

## RESOLUTIONS CARRIED

Ten of the thirteen convention areas submitted resolutions for consideration by the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, at their November meeting in Toronto.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously and action has been taken by your provincial convener:

## Ottawa Area

1. "That we of the Glengarry District respectfully petition our Dominion Government to make the system of education more uniform throughout the Dominion".
2. "That this Women's Institute of West Hawkesbury at Vankleek Hill, request the Government of the Province of Ontario to introduce legislation at the next sitting of the Legislature, with a view to making blood tests compulsory before marriage and requiring a medical certificate of freedom from venereal disease from every applicant for a marriage licence".
3. "That the Government of this Dominion of Canada and of each Provincial Legislature be petitioned to set up a Dominion Department of Education as soon as possible, to co-ordinate and systematize an educational system for all of Canada."
4. "That medical and dental supervision be given the children of our rural schools, and that regular clinics for immunization against typhoid fever, diphtheria and whooping cough be established; also, if considered advisable that blood tests be taken of children in order to stamp out venereal disease."
5. "That May 24th, Queen Victoria's Birthday, be resumed in this province as a statutory holiday".
6. "That a woman representative be appointed to The Unemployment Insurance Commission."

## Kingston Area.

1. "That this convention petition the Income Tax Division, Department of National Revenue, to reconsider this matter and to exempt farmers from this unjust tax. (the addition to the taxable income of the farmers of \$125 for each individual in the home for food produced and consumed.)"

## Belleville Area

1. "That all cattle be tested and those found to be infected with Bang's Disease be marked with a suitable non-destructible mark, as in T. B. testing".

## Toronto Area

1. "That it be made compulsory to teach household science, manual training and agriculture in all rural schools."
2. "That the Women's Institute Branch of the Department of Agriculture be requested to incorporate in their co-operative program in home economics a course in household mechanics."
3. "That we petition the Government of the Province of Ontario to appoint the best person it can find to carry out an active campaign to teach the youth of Ontario the evil effects, morally and physically, of the use of beverage alcohol."
4. "That each Women's Institute be asked to do all in its power to emphasize the importance of preserving the sanctity of the marriage ceremony; to disseminate information and to point out dangers in regard to this matter".
5. "That the desirability of providing a suitable course of training, leading to a certified standing, with the idea of raising the social and economic status of such workers (household assistants) be drawn to the attention of the proper authorities".
6. "That we strongly urge that the publication and sale of unclean literature be discouraged and that all books of fiction placed in circulation through the libraries be subjected to censorship by a committee including at least one woman, along with members of the clergy; and be it further resolved that the Department of Education be asked to destroy any such fiction which may now be in circu-

lation through the travelling libraries".

7. "That a protest be made against this veiled infraction of the law (patriotic advertisements sponsored by the liquor interests)".
8. "That without any intention of criticizing the present Government, whose Minister of Agriculture, Colonel Kennedy, has shown the greatest interest and co-operation in our work, we respectfully request a thorough review and adjustment of said inequalities of remuneration (Government Instructional Staff)".
9. "That we urge the Minister of Agriculture and the Government to introduce such legislation as is necessary to accomplish this end". (appointment of a permanent Board of Governors for the Ontario Agricultural College).
10. "That conveners of standing committees in District or Area be allowed their expenses for postage, stationery, and telephone calls, and that where possible a standardized stationery bearing the Women's Institute crest be supplied these conveners by the District or Area concerned."
11. "That we the members of the Vandeleur Women's Institute do protest against publication of immoral literature, and ask that a censorship board be appointed whose duty it shall be to review all such literature, and that said board be given such power as to debar from publication any article, pamphlet or book, the moral tone of which is degrading."
12. "That suitable institutions be provided for the welfare of persons suffering from chronic and incurable ailments".
13. "That in case more victory loans become necessary we admonish our Government that we do not approve such extravagant, intensive advertising as has been used in past loans; also we petition that lives of brave airmen and soldiers, with their valuable craft and equipment, be not endangered in spectacular stunts to advertise such loans".

## London Area

1. "That beverage rooms for women in Ontario be abolished".
2. "That we petition our Government to put again into effect those laws regarding the desecration of the Sabbath, and to make it an offence for all who break the laws."
3. "We would respectfully ask that a certain period each week on a Canadian radio network be set aside for the Women's Institutes of Canada that Canadian women may learn what their sisters in all parts of the world are thinking and doing in the work of reconstruction; the programs to be under the direction of the Women's Institute Branches of the Departments of Agriculture in the various provinces in turn or according to any arrangements that they may make among themselves or with the Dominion Executive and that steps be taken which will eventually achieve this goal".
4. "That we petition the Dominion Government that a sane, well formulated plan of immigration with subsequent changes in the Immigration Act, which takes into cognizance skill and ability as well as money, be instituted as expeditiously as possible".
5. "That Life Membership shall be made transferable to any Branch in Ontario, with exemption from annual dues, and shall entitle the holder to voting power and privilege of holding office in the Branch to which she may transfer only".

## Guelph Area

1. "That the Liquor Control Board of Ontario be requested to abolish all men's and women's beer parlours".
2. "That the Department of Agriculture and the University of Toronto consider the establishment of a degree course in Rural Home Economics at Macdonald Institute, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph so that (1) those who plan to enter extension work in rural Ontario could take their

## NEWS FLASHES

East Korah, Algoma: Donated \$78.00 to the school towards the installation of a musical device which will be a benefit both educationally and for pleasure.

