



The President's Corner

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, President, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

What's new?
Plan ahead!

It seems almost everything, the weather, the styles, the educational system, environmental control, mobility of our population, is experiencing change.

This new year has so many exciting and interesting things to do and plan for as far as Women's Institute members are concerned. With genuine and sincere efforts on the part of our branches, the 75th Anniversary Project will be completed and the goal of \$50,000 for the expansion fund for Macdonald Institute will be achieved.

I am sure this year, 1971, will pass very quickly. We will all, Branches, Districts, Areas, be making plans to celebrate our Women's Institute 75th Anniversary which comes in 1972. The initial plans will have to be dreamed up this year.

The new "Ontario Women's Institute Story", a book telling the history of Women's Institutes in Ontario and the expansion of this organization outside the province, will be completed this year and will go on sale in our Anniversary year.

The work of the Constitution Committee is progressing well. This takes time but we are working as quickly as possible fully aware that our present supply of hand books has run out. The meetings are a challenge to the Committee and we welcome the letters with suggestions and the interest shown by the members throughout the province.

Do you think that 1971 will be almost a lost year when we are so busy planning ahead? What shall we do this year? There are many plans.

The Associated Country Women of the World Conference will be held in Oslo, Norway in August and there will be Ontario women present as delegates both official and unofficial. We have booked a block of seats on a plane leaving Toronto, August 3, flying directly to Oslo and returning from Oslo August 24.

If you are planning to attend and these dates coincide with your travel schedule drop a note to the F.W.I.O. office.

Something new is happening at Officers' Conference this year. We are including the Area Presidents for the first time. We urge every Area to send their President. This should prove to be a valuable experience. A time to meet and exchange ideas and program hints which will assist all at Convention time.

Do you remember a year ago we passed a resolution to help keep our province green? We worried about the dead elms and we were asked to plant another tree in their places? Have you as an individual member done this? Spring will soon be here and planting time and I would like to know just how seriously you accepted this resolution. Are you going to plant a tree, or just take the same old stand and let another member do it? We would really like to hear from you, whether you have accepted or are planning to accept this as a responsibility.

Is this the year that you are going to plan a program in your branch that will be different from anything you have ever done before? Let's all work on something that will project the work of the Women's Institute in the community so we may make our reason for existence better known and promote our fine image of a group of women working who think beyond the present.

As president, I can only say once again that I appreciate the letters and the time taken by the many members who write to me showing concern for the work of the Women's Institute.

Margaret Zoeller

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day,
I had so much to accomplish
I didn't take time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me."
I wondered
But remembered, I didn't ask!
I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day
I had so much to accomplish
I had to take time to pray!

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