

RESOLUTIONS SUSTAINED

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WHEREAS at present packages containing table products, i.e. spinach, cereal, etc. are often closed by means of wire staples; and

WHEREAS in opening the package these staples can be carelessly dropped into the contents and possibly consumed, thereby injurious to health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to enact laws prohibiting the use of wire staples when packaging foodstuffs.

WHEREAS we read, periodically, of this or that species of bird or animal being in danger of becoming extinct through careless and greedy hunting practices; and

WHEREAS for citizen groups to zero in on one or another of these species in an effort to save such could be too late, is time wasting, and ineffective in the overall situation; and

WHEREAS we have departments of government whose concern is the balance and preservation of our wildlife for all citizens, not just hobby killers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario express their concern to the Ministry of Natural Resources of Ontario and the Department of the Environment of Canada and ask if they would give this matter their earnest consideration.

WHEREAS abortions are available to young women of 16 years or over, subject to review and approval by a panel of doctors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Department of Health to voice its approval to our present abortion laws and oppose "ABORTION ON DEMAND".

WHEREAS retailed foodstuffs in Ontario are largely contained in unnecessarily fancy packaging; and
WHEREAS this packaging involves the expenditure of time and money, therefore adding to the cost of the product; and

WHEREAS economical bulk and utility packaging was the order of the day during World War Two, and therefore acceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT our Department for Consumer Affairs be requested to induce manufacturers and distributors to modify their packaging of products, and that the public be encouraged to buy items in simple or un wasteful containers.

WHEREAS the drivers of school buses are responsible for the safety of their passengers; and

WHEREAS said drivers, in the event of an accident, may not be knowledgeable in current first aid practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to enact legislation to the effect that all operators of school buses be required to have a current First Aid Certificate.

WHEREAS women not working outside the matrimonial home may not make contributions to the Canada Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS it is the right of everyone to work and to have that work recognized as valuable, whether the labour is paid in the labour market or unpaid in the home and community; and

WHEREAS many small businesses and many farm operations would not be able to survive without the wife's labour; and

WHEREAS a large part of a women's economic activity — homemaking, child-rearing, and essential community service must be performed because it is vital for the family and for society, but does not have monetary remuneration; and

WHEREAS although the hours of labour spent in these activities may be long and tiring and extend over many years, it is outside the labour market and thus unpaid, and does not bestow economic strength and security for the individual;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request that the Federal Department of National Health and Welfare enact the necessary legislation to include housewives in the Canada Pension Plan.

WHEREAS we have become aware that alcoholism is one of our major health and social problems, and is increasing with the more relaxed regulations; and having a concern that we endeavour to alleviate the problem as far as is possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal government to enact legislation for curtailment or cessation of advertising of beverage alcohol and its glamorization.

WHEREAS psychiatric facilities and staff serving Northwestern Ontario are located in the city of Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS persons seeking professional guidance and counselling must in many cases travel over two hundred miles, and usually be prepared to arrange for several days' accommodation away from home. And to fully benefit from counselling may take several months and numerous return visits to the facility; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing awareness of the advisability of seeking aid for children with emotional or behavioural problems during the pre-school and early school years so that these children may achieve their full potential as responsible adults;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request that the provincial Ministry of Health and Welfare arrange to establish Community Mental Health Centres in smaller towns and communities in Northwestern Ontario, so that the fullest benefits of professional guidance may be received by *all* those who wish to avail themselves of these services.

WHEREAS the government has plans to discontinue the type of home for the aged, now existing in Ontario in favour of two separate types of home, one for special care and one for ordinary care, and

WHEREAS residents in homes for the aged are often married couples who would be separated into two sep-