

The handbook allows you to carry on your meetings in a business-like and effective manner. Caution is needed to avoid a slavish adherence to some of the minor details.

“Avoid pettiness”, again, “be large in thought, word and deed”. Never lose sight of creativity in problem-solving because your meeting follows such a rigid pattern that members do not bother to take an active part in the proceedings, allowing a minority to dominate and control all happenings. Set up a planning committee and assign tasks. The leader must coordinate the committee’s activities, having given them sufficient responsibility to carry out the task.

Record useful information in a planning book, so that future committee members find it easier to supervise the District Annual meeting or the Area Convention.

Be sure to plan a variety of interesting meetings that will maintain the enthusiasm of your members. Allow for break periods, and some socialization. Make sure the members depart with the feeling they have accomplished something.

Remember that the planning of a meeting is both demanding and hectic. Your Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Campbell, is a positive example — she always looks so serene during the three days, and remains so good-humored when delegates bombard her with dozens of questions simultaneously. How does she do it? Because she is an excellent organizer, one who believes in a lot of planning. She certainly is to be congratulated on her fine work over the past few years.

To-day, we hear a great deal about Management By Results, both in the private and public sectors. The time has come, I believe, for voluntary organizations such as the WI to start evaluating the success of your meetings more formally. This is essential if you want to increase your membership. You don’t always have to rate the speaker whom you will never see again or try to obtain a “happiness quotient” of your District Annual meeting. But do try to assess how accurately you met your original objectives. Did you accomplish what you set out to accomplish? Have you managed to improve your Branch, District or Area program and attracted more participants than last year? These are the types of things one should measure.

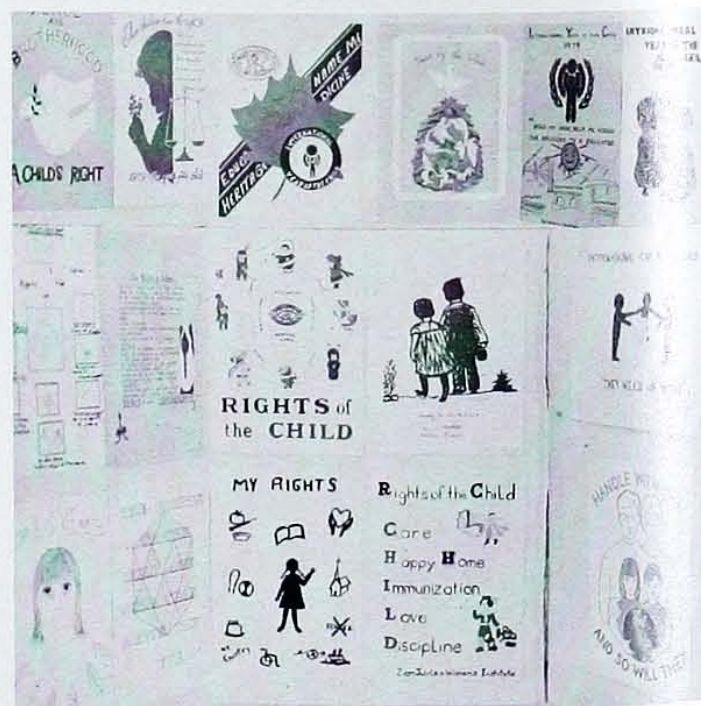
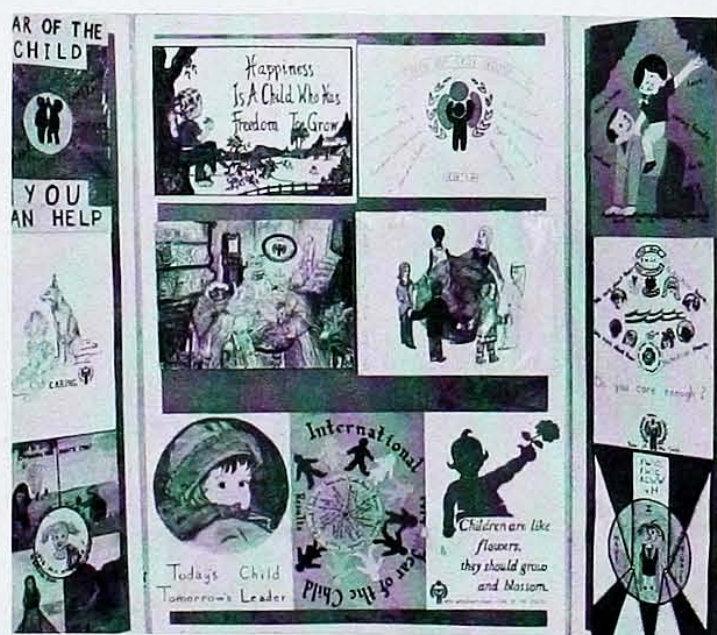
If you start to practice only a few things that have been mentioned, then you are on your way to becoming good leaders.



Wedging in a meal during the busy Conference days is not an easy task for **GRACE CAMPBELL, SECRETARY TREASURER.**



Telling about some of **HOME ECONOMICS DISPLAYS** is L-r Joyce Canning, Regional Supervisor, Guelph; Mrs. Hazel Morrison, Rideau WI, Lanark South District; Mrs. Susan Mossman, Bloomfield WI, Prince Edward District.



Posters made by various Branches around the Province for the International Year of the Child were on display.