

had to cross, near the Berndt home (now Okums) was not strong enough and it crashed, causing his death.

The next mill owner was William McLean, who sawed logs into lumber and also did threshing for a number of years. He and his family moved to Arnprior.

### **Rural Telephone**

The people of the community, hearing of the success of rural telephones in other communities, decided to do something about it. So, in 1910. A. J. Lindsay of Lochwinnoch section and Andrew Carswell of Glasgow canvassed both communities and with very few exceptions, all were favorable to the project.

Mr A Smallfield, editor of the Renfrew Mercury, was interviewed and a meeting was called, which he attended, giving information as to the method of forming a Rural Telephone Company. Bylaws were drawn up and officers elected. President was Wm Humphries of Castleford.

The switchboard was placed in private residences for the first few years. Then as this was not satisfactory, the store and residence of Robert Stone, who had gone West, were purchased, and the switchboard was installed there. This method gave great satisfaction and the rural telephone has become a necessity in the community as well as a social commodity.

### **1964**

The village hasn't grown much over the years. There is one store, the Post Office, a school, church and community hall and about 15 homes. Most of the residents are retired people. Names of property-owners still reflect the Scottish pioneers who cleared the bush for their homes and their farms over 100 years ago.