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#### Terra Cotta Re.d scovered

the valley, sauntered along the left bank of the Credit River and leaped the stream on a handsome concrete bridge. On the right bank, it got down to business, and ran right along to the general store. There it paused, apparently there is still a form of it for the store is the centre of Terra left. Cotta. It houses the post office, the only source of groceries, rubber boots, meat, within five miles, and the big exchange views and news.

Seventy years ago, they went down to the river and caught salmon for supper. The place was called Salmonville, for that matter . . . whether because of the salmon-colored clay. nobody remembers. The village became Terra Cotta, finally from the villagers. Now the works are gone and so are the workers. Instead. here and there, summer cabins hide among the trees. Terra Cotta has been rediscovered:

Thirty years ago, Barbara Smith kept the white-painted general store, impatient of the children who pored over the case of pent;y candies.

Up on the hill the Jeam family had a tiny stock of groceries in a box-like frame house. Folks said! Mrs. Icam could never compete with Barbara Smith, even if her husband was working in the brickyard.

Today, Leslie Icam has the store. and it is the only one in the village. Norman Icam is the postmaster, combining that honourable position with work as foreman of a Brampton brickyard. The Icams keep the big stove glowing, have thairs around it for

Charlie McNa'ly, the mail route driver, sits behind the stove and proclaims the virtues of his 1930 coach. "Can't get over our mads with one of those new cars," he insists. He puts in 32 miles a day, north, east and south of the village, come snow, come rain. The roads, he admits, are better than they used to be. In the First Great War farmers drove to Terra Cotta through mud to the hubs of their wagons, to ship the milk to Toronto. Trucks pick it up now.

The railway runs netween the two clay pits of the brick works. Only the pits remain; the buildings have been torn down, their bricks salvaged for use in expanding communities. But the quarries are still worked. Stone from them went into the buildings in Queen's Park. Villagers still work in the quarries.

Up on the hill, the little meeting house stands empty i: the winter. In summer, a missioner holds Sunday School. Otherwise, the devout follow the winding road to Union Presbyterian Church, two miles away, or further to Glen Williams and St. Alban's Church of England. The Icam store is, really, most of the village. Even the school is a mile and a half away.

down the Fifth line of Chinguacousy. Through the past war, the village lay dormant. Ther was no call for stone from the quarries. The men went to work in the war plants. The big, solid brick house that had been home to the manager of the brick works sold, with its 11 acres of land for \$800.

Then the war over, city folks began coming to the banks of the Credit The house that sold for \$800 was sought for \$8,000, and the offer was refused. Leslie Icam sold more groceries to the cottagers, offered small services that held their custom.

Around the stove through the winter the villagers discuss real estate. Three acres up on the mountain, the rolling clay and limestone ridge to the north, an offered now at \$300. Really, there isn't much for the summer guest in Terra Cofta. The river's too shallow for swimming or boating.

the fish have long been gone. But older people find something peaceful and solid about the straight piece of valley and its rounded hills. The villagers speak slowly with their Scots or North of Ireland drawl, and sometimes its hard to know if they are poking a bit of fun at the softles from the city. But it is, in the main, a friendly village. knowing but tactful. There is a place for any man of good-will on the bench back' of the stove warming the Icam store.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pebruary, 8, 1947

Dear Mr. Editor A shortage of nurses? Why shouldn't there be a shortage with conditions such as they are?

These people advocating for more nurses-have they ever worked twelve or thirteen hours a day ples studied three or four different subjects und this received only a much be undeed thank you from their afters at grad-

untion? After you work are at ly for a whole year with expenses all a your father's, they tive you six dollars

month and in a few hospitals a dollar or two more. That may be fine for the kids fortunate enough to have wealthy parents, but what of the aspiring would-be nurses whose parents i have other children to rear? And as The road ourved gracefully down into the old saying goes are "trying to make both ends meet?"

Oan you think of any other condition where you receive less for so much hard work? Slavery was supposedly abolished many years ago but

If the parants with daughters of nursing age, knew what they were letting them in for, I'm sure there iron stove around which the villagers would be still fewer nurses, if that is possible and still run a hospital!!! - One Interested in Humanity

> Georgetown, Ont. Feb. 8, 1947 The Editor:

Georgetown Herald.

Enclosed is an item clipped from brick clay. Two brick works employed the Voice of the People column in the Toronto Daily Star on Peb. 3, 1947 re garding Provincial Police duties in towns such as Georgetown.

While I am rot affiliated in any way with labour organizations, I think that the local Council should answer some of the questions asked in this article as I do not believe that such items are good "advertising" for Georgetown.

Sir: I see where two more towns, El ora and Georgetown, have agreed to the provincial police taking over the police duties in their towns. What is the motive behind this move? Did it originate in the towns and municipalities, or from the Drew Government? Does the town have complete control of the force or the government? Imagine one of these towns having labour trouble, there would be no waiting for the local commission, etc., to request assistance, the provincial police would be in there away ahead of time. Organized labor should look into this very closely.

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