



Newly elected Provincial Board Directors (L-R) Mrs. Francis Gemmell, Mrs. Gordon Papple, Mrs. Gerald Holder, Mrs. Ercell Merritt, Mrs. Harvey Spry, Mrs. Noblitt, FWIO President, The Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Ag-

riculture and Food, Miss Helen McKercher, Director, Home Economics Branch, Mrs. Ralph MacNally, Mrs. Ernest Watson, Mrs. G. E. McCaffrey, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Miss Jane Miller.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

All Conveners reported the quality of content in reports appears much improved. Some expressed concern that the mechanics were poorly administered; it would seem the Handbook is not being followed. Signatures omitted, statistics not recorded, making for incomplete reporting. 100% reporting is important, but equally important, is to tell the whole story of the programs being carried out at Branch level.

Every Branch should make a study of the duties of Conveners and suggested topics for studies. This would ensure that the person filling the office would know what is required.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Convener



Topics that were studied —

Placement of signs which would direct visitors to local places of interest; Capital punishment; Abortion on demand; Physiosurgery; How to use a fire extinguisher and types of chemicals used on various types of fires; Recycled paper and cardboard; Study of Handbook as it pertains to resolutions; Clippings from periodicals and discussion on

them; Pollution; Rehabilitation of inmates and assistance provided to their families; Discussion on resolutions to be presented at Area Conventions; Should small Communities be marked for posterity?

Roll Calls: What I would do if I were a member of the Municipal or Regional Council; Something I have learned from the Handbook.

Mottoes: The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing; An acre of performance is worth a whole world of promise; Be sure you are right then go ahead. Be sure you are wrong before you quit; We are supposed not merely to endure change nor profit by it, but to cause it.

Exhibits: Posters; visual aids; bulletins; articles from farm periodicals.

Where does the action come from? Resolutions are an excellent vehicle to express our opinions, however, there are various other methods in which the Resolutions Committee can work effectively. Letters, briefs, presentations at meetings all can have the same impact and even may gain results sooner.

Results of Branches pushing for action: A wing on a local hospital remained open which otherwise would have been closed; A local resolution to the town council has made a much-needed stop light a reality; Removal of dead elm trees; Preservation of the old Peel County Court House; Letters to Ottawa regarding reinstatement of rail services in Grey-Bruce; The start of a local park by municipal authorities; A letter sent pointing out that Erin Township was an understaffed medical area. This letter registering the general community concern brought results and now they are well on the way to a new medical centre with one doctor consenting to come and another expected.

Thirty-six resolutions were sustained at the 1973 Area Conventions. The Committee will do further research and these will be dealt with at the Semi-Annual meeting.

An emergency resolution from Central area was lost. It requested the section of the Child Welfare Act be amended to coincide with the age of majority as defined in the Statutes of Ontario.