

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES REPORT

Mrs. R. C. Walker, Curator

After almost thirty years of concerted effort to collect local Community History across this Province, we find there have been some very outstanding volumes of local information produced and treasured by researchers, genealogists, and other interested folk. Even I am thrilled at the continued enthusiasm of curators, their tenacity to make complete and interesting books for the community of history and lore.

But then we still do find groups just beginning their Tweedsmuir History. Many fortunately have found scrapbooks in the community, or boxes of clippings from which to glean information. Again let me stress the time-saving element which is most important to us all. If you have a scrapbook of clippings, ALL PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, and I stress ALL, then try to group the material together under specific headings, number the pages, and set up a complete TABLE OF CONTENTS in the front, and have this book microfilmed. THEN go on from there with a true Tweedsmuir History of present day happenings—always referring back to the definite pages where former information on the subject can be found.

I find many are still endeavouring to work alone instead of having and working with a committee. As we have stressed in the past, and again now, encourage men and women of the community to assist.

How many Branches do not have a Curator's meeting a year? How often at the Curators meetings is there time for anyone to see or hear what the curator actually is trying to accomplish? Good planning, proper time allotment can enthuse and stimulate the members.

Enthusiasm is also running high in starting House Logs, even though it has taken many years of prodding to do so. As one of the National Competitions for this next triennial is House Logs, we should try to advance this phase of history. It is hoped everyone will endeavour to use imagination, develop originality, and incorporate authentic information to make these logs distinctive, interesting, and outstanding in quality and design.

Microfilming should now be done at a faster pace. The rules still stand: when a volume is completed to a certain date or thickness, the pages numbered, a complete Table of Contents placed in the front, and a notice sent to the Provincial Curator of same. In due time, the Archives will notify the local curator requesting the book to be sent in, and when this notice comes, please send or take your book at once. Otherwise you hold up the process.

When the Microfilming is completed—which is a free service by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ontario—the Tweedsmuir History is returned to the Curator but the microfilm is retained at the Archives in Toronto.

It is commendable to realize the dedication of time and effort so many are putting forth in this tremendous work of compiling and preserving local community history in a tangible form. May it continue for many years to come as our communities continue to grow and change at such a rapid pace.

Two from a Branch

80th Anniversary Celebration

Bingeman Park Lodge

Kitchener, Ontario

July 13.

Smorgasbord luncheon and programme

Guest Speaker—Mrs. Lyndsay Hacket-Pain

ACWW Honourary Treasurer

Complete details in President's letter to branches.

ACWW

FWIO President attended her first Council meeting in England last October. The members represented USA (14), Europe (18), Canada (3) as well as seven Area Vice Presidents and the Deputy President from Asia.

117 new contributing members were approved, along with 52 new life members. Subscribers to the Countrywoman number 3,279, cost £1 sterling, subscription date March 1. Membership in ACWW includes 304 member societies, consisting of 179 Constituent, 25 Associate and 100 Corresponding from 74 countries.

There was some concern expressed about Nairobi, Kenya as the site of the conference this year because of the unrest. However Mrs. Farquharson said that the office and committee in Kenya are in close contact, as they are with the Kenyan Embassy in London, and they would let ACWW know if they felt the conference should be delayed. However the opening day speaker assured all everyone would be safe.

Mrs. Hacket-Pain, ACWW Hon. Treasurer, reported that Pennies for Friendship hit an all time high, £62,453.72 were donated by members.

She personally asked Mrs. Maluske to convey grateful appreciation to the members of Ontario for their most generous support. Members of FWIO contributed \$15,287.32 during 1976.



Alma Sharp (L) recent recipient of the Lambton County Women's Institute scholarship has completed 15 4-H homemaking projects and led and assisted for two. She also was the top dairy winner in her age group in the agricultural section. Alma now attends the University of Guelph enrolled in the College of Family and Consumer Studies. Maxine Innes, Home Economist for Lambton County congratulates Alma.