

# Reflections from ROS

with Joyce Canning (Rural Organizations and Services)

LADIES — What is your institute planning to do in 1983-84 that is NEW, that is exciting, that is TIME-LY, that is THOUGHT PROVOK-ING?

This is the time of year for pro-gram planning, for looking ahead, for setting goals and objectives. What does your institute want to accom-plish in the year ahead? If you don't have the answer for that question, then you don't have EFFECTIVE program planning. IN ORDER TO

BE EFFECTIVE OR SUCCESSFUL AT SOMETHING YOU MUST, FIRST OF ALL, KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU ARE TRYING TO DO.

February 8, your provincial ex-ecutive, provincial convenors (or designate) and myself along with two other resource staff members of the Rural Organizations and Services Branch met to talk about program planning. As a result of this meeting, you will be receiving, or may have already received, for each convenor-

ship, some program ideas for use in 1983-84.

I hope that each branch and each convenor will find this material useful. It is my sincere wish that this idea can be expanded on in future years to develop a useful and timely exchange of program ideas for use by the membership.

A STRONG ORGANIZATION is dependent on STRONG PRO-GRAMS. Keep this thought before you as you plan the year ahead.

## Meet HOME & Country's editor

This issue of Home & Country magazine has been edited by Carol Stewart-Kirkby. A graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journal-ism, Carol worked most recently as education and health reporter for the Oakville Beaver newspaper, a bi-weekly publication. She captured an award for her writing and reporting skills there from the Canadian Health Care Public Relations Association for a seven-part series she wrote on the Oakville hospital.

Carol has also worked as general reporter and editor of the Stoney Creek News, on promotion and pub-licity campaigns for the Consumers' Association of Canada, and as editor

of a children's tabloid for the Niagara South Board of Education.

Naturally enough, Carol is familiar with the Women's Institute because her mother is a member and because she worked in Stoney Creek. In fact, she visited the Erland Lee Home at Christmas-time as a reporter for the Stoney Creek News.

In her spare time, Carol enjoys cross-country skiing, golf, reading, writing and knitting. She lives in Oakville with her husband and cat.

Her vitality and fresh ideas bring a sparkle to our office and I know those same qualities are reflected in Home & Country.



Carol Stewart-Kirkby

Amber Gibbons

## For your spring calendar...

### GUELPH

**April 30 to May 22. Guelph Spring Festival.** Features a varied program of opera, music recitals, dance, sym-phony concerts, mime and theatre. Highlights include Benjamin Britten's opera, *Curlew River*, The Royal Win-nipeg Ballet, Dave Brubeck and more. For more information call: (519) 821-3210 or write Guelph Spring Festival, Box 1718, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6Z9.

### RICHMOND HILL

**May 13, 14 and 15. Agricultural fair.** Located at Richmond Hill's Town Park, the fair will feature school competitions, hay, seed and grain show, western horse show, junior pet show, fiddle competition and square dance. For more information, con-

tact Melissa Stewart, 356 Fesserton Road, Richmond Hill. (416) 884-5344.

### SCHOMBERG

**May 27, 28 and 29. Agricultural fair.** A demolition derby, tractor pull, and mutt show highlight this fair, located at the intersections of Highway 9 and 27. For more information on the fair, contact Mrs. Irene Palmer, R.R. #3, Schomberg. (416) 833-6975.

### MAXVILLE

**June 2, 3, 4 and 5. Agricultural fair.** The Maxville Fair will feature highland dancing, various livestock shows, as well as 4-H displays. The fair will be located on Fair Street, and for more information, contact Mrs. Karen Collier, R.R. #1, Maxville. (613) 527-5524.

### BROOKLIN

**June 2, 3, 4 and 5. Agricultural fair.** This four-day spring fair located at the Brooklin Community Park, boasts a Morgan Horse Show, bath tub races, a dog obedience show and a beauty contest. For more details call Jack Woodward, P.O. Box 414, Brooklin (416) 655-4525.

### HENSALL

**June 7. Agricultural Fair.** At Hen-sall's arena, this fair will host a calf club show and auction, a junior talent show, baby show and a display of Huron County Livestock. Contact Mrs. Barbie Van Allen, R.R. #2, Staff (519) 345-2207 for more information.