

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERATED
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES
OF ONTARIO**

Before the twenty-five Resolutions were presented by Mrs. Austin Zoeller, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, a motion was sustained that the voting be done by ballot. After considerable information was presented, and discussion, the following were sustained.

1. WHEREAS the one-serving pudding and fruit containers, which is a current fad especially for the young lunch box set is especially hazardous, as the pull ring lid and rim when peeled off leaves a razor sharp edge. (In one experiment, the lid edge reportedly was able to cut right through a raw beef steak, and in another was able to cut deep gashes in a raw chicken leg);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes request that the manufacturer of such foods re-design a safer container for this commodity. — from Cochrane Temiskaming Area

2. WHEREAS at present manufacturers of farm machinery are making elevators (hay or corn) with no safety device to stop them from kicking back and collapsing when the hitch end is raised past the centre point of angle, on frame and carriage, and this has caused many accidents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Safety Council that such machines be removed from the market until such time that a safety device can be applied, and/or offer for sale such a device for equipment now in use. — from Eastern Ontario Area.

3. WHEREAS conservation of natural resources and control of environmental pollution are of common concern to the whole country; and

WHEREAS it is becoming very difficult and very costly to acquire the readily accessible landfill sites and larger incinerators needed to cope with the steadily increasing amount of solid waste; and

WHEREAS sanitary landfill sites and incinerators dispose of solid wastes, recycling of materials is a long term solution which disposes of solid waste and conserves our finite supply of natural resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada be urged, by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, to set definite policies and programs on the disposal of solid waste, giving priority to research on

recycling and to reconversion as a treatment of waste materials; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that F.W.I.O. urge these governments to provide incentives to industries to encourage them to recycle waste and to use recycled materials; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that F.W.I.O. urge these governments to make greater use of mass media communications to alert the public to the ecological and environmental problems, and to solicit public co-operation. — from Guelph Area.

4. WHEREAS at the present time, textiles and many clothing items do not have care labels securely fastened to the material or article of clothing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario support the Consumers' Affairs Department in their request for garment makers and textile manufacturers to have a permanent care label securely attached to the textiles or clothing articles. This could be either in words or by the symbol system. — from Guelph Area.

5. WHEREAS garbage is an ever-growing problem and our natural resources are at the same time being depleted at an increasing rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we request the provincial government to undertake a research program into the feasibility and economics of recycling waste. As the interest in this subject is so general, duplication in research should be avoided. Pre-sorting garbage at the household level, and separate collections are suggested.

Examples: Recycling waste paper
Recycling old cars into quality steel

Recycling garbage into compost product. — from Hamilton Area.

6. WHEREAS the history of our nation is so rich in historical figures — path-finders, politicians, writers and artists, whose names and works are unknown to many Canadians, young and old;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we request the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to produce a series on television including such persons as: Thompson "The Map-maker"; Emily Carr; Sir John A. Macdonald; Tecumseh; The Grey Nuns of Quebec and various ethnic groups, who have contributed so much to our nation. — from Hamilton Area.