

type of folks through the years." Grey Bruce Area was the only area with branches reporting one hundred percent.

Many curators took active parts in erection of historical plaques including the one at the Erland Lee Homestead. Throughout the province many century farms are not marked and Mrs. Walker is requesting District curators to make a list of century farms in their Districts with original owner, date settled, present family name, and forward this list to her.

Tweedsmuir History workshops were held and showed enthusiasm and improvement except where frequent changes in curators had been made. If groups other than Women's Institutes compile histories, Mrs. Walker would like a report. The new archives at Simcoe were visited by the provincial curator. Reporting on Tweedsmuir History competitions, Mrs. Walker felt if competitions are continued they should be separated into categories such as farming, urban or industrial communities.

Mrs. Walker gave the report of the Ontario Genealogical Society as a member of the Board of Directors for the past five years. During the past year she was again a liaison between various curators as folks across Canada and the United States endeavoured to compile family histories. The annual meeting of the society was a two-day seminar at Dundas and outstanding Canadian and American speakers brought new light on tracing family records, but some of this is beyond our present limited scope. Mrs. Walker asked that her membership in the society should not be renewed but she will continue to assist in tracing families in Ontario. New president of the Ontario Genealogical Society is Mr. Philips Silcox of Port Credit.

### Cultural Activities

Mrs. R. W. Yungblut, secretary of Cultural Activities, expressed her appreciation for completed questionnaires which were filled out at branch level. In addition to the tremendous job Women's Institutes have done for Centennial to beautify and to make our country a better place in which to live, approximately 1,355 histories are at some stage of preparation or completed in the province. Musical sing-songs (both of familiar tunes and those of other years and lands), choirs, orchestras have added to program enjoyment. Assistance has been given to libraries, displays set up, museums started. Local leaders' training school for crafts were patronized, anniversary celebrations held, and many women continued their education either by evening courses or part-time day courses at universities.

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Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know.—Montaigne

## Junior Institute Convention and Junior Farmers

A review of Junior Farmer activities in the province was given by Miss Barbara Watkins. The year opened with the Toronto conference and its competitions. The Guelph Conference saw the election of new president, Mrs. Pat Kerr, the announcement of overseas trip winners, and concluded with church service. Other events in the year included curling and hockey bonspiels, provincial field day, drama festivals with Ontario county victorious, Eastern Ontario bus trip, and many social events.

After adoption of her report, Miss Watkins read a recommendation re change in method of electing Junior Board Directors. This was considered at a special emergency meeting of the Constitution Committee on Thursday evening. The committee drafted a reply to the secretary of the Junior Farmers' organization stating that they were in sympathy with their problem but that requests for changes must be signatures of officers of the organization.

### Junior Activities

Mrs. T. A. Farrell, Junior Board Director, expressed disappointment that more reports had not been forthcoming from Junior Institute Area Conveners. The Northern Convention Area reported no convener at any level of the Junior Farmers' organization. Reports were received from Grey-Bruce and Guelph Areas.

Informative meetings have been supplemented with good ideas for self help and community betterment; donations to local hospitals, needy families, Cancer Society, United Appeal, Food Donor Clinics, Agricultural Societies, schools for retarded. Money was raised by selling Centennial spoons, with Ontario and Junior crests, and booths at local fall fairs. Many members received meritorious awards of trips; they also participated in Toronto Conference, field days, tournaments, car rallies. Approximately three joint meetings were held with Junior Farmers and ten or eleven regular meetings.

### Elizabeth Fry Society

Mrs. Norman Payne reported on general meetings of Elizabeth Fry Society which featured films, speakers, etc. In their new letter quotation concern was expressed re the long way still to go in developing and implementing rehabilitation methods for offenders and the training of staff or those in contact with said offenders. Teen-age warm clothing of all kinds is needed and can be mailed directly. Centennial project was making a booklet of poems and essays, each piece of which is a part of its author's individual personality.