

A letter from Eden Mills

This is the third in a series of letters written by Miss Val Barrow relating her experience during five "delightful" years spent in Eden Mills. Miss Barrow is writing the series to show her appreciation to residents of the village.

Dear May:

I'm sorry to have been so long answering your nice new letter. But, oh, what a time we've had! I went to the Lawyer's to pick up the key late on the afternoon of the 30th., and then went to the house.

Incidentally, the key is really something to behold — it is handwrought iron, with quite a fancy end to it, and it's a bit bent — must have been in the forging — it is much too strong to bend when turning the lock. Well, the house had been shut up for three or four days and did it ever smell musty! I had a good look around and found that it was all in very bad condition. I should have noticed before, but I was so beguiled by the window-sills and the view! I was terribly upset and wished I'd never bought it.

However, after supper I felt better about it and arranged to meet a contractor, Bill Lowrie by name, early in the morning, before the family arrived to help unpack. There would be no unpacking there for quite a while! I felt it had to be before they arrived because you know how optimistic mother is, and I could almost hear her say "Oh, it's not too bad. We can do it our-

selves." What she actually said was "Oh, dear, it is bad, isn't it!"

Well, as luck would have it, Mr. Lowrie and his brothers were able to get at things right away, and had the place re-roofed within two weeks, and two wonderful ladies in the village, Mrs. Arley Roy and Mrs. Herb Gilbertson, agreed to do the re-decorating. So we rushed off to buy wall papers in a hurry. Got rather neutral ones for the bedrooms, and a brown speckled one for the TV room — I have definitely decided to have my desk, books and TV in the smallest bedroom.

The paper is most encouraging — it makes us think of porridge. We got a pale green with a bright fleck for the living room, and a very pretty ivy one, with the odd orange leaf, for the kitchen. I went out every night to see how things were progressing. They scraped all the old paper off — right down to the old hand-hewn lath and plaster. There seemed to be stove-pipe holes everywhere — you could just hear every wife saying "But, dear, I don't want the stove there" — so her husband had to make another hole in the wall!

Well, it was all ready in two weeks, and it really does look beautiful. The bedroom floors have been sanded, and then sealed and waxed, and the lovely pine boards have a mellow glow. All the woodwork is a gleaming white, and it looks especially nice in the kitchen where there is a wainscoting about two and a half feet high. We had a new cabinet built in the kitchen, too. It has a

double steel sink and a light over it and it is so well designed and made that it doesn't really look new, but fits in well in the old room, and at the same time I have the new sink and light.

Mother and Dad stayed a couple of weeks to help get me settled — thank goodness. How hard they worked. All the things had been packed in such huge cartons you could hardly reach to the bottom, and mother tore them up when empty, and burnt the lot in the fireplace. It took simply ages. Dad did all sorts of carpentry. Finally we were able to sit down and feel satisfied with the place. The living room looks particularly nice, I think, with my royal blue carpet and those lovely old delphinium drapes. Goodness knows how long they will last — but I'm fond of them and shall have them up till they drop to pieces.

Well, dear, more next week. Do write when you have time.

Love,
Val.

BLIND AND DISABLED

There are federal-provincial programs of assistance for blind and disabled persons. They provide financial support for those whose earning capacity is non-existent or limited. Every provincial welfare department has further information on these programs.

Churchill

Thanksgiving guests, C.C.C.W. plans in news

By Mrs. F. MacArthur
Sunday service at Churchill Community church at the usual hour 11 a.m. will be taken by Bill Fennell, a student at Emmanuel college, Toronto. The regular meeting of the Churchill Community Church Women will be held at the home of Mrs. Clifford Storey on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.

A paper drive sponsored by Churchill C.C.W. will be held the third week of October. All papers, corrugated cardboard, rags and scrap metal may be left at the home of Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, from Oct. 21 to Oct. 24.

A bake sale sponsored by the C.C.C.W. will be held on Friday, Oct. 23 at Watson's Music Store in Acton from 11 a.m. until all baking is sold.

Back from east
Mrs. Alfred Saunders returned home last week after enjoying a month visiting relatives and friends in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, David and Juliann were guests

on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Greene of Clarkson. Norman's sister and husband had recently visited England and the Jersey Islands and had so much news to relate.

Thanksgiving guests
Mr. and Mrs. Wurd Hamilton entertained all their family on Thanksgiving Sunday, Mike and Jenorra, Mark and Amy Lynn Hamilton of Georgetown; Bill and Karen and Stephanie Smith of Hamilton and Sheila and Paul Hamilton.

Duncan and Jillian Waldie visited over the holiday at their brother's home with David and Pat Waldie in Milton.

Weekend gatherings
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nightingale of Rockwood visited on Sunday

with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spear and family; also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Warner of Toronto visited at the same home.

