

Our National President, Mrs. Marion Fulton requests Women's Institute members to let their views be known and work for a future for your rural areas; become involved wherever possible in Local and Regional Development Associations.

The November/December issue of Canadian Consumer has a wonderful article on the Metric System — this is something we will all have to get used to it as it will soon be implemented in Canada. To obtain this informative little magazine write to Consumers' Association of Canada, 100 Gloucester St., Ottawa, Ont. K2P 0A3.

Information Services Branch, Ontario Ministry of Labour, 400 University Ave., Toronto 2, Ont. will supply free of charge publications on "Working in Ontario", "Labour Legislation of interest to Women" and others if you are interested in this topic for a program.

Publications on Conservation are available at the office of the Ministry of Lands & Forests nearest you or write the Ministry of Lands & Forests, Queen's Park, Toronto.

The Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto, Ont. have several publications that are most interesting in helping to plan a good program or call at your local Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food office, their staff are always willing to help find what you need.

Wishing you the best in your program planning, may it be educational and interesting.

ASSISTANCE FOR CONVENERS OF RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Convener

Are you interested in your Convenership?

Do you take your job seriously?

Have you read the Resolutions section in the Handbook? — Pages 69-72.

If you can answer "yes" to these three questions, you'll do a fine piece of work as Resolutions Convener, regardless of the level to which you have been elected. As Provincial Convener, I am concerned at the lack of communications. Let's work together as a team. Don't wait until it's time for your report to go on before you wonder who the Conveners are, who should have sent reports on to you. It's your responsibility to know and find out.

Resolutions were one of the first Convenerships formed under F.W.I.O. This is the voice of Women's Institute speaking up in a concerned world. If you fall down on your job, we've lost that strong voice.

When Formulating a Resolution, Ask Yourself

Is it a concern of the whole Province?

Is legislation already being implemented?

Where shall I go for advice?

Is it written in such a way that it only contains statement of facts?

Beware

Of controversial wording

Bias thoughts and ideas

Local Situations and Problems

If there is such a situation, a resolution sent direct to the local authorities can be sent immediately (if sustained by the level of Women's Institute concerned). Don't waste time sending to the next level if it does not concern all.

Sometimes a letter could be just as effective. If you have a local situation that concerns you, give some thought to the idea, which would be more effective, a letter or resolution?

Proper direction in the "Therefore be it resolved" is often left to the next level. This is not good enough, do the research yourself so you will be satisfied it is going to the authorities you would wish.

Sustained resolutions: Don't forget the proper signatures and date, then send on with the covering material to the next level.

A mistaken idea: We ask that sustained resolutions whether at District or Area be circulated and studied by Branches and that the voting delegate be given some direction as to "how to vote." **Please** this is only a guide for your delegate. After she has heard the discussion at the annual meeting she is attending the whole concept of the resolution might change and her vote might not be as originally directed. She is your delegate, leave the decision to her, after all the facts have been presented.

How about it area conveners? I'm depending on you. Our Convenership has so much potential, let's develop the talents of all resolution conveners and urge every Branch to have a resolution meeting.

ASSISTANCE FOR CONVENERS OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Brock Suddaby, Convener

Conveners — Did you know that we had almost 100 per cent reporting in 1972 in the convenership? Were you one of the 15 branch conveners who failed to report to the District convener?

When planning your programs ask yourself (1) which of the topics mentioned in the Handbook (page 67) would be of interest to the members (2) Where can I obtain the information?

Some sources of information are—

Food and Nutrition — doctors, public health nurses, home economists, 4H Home-making Club Leaders, hospital dietitians, etc. The Loan Library, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Department of Fisheries, The Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Room 480, University Avenue, Toronto or The Consumer Box 99, Ottawa, Ontario.