

# FIRE IN TRUCK CUTS SUPPLIES IN MONETVILLE

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Monetville, Jan. 12—Quite a bit of excitement was caused here by a wholesale grocers delivery truck from Sudbury when it arrived at Harold's Corner Store with its weekly delivery of groceries and merchandise.

The driver had only been in the store a moment when Hubert Lawrence, Sr., a resident living just across the road from the store, came hurrying in to accost the astonished young man with the words: "Don't you know your truck's on fire?"

The driver rushed out to the van to be met at the door by a mass of flames and smoke. Anxious to save the merchandise the excited driver jumped into the van and began throwing out cartons of burning merchandise. Harold Fryer, owner of the store, appeared with a fire extinguisher. The driver, almost overcome by the smoke and heat, was forced to leave the van. Fryer was able to subdue the flames and would have put the fire out, but the fluid in the extinguisher ran out, having been depleted by a previous fire at the store. The fire was extinguished by carrying water from a nearby well. The two men had the excitement all to themselves.

The truck carried various merchandise for Harold's Corner Store, a delivery for the French River and others. Packages of melting hard, partly cooked broken eggs, cartons of smoldering cigars and tobacco, baked potatoes in their jackets, nerve pills and brooms, etc., were scattered about. The driver gathered up the remains of the shipment and returned to Sudbury.

The unfortunate occurrence left Fryer's supplies greatly depleted and resulted in the community and housewives being unable to get eggs, shortening, salt, etc. for their week-end cooking.

The fire is believed to have started from a heater, used in the back of the van to prevent perishable groceries from freezing.

## Mail Delivery Reduced

Monetville residents are finding it hard and exasperating to get adjusted to the winter mail delivery, as usual. From Christmas until June 1st, mail is delivered and out-going mail picked up three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. From June 1 to Christmas, there is a daily mail service, but even then all the mail is a day late, as the mail bags are picked up in Rutter, on one day and taken to the post office in Monetville, and the mail is not delivered to the people east and north of Monetville, until the next day. The residents are getting restless over the problem, especially as the bulk of the mail all comes this way. A move will soon be made asking a daily delivery the next round.

## Return to School

Miss Doris Dean, who is attending high school in Woodstock, Ont., was a welcome visitor in her parent's home, during the holidays. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dean, Doris has two married sisters living in Woodstock.

Miss Frances Purcell, having spent a long holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Purcell, has returned to Sturgeon Falls to continue her high school training at the convent.

Harley Lang, eldest son of Mrs. June Lang, has returned to high school in Sturgeon Falls after spending the holidays with his mother, sisters, brothers and grandparents.

## On Lengthy Vacation

Wm. Vandenburg is taking a lengthy vacation in Southern Ontario, visiting friends and relatives, after journeying to London, Ont., at Christmas time to be present at the wedding of his youngest son, Delmer.

## Erect Garage

Dexter and Eugene Lawrence are erecting a garage and general repair shop, on the southeast corner of Dexter's lot. The building will face the highway on the west.

## Busy Hauling Logs

Lawson Lawrence has purchased a new, three-ton truck and is doing considerable business in the timber industry.

## Secures Employment

Bob Carswell, whose home is in Cache Bay, is working for Mr. O. J. Morley this winter. He has two cousins living at Monetville, Duncan and Alex Douglas.

## Return to Community

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Geauveau have returned to live in the community after spending some months living near Sturgeon Falls where Geauveau was employed cutting pulpwood for Morgan Mercer.

## W.I. to Meet

The North Star W.I. of Monetville holds its regular, and also first meeting of the new year today, Jan. 12, in the new auditorium. Mrs. N. George Green will be hostess. Lunch conveners are Mrs. June Lang, Mrs. Hubert Lawrence, Sr. and Mrs. Paul Hunsburger.

