

1900s in Review

By Rosella Clancy

This year - 1999 - is an opportune time for curators and their committees to review the Tweedsmuir history volumes for omissions. The 20th century witnessed wars, the Depression and advancements in travel, communication, medicine and labour saving devices.

Have World War II Branch contributions been mentioned? Who was responsible for the cenotaph's placement in the community's Memorial Park?

Have you overlooked the inclusion of the many time-saving kitchen appliances? "Wash Day" before electricity would make some value their automatic machines.

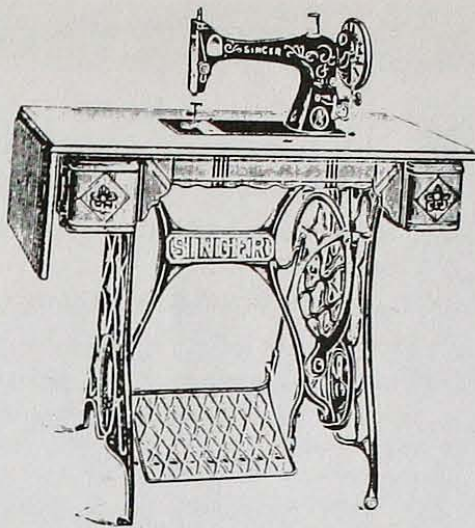
A member who milked cows by hand might be encouraged to make a comparison of milking methods "Then and Now."

A review of Women's Institute programs from 1923 to 1933 in the Brockville District proved interesting. It might be enlightening to repeat some of the roll calls - "Hints for Putting Up Stove Pipes" - or demonstrations - "Something Made from Sugar Sacks," "Footing a Stocking" or "Pressing Trousers."

"Something Made from Sugar Sacks" could serve as either a roll call or display. Sugar sack articles were numerous, with the bleached, durable sacking becoming material for undershirts, knee-length bloomers, tea towels and pillow slips.

Have you considered a pictorial coverage of your community? This could document the community's existence at the close of the 1900s. Changes in business ownership and land development could then be recorded as they occur.

Consider challenging members to write about their community. Encourage them to describe the community's spirit and cultural advantages (etc.). These overviews will reveal what makes your area unique at the close of the century. Be sure



to add pictures to support these written statements.

Assemble a "20th Century Time Line," with pictures and captions to show the progress in your community. Add a condensed summary of the 1900s.

At each workshop, I've noted the beautiful Branch-designed Tweedsmuir History Book covers. If a cover is of questionable material or the pages of the book are not enclosed in sheet protectors, I feel it would be wise to purchase an acid-free barrier to be placed between the cover and the pages.

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Submitted by Annemarie McDonald, Tweedsmuir Curator, Halton.

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Notes from the Provincial Office

Guelph-Eramosa Township is making use of the Provincial Office Committee Room as a site for its Emergency Plan. During an emergency people will come to the Office to register before being re-routed.

The Township has requested the names of six local volunteers who could provide tea and sandwiches to people while they register in the event of an emergency. The volunteer's names would be kept on file and they would be reimbursed for the cost of the food items. Any volunteers interested in helping out, please call the FWIO Provincial Office.