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THE NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE - WHO ARE WE?

... a place for all women, regardless of race, religion, creed, age, colour, marital status or class.

... a group of women who get together for various reasons--support, discussion, struggle, strength--you name it and it's happening. Because of the way things are structured, what gets done and how we go about it are decided in a democratic manner by the group as a whole--no formal structure, no executive--only a free and informal exchange of ideas. Various committees handle various aspects of the Group's functioning (a finance committee, a housing committee, a Flea Market committee).

Why Would I Be Interested? Whatever your interest is you'll find other women with those interests. Many small interest groups have grown, and are growing, out of our larger Centre meetings--working women, day care, consciousness raising groups, The Northern Woman (our newsletter) and Birth Control Information, to name just a few. We also have speakers every Thursday to talk on various issues--employment opportunities, birth control, abortion and other woman-related topics.

Where is the Women's Centre? Previously, we met at Wesley United Church. Now we inhabit the second floor of the Fort William Y.M.C.A. We meet every Thursday evening at 8:00 P.M. But if family or other commitments conflict with this time, you can join us at a later time and ask someone after the meeting to fill you in. We are presently decorating our new premises and plan to have a grand opening soon.

The Future: The Northern Women's Centre is really going places and doing things. Now that we have a place at the YMCA, we plan to have the Centre open from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. each and every day. Throughout the day, we hope to have programs such as crafts, a library, information, referral or just a place to drop in for a cup of coffee and conversation. Hopefully, a playroom for your children will make it possible for you to join in free from worry or interruptions. The evening can be used in the same way--as well as providing a meeting place for the smaller groups to get together to plan, discuss and socialize. And last, but not least, we plan to have public bi-monthly meetings featuring guest speakers, panel discussions, films, video-tapes, or whatever else you would like to see happen.

SO, WHY NOT DROP IN. HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE
AND A CHAT. IT COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING
GREAT.

WHY THUNDER BAY NEEDS A CITY WIDE MAINTAINANCE & OCCUPANCY BYLAW

In 1969 the government of Ontario felt that the maintainance of property was of sufficient concern to warrant a study. This study, commonly known as the "Lawson Report", takes a strong stand for the importance of encouraging all municipalities to enact maintainance and occupancy bylaws. The arguments used are so cogent that it is worthwhile repeating them. The following paragraph, therefore, consists entirely of quotations or paraphrases from the report.

We live in an environment of our own creation. The importance of doing a good job both in creating and looking after this environment is obvious. When property is neglected, deterioration often leads to it becoming a public liability, not just a private misfortune, since blight causes a weakening of the community's ability to operate productively and effectively. The tax base becomes weaker, costs climb higher, the economy declines, and the people suffer. This situation can largely be prevented from developing if effective maintenance measures are carried out and supported by clear public policies. Moreover, the results of enforcing these by-laws where they exist, has generally been good and compliance achieved. Most buildings should be expected to stand for about 200 years and maintenance should be accepted and encouraged as a normal, continuous process. The confidence the owner has in the future of his property and the surrounding area affects the efforts (s)he makes to maintain it, and public policy can play a vital part in creating or destroying that confidence. Money spent on maintenance would in most cases be more than repaid by the value sustained, and by the prevention of the costs of decay, though it is recognized that some owners may need financial help. The prospects seem good for a continuing program of maintenance and improvement as a normal way of looking after property.

The Lawson report is chiefly concerned with the public effect of property maintenance. There is also the effect that this maintenance, or the lack of it, has on the lives of tenants. Thunder Bay has a growing number of families who do not own their own home. Many of these because they cannot afford to do so. We also have one of the lowest apartment vacancy rates in Canada. The result is that we have a large number of families who dare not do otherwise than remain in whatever accommodation they have been able to find, regardless of how substandard it may be. The Public Health Act is not designed to protect people against anything more than the grossest inadequacies of water and sewage systems-- a fact which leaves some of our most vulnerable families a prey to health hazards as well as inconveniences. It has been stated by the Hellyer Task Force and by many others that Canadians should be entitled, as a right, to safe clean warm shelter. Without adequate maintenance and occupancy by-laws, it is hard to see how they can obtain it.

Since the present city by-law concerning maintenance and occupancy only covers the Port Arthur ward, it is evident that half the city does not enjoy the advantages and protection it could afford. Not only is this situation inherently unsatisfactory, it also tends to perpetuate the Port Arthur/Fort William dichotomy. Moreover, nearly 60% of the housing stock was built before 1945, which suggests that in both halves of the city there should be concern for maintenance standards.

Sources

1. Lawson, Matthew. The Maintenance of Property - A Programme for Ontario. Government of Ontario: Department of Municipal Affairs, 1970.
2. Source 1966 and 1971 Census.
3. Ontario Welfare Council Study of Housing Policies in Ontario, Community Study No. 4: Thunder Bay, March 1973.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 12TH, 1973

THREE COMMITTEES WERE STRUCTURED

The Financial Committee was to come up with ideas on how to raise Capital for the Women's Centre. The Facility or Building Committee was to find out what buildings or houses were available to rent. This also included the price range we could expect to pay on a monthly basis for the Women's Centre. The Newsletter Committee was formed to keep everyone up-to-date on the current affairs; and what is proposed (short-term and long-term plans); also to provide encouragement, and hints, etc.

GENERAL AIMS OF THE WOMEN'S CENTRE WAS TO PROVIDE THE WOMEN OF NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- * Drop-in Centre
- * Library - pertaining especially to Women, also containing unbiased Children's books.
- * Day-care Centre
- * Newsletter
- * General Meeting Place - for C.R. Sessions and various other Committees
- * Darkroom

THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WOMEN TO HAVE A GENERAL MEETING WITH ALL GROUPS ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS.

SECOND GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 25TH, 1973

FINANCIAL COMMITTEES SUGGESTIONS

The suggestions which were made in order to raise Capital for the Women's Centre were the following:

- * Sell handicrafts made by Women of the Centre
- * Have a Farmers Market
- * Garage sale/Rummage sale
- * Furniture refinishing

THE FACILITY OR BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Facility Committee stated that there were no houses to rent at the present time. Five Real Estate Agents took down the Women's Centre's request for rental and said that they would keep us in mind if any houses go up for rent. Signs were posted in both Confederation College and Lakehead University requesting rental and an advertisement was put into the Shoppers Swopper.

SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS TO THE NAMING OF THE NEWSLETTER - SYMBOLS, NAMES

FINANCIAL PROBLEM OF THE NEWSLETTER

The Group of Women attending the meeting generally agreed to put a request in the Newsletter, asking that everyone send \$1.00 or more to the Financial Committee

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415 Victoria Avenue

THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

This money would then enable us to raise Capital for the Newsletter and the Women's Centre. The Financial Committee will be keeping the account books. Everyone at the general meeting donated \$41.22 towards the amount needed to establish the first Newsletter.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Women at the General Meeting agreed for the Facility Committee to look into the possibility of buildings or houses which we may purchase. Discussions was made into the possibility of incorporating the Women's Centre.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE STARTING OF A STUDY GROUP FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN'S REPORT IS ASKED TO EXPRESS THEIR INTEREST BY CALLING: 622-3931.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING IT WAS AGREED THAT THE WOMEN'S CENTRE WOULD BE SELF-SUPPORTIVE UNTIL IT IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. THEN PERHAPS LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING OTHER SUPPORT TO KEEP IT GOING.

SECOND GENERAL MEETING - CONTINUED

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ANOTHER T.V. (CHANNEL 7) VIEWING OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TAPES OR IN HAVING THE TAPES SHOWN AT YOUR C.R. GROUP PLEASE CALL MONITOR NORTH - 344-1511

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 NORTHERN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 ROOM 19 415 VICTORIA AVE THUNDER BAY ONT.

HERE IS OUR UNSATISFACTORY REPLY FROM
 HONOURABLE WILLIAM G. DAVIES
 PREMIER OF ONTARIO

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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BT
 I REGRET THAT YOU FOUND THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON HIS PLANS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN SENIOR JOBS IN HIS MINISTRY OBJECTIONABLE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION ON HIS PART TO DENIGRATE THE SKILLS AND INTELLIGENCE OF WOMEN. ON THE CONTRARY, THE TREASURER WAS PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT THERE ARE TOO FEW WOMEN IN SENIOR POSITIONS IN HIS MINISTRY. HE ALSO WAS RECOGNIZING AND MAKING PUBLIC HIS INTENTION TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I BELIEVE HIS STATEMENT TO BE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH YOUR OBJECTIVES AND I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE HIS INITIATIVE IN THIS LIGHT AND WILL SUPPORT IT. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED WOMEN ARE SOUGHT OUT AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN COMPETITIONS.
 WILLIAM G DAVIS PREMIER OF ONTARIO.

THIRD GENERAL MEETING - MAY 10TH, 1973

FINANCIAL COMMITTEES REPORT
 The Financial Committee decided that we start a bank account. The monies raised through committees would automatically be entered in the Women's Centre Account.

A TELEPHONE COMMITTEE was struct to canvas for a \$1.00 or more donation to the 1,600 or so people on our mailing list.

A BOOK SALE COMMITTEE was struct. Plans were discussed to have everyone collect books, magazines, and comics and hold a huge book sale.
START COLLECTING NOW !!

Helen Lafontaine, recommended by Sue Findlay from the Secretary of States Office, Toronto, wrote the Women's Centre and was wanting names of women who would be interested in representing Northern Ontario at the **WOMEN FOR POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE** to be held from June 15th - 17th in Toronto. Deadline for submitting names is May 24th, 1973. Please contact Marg Phillips at 622-3931.

NEWS - BONNIE KREPS BOOK IS IN, "GUIDE TO THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN CANADA" IF YOU WANT IT MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU, PLEASE ENCLOSED \$1.00 plus 25 cents for mailing. Address your letter to:
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 415 Victoria Avenue
 THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS it has been planned to have a booth at the Farmers Market. Women have been asked to donate an item to put on sale, for example: plants, handicrafts, art, knitting, crocheting, etc. It was suggested that at the up-and-coming meeting that we should bring one item or have a plan in mind. This would enable one another to exchange ideas.
 Helen Halet has offered space to store crafts. Please call 623-3224.

HOUSING COMMITTEE
 A show of hands favoured that the Women's Centre should proceed in the issue of Incorporation. Incorporating the Women's Centre would enable us to approach the Real Estate Agents and the Community in general in purchasing a house, centrally located in Thunder Bay. An example of a Constitution was brought to the meeting so we could have an idea what it involved. Four women offered to draft a Constitution which will be presented at the next meeting. **DON'T MISS IT.**

BOO - "Babs" on the recent program 'Under Attack' May 23rd, 1973 who supports a movement called 'Females Opposed to Equality'(F.O.E.) - said on the program "The Women who support Women's Liberation are Communists, Socialists, and Sex Perverts."

BRAVO - To the Great Secretarial Staff at the Human & Welfare Rights Office who have assisted the Women's Centre until we have our own office.

PLEASE READ THIS!
 THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WESLEY UNITED CHURCH, 130 North Brodie Street, Thunder Bay F, Ontario
 THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:00 P.M.
 THURSDAY, MAY 24th, 1973.

- THESE ARE SOME OF THE GROUPS THAT RESULTED FROM THE CONFERENCE - IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THEM PLEASE CALL - 622-3931
1. Day Care Centre Group.
 2. Separation & Divorce Group.
 3. Follow-up Sensitivity - "Re-Building after the Crisis"
 4. Collective Living Arrangements
 5. Working Women.
 6. Older Women.
 7. Consumer Information.
 8. Women's Study Group (Abortion & Birth Control).
 9. Single Parents.
 10. Yoga.
 11. Video Tape Recording (V.T.R.).
 12. Who Am I?
 13. Women's Socialist Caucus.
 13. Consciousness Raising (C.R.) Group Contacts.
 14. Women's Centre
 15. Women's Communications.

P.S. THIS MEETING WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND WE ACCOMPLISHED ALOT. WE HAVE NOW ARRANGED TO HAVE A ROTATING CHAIRPERSON FOR EACH MEETING.



THE NORTHERN WOMAN

PROGRESS REPORT: MEETINGS OF MAY 24th AND JUNE 8th

EDITORIAL: "WHY THE WOMEN'S LIB SYMBOL?"

A NUMBER OF WOMEN ON THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE FELT THAT THE SYMBOL OF WOMEN STRUGGLING FOR THEIR LIBERATION, FOR A HEIGHTENING OF THEIR AWARENESS IN SOCIETY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. IT SHOULD PROVIDE A POWERFUL REMINDER, AND ACT AS A STIMULUS TO FURTHER THE STRUGGLE WE ARE WAGING AND MUST CONTINUE TO WAGE IF WOMEN ARE TO ATTAIN THEIR JUST POSITION IN SOCIETY.

FURTHER, IT WAS FELT THAT IT WAS TIME TO REVIEW THE PURPOSE BEHIND WHY WOMEN ARE COMING TOGETHER AND WHERE WE MIGHT BE GOING.

HOPEFULLY, THIS EDITORIAL SECTION WILL SPARK FURTHER WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF LETTERS TO THE EDITORS. IDEAS PRESENTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST FREE FROM EMOTIONAL, DEFENSIVE REACTIONS CAN ONLY LEAD TO A HEIGHTENING OF THE AWARENESS OF THE WOMEN INVOLVED. THIS FORUM ASPIRES TO BECOME A PLACE FOR THE EXPANSION, EDUCATION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHERN WOMAN. USE IT!

INCORPORATION

A name for the centre has been selected -subject to the approval of the Minister of Financial and Commercial Affairs - the name is "NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE".

