

ing in the world remain similar but we must overcome fear of changing the patterns of our ideas and our programs if we are to fully meet present day challenges.

At the suggestion of our provincial President, the provincial Public Relations Officer sent a letter early in the year, encouraging P.R.O.'s and asking them to report centennial projects in time for the spring board meeting. Less than one-fifth of the branches responded, although replies came from all sections of the province. Most popular centennial projects were those concerned with developing or improving parks, community centres, libraries, etc. Many branches are devoting time, money and talents to landscaping and providing picnic facilities, swimming pools, planting flowering crab trees, roses, cosmos and flower beds in the Institute colors. Quilts and rugs, many of them telling the story of the history of their local district, seem to be the favorites in handiwork. Others are holding teas, old-fashioned markets, fashion shows, antique and craft shows, editing cookbooks, entering floats in parades, dressing dolls for museums and erecting cairns to preserve the school bells of little red schoolhouse fame. Some branches are chartering buses to visit the Adelaide Hoodless Home or to come to the national convention. A few branches are building their programs in this anniversary year around the theme, "Know Canada Better."

The mailing for P.R.O. work has increased greatly in the last few months. In addition to varied requests for information, many P.R.O.'s fail to follow directions of the printed forms and forward them to the wrong person, necessitating a return mailing, and the delay incurred is obvious. One hundred per cent reporting is possible if each one forwards her report to the proper person within the designated time. Can we make this our objective in 1967?

Resolutions

Twenty-six resolutions confronted F.W.I.O. at their Spring Board Meeting. "These resolutions which reached the Provincial Board were in the main very well worded," said Mrs. Leonard Trivers, provincial Resolutions Convener, as she introduced the first resolution to the Board. "This is a reflection of the growing knowledge in branches of the proper presentation of resolutions. Resolutions should be formulated only when a glaring circumstance needs to be remedied, and do not be discouraged if your resolution is not sustained. The study and information gained makes it worthwhile. Possibly it does not apply to the whole province and you as board members must carefully consider this with each resolution."

A motion carried that a resolution re the

recent change in home economics program in Grades 11 and 12 not be considered an emergency resolution. Seven of the other 25 were sustained at the provincial level. These included — a sweeping change requested in the Expropriations Procedures Act to reasonably consider owner's rights. Considerations asked included the giving of one year's notice before properties can be taken over by expropriating body, cost of legal and evaluating expenses be borne by expropriating bodies, a single agency to standardize procedure and compensation rates at a satisfactory level; and the assurance that no property owner would be asked to surrender his property until he has been paid 85% of the appraised value.

Another resolution sustained requested that courts of law direct deserting husbands to make required payments to the Department of Social and Family Service to eliminate a possible period of need between time when husband disregards his responsibilities of direct payment to his family and the payment of welfare assistance. This resolution also requested that such families continue to receive regular cheques from that source.

Another resolution was directed to the provincial Government, asking that property owners having farm ponds, and having taken reasonable precaution, be not charged responsible for any injury or accident. At the present time "No Trespassing" signs do not remove potential liability.

The provincial Government and the Ontario Minister of Health will be asked to enact legislation to provide an adequate number of Nursing Homes for chronically ill patients having Ontario Hospital Services Commission coverage.

F.W.I.O. was asked to investigate the possibility of having the book "Pioneers of Old Ontario" by W. L. Smith, reprinted.

The federal Government is to be asked to take steps to enforce legislation to correct the rapidly worsening pollution condition of the St. Lawrence river.

The Ontario Government will also be urged to enact legislation so that a doctor or nurse rendering first aid at the scene of an accident shall not be held responsible if such person dies. At present a nurse or doctor can be sued.

Some resolutions were found to pertain only in a certain area of the province and therefore could not be sustained at provincial level, such as a resolution concerning dead grass and dry foliage along Trans Canada highway allowances in some northern areas. Others asked for something already being considered; e.g. better dyes and materials used in our national flag and a resolution on drug price investigation.