

# editor's page

## The Journal Is Alive and Well . . .

"We've received communications saying that the *Journal* is alive and well. Some of the things we've talked about today make me believe it *really* is alive and well!" Ruth Beale, a Michigan home economist, said at the end of the *Journal's* June board meeting.

One of the people who has helped make the *Journal* alive and well has been Pat Borich, who retired as editor on July 1. Pat leaves behind some big shoes to fill. Pat, Assistant Editor Colleen Schuh, and Business Manager Paul Sims, along with the board under the leadership of Randall Barnett and Roland Abraham, during the past two years have helped the *Journal* gain new prestige and usefulness to Extension staff members. To Pat, I particularly want to say, "Congratulations . . . a job well done! You have left a legacy—the new format, new readers, renewed interest in the *Journal*, and above all, a journal with real professional stature."

As I begin my term as editor, the deMontaigne quotation on my desk has new and increased meaning for me.

And one might therefore say of me that in this book I have only made up a bunch of other people's flowers, and that of my own I have only provided the string that ties them together.

During the next two years, I'll have the opportunity to use "my string" to tie together ideas, research, etc., for our 6,000 subscribers. This is a real challenge and an honor.

It's my goal that during the coming two years the *Journal* will become increasingly more useful to Extension staff members. I'll continue to try and make the content more relevant and on the cutting edge of our educational program. I look forward to the challenge and opportunity to be of service to Extension.

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