Little Current, Manitoulin East: Since having current events and peace offering at each meeting, have been able to get usually quiet and backward members to help in the program and enter into discussions.

Mount Royal, Wentworth South: A war bride committee has been formed to visit young war brides from overseas and give paid up membership to all wishing to join our institute.

Ivanhoe, Hastings North: The Institute sent a delegation to meet the Township Council regarding a community fund for the returned boys. An organization was formed.

Bonnechere Valley, Renfrew South: As a result of the Health Program, the Institute undertook the installation of a blood bank in Victoria Hospital at an approximate cost of Five Hundred Dollars.

degree at Guelph and (2) that more research work in connection with the farm homes of Ontario could be carried on at Guelph."

## Simcoe Area

1. "That a detailed outline of how to conduct an annual meeting be placed in the new hand book".

## Thunder Bay Area

As an additional clause to the resolution presented by the Welland County W. I. and passed at the November Board Meeting 1944.

"That a Canadian or British woman in marrying an unnaturalized subject be permitted to retain her citizenship rights in order that she shall not lose her franchise, rights to family and mother's allowances, old age pension, or any such benefits pertaining to Canadian citizenship; or if this is not granted that she be thoroughly informed as to the privilege she will lose, before her marriage takes place.

## Outline for Convener of Resolutions

Since Women's Institutes have the opportunity through the presentation of resolutions to create, mould and sustain public opinion for the betterment of "Home and Country" much thought and study should be given to their preparation.

For your information and guidance the following outline was presented to and accepted by the Provincial Board.

1. Investigate existing laws as they pertain to conditions in question and include a copy of the law. If it is felt that improvements could be made, suggest in what way.

"That any resolution pertaining to legislation be thoroughly investigated by the Institute before presenting it for approval of the district—and where possible the enclosure of the present law governing the legislation in question be included". Passed at November Board Meeting, 1945.

2. Give careful thought to the wording of the resolution, make sure the intent is clear.

3. Be sure that it is properly signed, i.e. signed by the mover and seconder in the Institute, and when passed signed by the President and Secretary (this makes it an official piece of business).

It is then ready to be submitted to the District Annual, and when passed there the President and Secretary sign it.

It then is sent to the Area Convention for sanction, then signed by Chairman and Secretary of Convention, then sent on to Provincial Board. When it is passed there the Convener of Resolutions forwards copies of resolutions to President and Secretary for signatures before sending on to Departments concerned.

4. Resolutions of a local nature should be dealt with locally.

(Contributed by Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Provincial Convener of Resolutions.)

## OUT OF THE PAST—

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for cheerfulness, for a fuller life and comelier mode of living. Careful planning was adopted that the daily association with inanimate objects would contribute to making the ideal home. It meant care in combining beauty and usefulness, comfort and convenience, and high standards of social life. In short—a home "economically sound, mechanically convenient, mentally stimulating, socially wholesome and artistically satisfying", with courtesy, freedom and harmony as features of daily relationships in the home.

The rural women endeavoured to foster and develop an interest in good literature—to enrich the mind; music—to attune heart and mind to harmonies of sound, which was the gift of the great masters; art—to inspire to higher altitudes of life through pictured beauty; and the culture of social intercourse which broadens, enriches and ennobles the individual through association with others in clean, wholesome recreations and chosen diversions with congenial surroundings, and the practice of social amenities.

This association with people of education and refinement, listening to and understanding grand symphonies, seeing and feeling the grandeur of the great out-of-doors, has helped retain the cultural atmosphere so essential to the home life of Canada in these reconstruction days. Women now sense a new meaning in the association in the home and with clear judgment are concentrating on more helpful ways of living with their families as a pertinent factor in good citizenship.

## The Horizon Widens

In the half century which has passed since the inception of the Institute movement, rural women have met, in a large measure, the varying conditions of home and national life effectively and judiciously. As we step into the future we shall find an ever widening horizon for service in meeting the home problems which will arise. Let us carry forward the spirit of courage, unity and service which characterised the work in its inception.

Let us carry forward the old democratic ideal that the strength of the nation is in the individual. Let each citizen look to his or her own mode of life and standards of character to preserve the honour of the nation. Let us more vigorously exercise a selflessness which magnifies the virtues of others. Let us not fail to maintain in the new life spiritual development and religious growth, retaining the simple faith of our forefathers in an all wise Ruler. Let us carry into the world of to-morrow more of the good, less of the evil which characterised the past; more of the love for our neighbours.

The measure of every community is in the attitude of each individual toward the ideals of justice, peace and order. When we achieve these locally, we can achieve them nationally and internationally. We must establish these ideals first in the home.

In the Women's Institute we have a group of sincere, cultured homemakers and homebuilders, doing a work which has developed into a mighty force for human uplift and human happiness, regardless of race, color or creed. As we go forward into the world of to-morrow, let us continue to render needed service, to work in unity and to exercise undaunted courage in the cause of human happiness and well being throughout the whole wide world.

## LETTER FRIENDS

If you would like to make the acquaintance of some overseas Women's Institute correspondents you may do so by writing to the Loan Library, Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2.