

variation of quality of information and recording methods. It is important that we maintain the involvement of members. He urged the members to provide solid steps in the right direction—one such approach is the manual, the latest published in 1973.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

The VIP (very interesting persons) session during the plenary was conducted by the Editor of Home and Country, Mrs. Austin Zoeller.

As members we are not born with wisdom, maturity, skills or a sense of responsibility. All these behaviour patterns have to be learned.

To accomplish skills, a sense of responsibility we must learn to deal with people and things, not concern ourselves with the priority of structure.

We should keep in mind the basics of Women's Institute should always be uppermost, because there are always new members. Although the background and history of the organization is "old hat" to some it must be remembered these facts are entirely new to others.

At a Conference such as this, the important thing is the gaining of new ideas. However, the "key" is taking back the ideas gained and "implementing" them.

It is recognized that each member has her own capabilities. Some can conduct well, some do research, and others know about quantity food for catering. Each member has a place and a role to play. This is why the Women's Institute has been successful and lasted for 82 years.

Because of this great diversification of the WI, those members with years of experience and the new comers, eager to learn, prove a great combination for success.

Again it should be pointed out, there is a tremendous difference between the contribution each "can" make and each "will" make.

Theoretically all of us are born with the basic desire to want to work and achieve. We all want the best for the WI. How then do we as members make it meaningful?

The most important part of a branch meeting is the program. Isn't this why you attend the meeting or bring a friend? As a member at large there will be a time you will serve on a committee responsible for the program.

As a member your niche in the WI structure is "a part of the whole". It does depend so very much on the ingenuity of each member, not necessarily on the executive.

As a leader, your role

- Is to make members feel important.
 - Meeting must go in the direction you wish it to go.
 - Be assertive.
- As a result of your leadership
- All parts of the program should make a meaningful whole.
 - Provide members with the opportunity to learn.
 - Identify clearly what the purpose is and what its importance is.
 - Not 'filling the basket' but 'lighting the lamp'.

The objective for a member at large should be not what will the program do FOR members but rather what it will do TO members.

Have you given thought to the WI objectives? The challenge is—do you understand them? Have you the ability to clarify them? Do you understand the purpose and the role of the objectives? How do you implement those objectives? What skills do you exercise at expanding the objectives?

Progress is made only when the Member at Large wonders, if there is a better way and has the courage to try it.



*The Registration Desk! What would the Conference do without the members from **Bloomington WI, Waterloo North District**, who volunteer to take on this important task each year?*



Delegates in for the Conference, standing, Mrs. Marilyn Snedden, Almonte, Mrs. Annie Milligan, Wapaneer. front Mrs. Reta MacKay, Collingwood, Mrs. Edna Barton, Vankleek Hill and Mrs. Corinne MacFarlane, Pakenham.



Curators enjoy looking at Tweedsmuir History books.

KW HARMONIZERS

A real treat for the delegates after busy sessions was an evening of relaxation listening to a two hour program, "an evening of song" by the 80 member chorus and quartets of the local barbershop group.