A Board of Directors is being set up. Persons wishing to be on this Board may do so by submitting their names at the next General Meeting. Then a quorum will be established and this number will be included in the charter for incorporation. Membership will be open to any woman.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The Newsletter Committee has filed for a grant from the Community Development Branch under the name of "THE NORTHERN WOMAN".

Anyone wishing to insert notices or submit material such as book reviews, poetry, short articles, suggested readings, or any information of interest to women, may contact Lynn Silvonen at 623-0907 or Pat Graver at 623-2837 or Linda Angus at 623-1904.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN IN POLITICS

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN IN POLITICS IS TO BE HELD IN TORONTO JUNE 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1973. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH HAS RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF STATE, IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE WOMEN FOR POLITICAL ACTION GROUP. DELEGATES FROM THUNDER BAY WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE ARE; SHIRLEY CHAPMAN, FLORENCE KOSS, MARGARET PHILLIPS, BEVERLY SABOURIN, LYNNE THORNBURG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO GIVE WOMEN WHO ARE POLITICALLY INVOLVED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET EACH OTHER, AND FOR THEM TO EXPLORE MECHANISMS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOMEN HAVE AS WOMEN, IN THIS SOCIETY. SOME OF THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE: DETERRENTS TO WOMEN OBTAINING POLITICAL POWER, AND HOW TO OVERCOME THESE; PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF RUNNING A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN; ANALYSING PARTY PLATFORMS, RE: STATUS OF WOMEN LITERATURE; USING PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES; USE OF THE MEDIA; ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN TO WOMEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

A REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL APPEAR IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

NOTICES

- [1] THOSE INTERESTED IN HAVING DAY CARE FACILITIES AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS PLEASE CONTACT THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE AT: 622-3931.
- [2] ANYONE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A WIDOW'S GROUP PLEASE CONTACT THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE AT: 622-3931.
- [3] THERE ARE TV PROGRAMS REGARDING WOMEN COMING UP. PHONE CHFD AND ASK FOR THE NEWSMAKERS PROGRAM ON WOMEN TO BE REPEATED. IT WAS SHOWN ON MAY 19th and 26th.
- [4] THOSE INTERESTED IN COMPILING A LIST OF NON-SEXIST CHILDREN'S BOOKS PLEASE CONTACT HELEN HALET AT: 623-3224.
- [5] IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE YOU MAY STILL SEND A DONATION TO THE: HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE, SUITE 19, 415 VICTORIA AVENUE, THUNDER BAY F, ONTARIO.
- [6] GET BUSY AND MAKE LOTS OF CRAFTS TO SELL AT THE FARMER'S MARKET. AS SOON AS WE GET ENOUGH WE WILL SET THEM UP.
- [7] CANVAS BOARDS (various shapes and sizes) are available for free from HELEN HALET for anyone who wishes to donate their talent in oils and acrylics to the Women's Centre Craft Program.
Crafts in General: So far only one donation has been received. PLEASE!
- [8] A FEMINIST THEATRE GROUP IS BEING SET UP, AND IS LOOKING FOR PERFORMERS, STAGE PERSONNEL, MATERIAL, ETC. CONTACT LYNNE THORNBURG AT: 623-3224.
- [9] KEEP SAVING BOOKS IN PREPARATION FOR A GIANT BOOK SALE IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPORT THE NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE.
- [10] THE WOMAN'S FILM FESTIVAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SORRY!
- *** THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE WILL BE HELD AT ***
*** WESLEY UNITED CHURCH, THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST, 1973, AT 8:00 P.M. ***

GUERRILLA TACTICS

PROTEST THE ADDITION OF A SECOND LIVESTOCK DISPLAY AT THE UP AND COMING CLE (MISS CLE CONTEST) TELEPHONE 622-6473 EXPRESSING YOUR OBJECTIONS OR WRITE THE CLE OFFICE.

DOO: EXERPT FROM TIME MAGAZINE, CALLED "THE GRAND SLAM".
Sir/ Upon viewing the Margeret Court-Bobby Riggs match [May 28], one could not help noticing the inadequacy of one player and the total brilliance of the other. It did my heart good to see women slammed back into reality.
Mike Quass, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.
Sir/ From now on, as far as I am concerned, any feminist who wishes to state her case should take it directly to Court. Only an emasculated magazine could deny that Bobby Riggs is the Man of the Year.

BRAVO: WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT - United States of America
The American Civil Liberties Union sued on behalf of Mr. Wiesenfeld saying he is a father and widow and is being deprived of equal rights in collecting Widow's Insurance. The case has not been solved yet.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- the law does not require a woman to change her name when she marries.
- a married woman's income is not considered a dependable source of income when applying for a mortgage or loan. But at the same time they still require your signature when your husband applies.
- Illegitimate children in Canada do not have any legal rights. Read in Weekend Magazine.

FARCE OF THE MONTH AWARD GOES TO THE: "DINGALING SISTERS" SINGING "I AM WOMAN".

BOOK REVIEWS: CHILDREN'S BOOK: "JUST LIKE MOMMY - JUST LIKE DADDY"

Written in 1952, this stirring piece of sexism is still found on classroom shelves, and is practically required reading for kindergarten children. Just think, your child can be indoctrinated in one easy lesson. How to be Just like Mommy - clean, cook, and wait for daddy to come home. Better still how to be Just like Daddy (if your a boy) - paint the house, go fishing and eat what Mommy cooks.

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WOMEN'S LIB SYMBOL

I THOUGHT I'D WRITE AND THROW A YEA VOTE IN THE POT FOR THE WOMEN'S LIB SYMBOL ON 'THE NORTHERN WOMAN'. JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO I'D HAVE SAID TO FORGET THE CLENCHED FIST IN THE SYMBOL BECAUSE IT LOOKED TOO RADICAL. I FIGURED IT MIGHT SCARE OFF A FEW WOMEN, INCLUDING MYSELF. I THOUGHT A MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ATTITUDE MIGHT BE BEST. AS I SAID, THAT WAS HOW I FELT A FEW WEEKS AGO.

I'VE DISCOVERED SINCE THEN THAT THERE IS NO MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AS FAR AS THE REST OF SOCIETY IS CONCERNED. EITHER YOU ARE FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION OR YOU'RE NOT. EVEN IF YOU DON'T CONSIDER YOURSELF A RADICAL, YOU GET A LIBBER LABEL PINNED ON WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. NO AMOUNT OF EXPLAINING CHANGES IT AS I DISCOVERED.

WHEN SOME 'CONVENTIONAL' PEOPLE I KNOW DISCOVERED THAT I WAS FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION, THEY BEGAN TO INSPECT ME WITH THEIR EYES AS WELL AS THEIR WORDS. ONE MAN LOOKED ME UP AND DOWN (I WONDER WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR?) AND SAID, "YOU TALK AS THOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE A HUSBAND OR KIDS." ANOTHER MAN OFFERED ME A DRINK, AND THEN WATCHED TO SEE HOW FAST I'D DRINK IT. WHEN I DIDN'T GULP IT RIGHT DOWN, HE RAISED HIS FIST IN THE AIR AND BELLOWED, "IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH THE MEN YOU'VE GOT TO DRINK LIKE THE MEN." TO THESE PEOPLE I HAD SUDDENLY BECOME THAT STRANGE, FRIGHTENING PHENOMENON - A LIBBER. MY FEELINGS HADN'T CHANGED AND I DIDN'T FEEL ANY MORE RADICAL THAN I HAD BEFORE THEIR DISCOVERY OF MY FEELINGS. THE DIFFERENCE WAS IN THEIR EYES AND IN THEIR MINDS. QUICK AS A BLINK, I WAS LABELLED. AND MY NAY VOTE CHANGED TO A YEA VOTE.

WE ARE WOMEN; WE ARE FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION; THEREFORE WE ARE WOMEN LIBBERS. IT IS SAID THAT THE BEST DEFENCE IS OFFENSE - AND WE'RE OFFENSIVE BECAUSE WE'RE WOMEN FOR WOMEN. UP WITH WOMEN!

Deanna Kappel

REPORT ON GENERAL MEETINGS

- Crisis Shelter Committee

A Crisis Shelter Committee is being set up in Thunder Bay to provide emergency housing for persons in distress. This committee is made up of representatives from Human and Welfare Rights, Cumberland Street Drop-in Centre, Ethnic Referral Centre, and Northern Women's Centre. The representatives on this committee from the Northern Women's Centre are Pat Graver, Estelle Freedlander and Judy Beihta. This committee will also be applying for a grant.

- Divorce & Separation Group

The Divorce & Separation Group meets every second Monday in the Jewett Room at Wesley United Church, corner of Brodie & Miles. The next meeting will be July 9 at 8:00 P.M. Guest speakers have included a local lawyer and in the future we hope to have a child psychologist as well. Any person needing the information and support of this group is welcome.

Marion Maloney also has an interview show which is shown three times per week on Channel 7 T.V. If anyone is interested in doing a show with her, call MacLean Hunter and leave a message.

- Working Women

There has been no follow-up from the conference. However, a great deal of literature had been compiled by Mary Rakowski for the Workshop at the Northern Women's conference. If anyone is interested in using the material, please contact Mary Rakowski at 345-7045.

~~NATIONAL WOMEN'S COALITION TO REPEAL THE ABORTION LAWS~~

Proposal No. 1

That the Canadian Women's Coalition to repeal the Abortion Laws organize a cross Canada Tribunal on abortion, contraception, and sterilization to take place in Ottawa in the late fall of 1973. The purpose of such Tribunal would be to expose the daily suffering of women as a result of restrictive abortion laws and to indict the Federal Government and all those responsible for perpetuating and continuing the suffering by refusing to recognize women's basic right to control, and make decisions about, our own reproductive lives. At the end of the Tribunal, participants can carry the indictment to Parliament Hill, where the Government will be called upon to repeal the Abortion Laws from the Criminal Code.

VALERIE PACKOTA:

"I would like to add that I am collecting testimony from women who have had illegal abortions or ones who had to leave their country and go elsewhere for an abortion. You needn't give your name - only a letter describing how unfair this was to you.

Send the testimony to me:

MS. VALERIE PACKOTA
298 WARDROPE AVENUE
THUNDER BAY 'P'

Anyone interested in Abortion Law Repeal, contact me at 767-3657."

BOOK REVIEWThe Dialectic of Sex

by Shulamith Firestone

For those of us newly introduced to the writings of radical feminists, this book will be disturbing and leave you pondering the many provoking views in each chapter. Ms. Firestone writes as a practical visionary with the ultimate goals of the feminist revolution being the eradication of the sexual class system and other alternatives for the betterment of humanity.

FREE YOGA

Vickers Park Classes: (Morning) Wed., Fri., Sat. 10:30 to 12.

(Afternoon) Tues., Wed. 2 to 3:30

(Evening) Thurs., Fri. 7 to 8:30

Lakehead University West Field House
parking lot S. side

(Afternoon) Thurs., Fri. 2 to 3:30

Boulevard Lake East Side

(Morning) Wed. to Sat. 10:30 to 12

(Afternoon) Tues. and Wed.

(Evening) Thurs. and Fri.

Rainy days phone 344-6197 for information.

- TYPISTS WANTED: Earn \$25-50 a month.

Work at home - paper
supplied & work delivered.
Call Bill McNabb - 345-9082

- THERE WILL BE A FILM FROM THE WOMEN FOR
POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE ON TAKE 30
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

WATCH FOR IT!!!

- SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CAUCUS - next meeting
will be July 17 at 324 Cowan St. 8:00 P.M.
Topic: "Sisterhood is Powerful". For further
information call 767-3657.

- Don't forget to get together some
crafts so we can get into the farmer's
market - and also the Flea Market in
September. Crafts can be picked up by
Helen Halet - phone 623-3224.

- Keep saving your books so that we can have
a really gigantic book sale next year.

*** We want to start a collection of clippings re: women
for the library at the Centre, so save any appropriate
clippings from newspapers, magazines, etc. ***

CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISING COST OF LIVING?

Pick up a copy of "Food for Thought" at
the CO-OP BOOK SHOP 182 S. Algoma. (75¢)

- If you need a ride to the next
meeting and you live in the Walsh-
Kingsway area of T.B. South, call
Susan at 622-1846.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- Dr. Bette Stephenson of Toronto newly elected president of the Canadian Medical Association is the first woman ever to head a major national medical organization in the world.
- Another item, further to the June 8 issue of the Newsletter: It is appalling that in this "permissive" society there should be no relaxing of the law in Canada with regard to children born out of wedlock. Such children (statistics show 1 out of 9) classed as illegitimate and with no legal status, are equal to getting and giving the same love from their mother as the "legitimate" children. The Lord said "Suffer little children to come unto Me" - therefore all good mothers should get up a petition and forward same to Ottawa: let's get some justice for "the children who aren't".

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Women Unite!v (Canadian)
- Voices from Women's Liberation
- Woman in Sexist Society
- Sisterhood is Powerful

All of the above are available from the

BOOK SHOP CO-OP
182 S. ALGOMA
THUNDER BAY 'P'

- Separated women can't get charge accounts at some stores in Thunder Bay.
Divorced women can.

BOO: To Playgirl Magazine, a "Magazine of Entertainment for Women", published by Douglas, William, John, Bert, David, Norbert, Anthony, Hank. NO FURTHER COMMENT.

BRAVO: To local lawyer Juha Siimes for giving of his free time to the Divorce and Separation Group.
To the Thunder Bay Direct Co-Op for not selling any Dare products.

GUERRILLA TACTICS REWARDED

The Chronicle-Journal, in reporting on the Miss CLE Contest, mentioned the "Local Women's Libbers objection to the second livestock exhibition". It's nice to know that some of us phoned in protest.

***** NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT WESLEY CHURCH, THUNDER BAY SOUTH, THURSDAY, JULY 19th. IT'S NICE AND COOL DOWN THERE AND WE'RE SERVING COFFEE. CAN SOMEONE BRING COFFEE, CREAM AND SUGAR?? *****

THE GENERAL MEETING AFTER THAT WILL BE AUGUST 2nd. DON'T FORGET THIS ONE.

THINK ABOUT IT: Silence is not always golden -
Sometimes it is just plain yellow.

SEE YOU JULY 19 AT WESLEY CHURCH!!!!!!

THE NORTHERN WOMAN

[318 S. Marks Street]
[THUNDER BAY F, Ont.]



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GENERAL MEETING: AUGUST 16th, 1973.

BRIEF COMMITTEE

Presented the rough draft concerning the formal objectives of The Northern Women's Centre. Copies were then distributed and discussed among those in attendance. The budget established, for one year's operation was \$23,493.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

are still urgently needed. Individuals and groups please send your letters of support to: Women's Centre Committee
318 South Marks Street
THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

Cary will be drawing up a form letter which will be sent to local groups asking for their support.

THE MORE WE GET THE BETTER IT WILL BE!!

INCORPORATION

There are still a number of names which need signatures. If you volunteered or wish to have your name in favour of Incorporation of the Women's Centre, please come to the HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICER
ROOM 19, 415 VICTORIA AVENUE
THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

NEWSLETTER

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT FROM THIS ISSUE FORTH THE NORTHERN WOMAN WILL CONTAIN AN EDITORIAL POLICY AS ILLUSTRATED ON THE COVER PAGE.

UP-DATE MAILING LIST

Due to lack of funds if you wish to keep receiving your issue of The Northern Woman be sure you indicate by mail your name and address by writing the Newsletter Committee, 318 South Marks Street, Thunder Bay F, Ontario.
A Donation of \$1.00 if you can afford it would be most helpful. Thanks.

[SEND IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN TODAY]

THE FALL FLEA MARKET

TO BE HELD AT THE FORT WILLIAM GARDENS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1973, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[continued]

THE FALL FLEA MARKET - continued

IF YOU HAVE MADE OR SAVED ARTICLES YOU WISH TO DONATE TO THE WOMEN'S CENTRE BOOTH, THEY MAY BE PICKED UP AND STORED BY TELEPHONING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: HELEN HALET - 623-3224
NOREEN LAVOIE - 622-4637.

GENERAL MEETING: AUGUST 30th, 1973.

Stickers have been ordered from Toronto and may be purchased at the Flea Market. (concerning the Women's Movement)

GENERAL CRAFT INN

COME AND SHARE SKILLS AND LEARN EVERYTHING LIKE NEEDLE-WORK, CANDLE MAKING, MACRAME OR JUST CREATE WITH FRIENDS.

THE CRAFT INN WILL BE HELD ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (8th & 9th) FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 12:00 a.m. COME WHEN YOU CAN OR BOTH DAYS IF YOU LIKE

AT 400 North Syndicate Avenue (corner of Syndicate and Dease Streets.) T.B.'F'

BRING THEM S.S. ANYONE WHO HAS AN OLD ELECTRIC FRYING PAN OR HOT PLATES, PLEASE

ALSO EMBROIDERY THREAD, MILK CARTONS, LARGE JUICE CANS, SCRAPS OF MATERIAL.
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THE THUNDER BAY COALITION FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

Despite the hot sticky weather, a group of interested citizens met at the Labour Centre on August 28th, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. Representatives and observers from various organizations participated in the founding of the "Thunder Bay Coalition for Social Progress". Altogether seven groups with voting delegates were represented, the Women's Centre sent along two observers.

The meeting was ably chaired by Don Colbourne, Marion Vickruck recorded the minutes. The Constitution and by-laws were dealt with at some length and since space does not permit to print a detailed account of the proceedings, only a short summary is available.

The purpose of the Coalition shall be to encourage citizen participation in decision-making for community progress; to provide a channel of communication among citizens' groups on issues of mutual concern; to provide a resource to citizens' groups wishing to organize; to provide a citizens' power base to apply pressure for social change on specific issues; to provide information to citizens' groups concerning channels for action on social issues; and to represent the interests of citizens on specific issues defined through their respective groups.

Membership: Any organization with a minum of five members whose primary purpose is to initiate constructive social change, and is not administered by any government department or agency.

Any group which meets the described criteria may submit to the Executive a written application for membership in the Coalition. This application may be accepted or rejected by the voting delegates. At any meeting where applications for membership are considered 50% of member groups must be present.

Elected to the executive of the Thunder Bay Coalition for Social Progress are:

- Roy Nottingham - President
- Leona Cosgrove - 1st Vice-President
- Marian Babcock - 2nd Vice-President
- Grace Randle - Secretary Treasurer

Communications Secretary - a resolution was passed to ask Mr. Globenski if he would take the position.

N.B. The Women's Centre unaminously decided to join the Coalition for Social Progress. We need two delegates to represent the Women's Centre, anyone interested, please indicate so at the next meeting September 13th, 1973.

CAUTION SCHOOL
AHEAD

HAVE YOU READ YOUR CHILD'S school BOOKS

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE ON: SEPTEMBER 13th, 1973 and SEPTEMBER 27th, 1973
PLEASE ATTEND. WESLEY UNITED CHURCH. COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE-BRING CREAM & SUGAR

RECOMMENDED READINGS: "BITCHING" - Marion Mead, "Women In Canada" - Collection of Writings, "Our Bodies Ourselves" - By the Boston Women's Health Collective

MOTHER'S ON BUDGETS REPORT

On August 28th Mothers on Budgets presented a brief to City Council asking for an overall increase in General Welfare and Mothers Allowance Benefits. There have been small increases in 1967 and 1970, but with the inflationary conditions that exist to date, we felt the 5% increased offer, is not nearly sufficient to cover todays cost of living. A maximum budget for a family of 4 is \$330.00 plus \$15.00 for each additional person. The brief was deferred until September 10th to Policy Committee #2. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

SOCIALIST WOMEN'S MEETINGS

At the past two meetings of the socialist women's group discussions centred around the political education of women. The first article was a speech by Stalin which stressed the need for organization and education of working and peasant women who were not only an important part of the economy but also the mothers of the nation's youth. This led to an intense discussion of motherhood and feminism and how these concepts related to socialism.

The second article consisted of excerpts from Clara Zetkin's recollections of Lenin. Lenin's main objective for women too, was political education. He attacked those women who attended "educational" meetings only to discuss sex and marriage problems. These, he said, are based on the deeper social problems in the class structure of a capitalist society. These problems must be discussed and analyzed employing class analysis in order for one's consciousness to be raised and solutions suggested.

The article for the next meeting is "Sex against Sex or Class against Class?" by Evelyn Reed.

Copies can be picked up at the Co-op Bookshop.

The next meeting is at 324 Cowan Avenue, Thunder Bay P, on September 11th, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. sharp!

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BRAVO: to Marcus Burch who wrote the following:
Editor
The Times-News
177 Arthur Street
THUNDER BAY, Ontario

Dear Sir: Re: Your issue of Thursday, 30 August, 1973
Front page photo of Debbie Ficek

When, may I ask, are you people going to develop sufficient maturity to cease such adolescent sexist exercises as illustrating weather reports with female bodies? What possible relation does Ms Ficek's physique have to weather statistics save the puerile relationships created by your own sexist mentality?

Sincerely Yours

Original Signed by,

M. A. Burch

BOO: to Chronicle-Journal & Times News which rudely refused to print in the Town Talk column our request for letters of support for the Women's Centre. This was done on the grounds that it would appear "as if the paper were supporting it." How strange for a supposed "community" newspaper to refuse support for a community project which represents 51% of the population of Thunder Bay.

A communication problem appears to exist among the staff members of the Chronicle-Journal and within the space of two or three weeks one editor was refusing to print the above request for letters of support because he "didn't know anything about this group", another was complaining that he wanted to do an editorial about the group and couldn't find anyone to interview and a third was interviewing women from the group who were involved in an out-of-town conference.

NOTICE: FOR AND BY WOMEN

"The Shape of Things," the first comedy special ever produced by, for and about women, will be broadcast Friday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m. on channels 3, 11.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEGINNING A CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING GROUP FOR MEN, PLEASE CALL THE HJMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE AT 622-3931 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ABOUT FIVE MEN HAVE SIGNED UP ALREADY, AND ARE ANXIOUS TO GET THIS GROUP GOING.

MEN:

INDENTURED / 1973

This is a personal experience.

When I separated, I had to apply for Welfare (Thunder Bay), not being able to work because of former illness. Since I have no dependents I could collect only the stipulated amount from Welfare for "single-no dependents", which amounts to \$52.00 cash per month for groceries, and all other personal needs. At the time I was on Welfare the recipient was allowed \$47.00 per month for rent. (The amount is now \$57.00). The recipient has to find for herself a place to live on that amount of money. I looked at advertised places within that money range, usually a small room. When I found out what I would be forced to live in, I decided to answer an ad which stated rent-free in return for caring for a bed-ridden invalid. I was able to get the position, if it can be called that, but, because it was rent-free for me, I received no rent money from Welfare. That is beside the point.

The point is, although I looked after an invalid, I was also the housekeeper because I looked after the house in such work ways as doing the washing, ironing, cooking, cleaning, etc. For these services I received no money from the invalid who is owner of the house and at the same time what I did was not considered "work" by the welfare authorities, because I was allowed the \$52.00 per month support. This prevailing condition and circumstance, in my opinion, is similar to the conditions imposed on the indentured servant of days gone by. The only difference was that I was not bonded to stay - I could leave at any time.

These are conditions I underwent because I was not well enough or strong enough to take a paying job in order to earn my living.

by Constance.



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Sorry for the delay in getting this issue out. Technical difficulties and a definite labour shortage was the cause. This is a subtle plea for HELP!!! Call 622-3931.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Although the suggested book list in the Northern Woman is important in making women more aware of literature available by and for women, I feel that singling out a privately owned bookstore where they are available is doing a disservice to the Co-Op Bookshop on Algoma Street. Not only is this bookshop totally owned by the membership, and staffed entirely by volunteers, but it has also carried a very comprehensive range of books on women for a long time. It is in the interest of all women to support co-operative endeavors.

Joan Halonen.

GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1973.

RAFFLE

Authentic Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls are being raffled off (25" high), lovingly hand made by Lynne and Helen. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. If you want to buy tickets phone Human and Welfare Rights Office at 622-3931. You can also sign out for tickets to sell there.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Went to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. We may be able to get a loan - must be incorporated in order to get loan. The loan would be for 50 years at \$6.70 monthly per \$1000 loan. But we can't sell till all of it is paid for. They want a submission from us if we're considering it. Moved and seconded that we advertise privately in newspaper for rental - moved that we give \$15-\$20 to spend on this advertisement. Keep your eyes open for a good place and if anything looks good contact the Human and Welfare Rights Office at 622-3931.

GRANT

It was decided that we apply for a L.I.P Grant in lieu of Secretary of State grant. Brief was submitted on Oct. 15. Keep your fingers crossed.

WE'VE GOT IT!!

UPDATE ON MAILING LIST

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AND IF YOU CAN AFFORD \$1.00.

NEWSLETTER

We have now received our grant from the Community Development Branch of Community and Social Services, and will shortly be in receipt of the money.

Speaking of money, please be sure to inform The Northern Woman if you wish to remain on the mailing list. We would also appreciate a donation of \$1.00 or whatever you can afford. This is the LAST NOTICE FOR RECEIPT OF THE NORTHERN WOMAN! if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, send your name and address to the Newsletter Committee, c/o 318 S. Marks Street, Thunder Bay "F", Ontario (and \$\$) in now.

We would greatly appreciate submissions of articles, poetry, book reviews, opinions, movie reviews, etc. to the newsletter from its subscribers. Pick up your pens and start writing, please. Don't forget this newsletter is supposed to be a FORUM.

THEATRE WORKSHOP

Put on by the Cambrian Players and headed by Dusty Miller it began October 2nd, 7:30 p.m. at 114 Simpson Street. It was moved and seconded that we send and sponsor (for a \$10.00 fee and \$3.00 membership), a delegate to this workshop in order to facilitate getting our own feminist theatre off the ground - Kate George is our delegate and she is really enjoying it.

WOMEN'S COURSE AT CONFEDERATION COLLEGE

To be inaugurated on September 24th. 1) a woman director is to be hired under the continuing education program in order to set up women's interest courses 2) curriculum development project: women's studies courses for 1st and 2nd year students in the arts program. They will credit courses and will be set up by women interested in the project. There will be no instructors, only resource persons, and they will be handled as individual learning labs. We have been asked if we are interested in setting up a few courses - funding will be available for bringing in resource people. Monday, October 1st, at 8:00 p.m. at Marg Phillips house a meeting was held to discuss and plan this project.

CBC STATION

It was suggested that we send in a proposal for a women's radio program to be broadcast on the local CBC Station. INTERESTED? Call Human and Welfare Rights Office at 622-3931.

WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Women's Centre was very pleased to offer assistance to our native sisters. Jeannette Lavall was called to Edmonton for an emergency meeting of Native Women from across Canada. We are now seeking donations to help defer the cost of her travel expenses. Any small contribution (sent to H. & W. Rights) will be appreciated.

Jeannette will be preparing a report on the conference which will be published at a later date. She is also speaking to the public at the Indian Friendship Centre to commemorate the National Day of Mourning for the death of the Bill of Rights.

