

Pursue resolutions more actively, Canadian WI president urges

Resolutions are a vehicle through which the Women's Institute can urge change and make improvements, FWIC President Bernice Noblitt told the 500 WI members attending Officers' Conference in early May.

"We must work together if we are to accomplish our objectives," said Mrs. Noblitt, and explained the many different functions a resolution can perform. For instance, outlining a course of action, making a policy statement on behalf of the national organization or initiating a project for the Women's Institute.

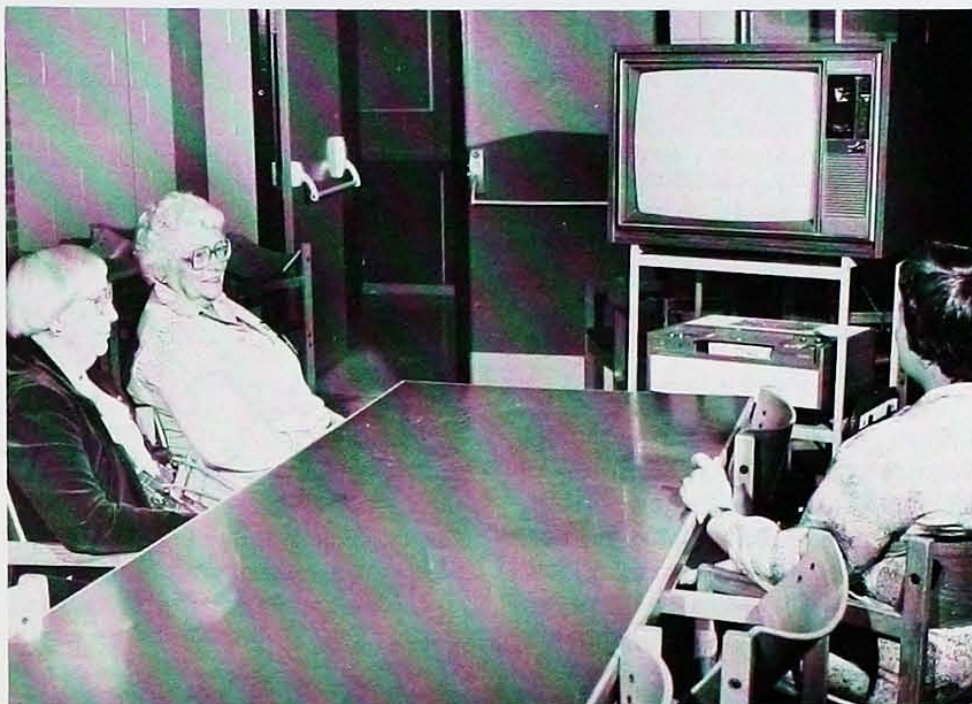
"We tend to shrink away from resolutions because we feel we don't know how to use them, but when we look back, we can see resolutions have done a lot for this country through the years," Mrs. Noblitt explained.

Today's resolutions address acid rain, nuclear weapons, pornography and all members of FWIC have a

duty to help carry out these concerns, the president said. "In the past we have always worked quietly, unobtrusively to gain our ends. Now we must pursue our objectives more enthusiastically, actively and persistently," Mrs. Noblitt added. She encouraged members to write more letters to elected representatives and to present resolutions to local newspapers.

Mrs. Noblitt stressed the importance of having well researched resolutions and suggested a lot of information on the current resolutions can be found in *The Federated News* - the magazine of FWIC.

"Past resolutions have made changes, but positive action must be taken," she urged.



These three WI members were able to view the video tapes, now available for programs, (see page 5), while waiting for other women to register on the first afternoon of Officers' Conference. The women are from the Grey Bruce Area and they are from left to right, Florence Schmitt of Campbell's Corners, Audrey Taylor of Lamlash and Audrey Neerhof of Grand Valley.



The Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee attended the conference, selling supplies from The Lee. Committee Chairman, Mary Miller displays the new silver spoon, now on sale, depicting the Lee home.



Resolutions Conveners from the branch level were led in sessions by, from left to right, Florence Diamond, Lois Urstadt and Helen Coutts.