

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS - 1965-1966

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It has been difficult to obtain a true picture of the work being done in the province, due to the variation in the reports received. Some Area Conveners have sent only the resolutions sustained at convention, with no information as to percentage of reporting, roll calls, or the type of program used at the resolutions meetings.

Five Areas report 100% reporting by Branches. It appears that in many Areas, members are making a serious effort to have successful programs, with a resulting improvements in the resolutions being presented. We commend them for this interest.

The 1966 Officers' Conference included Branch Resolutions Conveners, with about 75 attending. The two discussion groups were led by Mrs. G. Connell and the Provincial Convener. There was much lively discussion, and we trust that there was also learning.

Twenty resolutions were presented to the Provincial Board at the Spring Meeting, in addition to one emergency resolution, and a request for endorsement of a resolution presented by the Ontario Food Council, on the use of food colouring in canned red sour cherries. The endorsement was given and the emergency resolution, asking that Jack's Lake Branch remain in Simcoe West rather than transfer to Simcoe Centre, sustained. In addition, seven resolutions were sustained of which two had each come from two areas. Thus, almost one-half of the resolutions sustained at Area Conventions have been approved by the Provincial Board. This is an improvement over former years, and reflects the preliminary study, care in preparation, and the provision of supporting material by the branch members and conveners at the three levels. We appreciate these improvements, and urge that Branches seek to maintain the high level you are attaining.

We have been informed by the Department of Education that the book "Yellow Briar" is presently on the list of books for Secondary Schools, 1962.

The Minister of Health has replied that the request for training of ambulance drivers is to be considered, and we will hear further. The matter of testing newborn babies for the imbalance causing phenylketonuria has already been the subject of a statement in the House, and regulations are in effect now.

At time of reporting, no reply has been received to the request for compulsory automobile insurance.

The Provincial Secretary, in commenting on the resolution re the lowering of drinking age, expresses appreciation for our interest, and assures us there is no intention of any change.

The Federal Minister of Finance, on the matter of 11% sales tax on drugs, advises that the action of the legislature will be guided by a special Committee on Food and Drugs, now sitting.

The resolution concerning pre-shrunk bindings on cardigan sweaters brought a request from C.A.C. for specific details on brand names, prices, etc. for definite inquiry. This information has not been forthcoming from the Branch where the resolution originated.