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The need for a national quilters Clearing House has most recently shown itself with the aftermath of the Good Housekeeping fire (see pg. 14) which caused destruction and damage to quilts owned by quilters throughout the country. It has come to our attention from some of those who lost or had quilts damaged that there was a real need for a place or organization to assist quilters. Some felt they had not been properly notified or treated by Good Housekeeping after the fire. We suggest that this might be an excellent project for a Clearing House.

We have heard from one of our readers, Betty Hagerman of Rt.3, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006, concerning her experiences about her damaged quilt after the fire and have permission to print her thoughts on the subject.

Betty stated:

1. It was unfortunate that everyone who had been a finalist was not notified immediately there had been a fire. Good Housekeeping should have quickly assessed damage and notified owners.
2. Good Housekeeping should have chosen someone to advise them immediately as to the ways to handle quilts that had been damaged by fire and water so no further damage would occur due to mildew or neglect as did happen.
4. Inquiries to G.H. were not answered promptly. Perhaps a full time person should have been available to those concerned which would have allayed fears and stopped rumors.

Betty is happy about the return of her own quilt (no matter what the condition) so she can restore & repair it, and hopes everyone will continue to share their quilts through contests and exhibits. She would like everyone who had a quilt damaged or lost to get in touch with her so the group can be of help to each other(address above).

If a Clearing House were now in existence, all such inquiries could be handled through it with smooth communication and information, placating hard feelings and much confusion.

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