

BRANCHES REACH INTO THE COMMUNITY

FROM THE NORTH

Five Indoor Gardening Summary programs were held for the Districts of Cochrane North and South, and Temiskaming Centre and South. All events had dynamic and knowledgeable speakers and superb exhibits, put on by the groups themselves.

In New Liskeard, Becky Hughes, Horticulturalist with the New Liskeard College of Agricultural Technology spoke about summer plant care. She gave valuable tips on the care of house-plants that might be put outside for the summer. She suggested various methods of keeping house-plants moist during vacation time, however, if leaving for more than two weeks have someone come in and water the plants.

In Englehart, a funny skit on 'stealing plant slips' was enacted by the Dack WI. Guest speaker, Mrs. Bryan, a well-known horticultural society member spoke to the group. Each person at the program was asked to sign a numbered register and numbers were drawn to find winners for the plant draw.

In Matheson, Jim Moore a man who loves plants, "because I grew up with plants around me", provided helpful hints that he had discovered simply by working with plants. The motto "Learn to do by doing" was apparent here.

Did you know that applying vaseline to your hands before you settle down to work with your plants serves two purposes?

(1) It will keep your hands soft, even apply some when wearing gloves and they will come off much easier. (2) If you're not wearing gloves, the dirt will wash off much easier.

His final words of wisdom were "most things will sprout. All you need is a lot of patience and a little tender loving care."

In Kapuskasing, the ladies of the United Church supplied a babysitter, so that more ladies could attend the program. A Forester from the Ministry of Natural Resources spoke on spraying trees in local forests and the 'how to' plant trees around home.

In Cochrane, Neil Tarlton, the Agricultural Representative for OMAF, spoke about fertilizers. Many questions were asked and this program proved to be a learning experience.

Louise Dorschner, former Home Economist said she was very impressed with the exhibits, skits and poems provided by the various groups.

HISTORY RECORDED FOR POSTERITY

Local Women's Institute Branch Curators shared the information recorded in the Tweedsmuir Histories at the Prince Edward Historical Society meeting. At the close of the meeting the audience had a chance to examine the valuable books.

Mrs. Edith Cairns, President of **Prince Edward District WI**, told about the organization of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, then went on to say that Women's Institutes arrived in Prince Edward in 1908.

Mrs. L. E. Brooks, life-time member of **Cherry Valley WI**, as well as in the Historical Society, spoke about the value of the Tweedsmuir Books, relating how Lady Tweedsmuir had encouraged the Women's Institute to record community history, when she lived in Canada 1935-40 with her husband, then Governor General. She felt the WI's should compile a Village History as they had done in England. The Women's Institute agreed, and in her honor the 'Tweedsmuir Village Histories' were named. Lady Tweedsmuir died in 1977 at the age of 94.

To be a good Curator, one must be interested in the Community and a WI member. It should be recognized as a responsibility, a duty, as well as an honor, to record the local history as a tribute to local people who pioneered this county. Everyone in the community is encouraged to con-

tribute pictures and articles to be put into the Tweedsmuir Book.

She encouraged microfilming of all completed books and mentioned the service provided by the Archives in Toronto.

Several other Branch Curators were present and spoke about their books.

Miss Marjorie Gough, **Bloomfield Curator** showed two large books which had been started by the late Filona Barker and the late Mrs. Fraleigh.

Mrs. Martha Bowen, Curator for **Gilbert's Mills**, told about the origin of Gilbert's Mills.

Greenbush's Mrs. Monica Jordan, talked about their book and **Picton's WI Book** (disbanded) was shown by Mrs. Smith, a former Curator.

Rednersville has three bound volumes with beautifully painted covers. Both Mrs. F. Young and Mrs. E. Cairns displayed the books and told the history of Bay Bridge which is being rebuilt and renamed Norris Whitney Bridge. Years ago it cost five cents for an adult and ten cents for a wagon and horse to cross the old bridge.

Mrs. Flossie Tripp, Curator, exhibited the **Wellington WI Book** with the handsome tooled leather cover. She gave much credit to former Curator, Mrs. Effie Philips, Mrs. F. Harns and Miss Louisa Pettingill.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Women's Institute members of Welland East and West Districts celebrated International Day with a luncheon. Members of Chippawa WI acted as hostesses, and decorated the tables with an international theme, including the flags of many nations.

Miss Carol Kellam, Home Economist, with the Home

Economics Branch, OMAF, announced the first World Food Day on October 16, which will become an annual event. The Food and Agriculture Organization has asked all NGO's, of which the ACWW is one, especially those concerned with food and development issues, to participate in national events and involve their members in this day. The