

**A MEMO TO THE CURATORS**

As I write this memo for Home and Country on a beautiful spring morning, it makes one realize how many blessings we are given in this frustrated world. And, besides housecleaning — which comes this time of year — we must still realize as Curators of our Tweedsmuir Histories, we should be dedicated to our duties.

Let us be ever mindful and observant of the changes in our communities. Changes in buildings, landscapes, roads, government and education, then recording it as of today, not waiting until research has to be done in later years to bridge the gap.

Annual meetings and District Annuals mean many changes in Curatorships, and these people need help and cooperation, not only from the retiring Curators but from our Women's Institute members and the community folk as well.

It is unfortunate when a Curator is reluctant to hand over the Tweedsmuir History and material to her successor whom she feels is "not educated enough to handle the work". Please don't take this attitude. There is always a committee to assist the curator and together they can and will do the work well and proudly — often times better than before. Give them a chance to show their ability. The capabilities of others, if they are given an opportunity to show their worth, can surprise us all.

It should again be stressed that policy of the F.W.I.O. is to *not* give out to anyone the names and addresses of personnel, and this applies to our Curators as well. We are sometimes asked for the names and addresses of the Curators of a District or County. Ascertain the material the informant wishes and why, then direct him to a specific Curator.

We have always to be on guard of people — other than students — doing research on specific topics. Many of these are obtaining grants from government bodies, and if so they should be willing to compensate the curator's branch for any material used from the Tweedsmuir History. This compensation could be a mere acknowledgement in the printed product or a monetary contribution toward further work in the researched Tweedsmuir History.

Many volumes are ready for microfilming and as soon as the Archives can clear the backlog, your books will be called in. When notified by the Archives, please send or take your books immediately to keep the work progressing. This microfilming is a free service to us by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and we are most grateful for this service to our Women's Institutes.

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I shall look forward to the revised lists of branches, curators and addresses from each District Curator, and trust that each Curator will realize she is doing a dedicated service to our country when compiling a Tweedsmuir History. Let us keep up the good work that Lady Tweedsmuir had the vision to foresee.

**Mrs. Harold Blasing, Convener**

As your new convener my first thought is "I am willing and eager to assist" and will try my best to help with programmes, suggestions and guidelines. An open line of communication from the office of the Provincial Convener to Area and District Conveners is certainly available.

I would take this opportunity to wish each convener at every level the best during the coming year, and am looking forward to meeting and making new friends.

Family and Consumer Affairs has seven topics listed on page 67 in the Handbook. These can be further subdivided into twelve topics. For example, Food and Nutrition can be handled separately for greater study and detail.

Three suggestions for study during the coming year.

1. Better presentations of the metric system and greater leadership by members in familiarizing the other members of the community. Start a metric display, have every member bring something showing metric; compile a file of comparisons, try and decide, if in metric you will get more or less in the final package. Britain and Australia both have changed to metric during the last few years. Write to your friends or relatives and find out their experiences.

2. What do you know about this new computer and scanning system at the check-out counter of your supermarket? Have you talked to your local grocer or supermarket manager? What does this all mean to the consumer — especially in dollars and cents.

3. How about money management? Every convener should be looking for material on "credit" and what it is doing to our society. What benefits does the consumer reap as a cash customer?

Read the "Letters to the Editor" in your newspaper, watch for articles, TV programmes and literature which could be used as resource material for a programme at your meeting.

Guid luck and Lang mae yer lums reek!

**CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS**

**Mrs. L. E. Drayton, Convener**

Webster provides the following definitions of Citizenship:

1. the status of being a citizen
2. membership in a community
3. the quality of an individual's adjustment, responsibility or contribution to his community
4. social conduct

These definitions naturally overlap. In particular the quality of an individual's adjustment is closely interrelated to social conduct.

Let's take a closer look at them and what they mean for the W.I.

Do we make an effort to help those among us who have not yet acquired legal status as a Canadian citizen become good citizens? In many ways they are strange to us; often their English is broken or their accent is odd. Perhaps their skin color is different than ours. As a consequence some will have little to do with them, others may make fun of them. Some W.I. may find these problems a good basis for a panel discussion. →