

## Fine Paper Recycling



What do the villages of Highgate and Kintyre have in common? They are neighbouring communities in rural Southwestern Ontario and they both sponsor a fine paper recycling program.

Each spring and fall for the past few years the Highgate Women's Institute and the Kintyre Presbyterian Church have worked together to make the fine paper recycling program a success. Carolyn Smith, a member of the Highgate WI, initiated the program. She briefly outlines how your Branch can establish a similar program:

- locate the nearest fine paper recycling facility by contacting the Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO);
- gather information and samples from the facility as to the kinds of paper they accept for recycling; outline the benefits of a fine paper recycling program;

- present this information to local community groups appealing for their support for fine paper collection;
- set a date and establish a collection depot once group support is assured; community halls and churches make good collection sites;
- organize volunteers to help out at the selected drop-off site and transport the paper to the recycling facility;
- and lastly, appeal to the wider community via news bulletins and local newspapers:
  - outline the benefits of a fine paper recycling program;
  - provide a list of fine papers acceptable for collection;
  - and, inform the public of the collection date and drop-off location.

*This material was provided by Carolyn Smith, a member of the Highgate Women's Institute.*



Volunteers John Smith (left) and Don McDougall (right) are busy loading some of the fine paper collected.

### Profile:

## FWIC President Elect

Charlotte Johnson grew up on a farm at Clute near Cochrane, Ontario, where her parents pioneered. She and her husband, Raymond (Bud), still live near Cochrane, where they own and operate a family business with their one son, Ralph.



Charlotte has held offices at all levels of the Women's Institutes, and is a Past President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. She was elected President Elect of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) in July, 1991.

Having taught school on Letter of Permit during the Second World War, she continued to work in the local schools as a supply teacher, and eventually worked in the school library for several years. Last November, Charlotte was elected to the local Board of Education for a second term, and is currently the chairperson of the majority language section.

Interested in constitutions, the first major revision of the FWIO Handbook was completed during her term as President. She worked on writing a constitution for the newly formed Unified Council of her local United Church. And on behalf of the FWIC, Charlotte made a written presentation to the Associated Country Women of the World for that organization's revised constitution.

Charlotte is active in her local church as a choir member and council chairperson. She helps convene luncheons and dinners and tries to be available when help is needed.

She loves curling and cross-country skiing in the winter, and gardening and cycling in the summer.

Her greatest pride and, she believes, major achievement has been in raising five children - four boys and a daughter. Eleven grandchildren also make life interesting for Charlotte.

The Women's Institute has always been a vital part of Charlotte's life. It has provided the opportunity to develop life, leadership and management skills, and has given her the opportunity to travel and meet new friends.

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