

Introducing Our New Editor

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WHEN I RETIRED from full time work with the Home Economics Branch eight years ago, the Director, Miss McKercher asked me to continue editing *Home and Country* for a while. In the words of the popular song Miss McKercher practically said "You'll stay till it's time for you to go." And about a year ago I decided that this winter it would be time for me to go. Editing *Home and Country* has been an altogether happy experience; and I don't feel that I am saying good bye to my Institute friends because I will be following what you are doing and meeting you sometimes I hope.

The Home Economics Branch has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Maryn Pardy as the new editor. Mrs. Pardy is already well known to many Institute members. She grew up on a farm near Mt. Brydges in Middlesex county, taught public school for a few years, was married and went to live in North Western Ontario, then returned to Mt. Brydges. She has three children, all married; and has been a widow since 1955, when she returned to school teaching. In the past few months Mrs. Pardy has had an interesting experience working with the Jubilee Guilds of Newfoundland.



Mrs. Maryn Pardy, newly appointed Editor of *Home and Country*.

Mrs. Pardy thoroughly understands Women's Institute work, having held a variety of offices and convenerships from Branch President to Member of the Provincial Board; and she has a wise, warm interest in the organization. Along with this she has a flair for writing and considerable experience. Some of our readers will have read her published children's stories and poetry. After seeing a good deal of her work, I know that the coming issues of *Home and Country* will be alive with interest and information. I'm looking forward to them myself.

miliar with Dr. McCready's progressive program for Macdonald Institute. Because of the growing need of professional home economists in a steadily increasing variety of fields, and because limited accommodation at the Institute makes it necessary to reject a great many applicants every year; the one-year Diploma or "Homemaker" course was transferred to Kemptville Agricultural School, a few years ago. Accommodation is still inadequate for the many applicants who would particularly like to take their degrees at this school. But this is not news to Institute members. Many have daughters who are Macdonald graduates; many others know the disappointment of having a daughter rejected because there is no room for her.

Ontario Institute women have other links with Macdonald Institute. For years we have enjoyed the hospitality of "the O.A.C.", now

Guelph University, for conventions and conferences. The campus seems like home to us. We feel we have a stake in the school because the founder of the Women's Institute movement was also co-founder of Macdonald Institute; and she could visualize the two working together for better homes and a better family life. (Even Mrs. Hoodless could scarcely have imagined how far this would go with Institute women and home economics graduates carrying on our present program for girls' 4-H Homemaking Clubs.)

So the Women's Institutes are not unaware of the heritage that is theirs in Macdonald Institute. Now that the whole University of Guelph is in a campaign to raise funds for expansion it is not surprising that the Institutes want to do something for that part of the University that seems especially their own, the school of home economics, Macdonald Institute.