

Standing Committees were discussed and it was agreed that they are most important, adding to the structure for Women's Institute programs, which can provide variety and involves more people.

It was announced that the new Handbook was completed and ready for mailing to Branch Secretaries using the same mailing list as that used for Home and Country. If further copies are needed the Branch Secretary Treasurer should request them.

The Ontario Women's Institute Story Committee has completed its work and will be dissolved when the book is in circulation.

It was announced that there is now available a new green A.C.W.W. tea towel and a tea towel showing the flags of the Constituent Members of A.C.W.W. The price for each towel is \$1.25.

Mrs. Zoeller expressed appreciation to Mrs. Diamond for her efforts as F.W.I.O. Public Relations Officer and presented her with a lace tablecloth and serviettes.

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AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Mrs. Fred Watty, Convener

To all Conveners — 100% reporting at all levels should be the aim of all conveners.

Branch Conveners — Please consult your Handbook page 66 regarding your con-venership.

District Conveners — All Branch reports should be in your hands by April 30. Please send your report to Area Convener **immediately** after District Annual. Be sure to state the number of Branches in District and number reporting.

Area Conveners — All District reports should be received by June 30. Your report should be sent to the Provincial Convener **no later than October 1st** as she has a deadline to meet.

Reminder — All reports should begin with the name of Area, District or Branch, Name and Address of Convener reporting and of a new Convener if replaced.

Program

Suggestions — Studies on Conservation, Pollution, Natural Resources, Production and Marketing Methods, Labor and Economics, Consumer's Interest, Organizations to promote Rural Interest are worthwhile topics and will make excellent programs.

SUSTAINED RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Everett Small, convener, reported the progress of resolutions sustained at the Semi Annual Meeting, April 1971, of the Board of Directors.

1. Resolution asking that the Department of Transport require all Automobile Insurance Companies to notify them when a liability policy lapses or is cancelled and have the automobile checked to see if it is insured.

Reply from A. F. Leach, Executive Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Communications, The Honourable Charles MacNaughton, said that the occasional damage through negligence of the uninsured has full rights to claim from the fund, whether or not the fee has been paid. When a motor vehicle becomes uninsured during the license year, it is an offence to operate the vehicle without having paid the fee, carrying a penalty of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500.

2. Resolution asking members of the Canadian Manufacturers Association to put better quality and workmanship into undergarments and sleepwear; and ask C.M.A. and the Consumers Association to use their influence to promote better workmanship and quality.

Reply from C.M.A. saying that the Association is a voluntary society comprising about 8,500 members representing all types of companies across Canada and only a small number of their members are in the textile business. They would, however, take steps to advise their members of the resolution.

Mrs. Mary Moran, Department of Consumers' Affairs said that consumers have a responsibility to return garments to retailers if inferior workmanship is found, that consumer feed-back is likely to be reported to the manufacturer.

3. Resolution asking for standardization of drug prices.

Reply from Allan E. Dyer, Chief of Drugs and Biologicals, Department of Health stated that they were sympathetic with the concept of the Women's Institutes. The Parcost program launched by the Department October 1, 1970 is aimed at greater standardization of drugs, reduction of prices, and maintenance of superior quality. The reply intimated that the success of this program depends on consumers' participation in seeking lower prices when purchasing drugs. Pharmacies participating in the Parcost program sign an agreement and are marked by an emblem for which a consumer should look when purchasing drugs. Mr. Dyer also said that there is a book published showing actual cost together with a program defining the maximum amount a merchant can charge for such products, and that