

## SELF-PROFILE:



By Rosella Clancy

Provincial  
Tweedsmuir History  
Curator

Just why would anyone apply for or aspire to the position of Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator? For me, the answer is, quite simply, that I enjoy the work.

Soon after joining Stirling Women's Institute in the late 1970s, I became their Branch Tweedsmuir Curator. Since that time, I have also worked for an 8-year period as District Curator. My husband (I think out of frustration and the desire for order) built an eight-foot long table with folding legs on which I do my Tweedsmuir work. The folding legs mean that the table can be stored, periodically, from his view. When I sit down to work at that table space, I become energized to record today's happenings and

tomorrow's history. Attending two provincial and one Area Tweedsmuir workshop and arranging a Hastings West District workshop have given me confidence as a Curator.

Rural and urban life styles have brought pleasure and supplied variety in my life. My childhood was spent on a Rawdon farm. It was on this same farm that my husband, Maurice, and I resided after marriage. We farmed an expanded dairy and swine operation with my parents in Rawdon and Sidney Townships in Hastings County.

In the '70s we moved to Stirling, the hub in a rural landscape of rolling hills and fertile soil. It was in this village where Maurice and I attended King George High School and where we became members of St. Paul's United Church, after our rural church in Eggleton was closed in 1967. I consider it an honour to have received Service Diplomas from two Stirling organizations - the Agricultural Society (Fair) and the Horticultural Society. In the 1980s, I arranged walking tours of Stirling for the Architectural Conservancy and after much writing and proofing became the co-editor of *The Heritage Years*, a history of Stirling and District.

My life has been diversified. I have taught elementary and Sunday School, served as an elder, presided, held offices and convener-ships in organizations and fraternities and, even my husband must admit, assisted on the farm. I'm a life member of The United Church Women, The Associated Country Women of the World and the United Empire Loyalists' Association, Bay of Quinte Branch.

Our two sons, Lloyd and Lyle, wore my hand-made shirts and knitted socks. Our grandchildren, Betina and Brook, also presently benefit from my handiwork. I love travelling, cottage life, needlework, quilting, crocheting and art - oil, acrylic and watercolour.

Yes, like many WI members, whom I've met and corresponded with across the province, Canada and the world, I'm happiest when involved and when contributing to the community.

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## Excellence in Agriculture Award

Have you ever attended the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair? Have you attended a Women's Day Luncheon and met people from across Canada? Have you sat at the Horse Show and watched the spotlight focus on our "Women of Excellence?" If the answer is "no," now is the time to plan to join us in November to share this experience.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Award recognizes the excellence and contribution of women in all facets of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF).

Criteria for selection:

- Open to women who are Canadian citizens currently residing in Canada.
- Currently or previously involved in agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.
- A letter of recommendation not to exceed 500 words (be specific) to be submitted by the nominator.
- Three references.

The deadline is August 1, 1997. Nominations should be sent to: "Excellence in Agriculture Award," c/o FWIO, 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2.

Presentations will be made at the Women's Day Luncheon and the evening Horse Show at the Royal on November 7, 1997.



## EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS

One-day regional workshops for ALL Public Relations Officers in Ontario or interested members are being held this fall. The new *Public Relations Manual* will be available. Sessions will be conducted by Mary Janes, FWIO Public Relations Officer, and other guest facilitators.

### Eastern Region

Place: Frankford Lions Hall

Date: September 16, 1997

Contact: Rosemary Moran, Board Director,  
(613)398-8462

**Northern Region:** to be announced

### Western Region

Place: Belmore Community Centre

Date: September 23, 1997

Contact: Anna Hodge, Board Director, (519)-934-0193

### Southern Region

Place: Mount Brydges Community Centre

Date: September 25, 1997

Contact: Jackie South, Public Relations Officer,  
(519)864-1232