

CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Mrs. L. E. Drayton

Not all Branches reported so again we were short. It appears the best way to handle reports at the Annual meetings at each level the secretary comes prepared with typed stamped envelopes for the appropriate convener at the next level. All the Convener need do—is fold, place the report in the envelope—seal it—mail it. Try it—it works well.

Films:

Dreams Do Come True—Erland Lee Home. ACWW Conference, Perth, Australia—Family night pictures of another country.

Papers:

Book reviews. History of shredded wheat.

Roll Calls:

How many neighbours have you visited last month? Bring a household article with which to make music. What have you learned to do by doing?

Mottoes:

Put your talents in Women's Institute and watch them grow. Without music life would be a mistake. Teach the children to respect their community and the older citizens who built it.

Crafts:

Study kit on bazaars from Loan Library. Sponsored art course.

Demonstrations:

How to make soap. Making flowers from white bread, Methods of drying weeds, flowers, nuts.

Tours:

Clock museum in Cookstown. McMichael Art Gallery, Kleinburg. Sam McLaughlin's home, Oshawa. Oil museum, Petrolia. Candle factory, Sarnia.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Harold Blasing

Eight Areas had 100%, North Central were missing 5 branches, Simcoe and Eastern each 2, Kingston, Northwestern and London, each 1. Don't let your branch be the weak link. Let me emphasize before October 1" that the operative word here is "before" making October 1 the *very last date*. Don't forget to use the sub headings in the Handbook.

The following topics for programme material may be adopted or extended to meet the needs and interests of the community. If we are to evaluate our work and the year, more subject matter has to come through. . . Why was such a programme chosen? . . . How was it presented? . . . Received? . . . Discussed? . . . Area Conveners seem to be lacking in communication with District Conveners—District Conveners with Branches. Reports come up but does anything go back down? Doubtful!

Foods and Nutrition:

Reports did not seem to contain as much information on nutrition as last year. Hope the members are not forgetting the lessons learned at Nutrition Workshops. Roll Call: The 3 S's—Snacks stretch slacks.

Clothing and Textiles:

I was disappointed that there was not too much reported under this heading. One branch asked, why have children's clothes doubled without any quality improvement? Another found difficulty in consumer complaints reaching manufacturers.

Housing and Home Furnishings:

Many had speakers and discussions on real estate. Furniture grades, and the difference between guarantee and warranty. Discussions on interior decorating along with modern colour trends.

Home and Money Management:

More interest shown in this topic, reference to computer checkout, the prudent use of credit cards. Police officers speaking about frauds.

Roll Call: How to stop a salesman. Wage and price control. Wasteful use of packaging material.

Family Relationships:

Roll Calls: Remember when children brought apples to the teacher instead of driving them bananas.

Family relationship is gaining in importance—perhaps the family will become the focal point in our lives again.

All aspects of Health and Safety:

Health and safety were on the agenda apparently at many meetings. Speakers such as doctors, nurses, dentists, St John's Ambulance, OPP officers, firemen, electricians., farm safety members. Talks on drug addiction, safe driving habits, food poisoning, home hazards. Seat belts were discussed and the growing awareness of the dangers of smoking.

Topics to think about:

Property laws and inheritance laws as they pertain to the wife and family.

The new laws on immigration will change the Canadian immigration policy. Information about the revised laws may be obtained from the Department of Manpower and Immigration, Information Division, Ottawa, Ontario.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Russel Harrison

Southwestern missed the magic number by one branch; Kingston, Eastern, Hamilton and Northern had two delinquent branches and Simcoe were four short. Congratulations to Central, Cochrane-Temiskaming, Grey Bruce, Guelph, London and Trent Valley for their 100% goal.

Let's make our 80th year a perfect score.

Education:

Is a never ending learning experience from cradle to grave.

Roll Calls:

What Canadian law regarding women do you think should be changed? Where and how does your child best acquire a philosophy for living? Home and Country—what does it mean to you.

Mottoes:

New horizons bring new opportunities, rights and privileges are balanced by duties and responsibilities. Success does not depend so much upon external help as upon self-reliance. The mind stretched by a new idea never returns to the same dimension.

Programmes:

Nutrition and consumer buying. Today's youth—something the younger generation has taught me.

Speakers:

Important words—love, live, learn, think, give and laugh. A collector of antique clocks told the history of clocks dating from the eighteenth century. Conventional education as opposed to progressive education.