

Your Provincial Public Relations Officer reported many highlights in her last year's activities including attending A.C.W.W. Conference as one of Ontario's voting delegates, participating in panel discussion at Pioneer Women's Organization in Toronto, as co-instructor with Mrs. John Charlton for four secretary-treasurers and Public Relations Workshops, conducting five Short Courses on Women's Institute Procedures, as well as committee meetings, Branch and District Public Relations meetings, etc. More than eight hundred letters were sent out last year including releases from the national office. C.B.C.'s Country Calendar featured a 70th anniversary review of Women's Institute last December.

Resolutions

Mrs. Leonard Trivers gave the following report on the processing of resolutions sustained at Spring board meeting.

One resolution re co-founder, Mr. Erland Lee, directed to Women's Institute members did not necessitate contacting any other agency but places onus on every Women's Institute member. Resolutions re shrinking of ribbon bindings and labelling of percentage and type of fibre content on bolts of materials were forwarded to Canadian Association of Consumers but no answer has been received to date.

Copies of resolutions dealing with investigation of safety measures at official school crossings, bus signals, lowering of insurance rates for drivers under 25 years of age, and stricter enforcement of laws against impaired drivers, and enforcement of propane gas inspection laws were sent to the Ontario Department of Transport and to the Attorney General. No reply has been received from the Transport Department. Mr. Wishart replied that safety measures, bus signals, etc. are under the Department of Transport; that all police officers have developed policies for strict enforcement of laws re those driving when impaired; inspection of propane installations is under jurisdiction of Energy and Resources; and insurance rates related to Department of Financial Affairs and Transport.

Since the Spring board meeting, two emergency resolutions were circulated amongst board directors and both were sustained, as circulated. Legislation has already been passed re a fishing licence fee for Ontario resident anglers. The Minister of Health, Dr. Dymond, replying to request re inclusion of chiropractors and osteopaths being included in Ontario Medical Services plan, intimated that there was no intention of expanding O.H.S.C. benefits at the present time, so no further action will be taken on these resolutions.

Directors were urged to encourage the reso-



Mrs. Leonard Trivers, past president, F.W.I.O. who has now completed nine years of service with the Provincial Board of the Women's Institutes of Ontario.

lutions conveners to make a report at area convention on dispensation of resolutions and of the resolutions presented at the Spring board meeting.

For ideas contained in resolutions previously presented by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Mrs. Trivers reviewed a paper for sitting members of the Legislature which included private members bills. Some resolutions reviewed were (1) that the house support the addition of prescribed drugs and medication to the present Family Benefit Plan (2) that nursing homes be included in the hospital insurance plans (3) that the government consider establishing a system of compensation for victims (and their dependents) of crimes of violence (4) that the government of Ontario should prohibit the sale of non-returnable glass bottles. Two emergency resolutions (1) re the tax on food (2) re the licensing of snowmobiles were not sustained; since a statement on the food tax has already been made by Premier John Robarts, and legislation re licensing of snowmobiles has been passed.

Presenting her provincial report on resolutions, Mrs. Trivers expressed disappointment that a complete report of work in the province is not available because we do not have 100% of the reports. Some programs show that branches are studying resolutions singly and through workshops; others are presenting local resolutions to municipal bodies which result in worthwhile changes for safe driving conditions, clean-up campaigns and health problems, etc. Some branches report that they are still without a resolutions convener and interest must be increased through better communications to plan and assist at the three levels. Proper wording for resolutions must be understood; and thorough research is important.

Mottoes reported: "A vision, a resolution,