

CONVENERS' SPEAK

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of outstanding achievement in architectural restoration". An "Award of Merit" was given in 1972 from the American Association of State and Local History — an award of international stature recognizing excellence in comparison with all similar projects in North America. 66,000 visitors from all over the world have visited this museum.

As usual, I have been clipping more items from local newspapers and magazines. Some I will share with you now.

Did you know that? — evidence has been uncovered in Newfoundland — byline — CUPIDS — that a crucible, used for melting and refining fine metals, was found in the area with a monogram on its base which bears the name of George I, King of England from 1714 to 1727. Other indications show (more to be uncovered this year) that the colony was there in 1610 and probably existed into the early 1800's. We should learn more about this discovery from the archeological team who are busy with their digging this summer.

Did you know that — F. B. Fenby coined the word "phonograph" in 1863? But it was 15 years later that Thomas Edison applied for a patent on his tinfoil phonograph. Of course you know the first words were "Mary had a little lamb".

Did you know — that the first broadcast of the human voice in Canada occurred in Montreal in 1919?

Do you ever read "Ask Andy" in your daily paper? You will find many interesting questions asked by children. It is good information and definitely educational. One of the questions asked, — "when was the first book printed?" The answer, the Chinese developed the making of paper around 105 A.D. Andy says that the oldest book we have today is the Diamond Sutra printed in 868 A.D. Johann Gutenberg of Germany with a printing press printed the entire Bible on 1282 handsome pages in 1456. About 50 copies still survive and if you have one you can name your own price. No value can be established on the Diamond Sutra.

Read "Ask Andy" again and you will discover when the first schools originated — about 6000 years ago in Babylon.

As you know from your history, civilization was ruled by kings and priests. So they decided to teach the princes who would follow the king in ruling his vast domain. His classmates were a privileged few aristocrats from the nobility. Over the years, education has changed and today available to anyone in Canada.

Information which might assist in programme planning: A booklet available from the Canadian International Development Agency, 122 Bank Street, Ottawa K1A 0G4 is — "CONTACT AND COOPERATION CANADA" and "IT HAPPENED IN CANADA" a book for \$2.95 available from P.O. Box 2337, London, Ontario N6A 4G1.

God gave His children memory
That in life's garden there might be
June roses in December.

Author Unknown.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Convener



Resolutions can be the voice of Women's Institutes to other organizations, community and government.

It is important at Area Conventions that the members are aware of resolutions sustained at Provincial level within the last two or three years. Unless new information is forthcoming or there is a genuine reason to introduce the same subject again, think seriously about sustaining similar resolutions.

Your Board Director and Provincial President can give strong guidance at the Conventions, having had the opportunity to sit at Provincial meetings and having taken part in all of the discussions concerning resolutions. They are aware of the up-to-date situations.

Area Conveners are encouraged to read the Handbook, fill out the reports according to the guidelines given. Also, at Area and District level, you have a Committee, do you work together?

Each Convener of Resolutions at every level can be a tower of strength, however, good concise resolutions only come about through research. Be careful of the words and content in the Resolution.

