

# Goshen station served many

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the Canadian National Railway (CNR). This system ended in the 1950's, bringing to an end the era of local train travel in the community.

Another famous landmark for many years at Goshen Corners was a little square log house owned by a Mr Nesbitt who was a weaver by trade. In this little building many yards of wool goods and woollen blankets were turned out to meet the needs of the thriving community.

In the early 1920's rural mail came into being with a mail box at the end of each lane. Carswell Post Office disappeared and a rural mail carrier brought the mail in from Renfrew around by Burnstown and Goshen became Renfrew RR 1. The Carswell Post office building became known as the "post office home."

Very important in every community, Goshen Corners also had its own blacksmith shop which was operated by James Campbell.

"History tells us the blacksmith made a big lock and a very large key for the post office home," Dewar noted.

The family of Andrew and Jean Stewart lived in the "post office home" until 1920 and then moved to Kinburn. John E and Ruby Miller spent many years looking after "store and station" until both became

renovated this log home but in 1980 this very historic dwelling caught fire and burned to the ground. Thus ended Goshen's historic "store home", but its romantic and exciting years of service will long be remembered in the history of the community.

Dewar explained Goshen's Railway Station served many travellers and a resident, Morris Miller, remembers the trains and its passengers as they boarded for Arnprior and Ottawa going east of Renfrew and beyond to the west.

"Down through many years of changes, the Goshen Hall became sadly delapidated and was abandoned as a lonely vigil of days gone by and its silent memories," Dewar stated.

However, in 1981 the Goshen Women's Institute sold the logs from the Goshen Hall to a man from Killaloe for \$1,000. It was with this money the ladies were able to erect the plaque on the cairn for the Fifth Line Corner to leave as a lasting landmark and tribute to the early residents who called this little area and its four dwellings home.

### Goshen WI

The Goshen Women's Institute was organized on September 14, 1914.

Among the founding members were South Ren-