

Proud to receive Order of Ontario

Dear Women's Institute Members:

It was one of the proudest moments of my life, last year when I was presented with Ontario's highest award, the Order of Ontario. Since Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) nominated me, I feel I would like to share some of the exciting moments of the investiture with you.

My credentials mentioned at the time of the investiture were for community work, teaching and especially my involvement with Women's Institutes over the years. (Bernice is a past FWIO president and a past Federated Women's Institutes of Canada president.)

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor, His Excellency Lincoln Alexander said, "The Order of Ontario was established in 1986 as a means for the province to pay tribute to those On-

tarians who exemplify the highest qualities of achievement and excellence and whose contributions enrich the lives of their fellow men and women in our province, in Canada and in the world."

The investiture took place in the foyer of the Legislature in Toronto, with the Lieutenant Governor officiating and Premier Peterson, the Chief Justice of Ontario, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, the Secretary of the Cabinet, and Clerk of the Executive Council present.

Following the investiture ceremony, a reception was held, followed by a banquet.

It had been a marvellous experience. To you all, again, I say thank you, not just for making the award possible, but for all you have given me in every way through the years.



Bernice B. Noblitt

Magazine and wrapping not recyclable

Dear Home & Country,

Your Oct. Nov. 1988 issue had mentioned waste management on your editorial page and also had an article called The Grocery Bag Dilemma.

Excellent coverage, but what about you as a publication? What are you doing about waste management? Your publication is printed on non-recyclable, glossy paper, bundled up together in plastic sheeting.

I am a member of Warsaw Women's Institute. I thought your might like to know when disposables have to be used on a catering job, we use paper products, real silverware, compost our peelings and use bio-degradable garbage bags.

Here's hoping you will consider changing your ways.

Marlyn Engelke-Dubay

Editor's note — You have made an excellent point about our paper and wrappings. The glossy paper has been used to enhance photograph reproductions in the printing process, however

that doesn't mean we won't consider changing at some time in the future. The plastic wrapping is by far the cheapest method of packaging the magazines. Having spoken to several readers about

this concern (because it has been on my mind), I found they keep their Home & Country for future reference and do not show an interest in discarding it/recycling it.

Back in the saddle again

This is my first full magazine since I moved to a work assignment last spring and it feels good to be "back in the saddle again".

It is amazing in six months how quickly I lost touch with what is going on with rural and farm women's groups in the province.

I came back as editor to hear about an Ontario Farm Women's Network Conference. It looks like an interesting and exciting time in March with a day of business and a day of educational workshops.

And, I read newspaper clippings, letters, and reports of the many Women's

Editorial

Carol Stewart-Kirkby



Institute members now involved in a recycling project of some sort. I was impressed by the vigor with which the WI groups have grasped the recycling challenge and worked with it to meet the many different local needs across Ontario.

There is a lot of information in this issue of Home & Country. I hope
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