

Annual Meeting resolutions on "crime comics" were considered from eight area conventions. A committee of Mrs. R. G. Purcell, Mrs. A. L. Gibson and Mrs. W. A. Davidson was appointed to summarize the objectives of each resolution, as far as possible, into one resolution and Mrs. Purcell presented it. Following is the resolution:

WHEREAS in 1949 Canada's Criminal Code was amended to provide that a person who makes, prints, publishes, distributes, sells or has in his possession for any such purpose, any crime comic, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment; and according to the Criminal Code crime comics mean any magazine, periodical or book which exclusively or substantially comprises matter depicting pictorially the commission of crimes, real or fictitious;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the efforts of Canadian religious leaders, and civic and business groups, undesirable publications of this type, or of a similar nature which evade the wording of the Criminal Code, but not the intent, continue on sale. In fact, we believe the number of outlets for sale is continually being increased, such publications now being offered for sale in almost every type of store, including restaurants, bus depots and terminals, grocery stores, snack bars, as well as the news stands and drug stores;

WHEREAS we believe these books and magazines to be detrimental to the building of clean morals, good citizenship and a wholesome outlook on life and the value of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario respectfully request the Minister of Justice and the Attorney-General of Ontario to strictly enforce the Criminal Code of 1949 in regard to the distribution and sale of crime comics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that further legislation be enacted to

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#### HOMEMAKER'S RECIPE FOR ACQUIRING THE NEW OUTLOOK

Begin with a good substantial layer of old-fashioned housekeeping skill. Add a generous measure of interest in public affairs and as much knowledge of what is going on in the world as can be scraped up. Cover with a layer of work for home and community services, health, recreation, library, and the other facilities for abundant living. Sprinkle with ability to see that the first things in homemaking are the things of the spirit; but that conveniences and beauty add to the comforts of life. Add a dash of sense of humor and a heart full of faith in God and His wisdom. Let all simmer together in a happy home for the lifetime of the family.—Ellen Lenoir in "The Spirit and Philosophy of Extension Work.

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forbid the printing in Canada, or importation into Canada of any magazine, periodical or books which exclusively or substantially comprises matter depicting pictorially any form of brutality or lust, real or fictitious, which would tend to lower the moral standards and clean outlook on life of our citizens, young or old.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario investigate what our youth is reading and guide their reading in the proper channels in the choice of good material.

The resolution was sustained and was sent to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney-General of Ontario.

#### Korean Widows' Reply to F.W.I.O.

The F.W.I.O. Project in 1953 was the Korean Widow's Self Help Project and at the Board Meeting one of the highlights was a display of charming outfits for a girl and a boy sent to Mrs. MacPhatter by the Korean widows, together with a handmade scroll of parchment as a testimonial from 108 widows who have already used the sewing machines provided by the Women's Institutes of Ontario. The widows' names were signed and if they were unable to write, their thumb prints were placed on the scroll as a symbol of their appreciation. A "Kamsachang" or letter of appreciation read as follows:

*"We undersigned widows in Kunsan, Korea express our deepest appreciation to members of your Institutes who so devotedly helped Korean war and refugee widows that had been suffering under great difficulties and starvation owing to the disastrous war and influenced by critical circumstances. A great amount of fund and other all important materials for widows in Kunsan sent by your Institute became the resources for widows' co-operative business of sewing, weaving, embroidery and consequently assisted us a great deal in recovering our life. We, the under-*

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#### AWARENESS

By Miriam Teichner

God—let me be aware.  
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,  
Just getting somehow safely through the days,  
Not even groping for another hand,  
Not even wondering why it all was planned,  
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,  
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,  
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.  
God—let me be aware.

God—let me be aware.  
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,  
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.  
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.  
Give me the heart that divines, understands.  
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.  
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.  
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.  
God—let me be aware.

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