Mrs. Doug Kirkwood of Oakville, also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simpson of Peterborough were weekend visitors with Mrs. Mary McEachern and Angus McEachern.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr and Jeffrey visited on Saturday evening with Dr. Lois Cameron in Guelph. Guests on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Knox of Bowmanville with his sister, Mrs. and Mr. Bob Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie were dinner guests with Mrs. S. W. Macdonald and family in Mississauga on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dawson of Chatham and aunt Mrs. Jack

Limehouse Parents visit with teachers

By Mrs. A. Benton
Parents' visiting night with teachers at Limehouse Public School was well attended last Wed. evening.

The teachers had modern teaching equipment set up in the rooms to demonstrate up-to-date methods of teaching.

Holiday
Mrs. Mervin Smith, Messrs. Edgar Karn, Michael Noble and Harold Karn spent the holiday with the E. Karn's at Green Bay, Manitoulin Island.

Harris and an uncle Mr. William Dawson in Inwood called on Mr. and Mrs. Leroy MacArthur and family, also on Bob's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur on their way home from visiting relatives at Bracebridge and Gravenhurst for the holiday weekend.

OUR READERS WRITE:

The Liberal game

The people of Halton have a right to demand and receive some honest answers from M.P. Rud Whiting with respect to the position taken by his government in the sale of over 8 trillion feet of Canadian natural gas to the United States. For the past few months, Mr. Whiting's political mentors have been engaged in weak attempts to hoodwink Canadian nationalists of Liberal policy in selling resources to our neighbor to the south.

The sudden "conversion" of Energy and Resources minister J. J. Greene is a case in point. Last autumn, Mr. Greene advised Canadians on national television that the age of "petty nationalism" was over. He maintained at the time that we would still be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" if we did not recognize that our destiny, in the economic sense, lay with the United States.

Changed stance

However, Mr. Greene changed his stance in a partisan political manoeuvre with his over publicized Denver speech in which he politely informed American oil men of Canada's desire to remain "Canadian". It is obvious that this was an attempt to buy off nationalist elements.

But his announcement of the natural gas sale made his position and the position of the Liberal government quite clear. The hollow nationalist rhetoric of Trudeau and Greene cannot conceal the fact that it will continue to be "business as usual" with the United States.

Sweeten pill?
Thus, the M.P. for Halton must ask himself the following questions. Just precisely who are the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy and Resources trying to fool? Are they trying to sweeten the bitter pill of complete economic domination by insincere and opportunistic references to Canadian national feeling? Unless Mr. Whiting makes an attempt to define the great issues involved in this confusion, as far as the people of Halton are concerned, will continue.

In the absence of evidence to the contrary we can take it for granted that the Liberals are playing the old game of buying votes at the next general election. Would Mr. Whiting agree?

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Silverwood

W.I., 4-H, road problems news

By Mrs. H. Scott
Mrs. Keith Laver and daughter Linda spent a month visiting her sister Mrs. David Turner in Burnaby B. C. recently.

Mrs. G. McKenzie, Walkerton, Ontario, is visiting her sister Mrs. H. Marchington for a few days.

Back to England

Mrs. Summers, Weston, Super-Mare, Somerset, England, has returned home after spending three weeks with her daughter Mrs. F. Duffield and Mr. Duffield.

Mrs. N. Bombolt is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital at the present.

Road problems

Silvercreek Hill is the bad spot on the highway this week and most driveways are passable but soft. The dead elm hasn't come down yet.

The second meeting of Limehouse and Silverwood 4-H girls was held at the home of their leader Mrs. Anderson on Sat., Oct. 3. There were 13 girls present. President Wendy Hannah took charge of the meeting. Secretary Debbie Dunn gave her report, also treasurer Bev. Appleyard. The girls decided on the name of the club, Needle-Knobbars.

New stitch

Mrs. Anderson took over the meeting and after looking over the samples of blanket stitch completed at the last meeting demonstrated the feather stitch. The girls also showed the material and colors for their chosen piece of work they had decided to make this time.

News headlines

The October meeting of Silverwood W.I. was held Thursday evening, Oct. 8, at the home of Mrs. F. Campbell with 15 members and two visitors present. The meeting opened with the Ode and collect and roll call was answered with a news headline. Mrs. Marchington, president, read a letter from Mr.

Ben Case expressing his appreciation for the picnic in his honor. Mrs. G. Smith also sent a letter of thanks to the group.

It was decided to send \$10 to the Mental Health Association at this time. Mrs. D. Williamson gave a report on sales from the sales barn for catering.

Discussion followed about short course at Limehouse Nov. 3 and members are joining the Limehouse W. I. for the day.

A delegate was chosen to attend the area convention in Guelph on Oct. 19 and 20. Mrs. Cossar volunteered as a voting delegate. Mrs. W. I. Norton and Mrs. L. Giffen are attending also.

Repair shelters
The school bus shelters came up for discussion. Both need painting and one repaired and this will be looked after.

The president thanked members for the extra work done on several projects during the summer.

Mrs. B. Lindsay, Silverwood, Mrs. Anderson, Limehouse, are leaders for the fall project of 4-H and report enthusiasm for the course.

Lively discussion
Mrs. Cossar as convener for current events took over and a lively discussion over headlines proved interesting and entertaining. A social half hour closed the meeting.

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