

CONVENER'S REPORT

FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. Sam Koski

The Branch conveners in their programs indicate a real concern that members make a genuine effort to become better informed about food and its nutritional value. Consumers should be more careful to read the labels before buying. Don't buy inferior products. If dissatisfied return it to the store manager. Spend your consumer dollar wisely.

Programs—The metric measurement in clothing and textiles, sewing to save money and crafts for leisure hours were topics for programs. Other program topics were Micro ovens, the pros and cons; use of mung bean sprouts; cake decorating; different methods of cooking chicken; how to remove stains; flame retardant sleepwear; stretch and sew; Japanese embroidery; working with phentex, macrame, artex painting.

Home Furnishings—How to make quilts, needle-point techniques; papers presented on bone china; an old family clock; solar energy. Speakers told about electric appliances, interior decorating, Indian Solish weaving, furniture stripping and drying flowers and weeds.

Home Management—Topics were discussions on insurance, how to make your own shampoo, money management, banking, and wills.

Family Relations—Many speakers and papers were presented at WI meetings about breast cancer, immigration laws, working with an Eskimo family, child abuse, family law reform bill.

Safety in the home was emphasized, check your stoves, furnaces and chimneys, a frayed wire has no place in the home. 4H—There is much support for the 4H Homemaking Clubs, WI members are very mindful that to-day's 4H'er is to-morrow's Homemaker.

Mrs. Koski reported 100% from the Area and District Conveners but not all branches reported.

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Mrs. Fred Howe

This is my first provincial report, and I am sorry that only thirteen Areas reported, Cochrane Temiskaming was the missing link.

Microfilming is a priority and it is important that upon completion of each book you send your name to Mrs. Fred Howe, R.R.5 Embro. Mr. Macpherson at the Archives has been contacted and together we will update present lists for microfilming. Hopefully this service will be speeded up.

Some Area Curators did send me the names and addresses of all their Curators. I would appreciate, if those who did not include this list, would send it on now.

In reading the reports, many branches did have a meeting or some special tea during the year for both Tweedsmuir Histories or House Logs. It was interesting to note that one County Board of Education used the Tweedsmuir History to compile their history of schools in the community.

Every year there is a turn-over of Curators and, odd as it may seem, some do not have the yellow manual. Again, write to Mrs. Howe if you do not have one.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Cecil Bell

Congratulations to Simcoe, Northern, Trent Valley, Grey Bruce, London, Hamilton and Ottawa Areas for 100% reporting. We would encourage all to state the number of branches in your Areas.

Education—Education is not only the road to living but also makes life worthwhile. Many reports stated the Women's Institutes provide an opportunity for members to keep minds active and encourage the development of talents. The programs were many and varied, such as underwater drug study off the Bahamas; Canada from Confederation to now; the metric system; law; fire protection and smoke detector demonstrations; talk about Australia by an exchange student; another Hydro and Nuclear plant; municipal affairs. Films were shown on the ACWW Conference; Police and the law; 25th jubilee of the Queen.

Cultural Activities—Members learned about the lifestyles in other countries; the Ontario Library and the work with the Cree Indians; the Olympics. A film, "The Eye of the Beholder" illustrating, we see what we want to see and hear what we want to hear. Craft demonstration and participation group activities were high on the list. Tours were taken to historical places, manufacturing plants as well as to the 80th anniversary celebration of FWIO. Music added to the enjoyment of the meetings.

CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Mrs. Robt. W. Moore

Mrs. Moore thanked those that had reported but sorry there were no reports from Eastern, Central or Southwestern Areas. Why can't reports be sent in early? This year they would have avoided the mail interruption if reports had been sent in on time.

The reports contained many excellent programs on Citizenship but World Affairs reporting was minimal. Refer to page 67 Handbook.

Citizenship—Programs were on being a Canadian citizen; reasons to be proud to be a Canadian; study of the re-written Indian Act and what do Canadian Indians really want? Children's Aid Society and their work; child beating; unwanted teenagers; community help; family law; Canadian Bill of Rights; changes in the Immigration Act.

World Affairs—Separation of Quebec and the effects on Canada if this should happen; slides and artifacts of the ACWW Conference in Kenya. Programs were presented in various ways, through the use of skits speakers, papers, quizzes, slides, music, poetry and travelogues. Only one report mentioned the study of the United Nations. Remember 1979 is the International Year of the Child. Current events ranged from local news, to news from other provinces. Many branches have pen pals outside the province as well as exchange programs.

AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Mrs. Donald P. Caza

Mrs. Caza comments on the wealth of knowledge that the WI members absorb in a year. The reports show the members discuss in depth many aspects of both Agriculture and Industry.