

# Question Box at the Officers' Conference

**Question** — If a Branch member neglects to pay her dues, whose duty is it to remind the member that the dues aren't paid?

**Answer** — It is the duty of the secretary-treasurer to remind a member of non-payment of dues. See handbook page 13, Article 6, No. 2.

**Question** — Should a Branch have a Public Relations Officer?

**Answer** — Yes — see handbook page 11, Article 12 for duties of the P.R.O. at Branch level.

**Question** — How should the flag be displayed at Women's Institute meetings?

**Rules** for displaying the flag, on any occasion, information can be obtained from the following address — The Queen's Printer, Ottawa. The price is 25 cents and a money order should be made out to The Receiver General of Canada.

**Question** — When should motions regarding money be presented and voted on?

**Answer** — Motions regarding the disposition of money may be discussed at an executive meeting but must be decided by a motion and a vote of the membership at a regular meeting. See handbook page 14, Articles 4, and 5.

**Question** — Who is eligible to become a Branch life member?



Mrs. Everett Small, president of F.W.I.O., presenting the second Northern Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship to Carol Smith of Rutherglen — Carol is attending the North Bay Teachers' College.

**Answer** — See handbook page 11, Article 13. It is emphasized that to be eligible for life membership, a member must have been an active member for twenty-five consecutive years.

**Question** — If a Branch of the Women's Institute owns property and sells it, in what way can the money be used?

**Answer** — A Branch of a Women's Institute which obtains money by the sale of property owned by the Branch is free to use the money as they see fit, but this matter must be decided by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting. It must be pointed out, though that a Women's Institute is a community organization, non-sectarian and non-partisan. It is suggested that Branches with money available should consider Women's Institute projects first or some project which would benefit the community as a whole.

Editor's note — These are but a few of the questions which appeared in the Question Box at the Officers' Conference. It will be noted that many of these answers could be obtained by referring to our Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Handbook.

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## THEY SAY

"They say" it's true; "they say" she did;  
 Who may we ask, are "they"?  
 Who stoop to tell an unkind tale  
 And send it on its way?  
 If someone stumbles on life's road,  
 If someone's act is wrong,  
 Then "they" are sure to find it out  
 And pass the word along.  
 And as it travels, how it grows,  
 This tale the gossip tells!  
 Just like a giant snowball,  
 As it rolls along it swells!  
 A scandal bearer asked for proof  
 Will answer you this way:  
 "The story's true, of course, because —  
 Well, that is what they say."  
 But as to who "they" really are  
 There seems to be some doubt,  
 So, let's not tell the things "they" say —  
 Let's stamp the villains out.

Edith Mosier

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## BLUEBERRIES

"You ought to have seen what I saw on my way  
 To the village, through Patterson's pasture today:  
 Blueberries as big as the end of your thumb,  
 Real sky blue, and heavy, and ready to drum  
 In the cavernous pail of the first one to come  
 And all ripe together, not some of them green  
 And some of them ripe! You ought to have seen"

Robert Frost