the responsibility of managing a farm home, in order to interpret the needs of the farm home to the W.P.T.B. and to interpret to the press and regional chairmen of the Consumer Branch the regulations of the W.P.T.B. as they apply to farm homes. Carried.