

## RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. L. Trivers, Convener, emphasized that research is a most important part of a resolution. "You must examine carefully to see that statements made in the preamble are true and representative of the situation as it exists. You must consider whether a resolution at provincial level applies to all parts of the province."

Reporting on resolutions sustained at the annual Board Meeting, Mrs. Trivers contacted the Minister of Family Services re payment of support to deserted wives, which is being done in larger centres, and asked that this service be extended to all centres. To date no reply has been received. Emergency resolution re glue sniffing was forwarded to federal Minister of Health and no reply received. Re book, "Pioneers of Old Ontario": the copyright belongs to Morang and Murray, a publishing company no longer in existence. The son of the author has been contacted and has pledged support and assistance; but until copyright is located we can proceed no further.

Seventeen resolutions were sustained at Area Conventions and were presented to the Board at this meeting. Eight of these were sustained, eight were lost, and one disregarded because it was an area problem. The resolution submitted as an emergency re residential facilities for physically handicapped children of near average intellect, was not considered an emergency.

A resolution re ribbon binding on cardigans and zipper tapes on jackets shrinking was sustained and directed to the Ontario Association of Consumers requesting manufacturers to use shrink-proof material.

Concern was evident for the safety of school children. A resolution asking the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to request the Minister of Transport to recognize the danger which exists at school crossings on township and county roads, and asking the Women's Institute to conduct a study of safety measures to find a workable solution and thereby provide some means of protection for rural school crossings on all township and county roads in Province of Ontario, was sustained.

Also sustained was a resolution re Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario asking provincial Government to review laws regarding flashing red signals on school buses and to change the law so that flashing red signals can be used at all times when a school bus is stopping for purposes of receiving and discharging passengers, regardless of speed zone.

Another resolution asked that in future Mr. Erland Lee and Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless be known and referred to as co-founders of the Women's Institute at all levels. This resolution was sustained and it was pointed out that the

Women's Institute handbook so states and that last October F.W.I.O. participated in unveiling of a plaque at the Lee Home to honour Mr. Erland Lee.

Provincial Board Directors sustained a resolution asking that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario do everything possible to have the high insurance rates on drivers under age of 25 lowered until the under 25 years aged driver has had a first accident.

A resolution was sustained asking that Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request proper law authorities to strictly enforce present laws against all drivers who are apprehended under influence of alcohol while driving.

Also sustained was a resolution asking F.W.I.O. to use its influence and ask assistance of Consumers' Association of Canada to insist that manufacturers of variegated fibre fabrics, label each bolt as to percentage and type of fibre content therein.

Sustained, as amended, was a resolution asking that F.W.I.O. request the provincial Government to enforce inspection of propane gas stoves and heating equipment immediately upon completion of installation.

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### HAYING

From the soft dyke-road, crooked and waggon-way,  
Comes the great load of rustling scented hay,  
Slow-drawn with heavy swing and creaky sway,  
Through the cool freshness of the windless morn.  
The oxen, yoked and sturdy, horn to horn,  
Sharing the rest and toil of night and day,  
Bend head and neck to the long hilly way  
By many a season's labour marked and torn.  
On the broad sea of dyke the gathering heat  
Waves upward from the grass, where road on road  
Is swept before the tramping of the teams.  
And while the oxen rest beside the sweet  
New hay, the loft receives the early load,  
With hissing stir, among the dusty beams.

John Frederic Herby

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### Graduation Party

Business was laid aside for a few short hours on Wednesday evening as Officers and Board Directors were guests of the graduating class. These fifteen Board Members of 1955 presented a farewell salute which was highlighted by songs (with Mrs. C. D. Pink at the piano), readings, costumed skits, etc. On behalf of the graduates, Mrs. E. J. Parish presented the President, Mrs. E. Small, with a ceramic plaque. A social hour and refreshments were enjoyed in the lounge of Macdonald Hall.