National Day of Mourning The Northern Women's Centre group is sponsoring a public meeting in support of the National Day of Mourning on Sunday October 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Indian Friendship Centre. October 21 is the day set aside to mourn the death of the Bill of Rights, when native women were denied their birthright as status Indians when marrying non status men. ALL ARE URGED TO ATTEND! Speakers will be Jeannette Lavall - President of the Ontario Native Women's Association. Marlene Pierre - President of the Thunder Bay Native Women's Association.

A delegate was chosen to attend Mother's on Budget meeting on a regular basis and to ask them how we could support them in their cause. Estelle Friedlander was chosen as our delegate.

COALITION FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

Two women volunteered to be delegates
They were Julie Fells and Estelle
Friedlander.

NOTICE FOR DIVORCE & SEPARATION

Meeting will be held at the Human
and Welfare Rights Office at
8:00 p.m. October 30th.

GUERRILLA TACTICS

STICK STICKERS i.e. "This ad
insults women."

FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market was a smashing success!
An exact calculation of our assets is
still not complete. We still have many
beautiful crafts left and plan to hold a
craft sale sometime before Christmas.
WATCH FOR IT.

STICKERS

Estelle still has some stickers to sell.
Sound good? Buy them and stick.

CAMBODIA

Madame Khiew Ponnary, Chairman of the Cambodian Democratic Women's
Association, in a recent statement condemned U.S. imperialist aggression in
Cambodia and called on all peace-loving and justice upholding women throughout
the world to denounce U.S. imperialist crimes against the Cambodian nation and
take steps to force an end to U.S. aggression.

In March 1970, the U.S., CIA backed, Lon Nol clique staged a military
coup in Cambodia against Norodhom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia. Since
that time, the Cambodian people have united closely under the leadership of the
National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of
homeland from U.S. aggression and establish a peaceful and democratic country.
In those three years they have won tremendous victories. They have liberated 90%
of the land and over 80% of the people of Cambodia now live in the liberated zones.
The traitorous Lon Nol puppet clique now controls only Phnom Penh and one or two
other cities and this they are able to do only with massive military and arms
aid from the U.S.

It is through the courageous fighting for freedom of the Cambodian people
and the support of their struggle by all people committed to peace, freedom and
justice throughout the world, and particularly in the U.S., that the Nixon admin-
istration has been forced to cease bombing of Cambodia on August 15, 1973. This
was a great victory for the Cambodian people and the people of the world. At the
same time this has not deterred the imperialists from their path of domination
and aggression. They are now continuing their aggression by increasing economic
and military aid to the bankrupt Lon Nol clique by preparing Saigon and Bangkok
puppet troops to invade Cambodia by intensifying their plan of "Khmerization" of
the war (making Cambodian fight Cambodian) and by spreading slanders, lies and
distortions about the NUFK and the RGNUK and Sihanouk and trying by some means
to bring about a compromise with the Lon Nol clique and thus maining U.S.
influence in Indo-China.

End of Part I - to be continued next month

QUESTION OF THE MONTH!

Is it true that women are always notoriously late for functions
or is it just a myth. Come to the next women's centre meeting and
find out. Thursday Oct. 25, 1973.

P.S. This will be our incorporation meeting. Mr. Mullins, a lawyer,
will be there to explain the procedure and swear in the witness.
If you are interested in being on the board of directors make sure
you are there.

Men's C.R. Group started Oct. 11, 1973 and from reports received was
an overwhelming success. Any men interested in starting another one -
contact Human & Welfare Rights Office. We will put you in touch with someone
who can get you started.

MONEY

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Some suggestions from the last meeting:

- silk screen tee-shirts with the woman symbol and sell.
- Lynne showed us a woman symbol ring which we could order from Montreal and sell.
- a benefit dance will be held in February at Con. College in support of the Women's Centre

Suggestion:

Some women from the group would like to see speakers going into the high schools to further the struggle there. Interested?

SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CAUCAS

The general meeting of Sept. 25 was spent re-vamping our general forum. It was decided that at each meeting now we would have a theoretical discussion on an article plus a practical discussion on relevant issues of today.

Oct. 9 discussion was on "Women in the Struggle for Socialism" and a lively and fruitful analysis of the situation in Chile.

For the meeting of Oct. 23 the topic is the Middle East. For further information call the Co-op Bookshop at 345-8912.

LOCAL REGIONAL NEWSPAPER

The Black Fly starting soon - first issue in Nov. - HOPEFULLY.

We have officially been approached for articles by, for and about women. This is your chance - start writing! Sigh! at last an alternative - support it.

LAKEHEAD SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL

The fall general meeting of the Lakehead Social Planning Council, to be held Wednesday, October 24th, 1973, will focus on the subject of the Thunder Bay District Health Council. Dr. James Baldwin, Areas Planning Co-ordinator, Ministry of Health, will be guest speakers.

The Ministry of Health has recently announced the formation of Health Councils across the province, with Thunder Bay being selected as one of the first to be organized. There are many questions about the purpose, function, structure and responsibility of the Health Council that are of interest to the citizens of Thunder Bay. This meeting is open to the public - please plan to attend. (For information concerning location of meeting or other details call the Lakehead Social Planning Council - 344-1841).

CAN YOU NOTICE ANYTHING PECULIAR? (OTHER THAN BEING PLACED SIDEWAYS.)

	APPLIED ARTS FACULTY	1973 - 1974	Fall Time Numbers
	C. A. WESTCOTT	- Dean of Applied Arts - Instructing Nursing Program - Sociology	
	Anthony L. Acker	.... Communications, Graphic Design, TV Writing ...	Instructor
	John Atchlaester	.... Director of Curriculum Development Project	
Mrs.	June Baker	.... Communications Instructor	
	Ray Baker	.... Photo Arts Instructor	
	John Berry	.... Coordinator, Law and Security Program	
	Mike Burns	.... Instructor of Sociology & Psychology for Mental Retardation Counsellor Program.	
	Barry Caswell	.... Psychology Instructor	
Mrs.	Gert Cousineau	.... Lab Instructor for Nursing Program .. Physiological Sciences	
	Lou Doerr (M)	.... Continuing Education Coordinator .. Journalism subjects	Instructor
	Ken Duke	.... Coordinator, Radio-Television Arts Program	
	Irvln Edelstein (M)	.... Psychology Instructor	
Mrs.	Carol Faulkner	.... R.N. and Instructor for Mental Retardation Counsellor Program	
	John Flatt	.... Communications Instructor	
Mrs.	Dorothy Hewat	.... Instructor, Recreational Leadership Program	
	Rick Holmes	.... Instructor of Sociology	
	Howard Huff	.... Applied Arts Chairman .. Instructor of Communications (Advanced)	
Mrs.	Marilyn Hunter	.... Coordinator of Early Childhood Education Program	
Mrs.	Tom Joseph	.... Political Science Instructor	
	Clara Kaipio	.... Conversational French Instructor	
Mrs.	Nickie Law	.... Nursery School Supervisor .. Instructor, Early Childhood Education	
	Glenn Ludlow	.... Instructor, Film Production Option	
	Hugh Macdonald	.... Coordinator, General Arts and Science Program .. Humanities Instructor	
	Non Miecznikowski	.... Coordinator, Communications	
	Alex Morris	.... Communications Instructor	
Mrs.	Toni Odell	.... Instructor for Mental Retardation Counsellor Program	
	Bill Pendergrast	.... Instructor for Theatre Arts Option (Theatrical)	
	Don Percy	.... Instructor, Radio-Television Arts Program	
	Brian Russell	.... Coordinator, Mental Retardation Counsellor Program	
	Bandy Sallows	.... Instructor, Theatre Arts Program (Technical)	
Mrs.	Alice Seth-Harris	.... Instructor, Psychology, Sociology	
	Dave Sticiliano	.... Instructor, Recreational Leadership Program	
	Dick Staples	.... Communications Instructor	
	Chris Stuhr	.... Instructor, Advanced Communications and Philosophy	
	Kelch Sveinson	.... Coordinator, Recreational Leadership Program	
	Arnd Visser	.... (M) Coordinator, Social Services Program	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DUE DATE - NOVEMBER 18th, 1973
 SEND TO THE NORTHERN WOMAN
 318 South Marks Street
 THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH
 130 North Brodie Street
 THUNDER BAY F, Ontario
 AT 8:00 p.m.

Advisory Council on the Status of Women
Conseil Consultatif de la Condition Feminine

Head Office
 Box C.P. 154, Station B
 OTTAWA, Canada
 K1P 5R5

Office Bureau
 1st Floor, 63, rue Sparks
 OTTAWA, Canada

Tel/Tel: (613) 992-4975

15 August 1973

Mrs. Gladys I Hart
 7 Leys Street
 Thunder Bay, Ontario
 P7A 5E5

Dear Mrs. Hart:

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 1973 inquiring whether any legislation is currently proposed which will enable housewives to contribute to the Canada Pension Plan. At this time there is no such legislation before Parliament.

At the first meeting of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Council agreed on several priority areas one of which deals directly with your concern. Our recommendation to the Minister responsible for the status of women, John Munro, reads as follows:

We urge that the Canada Pension Plan be extended to provide for the participation of women who remain in the home. This is in line with the intent of Recommendations 2 and 12 of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

During the next year we will be putting together material and documentation to back up this recommendation. If there are women's groups in your area who have a similar concern, perhaps you would be good enough to keep us informed of these activities.

Sincerely yours,



Katia Cooke, Ph.D.
 Chairman

NOTICE: This Thursday nights Women's Centre Meeting will be the last call for Raggedy Ann & Andy doll raffle tickets to be handed into the Human & Welfare Rights Office or the WCM. Any sold or unsold tickets should be brought forth without delay. Thank you.

RETURN TO: THE NORTHERN WOMAN
 318 South Marks Street
 THUNDER BAY F, ONTARIO

TO:

 Thursday, October 25th
really important that
 everyone attends.
 Thursday, November 15th
 Thursday, November 29th.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

The Northern Women's Centre Committee sponsored a public meeting in support of the National Day of Mourning.

The National Day of Mourning was called to protest a Supreme Court decision of August 27th upholding a section of the Indian Act which discriminates against women.

From the public meeting it was decided that as many people as possible would proceed at 11:45 a.m. from the Indian Friendship Centre in funeral procession manner to the City Hall, Thunder Bay F. to perform a wreath laying ceremony. (this was later carried out by laying the wreath on the door of the Indian Affairs and Northern Development office located on the third floor of the IBM Bldg.)

MOTION PASSED

It was also moved at the Public Meeting of October 21st that "The Canadian Government be asked to amend the British North American Act to include the Canadian Bill of Rights."



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FORUM

I have learned since becoming more involved in the women's movement that a "women libber" is a label used by the media and others for women trying to effect change that some men and a few women fear will have a derogatory affect on them.

For those of us concerned about modern society (controlled by men) in which inhumanity and greed may be viewed in all of their most frightful manifestations i.e. growth of crime, pollution, race and sex discrimination, corruption in government, exploitation and the primacy of profits over human well-being, to be labelled such is immaterial.

The potential for our annihilation now exists in the world. Should we, as mothers of the species sit quietly by under the present dominant values or demand adequate representation in the councils of image-making and of decision.

N.M.L.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We are pleased with the response of all of you who are writing us. It's really great to hear about your ideas, situations, etc. Keep us informed on what's happening, especially those of you outside Thunder Bay. Special thank you to all the sisters who sent money supporting this newsletter.

L.I.P. GRANT

We received an acknowledgment that our application entitled "WOMEN" has been received and is now being processed.

INCORPORATION

At our last meeting the subject of Incorporation was discussed with Mr Mullen of Silmes & Mullen. The pros and cons were weighed, Come to our next meeting for more information and please be prepared to discuss this issue.

SECRETARY OF STATE (Sue Findlay)

We are now on a supplementary fund list because of depletion of funds. Our application is being held pending final decision. If we do not get money this time, we will probably get some in March.

Sue has an idea for setting up leadership training workshops for Northern Ontario Women. This would be funded through the Secretary of States Office, Ottawa. A travel group would set out to communities in Northern Ontario setting up these workshops (C.R., how to respond to stereotyping, Women and the Law, Women and help, introduction to the Feminist movement.)

Judith Ramsay will be her at the end of the month to further explain this plan

WE WILL ARRANGE FOR AS MANY WOMEN AS POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH HER AND DISCUSS THIS PROJECT.

sisters forum

BUSINESS: We sent Cary Hansen to the Canadian Council Housing Development Conference in Montreal. A full report will be published in the next newsletter.

We received a THANK YOU from Jeanette Lavell for our support and interest in the struggle for recognition of their rights as Indian Women, and for our financial support in sending her to a conference in Edmonton.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NATIONAL
INDIAN RIGHTS FOR INDIAN WOMEN

held on September 22, 1973 at the

Unitarian Church, 12530 - 110 Avenue, EDMONTON, Alberta

ATTENDED BY JEANETTE LAVELL

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss three issues: the Supreme Court decision in the Lavell case, the situation on the Caughnawaga Reserve regarding our Native women being evicted, and the annual conference.

Also, since we are an organization of Native Women who organized to fight the issue of the Non-status women in Canada and having intervened in the Lavell case at the National level, we must be consistent in our actions and take a definite stand on the issue.

The Alberta Committee on Indian Rights for Indian Women consented to be the hosting group. Not one of the groups has any funds at the moment, including the national committee, and therefore the reason why so few could attend from the national committee is because they had to find their own money to come. However, those who had come from other provinces were welcomed. Notice was given by the Chairman that it was urgent that the National Committee on Indian Rights For Indian Women come up with a very strong final statement at the conclusion of the meeting. The Chairman also notified the group that Jeanette Lavell had given a press conference regarding the recent Supreme Court decision the day prior to the meeting in Edmonton.

