

The subjects covered are the history of the branch and the part it has played in the community, a general history of the area, including government buildings, settlements, complete histories of farms, families, churches, schools, libraries, industries, and any fact about the community that might be of interest in the future.

In 1947 Lady Tweedsmuir donated 3 silver cups a prizes for national competitions in Tweedsmuir Histories and cultural projects and handicrafts. These awards are presented at the Triannual Conference, last year it was held in Vancouver.

By 1972 there were 1300 Tweedsmuir Histories being kept throughout Ontario and I believe Ontario is the only province to have them.

Whilst visiting the Southern Prairies after a long drought, Lady Tweedsmuir remarked that the only feature of the place that was not depressing, was the fortitude and optimism of the people. She asked some of the women what she could do for them and they asked for books that started the Tweedsmuir Prairie Library schems. Help from Canadians, England and the Carnegie Trustees in New York resulted in 40,000 books being sent from Government House. Queen Mary sent many books which were especially treasured both in Canadian households and Prairie Schools.

Lord Tweedsmuir died in Montreal in 1940 and Lady Tweedsmuir returned to her Oxfordshire home, where she died March 24th 1977, at the age of 94. A well loved and respected Governor's Lady.

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Hillier Institute Starts To Compile Township History

Hillier branch of the Women's Institute met in the township hall on Thursday evening, July 21st, with 20 members and 12 visitors present.

President Mrs. Doug Alyea opened the meeting in the usual manner. She welcomed all guests and the 4-H girls present. It was unfortunate that more of the club girls could not be present as many are away on holidays or working.

Roll call, "The first thing I do when a knock comes to the door," proved most hilarious.

The minutes of the June meeting read by Mrs. R. Cunningham. She also gave the financial report showing a bank balance of \$51.80 on hand at the time. A letter was read about the training school for 4-H leaders for the project "being well dressed and well groomed" which will be the fall project.

A letter of thanks was also read from the sports committee for the centennial thanking the W.I. for a donation made to get the junior softball teams started.

Mrs. Leonard McCartney read an article from an old Pictou paper giving a vivid description of Rose Hall as it was when it was first settled.

This will be an excellent source of information for our Tweedsmuir history which is being started at the present time.

Mrs. Lewis Wight gave the poem of the month, which listed all the qualities expected of a good farmer's wife. Mrs. Leonard read a paper on current events. Mrs. S. Foster spoke of the Tweedsmuir History and allotted various tasks in connection with it.

A numbers contest put on by Mrs. L. Wight was won by Mrs. Charles Benway.

PLAN BUS TRIP

The annual bus trip was discussed and will be north to Sudbury, North Bay and across to Pembroke and home. Complete plans cannot be given at this time. Because of the strike at Sudbury changes may have to be made but we are hoping a settlement will be made before our trip on August 10 and 11. As things are planned now we will be staying in Sudbury over night.

The feature of the evening was a commentary by Mrs. S. Foster on their trip to Colorado last summer and she accompanied her talk by showing colored slides of the trip. She was assisted by Mrs. Clarke Clapp, who operated the projector.

Mrs. D. Alyea thanked Mrs. Foster for her fine description and for showing the pictures and also Mrs. Clapp for helping. The past president, Mrs. Jordan was presented with a gift by the branch, an Institute cup and saucer, which was much appreciated and will be much treasured. Meeting closed with the anthem, and a delicious lunch served by the committee in charge. Next regular meeting will be Sept. 15th.