

Blackstock Women's Institute members stage an Institute meeting of fifty years ago at Central Ontario's fiftieth annual convention, held November, 1952.

how pointless resolutions can be weeded out before they reach convention level. This is something for good business minds to work on. We remember that one District Annual last spring had a humorous skit on resolutions. Perhaps this is as good a way as any to teach the kind of resolution that should go on to the convention and the kind that should be handled locally or that is, for for one reason or another, "out of order." — Ed.)

Jury Service for Women

Shortly after legislation was passed in January 1951, permitting women in Ontario to serve on juries, the Ontario Board of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs undertook the task of "acquainting women across the province with the facts and circumstances of their new responsibility." Each Business and Professional Women's Club was asked to brief speakers on the subject using material supplied by the Board's Committee on Jury Service, and to make these speakers available to women's organizations. This is how it came about that a representative of a Business and Professional Women's Club spoke at most of the Women's Institute conventions last fall, on the subject "Jury Service As It Affects Women In Ontario."

To further extend this information the Board of Business and Professional Women's Clubs suggests that local Women's Institutes get in touch with their nearest Business and Professional Women's Club and arrange for a speaker on this subject at a local meeting.

If an Institute interested in the subject of Jury Service for Women finds it impossible to get a speaker, the Loan Library of the Women's Institute Branch, 1207 Bay Street, Toronto, can loan study material provided by Elsie Gregory McGill, Chairman of the Jury Service Committee of the Ontario Business and Professional Women's Clubs. This material includes a questionnaire which should be completed by anyone using the material as a speech, or as a study guide.

Cookery Around the World

Our Provincial President, Mrs. Purcell, suggests that Ontario women might be interested in an occasional cooking recipe from another country, as given in the ACWW cook book, "Cookery Around the World." Here is a dish that could be made from materials available at any time of the year:

Uncooked Chutney (Southern Rhodesia)

1 lb. dried apricots 1 lb. stoned dates
1 bottle vinegar 1½ lb. white sugar
1½ lb. onions 5 chillies

Soak apricots in vinegar for a few minutes. Grind up apricots, onions, chillies and dates all together. Add sugar and vinegar and a pinch of salt. A little butter may be added. Bottle. This will keep for months and is an excellent chutney.

(Since the size of a vinegar bottle varies, we suggest that anyone making this chutney will use her own judgment about the quantity of vinegar required. — Ed.)

Still Sound Advice

We have all heard about the high standard of the talks and papers given at the meetings of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek. The following paragraph from a paper on "The Country Home" by Miss F. M. Carpenter, a charter member at Stoney Creek, and recorded in the Women's Institute Report for the year 1900, might almost be the advice of a 1953 psychologist:

"Never break a promise to a child. Of all that happens in the home to grieve the little ones and weaken the mother's hold on them, broken promises are the most fruitful. Children should have company. Encourage the children to bring their playmates home with them, giving them time and assisting them in having pleasant social gatherings. It may be a little bother but it will enable you to keep on a more familiar footing with them and to know their associates."



Past Presidents of Thornton Women's Institute who were presented with F.W.I.C. pins at an anniversary meeting. Left to right: Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. J. D. Stewart, Mrs. S. A. McQuay, Mrs. E. A. Bone, Mrs. Robt. West, Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. M. C. Cunningham, Mrs. A. C. Reid. Seated are Mrs. H. L. Dunning whose term began in 1911 and the present president, Mrs. C. A. Spencer.