

## ORIGIN OF TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES

Monteith Women's Institute began compiling their village history in 1951. The Women's Institute had contemplated the keeping of a history for many years, then in 1951, a definite decision was made by the group to go ahead with the project.

The idea did not originate with the local W.I. The Women's Institute of Canada had always encouraged the collection of records of items of local history by the Branches. When the Governor-General, Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir showed great interest in some records shown at the convention of Women's Institutes near Ottawa. The vice-regal couple suggested that each Branch should keep a record or history, not only of the work of Institutes but of communities. The suggestion was immediately adopted by the Federated Board of W.I. and it was decided to call it the "Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

Monteith's first convenor was the late Mrs. (Chas.) Sabina Clifford, who with the help of old-time residents was able to get the volume started. It was (as has been since) in the form of a scrapbook with pictures and clippings and facts noted concerning village residents, first residents, churches, schools, etc. Now in 1978 we have here a new Tweedsmuir History Book starting which has a better quality paper and attractive cover with W.I. crest. Many books have been filled besides the original one and this new one.

Convenor for past years has been Mrs. Della Tinney. Over a period of 6 years, 3 other convenors had the history, Mrs. H. Lang, Mrs. E. Plummer, Mrs. A. Hoffman, and to present time, Mrs. D. Tinney.