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For almost 50 years, "Tweedsmuir History Books" have been an important ongoing project of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. These books are comprehensive, factual collections of historical data of communities across Ontario.

During Lord Tweedsmuir's term as Governor General of Canada, Lady Tweedsmuir took great interest in the Women's Institute. She stressed the need for preserving the history of our Canadian people, places, customs and activities. Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario decided to act upon her suggestion and a "Tweedsmuir History Book" became the project of each Women's Institute Branch within Ontario. Today 1100 Branches each have a Tweedsmuir History Book and many Branches have two or three volumes.

Main topics covered in these Books are - Branch Women's Institute and its contribution to the welfare and development of the community; general community history; individual families and homes; schools and education; churches and their organizations; industries past and present; libraries; municipal government; recreation; and war records.

The Curators are being very progressive and are aware of how much these community history books mean and are being used in Ontario. They are conducting workshops on Recording Your Family History;

Preservation of Photographs; and Oral History Recording. The Books are being copied, laminated and microfilmed. The Curators frequently submit articles to magazines and papers; work with Historical Societies; and are guest speakers at other organizations. Historical researchers often use these Books as a source of reference.

The Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Committees strive to record what is happening today in their communities, because today's current affairs are tomorrow's histories.



Donate money

The Amabel Chapter 131 of the Royal Arch Masons recently committed \$500 to the new hospital building fund. Above, Masons Art Haley (left) and Gord Hotham present hospital board chairman Lillian Thompson with the cheque. The Amabel chapter has several projects they are committed to and helped with the new roof on the lodge building.

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