

### Clothing and Textiles

Labels on fabrics and reading laundry symbols were two of many items discussed. These are some more ideas; demonstration on selecting fabrics, smart tricks with spots and stains, demonstrations of candle-wicking, making leather gloves, knitting with furs, washing, dying and spinning wood, seasonal color analysis, styles for figure types, soft sculpture, and fashion shows.

### Housing and Home Furnishings

How to keep out the cold and heat in by caulking; insulation around pipes, wiring, blinds on windows and well-fitted windows and doors were discussed.

Creative cookery, window dressings, home security, antiques, house plants, interior design and decorating, furniture refinishing and Canadian Standards Association energy ratings on appliances were other interesting program topics.

### Family Relationships

The Royal Bank monthly letter on Diplomacy in the Home was a good program resource.

Child abuse and wife battering, teenage pregnancies, family planning, all aspects of family law, and communications within the family unit were topics of meetings.

Stress; coping with the loss of a child or spouse; and investing your time with your family were also highlighted.

### CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS

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Women's Institute members are informed and concerned with many of our social problems. They also study current legislation and civic affairs. Of particular note are the papers and discussions on these topics:—

- rights, privileges and responsibilities of a Canadian citizen
- new constitution
- immigration policies
- Ontario Censor Board
- pension reform
- lawyers will provide information on Family Law Reform; estate planning; wills; divorce; child custody; power of attorney
- police departments will supply speakers or information on self-defence; child abuse; safety for seniors; neighborhood watch; crime prevention; security for women; rural property rights; obscene phone calls
- changes in Child Welfare Act
- one parent families
- latch key children
- right to life — abortion

- halfway houses
- Canada Customs Act
- Charter of Rights — is it being used as a shield for wrong doing?
- abuse of women and children — what are Canada's laws?

A number of branches have current events at each meeting, an excellent way to keep abreast of world and local affairs. In World Affairs, numerous world countries were visited by arm chair slides and films. However, discussion and other programs dealt with current events such as:

- world oil
- needs of Third World countries
- stressing safe, clean water
- Middle East war
- exchange students and teachers
- doctors — work with African people
- military cemeteries
- Amnesty International — prisoners in foreign jails for political crimes
- consequences of nuclear war — Would you be prepared for "The Day After"?
- U.S.A. in Grenada
- Indian Affairs

# Resolutions tackle pornography, drinking age, seat belts

#### RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS, our present judicial system has been far too lenient to repeat offenders who often commit successive and violent crimes causing serious injuries or death to innocent people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General of Ontario to change the legal system to deal more severely with such repeat offenders and incarcerate them before they maim and take lives.

#### RESOLUTION 2

WHEREAS, the proliferation of nuclear arms is a crucial concern of mankind, and the use of said arms

has been shown to destroy countless innocent lives, and to devastate vast tracts of land, and to leave a legacy of radioactive environment for any survivors; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that nations that have weapons inevitably use them;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Canadian Government to strive to be a leader in the *global* nuclear disarmament movement.

#### RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS accidents caused by drinking drivers are on the increase, and

WHEREAS many of these drivers are teenagers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Attorney General of Ontario to enact legislation to raise the drinking age to 21.

#### RESOLUTION 4

WHEREAS the fasteners on seat belts vary from one make of car to another, and

WHEREAS different types of seat belt fasteners are a source of inconvenience and confusion to passengers, particularly in case of an accident;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request Transport Canada to set a standard for the type of seat belt fasteners to be used in all makes of passenger cars and trucks in Canada.