Mary Two-Axe-Early talked about the present situation on the Caughnawaga Reserve. She mentioned that much of the information given by the press is false. The press has focused attention on the white people getting eviction papers, but that some of the Indian women has also been served with the eviction notices. She produced evidence of the eviction notice as given to one of the Indian women living on the reserve with her mother. Apparently, Mrs. -- is living with her sick widowed mother. Further, Mrs. Early states that the Band Council, in cooperation with Indian Affairs are again preying on the weakest of those who had married non-Indians. However, she is positive that a method of evicting the non-status Indian women is being used, and that eventually all will be evicted.

After discussion on the report on Caughnawaga, the following motion was passed:

MOVED AND SECONDED:

" the eviction notices in the Caughnawaga Reserve against non-status Indian women and their families be withdrawn to prevent a further division of native families, but if the Band Council remains adamant about evicting their native women that the time allowed to move be extended to a period of one year in order that the affected native women and their families can find adequate replacement housing. "

CARRIED.

Attention was given to the fact that letters had been written to the N.D.P. Caucus, Prime Minister Trudeau, and Mr. Diefenbaker by the Alberta Committee on Indian Rights For Indian Women, calling for amendments to the Indian Act, regarding discrimination of Native Women.

MOVED AND SECONDED:

" the National Committee on Indian Rights for Indian Women write letters to all members of the House of Commons urging them to make representation to the Cabinet for amendments to the Indian Act, which would end the present discrimination against Indian women and further that the Federal Government review its legislation with a view to ending discrimination against all Canadian women. "

CARRIED.

TORONTO MEETING:

The Chairman reported that Pauline Harper is setting up a meeting to be held in Toronto around the middle of October and that we are to find our own travelling expenses if we wish to attend. The ladies from the Western Provinces are invited to hold a press conference at this meeting as we have had our Eastern women do ours in the West. --- continued

TORONTO MEETING - continued

Topics pertaining to the Lavell case, Caughnawaga, national conference on Indian Rights for Indian Women will be discussed. Those wishing to attend please contact: Pauline Harper, 60 Walker Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

The members were urged to start working on the national conference and to bring native people interested in native people's rights. The conference will be open to all native people.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ... there is a Canada Pension Plan Death Benefits. It is a lump sum payable to the estate of a deceased person who contributed to the Canada Pension Plan (C.P.P.) for a minimum of any three years since January 1st, 1966 or for ten calendar years, survivors of contributors are entitled to receive the death benefit. For further information contact the local C.P.P. Benefits office #307 - 33 South Court Street, Thunder Bay P, Ontario.

CANADIAN WOMEN'S TELEVISION SERIES

Three films have been ordered, two on Women and the Law, one on C.R. Special showings will be arranged upon receipt of tapes. There are twenty-five films in the series, all of them sound exciting.

O.I.S.E. Workshop on Women at the Lakehead University Faculty of Education, Friday, November 16th, all day. There shall be a full report for the next newsletter.

Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario, Status of Women Workshop - Leadership training, on Friday and Saturday, November 23rd and 24th at the Airline Motor Hotel. Some resource people have been drawn from the Women's Centre. For example, Estelle will be giving a C.R. demonstration on Friday night. We hope that through this we will be able to share this vital experience. There will also be a book display by the Co-Op Bookshop of Feminist Literature and a book display on Non-sexist Children's Literature by Marg Kay Burch from the Book Mark.

ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THUNDER BAY ANISHNAWBEKWEK REPORT

In October, I was invited as President of the Ontario Native Women's Association to participate in a meeting sponsored by the local Thunder Bay Anishnawbekwek and the Northern Women's Centre. The meeting lasted all afternoon with some good recommendations made regarding the Canadian Bill of Rights and women and also preparations for the National Day of Mourning being sponsored by the National Action Committee.

The Ontario Native Women's Association has hired a new Program Director, Yvonne Conley, from London, Ontario and will be working out of the Head Office, 401 North Cumberland Street, Thunder Bay. She was present at our board meeting and was instructed to carry our programs consisting of those to meet the aims and objectives of the Association.

We have also hired a fieldworker, Elsie Indian from Fort Frances. If there are any locals and those wanting a local started in the area, Mrs. Indian can be contacted at 132 Church Street, Fort Frances, Ontario, telephone 274-5642. We are still looking for fieldworkers. Call Yvonne Conley in Thunder Bay at 345-9821.

Jeanette Lavell,
President.

CAMBODIA - PART II

The Cambodian people, led by the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia have again stated they will not compromise with U.S. imperialists but will continue their struggle until final victory and liberation of their country. The situation is excellent. The Cambodian people are on the threshold of final victory. It is now important, more than ever before, to mobilize international support in aid of their struggle. The recent Conference of Non-Aligned Nations (of which Cambodia is a founding member) voted overwhelmingly in support of the NUFK AND THE RGNUK with Samdech Norodom Sihanouk at its head, and demanded the complete and immediate withdrawal of U.S. Imperialism from Cambodia and cessation of interference in the internal affairs of Cambodia. So far over 40 countries have established diplomatic relations or declared mutual recognition with the RGNUK. In the eyes of the Third World and the world people, the RGNUK is the legitimate government of the Cambodian people in their just struggle against imperialism and for freedom and liberation ... continued on page 4

CAMBODIA - PART II ... continued

(a telling blow to both U.S. imperialist who offer all kinds of aid to the traitor clique and the Soviet social-imperialists who recognize the same clique). Plans are under way internationally for a WORLD CONFERENCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE. Nationally in Canada, People's Canada Daily News (national working class newspaper) has printed all messages from the NUFK and the RGNUK and made numerous statements in support of their struggle. Here in Thunder Bay an open meeting was held on September 9, 1973 in support of the recent call of the NUFK and plans are under way for further escalation of this campaign.

In Cambodia women are fighting on every front (political, economic, and military) to free their country and people. Freedom-loving women throughout the world and particularly in North America have been in the forefront of demonstrations in solidarity with the struggle of the Cambodian people and in denouncing U.S. crimes in Indo-China. It is in this tradition of international solidarity of women fighting for freedom that Madame Kiew Ponnery, Chairman of the Cambodian Democratic Women's Association issued her call. In discussing further action in aid of the struggle of the Cambodian people, please contact Box 531, Thunder Bay "P", Ontario.

CRISIS SHELTER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Brief to the Secretary of State has been completed and we are now hopefully waiting for confirmation of our request.

The Housing Committee is still very busy checking all possible leads in their efforts to FINDING suitable accommodation for the Crisis Shelter. The building designated as the Crisis Shelter should include the following:

- single rooms and at least one large area which could serve as a dormitory,
- light housekeeping rooms or apartments,
- a laundry area,
- kitchen facilities.

Aside from the business aspects of the Crisis Shelter, the committee has a few projects we think the women from the Centre would and should be interested in. We ask all women who are truly anxious to "do something" for those less fortunate women in our city, to think about the following:

I A CRISIS KIT

Volunteers from the Centre would compile a kit containing necessary and informative literature that might be of benefit to people in crisis. For example:

- the names of lawyers known for fair and sympathetic treatment towards women,
- names of doctors recommended by other women in the Centre,
- lists of agencies with needed services,
- resource people who could be contacted for sound advice,
- list of day care facilities available,
- names of Social organizations women might be interested in joining,
- etc.

We feel the Kit could also be distributed to new women in the area.

II THE BUDDY SYSTEM

Women who find themselves in a crisis situation, particularly those with young children, need much in the way of understanding, guidance and support.

On some occasions the only thing you would need to give would be moral support or verbal reassurances that the situation can be rectified to some degree.

Often, however, the action you will be called upon to take will have to be much more definitive and perhaps more difficult for you. I feel a woman who we could become aware of all the agencies and resource people (Crisis Kit) available would be a wise idea for those who decide they'd like to take part in the "Buddy System". They would then be in a position to impart this information to the woman who is finding it difficult to cope on her own. Perhaps advice coming from a sympathetic woman might be just what is needed.

A woman volunteer from our Centre would be matched with a woman in a crisis situation. The Volunteer would do all possible to help the woman resolve her crisis and hopefully become a coping happier woman.

What do you think about a "Buddy System"?

NOTICE...Thursday, November 22nd, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. will be the official day of drawing the LUCKY WINNERS TICKET FOR THE RAGGEDY ANN AND ANDY DOLLS. Please bring any sold or unsold tickets to the drawing so we all have a chance.

EXCERPTS FROM FEMINIST ROSEMARY BROWN'S SPEECH made to the first national conference of Women for Political Action.

If women seek political power by men's rules, and use it as men have, then there is no point in their struggle for power. There is no reason for women to accept male models and goals which I equate with worship of domination. Women could conceivably break down the old competitive-dominant system. Why cannot we see power as a creative force? Why cannot co-operation be seen as power. Women must force a confrontation with poverty, force a change in thinking on wars, pollution, respect for each other. If we do not challenge the concept that might is right, then there is no point to this struggle. Women elected in the past contributed little to the struggle for the liberation of women. They accepted male models, and male goals. It is crucial that women entering politics see themselves not as individuals but as a constituency working for the status of women. Until all of us have it made, none of us have it made.

AND THEN THERE'S MAUDE

Let's call her Maude. She's fortyish, separated and alone. So, she's in the change of life, so what better time to change her life? What a change! From the cloisters of protected wifhood to the classification of single-no dependents-when she is, in reality a wedded wife and mother.

Where do you go from here, Maude? She has her separation agreement papers-signed -an achievement gained after months of legal wrangling and a minimal amount of support. Maude is game though and also fair game as she goes to Manpower, is interviewed, fills in the eternal application form, and at the same time babbles on optimistically to the interviewer all about the types of work she can do through long experience as chief cook and bottle washer, beside her ancient job as salesgirl when she was single. She hopes to be employed in fields such as homemaker, hospital attendant-she fills those applications-or sewing alterations for stores-all these things she knows she can do. Maude has little education and no profession, career or trade-but Maude is willing to work. She is cheerful at the outset with high hopes; she surely will be called soon about work-one month goes by - then another and the phone remains - no dingle for the old dingbat.

With the cheer and the hope visibly diminished, Maude picks up the phone and calls Manpower and finds out that after all her talk about her potential capabilities, she has been dubbed "marker" because her employment as salesgirl-way back- and that the interviewer had not entered one single thing, other than that, on the application form. Oh Gawd, Maude doesn't really want to have to work in stores again, but she will, she will, she'll do anything for work. She is sent to a retail store as marker, thinking, now at last, I have work. She is handed another application form to fill out. If Maude had a dollar for every application form she filled out, she wouldn't have to work!

Maude now resorts to answering the ads for Employment wanted in the local papers. How about answering the ad asking for experienced sewing for a sewing machine company? Maude knows she can sew rings around the best after thirty years of sewing, plus two certificates from two sewing courses. She fills in the application form as usual, and, of course, she now knows that is the last of that - she does not have a certificate from a course in stretch-sewing! She begins to wonder if even her birth certificate is of no merit.

Day by day, she still tries to get a job, tries baby-sitting, lands a job sitting five little one, including a baby, for \$5.00 a day, tramped the streets trying to sell a company's products, door-to-door with door after door closing in her face. The varicose veins are now acting up.

At last Maude hears through the grapevine of a live-in job companion to handicap and \$100.00 a month. A cinch! - inspite of being warned that the lady just couldn't keep any help she was so cranky and hard to please. Oh, thought Maude, it couldn't be all that bad, I'll at least give it a try. To her regret, she is hired, spends a wondrously horrendous week, throws in the towel and leaves with nerves and spirit a little the worse for wear - so much for cinches---

Maude ups her tattered dander and mutters to the world at large, "God'll get you for that". But threats and dander don't put the almighty dollar in Maude's pocket. If she doesn't phone Manpower herself she never hears from that source. Maude is still willing to work, but she thinks, why not work for myself? How about that? Maude Enterprises. She advertises to do any type of sewing, knitting, and babysitting (again? -never gives up) This time Maude thinks she can choose, being on her own. Well, Maude has certainly learned in the interim to cut down, cut corners, and experiences again the hand-to-mouth existence - page 6

AND THEN THERE'S MAUDE - continued

of the old depression days. But Maude still has her "spunk", what little is left, and has not sat on her duff waiting for handouts to the helpless, deprived ex-housewife. She has tried to the best of her ability to get some kind of suitable employment, however, a little seed of doubt now enters Maude's being - how long is this going to go on - will I never find permanent gainful work - is she being crushed slowly by the wheels of bureacracy? Never mind, Maude, she has her ace-in-the-hole, so she thinks, as she waits for the phone to ring - you'll beat the "system" yet, Maude, or how long before the "system" beats you ----

BUSINESS: Financial reports have been requested and are forthcoming. We hope to mail out copies with THE NORTHERN WOMAN

SUGGESTED READINGS

- OK, I'll do it Myself! by Barbara A Curry
- Woman's Estate - Juliette Mitchell
- Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen by Alex Kates Shulman, paper back \$1.75.

Read any GOOD!!! books lately? How about starting our women's library now. Bring a book to the next meeting to lend, swap or donate.

Are you interested in forming a C.R. Group? Phone and leave your name - 62-3931.

NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

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SUGGESTED BOOK BURNINGS

- Cooking, Cleaning & Falling in Love by Susan Day
- How to Get a Teenage Boy & What to do With Him When You Get Him by Ellen Peck
- Dr. Joyce Brother's (& books)
- Viva, Playgirl, Venus
- Captive Wife by Hannah Gavron

NOTICE OF THE NEXT WOMEN'S CENTRE MEETINGS

Wesley United Church at 8:00 p.m.

