

Women's Institutes at the Royal Winter Fair. Mrs. Gerald Holder and Mrs. Melville Wiseman assisted along with members from subdivisions 7-8 and 9. Pictures were on display of the Erland Lee Home, and brochures on FWIO, FWIC and ACWW. A guest book was signed by 1090 persons, however the response to the Pennies for Friendship jar was not as great as anticipated, \$30.00 was the amount received.



Rest Area at Royal Winter Fair.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Harvey L. Noblitt

Eighteen resolutions were sustained by the Board in April, 1975 and, in addition, four emergency resolutions were sustained during 1975 and dealt with.

Letters were written accompanying sustained resolutions and sent to the designated authorities and in some cases to authorities whom I thought might speak on our behalf if the matter in our resolution was being discussed. Also a letter was written to the Ministry of Environment, commending them for the programme they are working on, for recycled garbage.

All Area Conveners were informed of the reasons why any of their resolutions were lost and of the disposition of their sustained resolutions so they could report on same at the Area Conventions.

DISPOSITION OF SUSTAINED RESOLUTIONS Prohibiting use of wire staples in packaged foods:

The Hon. Marc Lalonde's Department replied thanking us for our interest and saying that this matter was currently being investigated by the officials of the Department. The investigation includes a study of which type of package poses the greatest potential problem and a study of what alternate closures could be used. When the study is complete suitable action will be taken.

Protection of our wildlife:

The Hon. Madame Sauve, Federal Minister of Environment, and the Hon. Leo Bernier, Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources, both replied very fully and Madame Sauve sent several pamphlets from the Wildlife Service. They both indicated much is being done to protect our endangered species. However, contrary to our resolution, they both felt that the greatest threat to the species is the lack of habitat, not careless and greedy practices. Both went into detail about their present programmes. To quote from the Hon. Bernier's letter:

"... an Endangered Species Act was passed in

1971 in an attempt to protect wildlife species classified as "endangered." At present four species have been designated: Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Timber Rattlesnake and Blue Racer Snake, and others are actively under review."

Madame Sauve tells about preserving the Wood Buffalo by removing them to the North-West Territories and Elk Island Park in Alberta. Here the stock is increased and disease is controlled. She also mentions the programme to save the Peregrine Falcon and the Whooping Crane; and presently to establish a prairie National Wildlife Area to help rehabilitate forms of prairie fauna which have been severely depleted as agricultural expansion takes place and to co-operate with international efforts to conserve endangered species.

A study be made to include housewives in the Canada Pension Plan:

The question of the incorporation of housewives in the present CPP plan presents very serious problems and has been thoroughly discussed by Marc Lalonde's Department and at a recent meeting of the Federal Ministers. The views of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women were also solicited. All discussions point to the complexity of the matter and the difficulty of including housewives (and such people as the disabled) in the present plan. However, there is an alternative plan now being considered: that of pension plan credits being split between husband and wife, but there are many aspects to be considered and some drawbacks to the plan. "Participation of Housewives in the Canada Pension Plan" — A report to Marc Lalonde from the CPP Advisory Committee, November, 1974 and "Advisory Council on Status of women's recommendation concerning the inclusion of housewives in the CPP," September, 1974 — both from the Department of Health and Welfare, Ottawa, are available.

A curtailment or cessation of advertisements of beverage alcohol and its glamourization:

The Hon. Marc Lalonde replies that he is deeply concerned about this matter and enclosed a copy of his speech to the Brewer's Association of Canada. In it he clearly stated all the dangers inherent in the present advertising by the brewers and made a strong plea to them to show people who choose to drink, how to incorporate liquor in their daily lives with the least potential harm rather than advertising liquor as a necessary essential of a good life. He hinted strongly that unless the brewers take such a stand, governments will be pressed to question the privileges the brewers now have.

Community Mental Health Centres be established in smaller towns and communities in Northern Ontario:

The Psychiatric Hospital Branch of the Ministry of Health reported that satellite clinics of the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital have been in effect in Dryden since May 1, 1974, Terrace Bay since Sept. 3, 1974, Fort Frances since May 1, 1975 and one is being considered for Geraldton for December, 1975.

An explanatory pamphlet was provided which was sent on to the Area Convener.