

Home Economics Branch and to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for their help through providing these manuals, encouraging Tweedsmuir History Workshops, and also the free microfilming of our Tweedsmuir Histories.

Again, we have books lost this past year. One in Rainy River was loaned to a tourist and hasn't been returned. Unfortunately two became possession of curators who moved from the community and took the History with them, and still another was gutted by fire. These instances should make curators aware of the value of these histories and protect them carefully. Also it shows the necessity of a committee working closely with each curator — and curator working with her committee.

Curators at each level should work closely with their counterparts. Have an annual get-together to stimulate interest, clarify difficulties, and to know what is actually being accomplished throughout your level.

Many old biographies and diaries are coming to the fore where active curators and committees are working. Pictures are also becoming more available for use in the book. If your people know and can see they are being given credit for all donations to the history, they are much more liable to co-operate fully.

House Logs are slow in being started. Some communities make mention of them, while others still haven't made much progress. These small "registers" are kept and left in the home as families take over. In them are recorded information about the house and the people therein through the eras. Early home site and construction with pictures is successively added to as changes are made in the buildings. The various families are also recorded. Let us all start now and remember to have it securely fastened to something in the home where the Log will remain during successive families.

We are proud of our organization, we are proud of our Community, our Province, and of Canada, let us prove this statement by producing a Tweedsmuir History or Community Record Book for future generations to enjoy.



Mrs. R. C. Walker, Provincial Curator, talks to Mrs. Harvey Houston, Provincial PRO, about the Lee House Log.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Harvey Houston

My deep appreciation to all the Area P.R.O.'s who responded to my request for early copy, one came as early as August 30th. This has been an encouraging year, in that I only had to return two branch and one district report. This year all used the forms provided, and only one area failed to have a written report. The financial report improved, I believe, because of more specific headings.

Women's Institute Projects — All Districts reported donations to the Erland Lee Home, and as the understanding of A.C.W.W. grows, larger donations to Pen-nies for Friendship were noted. Many donated to Save Sight, a project of ACWW.

Women's Institute — Educational — If money spent sending delegates to all the gatherings, from District Annuals right through to National Convention, is any indication, then our W.I. members must be well informed and have a much broader understanding of all that is involved to be a member of the F.W.I.O., sponsoring 4-H Homemaking Clubs is an excellent way to educate the future homemakers of the nation. Short courses, invite non-members to come and share information. One report stated gaining seven new members.

Community Projects

Educational — There is an increased interest in libraries. One District in the Kingston Area donated books to a library in memory of the late Mrs. James Haggerty, a past president of F.W.I.O and F.W.I.C. The Ontario W.I. Story is an excellent source of information. Suggestion for next year, study of Australia, the host country for the next A.C.W.W. Conference. Many reports say we should learn more about the Metric System.

Health — A wheelchair and a sewing machine were donated to a Rest Home. Senior citizens are taken on shopping trips.

Community — Many halls, arenas have benefited from W.I. support. One branch placed garbage containers to help keep their village clean. Many young hopefuls have a chance to play organized ball and hockey and learn water safety. The needy, distressed and fire victims, come in for immediate help because the members continue to be alert to the needs of their locality. Many hours of service and friendship that hold no monetary value, are freely given.

Other Organizations — It is encouraging to note that compared with last year, our donations to outside organizations are down by \$5,930.34. A quote from one report "All our hard-earned money to be earmarked for W.I. projects in the future". The provincial P.R.O. is pleased also when she finds a quote from last year's report, and to know that someone is reading and taking suitable action, quote "That one Branch was to be congratulated for NOT donating to any outside organizations".

Publicity — "Coming together is beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success."

—Henry Ford

All public media locally very co-operative, plus radio programs and TV interviews, thus boosting the awareness of W.I. in the community.