

P E D L A R S (continued)

homes had a flock of chickens, so the surplus eggs were traded to the pedlar to help pay for needed supplies.

Byron Frederick had the general store and post office at Mountain View from 1905 to 1913 when it was purchased by Grant Sprague for a store and Telephone Exchange. Mr. Frederick had a horse-drawn peddling wagon with an iron railing around its roof where he carried wooden egg crates in which to pack the eggs accepted in payment along his routes. He carried groceries, canned goods, tobacco, coal oil, pins and needles, thread and bolts of cloth, also candy. Harry Bisdee recalls he and his brothers and sisters eagerly awaiting Mr. Frederick's arrival for he always opened the candy door on his wagon, grabbed a handful of candies and threw them over the children's heads into the grass where they would scramble for them.

Albert File, better known as Timmy, of Roblin's Mills also had a peddling wagon. He carried a great variety of merchandise as he went to Belleville every Saturday for supplies. He would take orders for items which he picked up in town and delivered on the trip around the following week. He carried a wash tub atop his wagon in which he put the eggs he took in trade.

In the Rednersville area, J.M. Chislett, the proprietor of a general store in Rednersville, had a peddling wagon on the road, drawn by horses, with his daughters Effie and Emma as drivers. They carried a wide range of goods - groceries, coal oil, harness, bolts of cloth. Brooms hung on the side of the wagon. They bought the housewives' eggs too, 17¢ a dozen or a trade-in value of 20¢ per dozen.

In the Rossmore area Will Carnrike and Loral Gerow peddled groceries and other wares through the eastern part of the township.

In the Consecon area Jim Eaton had a horse-drawn grocery wagon. He also took eggs in exchange and carried them on the roof of the wagon. One hot summer day as the driver, Bert Kemp, proceeded along the North Lakesideroad, some of the eggs began to hatch. By the time he reached Mrs. Tomlin's (later the Earl Walt farm) he had a brood of baby chicks, so he called to her to bring a box and gave her the chickens. Herman Goodmurphy also had a wagon out of Consecon, carrying groceries, bread and baked goods.

There were several butchers peddling over the years. Albert Lont had a horse-drawn covered wagon and carried ice in it to keep the meat cool. You could buy a shank of beef for 75¢ that would last most of the week. Mr. Lont had a bell which he rang to arouse his customers. After he retired his son Lewis carried on the business.

Grant Wanamaker butchered and peddled in the Mountain View area. He killed 3 to 4 cattle a week, depending on the time of year. He peddled with a democrat with a canvas covering. He cut up very little of his meat, just in large pieces and cut the balance on the spot for