

Resolutions

Presented by Mrs. Everett Small, Resolution Convener. Fifteen resolutions and one emergency resolution were studied and considered by the Board Directors. Eight were sustained, six were lost, and one was not considered because legislation has already been implemented.

A resolution asking the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to do everything possible, individually and collectively, to encourage TV programs with higher motives and standards was sustained, since it was felt that individual letters would have more effect than petitions.

Strong objection was raised to the county school board system citing inequalities of representation (rural and urban), excessive salaries, expensive buildings and plush furnishings, etc. A resolution of objection was sustained.

A resolution requesting the Minister of Justice to amend the law requesting more severe minimum penalties for child beating offences revealed that discrepancies were not from weakness in the law but because the penalties meted depended on the discretion of the judge.

A resolution regarding the prohibiting of the sale of beverages in non-returnable bottles was sustained and the Directors noted that, not only were children being injured by the broken glass but bottles are thrown, for example, in hay fields and broken glass could be rolled up in the bales which animals consume in the winter. This will be forwarded to Canada Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Consumer Protection Branch of the Ontario Government.

The directors voted to sustain a resolution re nylon lace on cotton garments but were advised to be good observant shoppers.

They voted to sustain a resolution requiring a breathalyzer test for drivers of motor vehicles where intoxication is suspected, quoting an English law where it is compulsory and has proved constructive in drastically cutting down accidents.

A resolution re printing of a warning regarding dangers of smoking was sustained, and evidence indicated that Dr. M. Dymond, Minister of Health in the Ontario Legislature, has requested that such legislation be enacted.

A resolution asking for consideration being given by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food to the appointment of a Home Economist for the Kenora District was sustained.

The emergency resolution from Gilford Women's Institute re estate and gift tax was defeated as it was felt that it should be more specific since with the varying cases it is impossible to generalize.

The Board Directors voted against a resolution asking for co-operation between the Federal and Provincial government to control erosion on the north side of Lake Erie. It was pointed out that for fifteen years joint studies have been made but who can control the erosion? Costs would be prohibitive as they have been estimated at one and one half million dollars per mile and the municipalities concerned would have to be prepared to budget for cost sharing.

Also defeated was a resolution asking for the development of Home Care Programs in all counties in Ontario. This is a parent centred program developed in the community using local services. It is not a benefit of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission or an insured service at this time and must be applied for on recommendation of either a municipality or an organization within.

Another resolution re refusal of medical doctors to come on emergency calls was lost and clinic service suggested as an aid.

Also lost were resolutions appealing to the proper authorities to instigate legislation, for adequate compulsory motor vehicle insurance; suggesting green lights as tail lights on cars and red lights for brake or stop lights; and one asking for the government to remove 5% sales tax on soaps and detergents.

The Resolutions Convener emphasized that time, thought and research have been taken to search out and compile resolutions. She said, "Over the years the Women's Institute has presented many excellent resolutions which have been passed on to higher authorities and some are reflected in great laws which have been passed in our country."

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A SUMMER EVENING

The clouds grow clear, the pine wood gloom and stills

With brown reflections in the silent bay,
And far beyond the pale blue-misted hills
The rose and purple evening dreams away.
The thrush, the veery, from mysterious dales
Rings his last round; and outward like a sea
The shining, shadowy heart of heaven unveils
The starry legend of eternity.
The day's long troubles lose their sting and pass
Peaceful the world and peaceful grows my heart.
The gossip cricket from the friendly grass
Talks of old joys and takes the dreamer's part.
Then night, the healer, with unnoticed breath,
And sleep, dark sleep, so near, so like to death.

Archibald Lampman

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