

## TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES

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### HOUSE LOGS



Many times it has been suggested in the Provincial Curator's reports that our people in Ontario would be wise to make a HOUSE LOG. Still it is found that many of our Women's Institute members, and therefore many outside the organization, have still never heard of the project.

Being a custom in many parts of Europe, it is one which would have helped many of us in the accumulation of data re homes, families, and even farms, throughout Ontario.

All that is needed is a simple substantial notebook. Or you might wish to have something much more sophisticated such as a book with wooden covers. However, the contents would be the same:

Location of the house — lot, concession, township, county.

Pictures of the various houses on the property through the years, or "before and after" pictures of same (porches added or removed, picture-windows installed, etc.).

Name of designer and builder.

When built.

Size of the building.

Materials used.

Early floor plan with later plans showing changes.

The various families who have owned and lived in the house, with dates of births, marriages and deaths.

Subsequent changes in water systems, lighting, heating, communication, etc.

The HOUSE LOG is chained to something in the house where it would always remain throughout future times, with any subsequent families filling in the details during their sojourn.

We find some farm folk who prefer to call these records "HOUSE AND FARM LOGS", and in these they inject pertinent bits re the farm — acreages, weather, special crops, purebred herds, equipment, and any other relevant data.

Why not have a contest in the various Districts throughout Ontario to see which Branch could get the most Logs begun during the year? Do let folk outside the Women's Institute start them also.

### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Wexford Women's Institute presented historical facts in an interesting way. On the walls were posters listing the past Presidents as well as a few of the outstanding events. The Tweedsmuir History and Community Book proved of genuine interest to the guests.

The organizer of the Branch and special speaker, Dr. Ethel Chapman, spoke to the guests, telling about life and events in the early years and reading excerpts from her books.

Mrs. Hilda Loveless (hostess at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead) charter member read the minutes of the first meeting and as first President, cut the cake.

**Desboro W.I.** — Guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Klages, for Citizenship and World Affairs meeting, spoke on "Citizenship — its laws, obligations and privileges."

**Belgrave W.I.** — Roll call — Name a way that changing agriculture is changing our minds.

**Winger Wainfleet W.I.** — Agriculture and Canadian Industries — Motto — "What hast thou done with the land I have given thee?" Roll call — What I like or dislike about rural living. Programme — a demonstration on making pictures from straw flowers, grasses.

**Central Yarmouth W.I.** — Family and Consumer Affairs. An interesting talk on growing and use of herbs. There are over 400 herbs grown in Ontario so there is much to learn in how to grow and use herbs.

**Chisholm W.I.** Demonstration of making and baking bread baskets. Made from braided dough used as containers for fruit or candy.

**Cavan W.I.** — celebrate 60th Anniversary. Two members, Mrs. H. Braithwaite and Mrs. E. McCamus who joined 50 years ago, were present. Birthday cake, made and decorated by Mrs. C. Tripp was enjoyed.

A medley of old songs, readings and poems completed the program. Two new members joined — both are third generation.

**Jumbo Gardens W.I.** — promoted the work of the Women's Institute by presenting copies of the Ontario Women's Institute Story to the local libraries in Thunder Bay as well as sending a copy to their friendship link in Summerbridge, Yorkshire, England.

**Maple Leaf Lennox W.I.** — 60th Anniversary. Miss Vivian Boston, only remaining charter member, was presented with a maple leaf pin at the celebration at Morwen. Approximately 135 members and guests from Lennox enjoyed the history review by Mrs. M. Wannemaker.

Mrs. Don Clement welcomed all and greetings were extended by Mrs. Effie Ellerbeck, Board Director, along with those from the Area and municipal government. Nine past presidents were presented with corsages, and Mrs. W. A. Fretts received a life membership. All enjoyed an anniversary cake made by the Mesdames Cuthill. Mrs. Richard Hill, Convener, thanked all for attending.

**South Macauley W.I.** — Roll call — Name a possible injury or illness caused by improperly fitted clothing.

**Grenard W.I.** — Convener of Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Edna Mitchener, meeting on "Budget Cookery". Budgets of three different sized families were shown and an explanation how each had nourishing meals by watching supermarket specials and using recipes made with nutritious economical ingredients.

**Hampshire Ardtrea W.I.** — special prizes offered at the Fair. Grade 3 and 4 students for best Kooky Monster, to be made out of fruits and vegetables.

**Walsingham W.I.** dedicated the Ontario Women's Institute Story book in memory of the late Mrs. Jessie Pearlman. A trophy case is to be built at the Community Hall which will house the book.