

Good Hope and Fort Simpson, with hopes of forming one in Hay River and in Yellowknife. Mrs. Paton thinks many sewing clubs would be interested in becoming Women's Institutes. A few statistics of interest: in the MacKenzie Corridor, 11,000 of the 23,000 population are women. The total of all students completing high school between '63-'72 was 313. Over 80% of the population are still functionally illiterate. Women over 25 are faced with learning basic homemaking skills in order to survive in the communities. The adult population is faced with a reversal of roles, with the children more knowledgeable about survival in the white man's world around them than the senior members of the family.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$2000.00 from the interest in the International Scholarship fund will be sent to ACWW to the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Committee to be used by them to assist in any available project(s) concerning people.

FWIO BOARD DIRECTORS' STUDY

Findings as a result of studies on working paper on Social Security by August 1 to Mrs. Noblitt.

Study and collect data through Branches, on the drinking habits of 18 year olds, since the lowering of the age of majority, with the idea of reversing legislation back to 21.

Request opinions on present laws concerning abortions.

ROYAL WINTER FAIR

Mrs. Wm. G. Miller

Mr. John Moles, General Manager of the Royal Winter Fair invited Ontario Women's Institutes to place a display in the 1974 Royal.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, celebrating their 100th anniversary in 1973, performed during the Royal. The International jumping events took place among teams from Canada, Great Britain, West Germany and the United States.

The quality of the Royal was up to standard and the many breeds of cattle, sheep and horses provided keen competition in these classes. Over \$800,000 worth of purebred and market livestock was sold at the sales. The Queen's Guineas class created interest with the 4H members displaying not only top grade steers but top showmanship, as well.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller

Thirty-seven resolutions were sustained at Area Conventions in 1973 and presented to the Board Directors for consideration. Further research was carried on by the Provincial Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mrs. Shirley Bird and Mrs. Ernest Watson during the winter. With up-to-date information and added resource material, the resolutions were discussed thoroughly by the Provincial Board Directors and the following resolutions were sustained at the semi annual Board meeting.

Eastern Convention Area

WHEREAS railroad service is being discontinued in many areas of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the trains have always been a great fascination to children and adults; and

WHEREAS only a hundred years ago, the railroad was the newest and most efficient mode of travelling; and

WHEREAS the railroad was built through hard labour and hardships; and

WHEREAS the trend today is to more recreational facilities, and leisure time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario appeal to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism to retain and maintain some of these railways as a tourist attraction, for the pure enjoyment and delight of our citizens.

Grey Bruce Convention Area

WHEREAS a great many snowmobiles are crossing many private properties, as well as the parks and picnic areas which are owned and maintained by certain Women's Institutes; and

WHEREAS due to the fact that our present law of negligence may hold such property owners responsible for accidents occurring on their property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to enact legislation, prohibiting snowmobile operators from bringing any action for liability for damages sustained, except for malicious acts on the part of the owner or occupier of the property.

WHEREAS there is an alarming number of car-train collisions resulting in tragic loss of life and enormous losses in property damage, both public and private; and

WHEREAS the present diesel train engines are a dull, drab colouring, blending with surrounding countryside, the stripe markings are on the front only, and are noticeable only at an almost head-on approach, as is the head light which all engines have lit when travelling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway to:—

(1) improve the colouring of their engines by painting them a noticeably brighter colour (e.g. fluorescent orange, or red, or yellow),

(2) instal flashing lights on top of the engines which would be visible from all angles of approach (e.g. snowplows have blue lights, wreckers have yellow lights),

(3) step up their programme of marking boxcars, coal cars, flatcars, tankcars and cabooses with a fluorescent strip in such a manner as to pick up headlights of an automobile approaching a crossing at night.

Guelph Convention Area

WHEREAS there is an ever increasing number of stores opening their doors to Sunday shopping; and

WHEREAS we are all concerned with the high cost of food and as the Ad Hoc Committee on Sunday Retail Selling has estimated that a wide open Sunday will mean higher food prices; and

WHEREAS we are all concerned with preserving the quality of family life and as we believe Sunday is a time for re-creation and for families to be together;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario go on record as being opposed to unrestricted Sunday retail selling and ask the Honourable William Davis to use his influence to control the size and condition of store openings on Sunday.