- NOVEMBER 22nd, 1973
- DECEMBER 13th, 1973
- DECEMBER 27th, 1973

PLEASE CALL THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE IF YOU STILL WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTER THE "THE NORTHERN WOMAN". THE NUMBER TO CALL IS: 62-3931. if you don't will start replacing with people who do. thank you.

IF WE WOULD BUILD ON A SURE FOUNDATION IN FRIENDSHIP, WE MUST LOVE OUR FRIENDS FOR THEIR SAKES RATHER THAN OUR OWN.

Charlotte Bronte

RETURN: THE NORTHERN WOMAN
318 South Marks Street
THUNDER BAY F, Ontario

TO:

Lucy Lett
2610 Threault Court
Thunder Bay F



P.S.

TO THE EDITOR In answer to the quote by William Thackary in the Oct 73 edition of Northern Women. Sister while we sing, any phychologists will classify us as paranoid personalities. ABNORMAL PHYCHOLOGY by Walter J. Colville describes paranoids as follows "are often found in the ranks of zealous cultists ardent supporters of any cause celebre and reformers ". Does this mean that many or all women fighting for Women's Rights are mentally sick and the many injustices done to them have made them this way? If this is so the above quote from ABNORMAL PHYCHOLOGY should read as follows, " to sing against injustice is mental illness, therefore isn't it time our so called honest establishment listen to the song our libbers are singing and in doing so prevent mental illness.

Irene Weedon

Another Review:

A record we ran across in Toronto;

WOMEN-BE WOMEN

by Gert Behanna

author of the Late Liz

Word Records The Christian Voice of the Audio Age
She believes that *women should be women* ie. centre their lives on being wives and mothers. If *liberated* women are so happy-so fulfilled - how do you account for all the women alcoholics , the women drug addicts, the mentally lost, the divorces, the suicides. --- She's been through it all she knows [knows what? ed.]

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations

The name

NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE: THUNDER BAY DISTRICT

is unobjectionable for a non share corporation. If we wish to reserve the name for two dollars for a period of 60 days. We need to know therefor, whether or not we are going ahead with incorporation. Don't forget to come to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

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Goodwill to People!*



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EDITORIAL POLICY

The composition of the Northern Women's Centre group, as a whole, represents different ideological views and approaches to the emancipation of women -- i.e., political affiliation (or lack thereof). However, the unifying factor is the sentiment that women should be emancipated. The newsletter itself will serve as an open forum for expression of any and all viewpoints of the women of Northwestern Ontario.

Up until now, the newsletter has served mainly as a bulletin board of events, with little discussion of pertinent issues.

Only by a free and open exchange of opinions and views will we develop a basis for unity which can be used as a basis for action.

FOUNTAIN 'A'

It has always distressed me to witness labour strikes, picketing and ~~dissem-~~ out bargaining sessions which cause waste of resources and general inconvenience. But these have been the only means by which labour unions were able to improve conditions for the working class. Nowadays, labour's solution to the high cost of living is a demand for higher wages and these, in turn, are blamed for higher prices. However, even with a raise, the take-home pay remains much the same. Depending on which income bracket you happen to land in, the expectation gets swallowed sort of whole by the income tax. It has slowly dawned on me that the labour unions have assumed another function, and that is: collecting income tax for the government. Why are labour unions going to such trouble to do a government job?

A couple of years ago I had suggested at a union meeting whether it would not be more advisable if the unions across Canada would put stress on reduction of income tax for lower brackets rather than higher wages. The labour leader drew my attention almost reverentially to the measly 3% reduction which supposedly would make a big difference in the pay cheque.

There have been written reports about the size of the campaign funds contributed towards the present government's election. Big business was definitely on the side of the government. It would certainly be ungrateful of the government to turn around and slap taxes as callously as it does on the workers. So it left the dirty job to the unions, with rewards going to the corporations and the Canadian tax structure. Costs and prices rise, small businesses collapse and big enterprises expand. The hard-pinched segment of the working population and the middle class are baited in the direction of the unemployment insurance beneficiaries and the luckless welfare class.

This brings me to an excerpt from the past. At the end of the Second Great War, the late Garfield Anderson, M.L.A., had asked a federal official whether the government had prepared for post-war Canada. "Oh yes," the official replied, "we have plans. Half the people will work twice as hard, at half the pay."

C. Raskiw

Hey - don't forget to buy your copy of the December issue of THE BLACK FLY - 25¢ - available at the Co-Op Bookshop, Algoma St. There's an article on our Women's Centre and excellent reporting on regional happenings.

LITERS - WE GET LETTERS - LOTS AND LOTS OF LETTERS

From Thunder Bay: "I enjoyed your last newsletter and would at this time like to thank those who have devoted their energy and time. I believe our struggle should not be to sustain groups of this nature but to eliminate the need for them."..... and... "The institution of marriage and the laws that encompass it our outdated, discriminatory and in need of change. There is a clause in the Marriage Act of Ontario that states that anyone under the age of 18 may not marry without the signature of a parent, and that parent being the father! Exceptions to this rule are: if the child lives with a guardian, if the parents are divorced or separated, if the child lives with his or her mother who is single or widowed. DISCRIMINATION!!"

Another from Thunder Bay: "I would like to pledge my support for women's Centre in Thunder Bay...the conference last year was a great inspiration for me, and I hope we have more and more participation by women in our future. We can only accomplish this by having a centre such as the one envisioned at the conference.

"At this point in time, I am unable to work actively for this goal, but I hope that you fine women carry on for all of us out here, and don't get discouraged. I, for one, am behind you all 100%.

"As a token of appreciation, on behalf of myself (and others who cannot contribute) please accept the enclosed cheque. The job you have to do is a formidable one, and I realize that my donation would be a drop in the bucket compared to your total costs. However, rain drops lead to showers, and sometimes (hopefully in this case), showers to floods!

"Please use this money in any way you see fit. whether for stamps, envelopes or a phone bill.

"To close, a quote by Robert Kennedy: 'The future does not belong to those who are content with today...rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment...' This sums up the work you are doing today. Thank you!"

From Ripigon: "Sisters - Please continue sending me your newsletter...Although there is no formal organization of women 'libbers' here, many of us are able to speak out at informal gatherings or indeed, anywhere and anytime to flagrant examples of female suppression, prejudice, and brain-washing. News of your organization's work helps us to feel a part of the larger group with similar aims."

From Breslau, Ont.: A form letter from a group called Before We Are Six, who feel that existing children's libraries are inadequate because many important topics are avoided.

"We are trying to supplement as well as fill the gaps in existing children's literature by writing stories about: one-parent families, separation, day-care, handicaps, Canadian culture, and so on." Following are titles and prices.

"Linoo's Family" - A story about a little girl whose parents are in the midst of a separation. It deals with Linoo's feelings of loneliness, anger and confusion. (22 pages - \$1.25)

"When I Visit Daddy or Daddy Visits Me" - A young boy's parents are separated. While he waits for his daddy to visit him he thinks of some of the things that they do when they are together. (14 pages - \$1.00)

Poster Box - A photographic silkscreened poster depicting day-care children. The poster can be cut out, folded and pasted together into a box for storing treasures, frogs, etc. (Poster size: 20" x 20" - box size: 6x4x5 1/2 - \$1.00)

"Families Grow in Different Ways"
A gentle introduction to adoption. (14 pages - \$1.00)

Bibliography - An annotated bibliography of books recommended for children under age six. Topics covered are: Family Stories, Day-Care Centres, Death, Racial & Ethnic Settings, Apartment Living, Feelings & Emotions, Non-Stereotyped Characters, and many other topics. (23 pages - 25¢)

If interested in obtaining any of the foregoing, the address is: Before We Are Six, Box 104, Breslau, Ontario, N0B 1H0.

(In addition to the cost of each item, send 25¢ for the first item and 10¢ for each additional item, to cover postage and handling. Make cheque or money order payable to Before We Are Six.)

GENERAL MEETING OF NOV 22/73. Monica Turner was financed to attend the Indian Rights for Indian Women meeting in Toronto. A report from Monica will be forthcoming. * The first part of a 2-part film on Women and The Law was viewed - response was generally favorable though it was felt the picture painted was somewhat rosey, and was more applicable to the Province of Quebec. The first part and the second part were both shown on Channel 7 during the week of December 10 - the second part was better and worth seeing. (The next film in the Canadian Women's TV series will be on Consciousness Raising and will be available some time in January.) * The RAFFLE WINDER of the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls was PAT PHILLIPS. * There was a sale of crafts, and the OISE multi-media kit for Women's Studies was displayed.

On December 4, a WIFE AND CHIESE GATHERING was held at Marg Phillips' house to meet with Judith Ramsay, Women's Organization Branch, Secretary of State Department. Our Feminist Theatre group performed its first smash hit. The turn out was terrific, and Judith was able to meet women from many different groups. She was impressed by the solidarity of such a diverse group and wished that our brand of enthusiasm and awareness were shared by more groups.

Two days latter, Judith was able to negotiate a ride with a Human Rights official to the outlying areas (Dryden, Kenora, Fort Frances and Atikokan). Meetings were arranged with women in Kenora and Atikokan. This provided new perspectives regarding the specific needs of small towns with mixed populations, single industries, and the isolation of Northwestern Ontario. Other general problems encountered were the lack of day-care facilities, the rights of high school women, and abortion and birth control information.

All of this led Judith Ramsay to conclude that a travelling workshop was most appropriate to our needs -- this is in contrast with the proposed Thunder Bay, one-shot, workshop.

When possible, both the Secretary of State and Human Rights will cooperate to provide transportation on their regular travels around the district. This suggests a travelling circuit which will facilitate communication between women in Northwestern Ontario.

OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACTS When in the Kenora region, contact Shelagh Furdy, Suite 9, Laverendrye Apartments, Kenora (phone: 468-6819). When in the Atikokan area, contact Corky Zabirka, 210 O'Brien Street, Atikokan (phone: 597-4463). If you know of someone out of town who would be a good contact person, or if you are a good contact person, let us know.

COMMUNITY CONTACT The Thunder Bay W/YW is seeking to become more involved in community affairs and has already contacted our Women's Centre. A meeting has been set up for Tuesday (Dec. 18) during which we talked about what we can do to help the "Y" and what the "Y" can do to help us. A full report at the next Women's Centre meeting.

A Record to Dey. "Free to Be You and Me" by Marlo Thomas and Friends. "a celebration of laughter, love and freedom of choice for all children, whatever their age, race or sex." It's a standard LP of 22 songs, stories, jokes and poems.

How to get it? Send a bank money order, in the amount of \$6.50 U.S. funds to: Ms. Magazine, Department 4, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, 10017.

"Any woman who chooses to behave like a full human being should be warned that the armies of the status quo will treat her as something of a dirty joke, that's their natural and first weapon." Gloria Steinem.

FORUM

Abortionist Dr. Henry Morgentaler was acquitted, which means a tremendous legal precedent for all of Canada and "abortion on demand" a closer reality - something the federal government has been reluctant to do.

Laws restricting women's rights to abortion (therapeutic abortion committees included) have served to bar women from the necessary antiseptic condition of a proper hospital or clinic. So, one step forward for pro-abortionists.

But, is it really such an advancement for women? Why are so many in need of abortions? Dr. Morgentaler himself aborted thousands. I find these deeply sad facts. Are we needing abortions because we are being abandoned? Is it not fairly typical that the experience of being abandoned, for most young women, is what frequently produces the need for an abortion in the first place? Regressing one step more, is what motivates us to give so freely of our bodies with little thought of the connection between the sexual act and the sexual consequences.

After an abortion has taken place, are we emotionally strong enough to repress every bit of psychic consequence, or do we become emotionally ill because of this degradation? Only secondly is the abortion legal or illegal; primarily, it will retain in the realm of a human and personal experience and more so if we "go it alone".

Contraceptive services are available, but they are not being used because girls say "I didn't plan to have sex in the first place" - but, when the chips are down and boyfriends say "If you won't, Baby, there's a thousand chicks who will", and numerous other persuasions, principles slide rapidly out of focus.

The Right to Life and other anti-abortionists, along with Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal the Abortion Laws and other pro-abortionists, should continue to devote their considerable talents and energies to educating you wo/men of the blatant sexism that prevails in society.

As individuals, we can form a consciousness-raising group, get involved with the Women's Movement and read the many excellent books (such as recommended in this newsletter from time to time) that are being written by women about women on what it's like to be born female.

H.H.L.

EXCERPT FROM A PAMPHLET from the Toronto Committee to Defend Dr. Morgentaler:

The acquittal of Dr. Morgentaler on November 13 on one of thirteen charges against him is an historic victory in the campaign to free him and win women's right to abortion. It reflects the tremendous support which has been organized across Canada by Dr. Morgentaler's supporters.

But the fight has just begun. On November 16 the Crown filed an appeal to overturn the acquittal, and on November 19 launched into a preliminary hearing for Dr. Macchabee, an associate of Dr. Morgentaler also charged with performing an illegal abortion. It is clear that there will be numerous attempts to turn back the victory and continue the victimization of Drs. Morgentaler and Macchabee.

This victory must be defended. Majority opinion supports the right of women to safe, legal abortion. The government, both in Ottawa and Quebec, must be forced to respond to public opinion, to end the victimization of Dr. Morgentaler, to drop all charges against him and Dr. Macchabee and to repeal the abortion laws from the Criminal Code.

We appeal to you for your support and involvement. A final victory can be won only through the determined efforts of an active, vocal defense campaign.

FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

For more information, if you want to get involved, if you want to send donations, or if you wish to make known your endorsement of the Toronto Defense Committee, the address is:

Toronto Committee to Defend Dr. Morgentaler
Box 186, Station F
Toronto, Ontario (Phone: 863-9999)

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS COPIED FROM THE DECEMBER 19 ISSUE OF THE UNIVERSITY ARGUS WHICH APPARENTLY COPIED IT FROM THE QUILT - We thought it might be worth sharing.

STOP KIDDING YOURSELF

You're a nice girl. All through high school, you knew that there were a lot of girls who had sex. But you weren't one of them. You were a nice girl. Some girls talked about the pill, or the diaphragm, but, after all, some people will talk about anything. Anyway, that never concerned you. You're not that kind of girl. And, besides, boys aren't supposed to respect girls like that.

Now you're on your own. It's great being a university student in residence, boys and girls being able to visit back and forth without all those silly restrictions. And there are lots of parties -- you can hardly go to a party anymore without someone "smoking up" and, of course, there's always liquor - at least beer. And everyone goes on ski weekends. And then you meet HIM.

Now you're pregnant or afraid you are. You didn't MEAN to. You didn't PLAN it. You were a nice girl. -- Stop kidding yourself, Sister.

There are only two honest types of girls: Girls with the courage of their convictions to have RESPONSIBLE sex and girls with the courage of their convictions to remain virgin until they're married. And being the first kind always means that you use CONTRACEPTION. Being the second kind means that you are very careful about going to parties where there's a lot of drinking or pot. It means that you don't go out on male/female weekends, and it means that you don't get pregnant and expect the world to cheer you because you "didn't mean to." That, Sister isn't being honest. That means \$500.00 for an abortion, if you can get one. Or it means at least one set of parents, usually yours, unhappier than they ever needed to be. Or it means one human being brought into the world with no parents or no home. And if you've been dropping acid, or any of the other "delightfuls", it may mean no home for the baby, ever. Some agencies are getting very hard-nosed about taking babies who may turn out to have unknown kinds of genetic damage. Of course, if we're really going to be honest, we'll have to admit that maybe you do mean for "it to happen". Maybe you think it would be a good way to get him to marry you. If such is the case, he's more likely to end up hating you, now or later.

Yes, there are only two types of honest girls. Those who don't, at all, and those who have responsible sex. And responsible sex means contraception, good contraception, medically supervised. And if you're too shy, embarrassed or scared to decide which kind you are, you'd better go back home and stay there until you grow up. BUT PLEASE STOP KIDDING YOURSELF. YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS.

GENERAL MEETING OF DEC 6/73: Judith Ramsay was to have attended this meeting but, due to the important trip to Fenora, Fort Frances, etc., she was unable to be with us. We had a great meeting, anyway. Lucy talked to us about the Memorial Society, as well as the donating of human organs for transplant purposes. * We set up the OISE kit again, and Mary Kay brought a book display which included a few "books to burn" and many "books to buy". * Marion read the financial report as of November 26, showing a bank balance of \$343.18 - this demonstrates progress toward a self-supporting status. * Jackie Deauregard offered her services as bookkeeper. * Then we had an informal "open forum" - decided to set up a committee to draft a policy on donations and also to organize speakers to listen to in the new year.

SPEAKING OF SPEAKERS The Status Committee of Women Teachers' Federation held a workshop at the Airline Hotel the weekend of Nov 16 -- Helen Malet did a workshop on Women in the Law; Joan Lalonen did one on Maternity Leave; Estelle Friedlander and Sharon Lund did one on Consciousness Raising. We hope that eventually, the information will produce positive effect. The book displays were well-received. One of the immediate results of the workshop was an invitation from a Nipigon teacher, Marg Landock, calling for a workshop from us the third week in January. The first organizational meeting will be set up soon and we'll call for more input early in January.

We've also had a request from Atikokan for speakers to go into their high school. They're ripe for feminist lecturers and it makes it all the easier for us to reaffirm our contacts in Atikokan.

On December 6, (the same night as our general meeting), Cary Hansen, Shirley Chapman and Estelle Friedlander spoke to the North and South ward Jaycettes. From what we hear, this was a worthwhile venture, received with some enthusiasm.

WOMEN'S CENTRE MEETINGS, Wesley United Church, 8 PM

December 20, 1973, January 3, 1974, January 17, 1974

AN EXCERPT FROM TORONTO'S WOMEN'S PLACE NEWSLETTER/DECEMBER 1973

"In this expensive season of 'brotherly love' and 'goodwill to men' - what to say? "Season's Greetings"? "Happy Holidays"? Difficult to know. Christmas is not always the happiest of times. As women - whether the housewife-administrator of family frolics, or the isolated woman with no one to share the joy she doesn't feel - we should remember this and reach out to our sisters. To maintain a feeling of sisterhood demands unceasing love and understanding...no small commitment at any time of year. No matter what your ideological stance concerning this particular calendar date, remember the struggle and open your hearts to women."

NORTHERN WOMEN'S CENTRE

Financial Statement

as at November 26, 1973

RECEIPTS

Balance of funds donated
by Northern Women's Con.... 385.22

Proceeds from Flea Market
and Afghan Raffle 226.50

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J. Stefenato - Craft
Supplies 3.50

CN/CP Telecommunications
re: Moratorium 6.21

C. Hansen Trip 126.00

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M. Turner trip 90.00

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Nov. 26/73 343.18

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THE NORTHERN WOMAN



COMMITTEE REPORTS

INCORPORATION

THE OBJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LAWYER, AND THE NAMES OF THE DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN TYPED UP, WE NEED SIGNATURES UNDER THESE NAMES, SO IF YOU ARE ON THE LIST, PLEASE GO TO THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE, SUITE 19, 415 VICTORIA AVENUE, THUNDER BAY E, ONTARIO AND SIGN YOUR NAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE ARE IN THE LAST STAGES OF PREPARING THE BRIEF FOR THE NORTHERN WOMAN'S CENTRE. IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE GRANT, WE NEED LETTERS OF SUPPORT. PLEASE SEND IN A SHORT LETTER TO THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE [c/o Lynn Sihvonen, 318 South Marks Street, Thunder Bay E] URGE ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TO DO THE SAME. THE MORE SUPPORT WE HAVE, THE BETTER CHANCE WE HAVE. SO START WRITING!!

IF YOU WISH TO HELP WORK ON THE BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE NORTHERN WOMAN'S CENTRE, THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE [over the Port Arthur post office] ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13th, AT 1 P.M.

NEWSLETTER

THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MET TO DISCUSS AN EDITORIAL POLICY, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th, AT 8:00 P.M. AT WESLEY UNITED CHURCH.

WE ALSO MET WITH RON HUTTON, THE PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH RE: THE GRANT REQUEST FOR THE NEWSLETTER. OUT OF A TOTAL BUDGET FOR ONTARIO OF \$24,000, \$5,000 WAS ALLOTTED TO THE NORTHERN REGION OF ONTARIO. MR. HUTTON WILL BE ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN THUNDER BAY IN SEPTEMBER. OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

REPORT FROM THE SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CALCUS

At the group's second meeting (July 17th) the article "You've Come A Long Way Baby" (in Sisterhood is Powerful) was discussed. The group disagreed with the type of historical analysis involved in this article, in that it was exclusively feminist and not class-conscious, i.e. ignoring the important activities of the working women. It was also realized that the group lacked sufficient analytical tools to deal with feminist literature.

At our last meeting (July 31st) this problem was further discussed. Recognizing the diverse background of each woman regarding knowledge of socialism per se, the group re-affirmed the decision made at the first meeting that our primary function would be educational. At each meeting a different woman will lead the discussion of various types of literature. Studying articles on women written with a class analysis will be interspersed with learning the basics of this analysis itself. We intend to report to the Newsletter and the Women's Centre group our socialist view of women's problems, rather than a solely feminist one.

The next meeting will be August 14th, 324 Cowan Street, Thunder Bay P, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STARTING A POLLUTION PROBE GROUP IN THUNDER BAY?
COME TO THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT.

NATIVE WOMEN AT THE WOMEN FOR POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE

The native women had an opportunity to share with our white sisters some of our grievances concerning discriminatory practices contained in the Indian Act.

Although the Native Women's Association was officially ignored at this conference. We who attended through other women's groups were impressed by the spirit and concern and overwhelming desire to help overcome the plight of the Indian woman.

The main topic of discussion was the loss of Treaty Status by Indian women when marrying a non-status man. In this way the Indian Act causes divisions of families and deprives the children of such a marriage, their birthright and cultural heritage. It seems the male dominated government influenced the making of the Indian Act to include their discrimination against women and children.

A double bravo for the two young girls from Guelph, Ontario who gave us their assistance in writing up our resolutions that were sent to our Heads of government.

Shirley Chapman

NOTICES
BOOKS TO READ

- The Lace Ghetto (Canadian)
- Edible Woman (Canadian)
- True to You in My Fashion (Canadian)

FEMINIST THEATRE

Needs some people with background skills, and others. Looking for original material by women.

SYLVA GELDER, WITH THE WOMEN'S BUREAU IN OTTAWA IS THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU SHOULD DIRECT COMPLAINTS RE: DISCRIMINATION OF WOMEN I.E. N.C. RETRAINING PROGRAM.

CANVASSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE THEIR TALENTS TO THE WOMEN'S CENTRE - PICK UP AT THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE.

FREE HATHA YOGA CLASSES
ALL SUMMER
QUIT SMOKING
LOSE WEIGHT
IMPROVE GENERAL HEALTH
CALL SITA 745-767

NEXT TWO GENERAL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH AND
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD
PLEASE ATTEND!!!

THERE'S LOTS TO TALK
ABOUT AND DO!!!

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LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN HELPING US
BECOME INCORPORATED.
BRavo - TO THOSE CONCERNED IN THE
LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN HELPING US
BECOME INCORPORATED.

WE HAVE NOTICED A LACK
OF LITERATURE BY AND ABOUT WOMEN IN THE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES. IF THIS CONCERNS YOU,
PLEASE IN ADVANCE AND OFFER
SUGGESTIONS TO THEM.
GERRILLA TACTICS:
PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

NOTICE TO
RECIPIENTS OF
THE NORTHERN WOMAN

CHANGES OF ADDRESS
AND PEOPLE NOT WANTING
TO RECEIVE THE NORTHERN
WOMAN PLEASE CONTACT OR
WRITE TO THE HUMAN AND
WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE.
WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.
THANK YOU.

BULLETIN

THE FALL FLEA
MARKET WILL BE
HE ON SEPTEMBER
22nd, 1973 (Saturday)
from 11:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m. at the
FORT WILLIAM GARDENS.

SO WOMEN KEEP SAVING/MAKING OLD,
USED, AND NEW ITEMS AS IT IS NOT
TOO FAR AWAY. IF YOU WISH YOUR
DONATION TO BE PICKED UP PLEASE
CALL ROSEEN LAVOIE - 622-4637 or
HELEN WALZ - 623-3224.

THINK ABOUT IT . . . " IF MEN COULD BECOME PREGNANT,
ABORTION WOULD BE A SACRAMENT."

THERE ARE SOME MEN IN THE CITY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEGINNING A MEN'S
CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING GROUP. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CALL AND LEAVE
YOUR NAME AT THE HUMAN AND WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICE - 622-3224

WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A BOOTH AT THE FLEA MARKET (TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER)
SO GET TOGETHER SOME CRAFTS, ETC. THAT WE CAN SELL.

A PETITION IS BEING WRITTEN UP BY THE MOTHERS ON RUGBY GROUP CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.
IF YOU WISH TO HELP, CONTACT M.O.D. AT THEIR CENTRE ON LEITH STREET.

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Welcome!!

We're glad you have come to the Northern Women's Conference. Those of us who have been working on the preparation of the Conference have found it a really great experience.

We've met interesting new people, shared ideas and experiences, learned a lot about ourselves, and made rewarding new friendships. We hope the Conference will provide the same opportunity and happy experience for you.

We've tried to make the Conference flexible enough that whatever you want to happen can happen. The program includes guest speakers and planned workshops. There is also the opportunity for new workshops and discussion groups to be formed wherever there is enough interest. Please let the people at the Nerve Centre know your ideas about other workshops - and we'll work on them.

The Nerve Centre

Situated near the registration area the Nerve Centre is the "information sharing" place. We'll try to answer your questions, provide information and resources, etc. There will be a message board for your use.

Also, there is the "Idea Board". Please give us your ideas, your interests and we'll try to find out who else is interested and what can be done.

Your assistance is also requested. We need some volunteer help to ensure everything happens as smoothly as possible. For example if a group wants to see a film would someone volunteer to run the projector? Please sign the "Will you Help" sheets at the Nerve Centre. If you want to contact a Conference Committee person look for the women with green name tags.

Things to Do

A number of VTR tapes are available throughout the Conference. (see list at Nerve Centre). Ruth Hartman, who is involved with a international video festival, in conjunction with the Women and Film Festival, and who has helped produce these tapes is available to show and discuss the tapes with you, and to talk to women interested in VTR production. Films are also on hand for anyone who wants to view them. And there are book displays you may find interesting.

Workshops

A number of workshops will begin Saturday morning. What happens in these workshops; how long they should continue, if there should be any follow-up after the Conference will depend on the group. Please feel free to go to as few or as many workshops as you wish.

Other short term workshops take place later Saturday. As we've already mentioned, new workshops may emerge too.

Meals, Social, etc

The Food Committee really has a treat in store for you. Meals are provided free. There's a social Saturday evening (you buy your own drinks). There will be entertainment as well. Enjoy yourselves!

