

(3) In the event of reorganization, where two or more Districts or Areas are involved, notices must be sent to all above officers of each District and Area concerned. (N.B. See Page 44, Item 20)

(4) If approved, the Provincial Board Director shall present the request to the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Board.

BY-LAWS—AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The By-Laws of the Area Women's Institutes are amended by inserting the following:

Page 44 — Item 20 — To Disband, Reorganize or Transfer

(1) When an Area wishes to disband, reorganize or transfer, a Notice of Motion must have been presented, and the motion considered at the Area Convention.

(2) Copies of Notice of Motion shall be sent at least one month in advance, to all Branch Secretary-Treasurers, District Presidents, District Secretary-Treasurers, Area Presidents, Area Secretary-Treasurers of the Districts and Areas concerned and to the office of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. (N.B. See Page 35, Item 22)

RESOLUTIONS

Page 71 — Item 5 — The District Convener of Resolutions shall:

(a) to be amended as follows:

(a) send a copy to the Branches of all resolutions to be dealt with at the District Annual, prior to April 1st.

January, 1975 Annual meeting a motion was sustained to increase the fees

(1) FWIO .50 cents

(2) FWIC .50 cents

(3) ACWW .02 cents

(4) and any District and Convention fees

BYLAWS

Page 15 — item 18 (1) The Branch Membership fee shall be one dollar and fifty cents (1.50) per year, due at the Branch Annual Meeting.

Page 15 — item 19 (1) By February 1 of each year, the Secretary Treasurer shall forward to the Secretary Treasurer of the District to which the Branch belongs, fees for each paid-up member (including those deceased) for the current fiscal year as follows:

(1) FWIO .50 cents

(2) FWIC .50 cents

(3) ACWW .02 cents and

(4) any District and Convention fees

DUTIES OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Page 28 — item 5 — (1) receive the FWIO fee of 50 cents per member, the FWIC fee of 50 cents per member and the ACWW fee of 2 cents per member from the Branch Secretary-Treasurers by February 1, and forward same to the FWIO office prior to April 1, accompanied by the number of members per branch and the amount of each fee from each Branch.

FINANCES

Page 55 — Item 7 (9) The FWIO fee of 50 cents per member, the 2 cents per member shall be forwarded

annually from the Branch Secretary Treasurer to the District Secretary Treasurer before February 1, and forwarded by the District Secretary-Treasurer to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer before April 1.

First On Island

Green Bay Women's Institute was the first branch to be organized on Manitoulin Island in 1905. One of its charter members, Mrs. Mabel Ramesbottom, now resides in the Centennial Manor, in Little Current. Some of the other charter members were Mrs. Sommerville, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Hindle, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Cosby.

Mrs. Ramesbottom remembers vividly riding to the meetings in the horse drawn buggy with her mother who was Green Bay's first President. The Women's Institute "meant a lot to us then," the W.I. was a place to talk, and learn and share ideas. There were picnics in the spring and a party at Christmas time, good fellowship and a lot of great singing. We met in the homes and everybody had an organ or piano.

We learned so much too. We talked about "how children should be trained," and discussed, "what we thought the country could do". We would all pitch in to help when there was work to be done, it was a combination of learning and doing.

Rockville Women's Institute was organized in 1913 and it was here the first District Annual was held in 1921. The current Board Director, Mrs. Harvey Spry's mother, was one of the charter members. Mrs. Spry paid high praise to the Women's Institute for instigating hot school lunches, pushing for health inspection, and in general raising the standards in the community. Also, the Home Economics Branch has contributed so much through their courses. "I even went away to learn how to bake pies. I know how to bake a pie, but there were so many pointers and little tricks, it was a dandy course."



The first District Annual of the Manitoulin Women's Institute held in June 1921.

Friendship

Friendship can weave a garland,
Gold can link a chain,
But love alone can form a clasp,
Unbroken to remain.

Author Unknown