

New editorial committee underway for *Home & Country*

I'm taking the liberty of using this editorial space to talk about *Home & Country* in this spring issue. It seems there are several items regarding the magazine which you should know and today seems like a good day to go over them.

First and foremost, a new editorial committee for *Home & Country* has been established. The objectives of the committee are to provide constructive criticism and feedback to me in the areas of content, appearance and distribution, and to help plan upcoming issues. You have all heard me talk about the importance of feedback either on this page or in person at district annuals and area conventions. Now, members of the editorial committee will be filling the feedback gap for me. They will bring their own opinions and ideas and the feelings of other Women's Institute members they talk with to committee meetings.

The first meeting of this committee was held in March. At that time committee members were asked to be prepared to discuss three things they really like about *Home & Country* and three things needing improvement. This discussion was interesting as it illustrated committee members from different parts of Ontario shared similar concerns and preferences.

The committee will meet again in the early summer and three times after that during 1985. If you want to make suggestions to committee members, please do — it makes their voice at the meeting table even stronger when it echoes members' sentiments too.

Here's a list of the members and their addresses.

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at a special event, for instance, please allow six weeks for delivery.

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For anyone who may have missed the announcement in the winter 1985 issue of *Home & Country*, microfilm of issues of *Home & Country* from 1933 to 1983 are on file at the Archives of Ontario. If you want to research a topic or are just interested in looking at the old magazines, you can do so at the reading room at the archives, after being registered in their office. You must have two pieces of identification with you to be registered. The Archives of Ontario are at 77 Grenville Street, Toronto, M7A 2R9.

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In the last few months I have received four notes from branch secretaries regarding the plastic wrap used to bundle *Home & Country*. In these four cases, the wrap was ripped open, but the magazines arrived in tact. Is anybody else experiencing similar problems, or even worse, receiving mutilated magazines? I would like to know so action can be taken to improve the wrap, if necessary. Please drop me a line.

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As many of you are aware, 1985 is International Youth Year. I would like to hear about the activities branches, districts and areas have planned for this special year. Participation in bicentennial projects was high and the number of photos and reports I received for publication in the magazine was also high. I'm hoping to get the same great response from you for IYY.