

tute members have in becoming more knowledgeable Canadian citizens.

Keeping abreast of changes in our municipal scene, addresses were given by municipal officers on good citizenship, magistrates on delinquency, assessors on new county plan of assessing, liaison officer—Department of Citizenship, the new unit system in education, and rural and consolidated school education.

Besides our national role as Canadian citizens, branches studied various aspects of India, its problems, its famous prime minister and the president of A.C.W.W.; by travelogue they learned of such countries as Red China, Australia, Holland, Alaska, Japan, the Holy Land and many other frontiers in the news. Bus trips provided entertainment and education. Monetary assistance in this field included local scholarships, library donations, and flags for schools and community centres.

In her outline to conveners, Mrs. Yeates stressed making Canada more beautiful and proving we are proud to be Canadians. She would like to see a Canadian flag in front of every home and building and advocates using a booklet from the Queen's Printer, "Flag Etiquette" for information on displaying and flying the flag properly.

Mrs. Yeates represented F.W.I.O. at the Ontario School Trustees and Ratepayers Association convention in Toronto last April and gave a detailed resume of the various speakers who stressed the need for being alert and continually assessing what is being done in education.

### Historical Research and Current Events

"The past cannot be changed but the future is in your hands," was a fitting challenge to conclude the report on Historical Research and Current Events given by F.W.I.O. convener, Mrs. Wilson Johnson. Many branches included biographies of renowned people such as Dr. Albert Sweitzer, Governor General Vanier, Lester B. Pearson, Queen Elizabeth II, and Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless in their special historical programs. Research papers on local, provincial, and federal news including how the Fathers of Confederation chose the name "Dominion" for our country proved informative. Customs of our pioneer fathers, from barn-raising and wood-cutting bees to keeping house with coal-oil lamps, were reviewed. Bus trips to museums, the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, Sir Alexander Graham Bell Homestead, Pauline Johnston's Home and many others were enjoyed. In some branches current events were given at several meetings during the year and others set aside one meeting a year to review outstanding current events of the present which will be the history of the

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### LENTEN CANDLES

By Patience Strong

Long before there's any glory down the garden  
ways  
Spring comes to my windowsill to brighten up  
the days.  
From bulbs in pots and bowls the green buds burst  
out into bloom  
And bring a touch of magic to the dusty, wintry  
room.  
Daffodils with golden trumpets tall and bright  
and bold,  
Pale narcissi, paper-white, their fragrant flowers  
unfold.  
Hyacinths, blue, rose and crimson fill the air  
with scent,  
Lighting colored candles in the solemn days of  
Lent.

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future. "Keep your members active, alert to current events, but not burdened in researching for history," cautioned Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Wilson Johnson attended the Ontario Historical Society's annual meeting in Pembroke. The dinner speaker, Mr. Clyde Kennedy, Ottawa, told of Indian settlements on Morrison's Island. Delegates toured historic points in Pontiac County on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River and the Nuclear Plant at Chalk River. Discussions and papers were given on protection of places and buildings which have character and an interesting story to tell. Fall workshop will be held in Barrie October 20-22.

Mrs. R. C. Walker, provincial curator of Tweedsmuir histories, felt Canada's Centennial has done much to make our Tweedsmuir histories known and used, as much more activity, enthusiasm and accomplishment has been evident this year. Pilot courses in local history have been inaugurated, using Tweedsmuir histories as background research material. Although astonishment has been expressed for the quantity and quality of history that has been researched and recorded, "Let us become renowned for our work to strive to improve and advance our books as well as dedicating our services and time on into the new century," stated this curator.

Research and the marking of centennial farms has created interest and many curators report drawing maps comparing 1867 and 1967 in both rural and urban areas.

District curators' meetings have proved inspirational and worthwhile. In scattered areas such meetings are not possible but a suggested "chain letter" started by the area curator and sent to district curators in turn, with each adding requested information, could exchange help and draw curators in a closer bond through added incentive and inspiration. Curators are advised to divide books in an effort to cut down on wear and tear of larger vol-