

Mills, Edward

Mr. Mills drove until nearly 100

Some people just won't quit. Edward Mills, whose photograph appeared on the back page of Remember When...in the March 7 and 14 editions, was one of those people.

Mills was the great uncle of Dorothea Robinson, who lives on Big Island. She says Mills, who ran a general store in Shannonville for many decades, drove his Model-T Ford

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into his 100th year.

Mills was born Lemuel E. Mills, May 20, 1855, on Big Island. He apprenticed as a tin-smith and worked in Belleville before moving to Shannonville in 1881. There he opened a tin and hardware store which later sold groceries.

The storekeeper was a member of the United Church and

his wife, Jenny, was the church organist.

In 1955 Mills quit driving and gave his car to Robinson and her husband, Harold. They kept it for a few years but had no place to store it and sold it to a Belleville resident, whose name escapes them.

At 99 or 100, Mills moved to Barrie to live with his son, Reg. He died in 1957 at 105.

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