NORTHERN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
GUIDELINES

(No fees for registration, food or day care)

April 6th - Friday

Registration7:00 pm
 Welcome.....8:00 pm
 Maryon Kantaroff speaks
 (general remarks on women's issues)
 Question Period
 Get acquainted hour (coffee)
 Registration for one hour after speaker

April 7th - Saturday

Coffee Break & Registration.....9:00 am
 Opening remarks.....9:45 am
 ✓ Madeline Parent.....10:00 am 10:30
 (speaking on Working Women, Women
 in the Labour Movement)
 Workshops.....10:30 am
 Lunch.....12:30 pm
 Late Registration..... 1:00 pm
 Bonnie Kreps..... 1:30 pm
 (speaking on sex-role discrimination
 as adults)
 Workshops.....2:00 to 4:00 pm
 Short-term workshops or free time.....
 4:00 to 6:00 pm
 Dinner.....6:00 pm
 Social.....7:30 pm
 Short-term workshops to continue
 throughout evening also films and tapes

April 8th - Sunday

Coffee Break.....9:00 am
 Opening remarks.....9:45 am
 ← Sylvia Gelber/Elizabeth Neville — 10:00 am
 (speaking on Legislation available
 to women. Federal and Provincial
 Legislation and what the limits are)
 Question Period
 Workshops.....11:00 am
 Lunch.....12:30 pm
 Workshop summaries if desired..... 1:30 pm
 Strategy Sessions 2:00 pm
 (Where do we go from here)

Women's Advisory Bd.
 264 → 16 → Person
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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - MORNING SESSIONS - 10:30 am

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RESOURCE PERSONNEL</u>	<u>ROOM NO.</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Working Women	Madeline Parent & Mary Rakowski	384	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Daycare Workshop	Barbara Elliott	382	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Abortion & Birth Control <i>anti abortion</i>	Laurie Littleford	380	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Women and Legislation <i>(Politics)</i>	Rita Ubriaco	365	10:30am - 12:30 pm <i>2 pm</i>
High School Women <i>consciousness raising - very slow in N.S.</i>	Georgian Garrett & Peggy Morrison	340	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Single Parents	Betty Shedden	333	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Welfare Rights	<i>Tor</i> Bobbi Sparks & Dixie Wardell	267	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Older Women <i>2 (no generation gap)</i>	Marietta Cox	258	10:30am - 12:30 pm
"Who Am I" <i>Women's consciousness raising</i>	Freda Kamstra & Anne Nowbray	180	10:30am - 12:30 pm
Tapes, Films, to be shown as required <i>"Undecided" group</i>	<i>Tor</i> Ruth Hartman		Check with nerve centre

SATURDAY APRIL 7 - AFTERNOON SESSION - 2pm

Morning Workshops continued as per morning schedule commencing 2 pm

Consumerism	Mrs Benka	178	2 pm - 4 pm
Women and Politics	Rita Ubriaco & Nichole Sakaloupoula <i>Tor 3</i>	176	2 pm - 4 pm
Sex Role Sterotyping	Sherrill Cheda	181	2 pm - 4 pm
Divorce and Separation <i>Wpg</i>	Olga Folts	270	2 pm - 4 pm
Breast Feeding	Janet Gilbert Norma Beazley		Check with nerve centre
VTR Training <i>How to Use Equip</i>	Wendy Atkinson & Willa Breaky	268	2 pm - 4 pm

SHORT TERM WORKSHOPS

Yoga		165	4 pm
Crafts		154	4 pm
Vegetarian Cooking,		153	4 pm
Natural Childbirth	Laurie Atkinson		Check with nerve centre

N.B. Short Term Workshops, Video Tapes and Films will continue in the evening. Check with nerve centre.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - MORNING SESSION - 11am

Saturday Workshops continue as per schedule

Organizing a Womens Centre	Stephanie Penney	365	11 am
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New Workshops may emerge as interest develops
Inquire at Nerve Centre

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NEWS OF THE NORTHERN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Northern Women's Conference is chugging into the final weeks. Interest seems to be high, and the guest list continually increases. We have a most interesting group of speakers representing important women in all areas of women's issues. We have everything going for us, interest, facilities, great speakers, and money!

The Conference committee has applied to the Federal Secretary of State for funding. The grant request is designed to cover administration, speakers, meals, daycare, transportation, and other costs.

We are overcome with the degree of co-operation we have received from the community. Confederation College has offered its facilities to meet every requirement. Friday evening, April 6, opening night of the Conference, we have the theatre for our opening speaker, Maryon Kantaroff. Ms. Kantaroff is a sculptress of note whose work has been seen world wide. She works in new materials; resin, plastics, cement, etc. Because she speaks out on women's issues, she's become a favourite of the media and because she's an attractive woman and speaks so lucidly, she is called a radical by the media. In reality she's "right on". Some of you may have seen her on a recent Canada A.M. show. She was in debate on women's issues with a Doctor who shall remain nameless. I didn't make it to work on time that day, she was so good. She was so rational she convinced the good Doctor and Percy Saltzman.

Other special guests include Sherrill Cheda, Sylva Gelber, Bonnie Kreps, Madeline Parent, all women of importance in their own fields of endeavour and outspoken on equal rights for women.

The schedule as it now stands is:

Friday evening...7:00 p.m....Registration
April 6, 8:00 p.m....Maryon Kantaroff
Saturday, Apr. 7...9a.m. coffee break
10 a.m. Madeline Parent speaks
WORKSHOPS
12 noon lunch is served at the college
1 p.m. Bonnie Krepps speaks
WORKSHOPS
6 p.m. dinner served at the college
7:30 p. m. social evening with a bar
Sunday, Apr. 8...9 a.m. coffee break
10 a.m. Slyva Gelber speaks
THEN Strategy session...where do we
go from here?

Workshops will be on any subject you want to discuss. Headings requested to date have been: Working Women, Day Care, Women in Politics, Legislation, High School Women, Sex Role Stereotyping, Abortion, Native Women, Women in the Arts, Women in the Media, Single Parents, Welfare Rights, Senior Citizen Women, etc. We are so lucky to have many guests who will act as a resource person in all of the workshops. Some are local people, some from other Canadian cities.

We would like to emphasize that while some workshops have been planned in advance it is hoped women will create workshops and rap sessions according to their own needs.

Day Care is provided for mothers who can't come unless their children are accomodated. And bless our stars...the men will do the bulk of the babysitting. Box lunches will be provided for the kids. Daycare will be at Wesley United Church on Miles and Brodie Streets. We'll be running a shuttle bus from Daycare to the college for those who need the service.

Other than the shuttle service from Daycare to the college we will try to find transportation for anyone who needs it. We want the Conference to be free and open to ALL women.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Northern Women's Conference
Room 19, 415 Victoria Ave.
Thunder Bay South, Ontario
Phone 622-3931 COLLECT

I N F O R M A T I O N S H E E T

The yeast of the Conference, left to ferment for a week or two, continues to grow. Action and re-action is gaining momentum. The world is changed! well, at least in Northwestern Ontario.

Groups that are continuing and meeting this month are: Single Parents, Separation and Divorce, Older Women, Day Care and Infant Care, Working Women, Women's Centre, Who am I, Women's Study Group (Abortion Reform), and many Consciousness Raising Groups (CR).

Lists of these groups are at the Human and Welfare Rights Office, 622-3931. If you want to add your name or get in touch with the contact person, call us. Most groups are meeting or have had one meeting this month. Those who did not participate in the Conference are welcome, too.

The Women's Centre group met at Con College on April 12th, over 50 strong. Just briefly...Goals and objectives of what a Women's Centre should encompass were determined. The following objectives do not preclude other ideas that may yet be incorporated. It was unanimous that ideally a large house in an easily accessible location should be...a refuge, dispense general information, have meeting rooms, a library, a women's newspaper, a kitchen, and a dark room. Committees were formed: Facilities, Financial, P. R. and Newspaper.

The next Women's Centre meeting will be held at Wesley United Church, Miles and Brodie Streets, Wednesday, April 25th at 8 p.m. Feel welcome to come.

Margaret Phillips has ordered 100 of Bonnie Kreps "Guide to the Women's Movement in Canada". She will let us know when they arrive for those who want to buy a copy for \$1.00.

A four hour tape compiled and edited by Monitor North of the Women's Conference, including all speeches, will be on Channel 7 on April 26th at 8 p.m. and on April 27th at 1 p.m. For those of us who do not have Videon, the Resource Centre, first floor, at Con College has been made available to us at 8 p.m. for the April 27th showing.

There is a group of women interested in seeing a Women's Studies Course instituted at Con College. Several Universities and Colleges across the country have such courses which deal with subjects such as Women in Literature, Women in Art, Sex-role Stereotyping, etc. Anyone with some ideas or interested in the possibility of such a course call 622-3931 and leave your name and ask for more details.

'Want to hear an amazing fact? There are ten (10) Consciousness-Raising groups organized to my knowledge, and more are planning. There seem to be two types, those made up of mutual friends, and those who have gathered according to geographical location who do not know each other well or at all. I'm really enjoying the group I'm with as we are eight very different women, representing several ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds and ages. We've had one meeting and would you believe we didn't break until after 1 a.m.?

Many have requested guidelines to Consciousness Raising and I have transcribed the following from Bonnie's remarks on Sunday afternoon at the Conference and prap-phrased (without permission from her "Guide" on the why for and how to of CR.

Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Doctors and other professional men (by nature of their gender) are not capable of knowing the female experience. To get the correct data, and find out the truth about ourselves as women, we should look to ourselves. "We already have our own institution for gathering information, a much maligned institution which men laugh at and even women often don't take seriously...the Kaffeeklatch. Here, women for centuries have opened up to other women, unburdened themselves, and in general shared information relevant to their lives. It is but a step from the kaffeeklatsch to consciousness raising, the small rap group devised by feminists to: 1. Clean out your head. 2. Uncork and redirect your anger. 3. Learn to understand other women. 4. Discover that your personal problem is not only yours.

"What happens in a CR group? You begin to learn that the only knowledge which is really worth having is that which relates to your own experience--organic knowledge, I call it. You begin to understand the term often used by feminists, 'The personal is political', in that you see that what you thought was your own personal problem--you were inadequate, neurotic, etc.--is not merely your problem but part of a whole social context which can be labeled 'Born Female'.

"I have long thought that the most beautiful sight in the world is when a sister, full of fear and determination, gets herself together and takes that first hard step. It may be something as drastic as leaving her man, or something as

seemingly small as getting herself a driver's licence. For it beats moon shots and speed records and other commonly acknowledged human achievements.

"How to begin: Nothing very complicated about it. After all, this is not school. There is no 'knowledge' you have to acquire or grade to fail. Just get together with six to ten women, agree to interrupt each other as little as possible, try to give everyone a chance to talk, and be honest, with yourself and with your sisters. If you feel that something is too painful to talk about just yet, don't talk; there will probably be a later time when it won't seem difficult, because you'll have changed and because you'll probably have heard a similar story from a sister and listened to it with understanding...CR sessions are not encounter sessions, no one is forced in any way. Remember, we are trying to look at the implications (political and social) of being born female in our society. (Bonnie frequently emphasized the importance of viewing our experience within the context of our social system...the personal is political).

The following outline is for 14 weeks of CR although the "Guide" varies a bit, and outlines 12 weeks. This is what Bonnie gave us on Sunday afternoon.

14 WEEK OUTLINE FOR CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING

- Week 1: General: What are some of the things that got you interested in the women's movement?
- Week 2: Parents: Discuss your parents and their relationship to you as a girl (daughter). Were you treated differently from your brother or friends who were boys?
- Week 3: Family: Discuss your relationship with women in your family.
- Week 4: Childhood: Discuss problems of growing up as a girl, who were your heroines? What were your favourite games? How did you feel about your body changing at puberty?
- Week 5: Men: Discuss your relationship with men, friends, lovers, bosses, as they evolved. Have you noticed any recurring patterns? (It's the recurring patterns you always want to look for.)
- Week 6: Marital Status: How do or did you feel about being single, married, divorced? What have been the pressures, family or social on you?
- Week 7: Motherhood: Did you consider having children a matter of choice? Discuss the social and personal pressures you may have felt to become a mother. What has been your experience regarding such issues as childcare, contraception and abortion?
- Week 8: Sex: Have you ever felt that men have pressured you into having sexual relationships? Have you ever lied about orgasm?
- Week 9: Sex objects: When do you feel like one? Why do you want to be beautiful? Do you ever feel invisible? (Bonnie said, "I have seen groups of totally different women and every single one felt inadequate, ugly in some way"--again, look for the recurring patterns.)
- Week 10: Women: Discuss your relations with other women. Have you ever felt competitive with other women for men? Have you ever felt attracted to another woman?
- Week 11: Behavior: What is a "Nice girl"? Discuss the times you have been called selfish. Have you ever felt that you were expected to smile even when you didn't feel like it?
- Week 12: Age: How do you feel about getting old? And your mother getting old? What do you fear most? What aspects of aging do you look forward to? Do you think the problems are different for men?
- Week 13: Ambition: What would you most like to do in life? What has stopped you? How does being a woman affect that?
- Week 14: Movement activity: What are some of the things you would like to see the women's movement accomplish? ("The reason for that one is that at this point you are leaving a CR group and going into heavy reading and analysis and talking and zeroing in on the areas that are of particular interest to you.)

Bonnie sees CR happening in two phases. Basically, the first phase is the CR meetings. The second phase finds most people into heavy reading, analysis and talking. A special affinity to the whole group has developed, you've learned the rhetoric, directions present themselves, and you find that you are able to act where you want to act, effectively, without wasting time. Good luck!

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