

life and to assist him in the event something goes wrong. An important feature of growth in public understanding of mental illness is the removal of the superstition and stigma that has been associated with this form of illness. "Overweight" was among the health topics reported this year.

More branches are supporting 4-H Home-making Clubs, and members who attended Achievement Days felt amply rewarded for all they had done for the girls. As a means of gaining more intimate knowledge of the progress being made toward a healthier people, tours were arranged for visits to hospitals and sanatoriums. First Aid Kits were supplied to schools. Members have assisted at X-ray clinics and well baby clinics, and among other activities, have sponsored the St. John Ambulance course. Many films on illness and health have been shown, followed by a talk or discussion. Many talks and papers have been given on these subjects. Many donations have been made to health funds, and a gift cupboard was given to the Cancer Society.

Almost all reports mention spicing their programmes with a bit of humour, music and sociability. "It is the song we sing and the smiles we wear that make the sunshine everywhere." And as we face toward the sunshine the shadows will fall behind us.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND CURRENT EVENTS

Mrs. R. C. Walker

Tweedsmuir Histories are still an outstanding project for all branches. Thirteen very interesting reports were received showing the vital interest of historical study throughout Ontario. Many branches have celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. We are thrilled by the number working faithfully on their Tweedsmuir Histories, 1,003 history books are now in the Province. Information from branches working on these histories show very few covers original in design or composition, but the histories sound most interesting and informative and the books are an inspiration to all concerned.

Roll calls, mottoes and current events at meetings are an inspiration to the members to learn and preserve events of the past. Papers on historical events, speakers and tours add to this knowledge.

Histories have been displayed at spring fairs. Many districts and areas are working toward the establishment of museums, while others are strongly supporting the museums within their areas.

The convener asks all branches to continue or to start a Tweedsmuir History for the preservation of a heritage started many years ago, and as an additional project for 1957 to strive to discover our folk lore in music and art traditional to Canada and our way of life. Do you know of any typically Canadian folk songs in your district? Any folk art or relics in your homes? Could we not record and preserve these for our own Canada?

The President's Corner



Mrs. James Haggerty,
President, F.W.I.O.

THE Year of 1957, our Sixtieth Anniversary, brings new responsibilities for me and I know I shall receive much and my life will be enriched by the pleasant associations. You, the Branch Members, will play a major role in the success of my new office. I am looking to you for loyal support of the plans of the Provincial Board. I am anxious to meet the members of our fine organization throughout Ontario and become acquainted personally with as many as possible.

I like people and through many years' experience, have found that Women's Institute women are people of high caliber, intelligent, unselfish and progressive.

Let us work together this year, using our intelligence, our wisdom, our broadened education and our selflessness, to make this Anniversary year an outstanding period of progress in adult education for ourselves and others. Let us treasure the past, meet the problems and needs of the present and work and plan for a bright and peaceful future.

With the world in such a confused turmoil, may we study conditions of other countries in the same light and with the close relationship in which we view our own difficulties—may we always be peace-conscious in our thinking and action.

I wish each member of the Women's Institutes of Ontario a happy New Year, success in your work and the joy of a permanent peace throughout the world.

Annie G. Haggerty,
(Prov. Pres., F.W.I.O.)

The proposed index for the second volume of the Provincial Tweedsmuir History Book was submitted by Mrs. Walker at the annual meeting of the Provincial Board in November. Work on it will be started this year.

AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Mrs. Stewart McDonald

Agriculture and Canadian Industries is a subject of universal interest. Throughout all reports a keen interest was shown in studying present problems and endeavouring to find a solution. In reviewing the reports the convener stated she found a wide scope of interests and subjects studied through papers,