

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Provincial Department of Family Services to reassess the system of granting welfare assistance, in order to insure that those who receive assistance be required to make a fair contribution if they are physically able and the opportunity for work is available.

10. WHEREAS in the past, some Canadians have been discriminated against in almost every field, but especially in matters of individual freedom, education and job opportunities, merely because they are women; and WHEREAS there has been a long-standing need for serious research into the field of women's rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario commend Mrs. John Bird for her work in compiling the Status of Women Report.

11. WHEREAS at present there are spaces designated as single table picnic areas, or sites for the convenience of the travelling public along Ontario Highways; and

WHEREAS many of these designated areas or sites lack any toilet facilities, resulting in the surrounding area becoming polluted with human excrement and its accompanying foul odor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ministry (of Highways) of Transportation and Communication of Ontario to include clean toilet facilities and a supply of water at all roadside picnic areas or sites on the Ontario Highways.

SOUTHWESTERN AREA

12. WHEREAS there are many occasions when an emergency can arise in a community in connection with carbon monoxide, natural gas, silo gas and manure pit gas, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS the fire departments are the best known agencies to be called in such an emergency; and

WHEREAS some volunteer fire departments may have equipment such as the Scott Air Pack, which enables the wearer to enter smoke and gas-filled areas; and

WHEREAS some volunteer fire departments *do not* receive any training or education in the use of such equipment or first aid work in connection with drowning, asphyxiation, etc.; and

WHEREAS the public which they serve are not aware that their fire department members are not trained to act in such emergencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Fire Marshall's office to make it

obligatory that such volunteers, where there is no aid squad available, take training, on a regular basis, in first aid work, and until such training is undertaken and completed and certificates in first aid are obtained, the people under their jurisdiction *must* be advised of the fact that they are not trained in first aid work, or to act in emergencies.

TRENT VALLEY AREA

13. WHEREAS at present a great many snowmobiles and hunters are on the move across the country and trespassing on private property, also a large number of trails set up by clubs which have permission to travel on private property; and

WHEREAS there seems to be a law that looks after the traveller and the trespasser but does not take the property owners and his lands into consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario do everything possible and ask the Provincial Government of Ontario to use its influence to help change this law, so that the property owner is not liable for these trespassers on his property; and that these persons are there at their own risk, also if any damage is done to the property owners' lands or buildings that the traveller and trespasser be liable for this act.

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Darwin's Mistake

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the others: "Now listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true:
That man descended from our noble race!
The very idea is a disgrace!
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother;
And another thing you'll never see:
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks a taste.
Why, if I'd put a fence 'round the tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Here's another thing a monk won't do:
Go out at night and get on a stew
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes'm man DESCENDED — the ornery cuss —
But, brother, he didn't descend from US!"

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