

- (II) Are only a temporary solution and the long term consequences are unknown
- (III) Pollution of ponds, wells streams, rivers and lakes
- (IV) The loss of prime farm land for food production; and

**WHEREAS** it is our desire to keep the total environment healthy and beautiful for ourselves and future generations;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Ontario Government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of land-fill sites.

#### NORTHERN AREA

**WHEREAS** the health of both young and old is affected by the use of alcoholic beverages; and that destruction of the liver has become the third most common killer after heart disease and cancer; and

**WHEREAS** liquor has found its way into our schools in alarming supply, a large percentage of our students as young as 12 years old being affected, having acquired the liquor from persons in the present legal minimum age group for purchasing alcoholic beverages;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to restore the legal minimum age for purchasing alcohol to 21 years, and that young people who wish to buy or consume alcohol continue to be required to show an identification card with his or her picture and date of birth.

**WHEREAS** more and more of our youth are becoming influenced by the increasing availability and use of illicit drugs, especially in our schools; and

**WHEREAS** the vendors of these illicit drugs are completely responsible for the resulting untold misery and harm as they affect our Canadian youth, the incidence of which is now occurring at an increasingly younger age;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request that the Canadian Government enforce stiffer penalties against the vendors of illicit drugs, especially in our schools; and that they be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has expressed its intention to bring the British North America Act (BNA) to Canada from Westminster, England, and any changes in such act will not have to be authorized by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, but will be directly under the power of the Government of Canada; to enact as it wishes;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario request the Federal Government to enact legislation that will ensure the security of the British North America Act (BNA) remaining at Westminster, England, and under the jurisdiction of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and Her Sovereign powers as head of this Country of Canada.

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Soo Locks have definite tourist and historical value; and

**WHEREAS** these locks are necessary for commercial purpose especially if expanded; and

**WHEREAS** these locks may have potential defence value; and

**WHEREAS** Canada needs to maintain these locks as an access to the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS** Canada would be completely dependent on the American Lock system if these locks were closed;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario petition the Government of Canada to maintain and if possible expand the Soo Locks.

**WHEREAS** under the present laws, the only way that a woman can contribute to Canada Pension Plan is to work away from home and be paid a salary; and

**WHEREAS** many women by reason of separation or divorce are denied benefit of their husband's pension;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal Government to devise a plan whereby all women can pay into and receive benefits from the Canada Pension Plan.

**WHEREAS** the chemical food colorant Amaranth (red dye #2) has been linked to cancer in studies done in U.S. and U.S.S.R.; and

**WHEREAS** the use of Amaranth as a food colorant has been banned in the above two countries as a result of these studies; and

**WHEREAS** there is no proof that the use of Amaranth even at the levels currently permitted in Canada is safe;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario ask the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Canada to ban use of Amaranth in food products sold in Canada.

#### TRENT VALLEY

**WHEREAS** under the present law the donee of a power of attorney is not entitled to handle the affairs of the donor, should the donor become mentally incompetent;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Attorney General of Ontario to introduce legislation as proposed in the Draft Powers of Attorney Bill, 1972 drafted by the Ontario Law Reform Commission.

#### NORTH CENTRAL

##### EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** we have heard over CFRB that Canada Council grants were being given for ridiculous projects, and we read in his report from Ottawa in the local weekly newspaper by Sinclair Stevens MP for York, Simcoe, of those projects, but he also reports that grants have been given to writers repeatedly who have turned out poetry or prose which is obscene; and

**WHEREAS**, that over 50% of Canada Council grants have been given to non-Canadians.

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the FWIO request and urge the Secretary of State that he direct the Canada Council to expend no more of the Canada taxpayers money for frivolous projects to writers whose output is obscene. Also we suggest that a much larger portion of Canada Council grants be given to Canadians.