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Sydenham history makes appearance before storage

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Back in the early part of the 20th Century, Lady Susan Tweedsmuir, wife of then Governor-General Lord (John Buchan) Tweedsmuir, asked the Women's Institutes of Canada to preserve the history of their communities.

The Sydenham Women's Institute complied.

And, ever since that first meeting in 1918 on Lacey's lawn (Carol Ford's place now), the history has been kept.

And last week, much of it was on display in the Township Hall in Sydenham. For

one afternoon, the hall was filled with handwritten books, papers, photographs, newspaper clippings, voter rolls, newsletters, magazines, and just about any other little bit of historical information one could imagine.

It was also filled with people who came to remember.

"Look around the tables," said Carol Faires, the most recent assembler of the archives. "Judging from the number of people here, I'd say there is interest."

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People gathered at the Township Hall in Sydenham last week to look over the Women's Institute archives.