

# HOME & Country

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## Front Cover

Rennie Feddema is the President of the Ontario Farm Women's Network. Read about her, and her job as leader of this new organization on page 4.

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## Sharing ambitions across the border

### Between the lines

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One of the benefits of being a member is the chance to either visit or host people from other parts of Ontario, Canada, and other countries. I know that many of you take advantage of this. One county has a bus trip almost every year as well as attending Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) and Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) conferences. It is a rewarding experience enriching the lives of those who participate. For those who for various reasons cannot travel, it is possible to become an armchair traveller by hosting other members. We are compiling a list of those members interested, your board director has the details.

At the request of FWIC, Ontario recently participated in hosting Harriet Steenson from Wolbach, Nebraska — a representative selected by the Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs, members of ACWW.

Harriet came to Canada to learn about our organization as well as our agriculture, history, politics and culture. Comparing organizations and countries, she identified our common interests and differences. There is no better way to gain insight into a country than to actually stay in the homes of its people.

Harriet was my guest in Ottawa for four days, exploring the city and surrounding areas. For 12 days we visited other areas including Kingston, Georgetown, Guelph, Prescott, Waterloo, Simcoe, Stoney Creek, St. George, Niagara, London, Otterville, North Bay and all places in between. At each stop, we visited with WI members. Harriet was overwhelmed by the warm and enthusiastic welcome she received. I was proud to be a member of such an organization.

I would like to thank the following board directors who helped arrange accommodation and tours for Harriet: Vera Holmes, Myrtle Stone, Florence Gole, Betty Walther, Fran Hyatt, Velda Thompson. Thanks also to past Eastern Area President Ruby Proudfoot.

Whatever our culture, whatever the color of our skin, underneath, women share so many goals, ambitions and dreams. By encouragement, assistance, cooperation and most of all by participation, we can each in our own way help to achieve a better understanding between countries and so make this world a better place to live.