

CONVENER'S REPORT

Agriculture and Canadian Industries

Mrs. Donald Caza

A time to sow a time to reap started the story, then lead on to the history of the first family in the Annapolis Valley. Members were dressed in costumes depicting the many phases of farm life.

The amazing Araucanus, a new breed of chicken laying soft pastel blue eggs, containing no cholesterol 20% protein and 20% iron.

The exploitation of valuable farmland because of the hydro towers being built on prime agricultural land.

The story of two, energetic and persistent men who worked to reclaim 325 acres of rich farm land which had become submerged in Rondeau Bay during the storm of March 1973.

Four members worked almost one year to prepare a meeting and display on "Herbs".

Slides and film on Where have all the Farms gone? Hybrid Wheat (Triticale) the world's first man made crop.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Harold Blasing

Food and Nutrition—"The Humble Potato" which may save the human race from starvation in the 21st century. Seventy researchers from fifteen countries are working together in Lima, while South Korea is trying to breed a potato that will mature in 80 days, and could be grown between rice crops.

Clothing and Textiles—One queen sized sheet will make 2 table covers 30 in. x 70 in., 4 napkins and cloth to cover rolls in basket.

Mandatory labelling—dangers of inflammable materials.

Housing and Home Furnishing—Heat and heat conservation. Out-dating of appliances cause for concern—parts become obsolete.

Home and Money Management—Wills and property rights. The advantages of purchasing store brands.

Family Relationship—Marriage preparation course. Adoption. Film—Child behaviour equals you. The family that dwelt apart. The middle years.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Russel Harrison

Education—programs on parliamentary procedure. Awareness League for physically handicapped adults. Day Care Centres and social planning councils.

Cultural Activities—A Canadian Author and her book "Canadian Libraries and their Changing Environment." A hobby, mount cobwebs on black paper. String Art.

CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Mrs. Robt. W. Moore

Many areas reported studying the Bill of Human Rights. The new Citizenship Act, Origin of Pennies for Friendship. Citizenship in the early days of the Women's Institute. Doing what we can for Canadian Unity.

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES

Mrs. R. C. Walker

After 23 years working at Provincial level (20 as Curator and 3 as Historical Research Convener) the results of Mrs. Walker's efforts will live on and be remembered by many.

Thoughts for new Curators.

1. It is not necessary to follow nor conform to the procedures of your predecessor. Use your own ideas, imagination, and methods of recording.
2. Appoint a committee to work with you. This is essential not only for the help they can give, but it is a safeguard against losing Tweedsmuir Histories to curators.
3. Get community folk on your committee. Do not depend on your W.I. membership alone. (The committee is appointed by the Curator—not necessarily by the Branch).
4. Appoint specific persons to keep track of special things such as Church History; School History; Industries; Homes; Personalities, etc. This involves more people, gives greater coverage, and lessens the burden of the Curator trying to cover all things. History is bounding past so quickly.
5. Try to make your books more available to students and the community. Have them xeroxed, printed, microfilmed, or laminated.
6. Don't be afraid of entering material in the books. You have the power to edit data that is given you, but send a copy of your edited work to the original composer for clearance. Anything that deals with the development, advancement, or decline of your community should be recorded.

GUIDELINES

FOR ALL REPORTS SEND TO NEXT LEVEL

Branch—Mail immediately to the appropriate District Convener, PRO, Curator after Branch Annual Meeting. Page 12—Handbook.

District—Mail immediately to the appropriate Area Convener, PRO, Curator immediately after District Annual. Page 31—Handbook.

Area—Mail to Provincial level by October 1st regardless of Area Convention to Provincial Convener, PRO, Curator, refer to front of Home and Country names. Page 41 Handbook.

ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

Refer to Handbook—

Secretaries at all levels receive three forms from FWIO office. Read instructions on PRO forms before compiling report. (These forms to be given to PRO secretary.) if she does not receive them contact FWIO office.

Reports Must Be Prepared In Time For Presentation at Annual Meeting Concerning You.

PRO works in co-operation with secretary. List cash amounts used to promote WI image and public relations only. Make a rough working copy of Donations Sheet on Donations Form. Do not include honorariums, cost of life memberships, postage, printing, fees, meetings. **Include** a written story telling of activities, fund raising events, community involvement, new ideas etc.