

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRANCH AND HOME ECONOMICS SERVICE

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To Ontario Women's Institute Members.

Dear Friends:

It is with mixed feelings that I send my farewell letter to you now that I am leaving my position as Director of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

I would like to write to each member personally because I have felt so close to you and have considered you personal friends much more than business associates. However, with our large membership, this is impossible, so, as your secretary reads this letter, would you think of it as personally addressed to you.

It is always sad to say farewell but, as most of you already know, the reason for my resignation is because, on April 16 I look forward to becoming the bride of William T. Ewen, Assistant Professor, Soils Department, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Although I shall be leaving my present position at the time of my marriage, I shall always be personally interested in Institute work and shall look forward to seeing you from time to time as you hold your meetings at the College.

I could not leave without telling you how much my associations with you have meant to me, and thanking you for all this. My ten years as Director have been enriching and rewarding. Although the work has been strenuous, it has been an inspiration to work with so fine a group of people. I have considered it an honour as well as a pleasure to be associated with you. I shall always treasure happy memories of conventions, of district annual meetings, of special events and, above all, of the friendship of Women's Institute members.

May you long continue your good work in the interests of home and country, and always keep before you the high ideals of our organization.

I remain,

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

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Anna P. Lewis, Director.