

Homes in our country are many and varied in size, shape, material and color, as well as age. It isn't too difficult to tell the era in which they were built, as trends have changed with the affluence of our people. Folk from other lands have often incorporated some of the traditions of their homeland in design and color.

In the days of the pioneer, as wealth increased so did the size of the substantial, well-built homes. The product of the land was also incorporated in the building of the home — where stone of many hues and shapes were available, we find many of the beautiful stone houses; brick homes where brick clay was plentiful; wooden structures in other places.

Today, with the stimulation of books on design, the desire to have something different from our neighbour the capacity of developing our dreams, or the desire to invest our wealth in something tangible, we see the large and beautiful homes everywhere.

Now, all of this brings to mind the necessity and the desire to have HOUSE LOGS in these homes throughout our land. The Log is forever kept in the home and added to as changes are made either in the building or through those who reside there. The Log tells and shows the full development of the home from its very beginning on through the present, and into the future.

These House Logs would have solved many a missing link in the history we are compiling in our Tweedsmuir Books, so let us start now. Do your own Log and then take it to a neighbor and encourage him to do likewise.

Some of the other ways of encouraging and developing these Logs would be to have local displays, contests, or even exhibits at Fall Fairs. A start was made at the Orillia Fair this fall, and, under the able guidance and enthusiasm of Mrs. Don Harvie, the folk of Simcoe East District will support her and make the House Logs a truly great addition to the exhibits building.

Let us see, and report, how many House Logs we can get on the way during the coming year.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Harold Blasing — Convener



Years ago an eleven year old girl in Glasgow, Scotland corresponded with a girl the same age in Neustadt, Ontario. The Neustadt girl married an English pilot during the second world war and together they visited the Glasgow friend. In 1950 the Scottish girl visited Canada (you've guessed) she met a cousin, an Ontario farmer, and she became Mrs. Harold Blasing.

Rose Blasing has been a member of Hampden W.I. since 1953 and has held many offices at various levels.

She says that no office has been without special reward and each has taught her something.

As President of Branch, District and Area, the challenge to do one's best is enormous. As PRO of Branch and County, one learns to be selective in relaying news. As a convener in the Branch and District, one has to strive for new ideas.

The bride from "across the waters" is a valued member of both Grey South District and Grey Bruce Area and will continue to provide leadership as Convener of Family and Consumer Affairs for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

AS THE SOFT MAPLE TREES in the lane begin to show signs of Fall, thoughts turn to Winter activities. This standing committee covers such a wide study range, that at Branch level, the convener will not be using more than one or two categories in any one year and therefore will have no problem in reporting to the District Convener under the sub-headings listed on Page 67 of the handbook e.g. Clothing and Textiles: Home Money Management etc.

If this practise is adopted, then District Conveners, and, logically, Area Conveners, would then be able to present these reports under the study sections e.g. Food and Nutrition: Family Relationship etc.

The reason for this suggestion is that some Roll-calls, Mottoes and Topics being reported could possibly be used for more than one of the study sessions. If the originator, the Branch Convener, reports definitely on the aspect presented at that level, then by the time this filters through to Provincial level, a better idea of what we have accomplished will emerge. Thanks to all conveners if they will try this out over the next year. And please, send your reports away well ahead of any deadline date e.g. Area Conveners have until Oct. 1st each year but it surely would assist Provincial Conveners if these could be sent as soon as area reports are compiled after the District Annuals. Don't wait until after the Conventions.

This up-coming Winter should see further study in Nutrition following up from the Nutrition Workshops attended by so many.

For Money Management, let's speak out against this "Buy Now — Pay Later" which is heard so often through the media. The W.I. slogan could be "Save first — then buy" or "Do without today — Enjoy it more tomorrow."

How many wrote to the Hon. Sydney Handleman as resolved by Provincial Board in April re the computerization method of checkout at the supermarkets? (See Page 9 — Spring 1975 Home & Country.) I received a prompt reply from the Minister. I have since read that if 100 or more letters are received by a minister on any particular subject, this causes that ministry to review the complaints. Let's hope the W.I. members have really swamped the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Affairs.

Has everyone learned to express their vital statistics in metric? I am 96:80:99 and stand 152.5 cm in my stocking feet!

Safety features and helpful hints could be featured by many more branches, as well as Districts and areas. Is this section of Family and Consumer Affairs being neglected? Let us hope not.

Guid luck wi a yer Programes.