



2040 Prince Charles Rd.,  
Ottawa 13, Ontario,  
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Dear Ford:

Congratulations on being awarded one of Canada's Centennial medals. We were delighted when Jacqui told us the news today, and can't think of anyone who deserves it more. You have done a lot over the years to preserve Canadian history, particularly in the Lindsay area, through your writings, and it is nice to know that your efforts are appreciated.

It was so nice to see you over the Christmas holiday, and we hope you will come back again soon to Prince Charles Road. I still want to have a little party of the gang who were down at your cottage, so we'll make it the next time you come. Everything has settled back down to the usual routine on the street, and most of the Christmas lights have disappeared. Jacqui and I are busy curling, but neither of us seem to be doing anything very startling - however we have fun and that is the main thing. Last Tuesday three other "girls" and I went out to Thurso to a curling friendly game, and had an opportunity to brush up on our bilingualism as most of the ladies there were basically French speaking. However they are more bilingual than we are, so most of the conversation was in English - it was a very pleasant day and we had a lot of fun. Fortunately for us, it was Tuesday rather than Monday as we were very surprised to wake up on Monday morning and find about 12 inches of snow had fallen. There has been a lot of shovelling to do.

Marilyn did very well on her Xmas exams in her first year at Carleton University. She got 2 A's and 3 B's. She is enjoying her winter both academically and socially. Did I tell you that Ken made about \$50 in tips at Christmas as a Journal carrier? As well he won a Mark 12 flash camera as a door prize at a Journal boys Xmas party, so he was very fortunate. He delivers papers in one of the apartment blocks around the corner, so is lucky as he doesn't have to worry about the weather. It's good for him to have a little job to do too.

Bill has started curling again after being off for over two months because of his operations. He seems to be feeling pretty well although still has most of the problems he had before his session in the hospital. Joanne seems to be holding her own these days - Jacqui, Tom, Bill, myself, and another couple, neighbors of the Skinners, were out there last Saturday evening and had a very pleasant evening.

With best wishes,

Sincerely, *Marilyn*