

Mail goes through on rural routes

Although this district did not suffer as severely as other parts of the province during the recent cold and blustery weather, there was sufficient severity to keep most people inside and some in the rural districts were unable to leave homes because of blocked roads.

Rural mail carriers in the Acton area were unable to complete their routes on Tuesday and Friday of last week but other than that mail went through in surprisingly regular manner.

Someone has penned a few words of appreciation to the rural mail carriers which sounds appropriate at this time, while the wind is still whistling and the frost is still dropping the thermometer below the zero mark:

In the cold and blustery weather,
When the frost is on the rail,
Would you like to face a blizzard
With half a ton of mail?

In the biting blizzard weather,
When the snow comes to your knees,
Would you like to fish for pennies
While your feet and fingers freeze?

When outdoors the wind is whistling
And the air is full of snow,
Would you love to have a jitney
And the blamed thing would not go?

Yes, I love the good old fireside,
Sipping coffee from a pall,
But I have to buck the snowdrifts
Cause the farmers want their mail.



SNOW BANKS tower over cars, bury fences and engulf small trees along the rural routes but traffic was never stopped for more than a few hours. Plows opened choked roads although in some open spots where snow piled deep the corridor left room for only one vehicle.—(Staff Photo)



EVENSPRING CREEKS, overflowing valves for fresh water, have been iced over by the frigid temperatures which have gripped this area the past weeks. Measuring devices used for hydrological surveys are rendered almost useless by the weather as this one on the First Line, just past Acton Meadows golf course, shows.—(Staff Photo)

Limehouse

Cancel school due to roads

By Mrs. A. Benton
Local school children were safely delivered to their homes on Tuesday afternoon, but there were no classes here on Wednesday due to heavy snow drifting.

Laily service
As Rev. F. N. Young is attending classes at Presbyterian College, Montreal this week, a laily service was held at Limehouse Presbyterian Church

New J. P.

M.P.P. John Root announced the appointment of Franklin Daniel Gray of Hillsburgh as a Justice of Peace in the County of Wellington and has been advised that the Order-in-council has been extended to include the province of Ontario.
The order-in-council was dated January 14, 1971.

Acquire 12 acres for conservation

In line with Ontario government policy of acquiring Niagara Escarpment lands, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority bought 12 acres immediately adjacent to the Belfountain Conservation Area during the past six months.
These parcels of land, residential lots and heavily treed river bank and escarpment slopes, will extend the Belfountain Conservation Area to a total of 40 acres.
Seventy-five per cent of the total cost of approximately \$50,000 was paid by the Ontario Government through the Department of Energy and Resources Management.

Book Agent: "You really ought to buy an encyclopedia now that your son is going to school." Farmer: "Nothing doing. Let him walk like I did when I was a lad."

A letter from Eden Mills

By V. K. Barrow

Eden Mills, Ont.
28 April, 1967

Dear May:

This will be my last letter before I see you — and am I ever getting excited!
It's been a busy month getting ready to go away, but I think the most important event has been the sale of the store. Gladys has been looking after the post office this last year or so, while Norm carried on with the store. I'm sure they must be sad to be giving it up — but I have no doubt they'll find lots to do to keep busy.
The new owners are John and Irene Turner who have lived in the village before so they will have many friends wishing them luck.

Mail order canoe
I've had quite a time buying a canoe. Back in the winter I was looking through a mail order catalogue and saw this 14-footer at a fairly reasonable price. I've always wanted one because as

children all we were allowed were rowboats and as this looked like the opportune moment, I ordered one.

Well, I got a notice saying it would be delivered to Rockwood station—three miles away—so I phoned and it seemed that to change the order for delivery would require a letter which the girl assured me she'd write.

I thanked her, saying "Well, please-make sure I don't get two canoes". She thought that quite a good joke.
The next thing that happened was that one night when I went in to pick up my mail, John Turner handed me two paddles — in plastic bags, if you please! There was quite a crowd in the store so this created quite a lot of excitement and I could almost see the children lining up for rides. Unfortunately, one of the paddles was split, and so had to be returned.

Twin canoes
About a week later I had a call from Rockwood saying they had a bill of lading, but no canoe. At

this point Norm Jr. offered to pick the thing up for me, as he has a rack for the top of the car. Finally the canoe arrived and I hurried home to tell him. On the way I stopped for the mail and received a notice that a canoe would be delivered to Eden Mills the next week!

You may be sure I cancelled that one first thing next morning. And a day or so later Norm went over to Rockwood to fetch the one from there. He actually got it on top of the car — this time delivered in a carton — and was strapping down the last corner when he noticed the carton was damaged. He investigated and found a broken rib. So of course he didn't accept it.

Bag jinx
Disappointing all right — but I'll try again when I get home in June. I can't help feeling that delivering such out-door things as canoes and paddles in cartons and plastic bags somehow must have jinxed the thing.

On the more domestic side, there is rhubarb coming up from old plantings up the hill under the lilacs. Next year maybe I'll get round to clearing up around it, or even moving it. It sure was tasty last year and I can hardly wait to pull the first lot.

And speaking of clearing up, John Turner is working every spare minute getting out some of the overgrown bushes between his lot and mine. I suppose I should do my side, too.
Not long now till I see you.

Love,
Val

Eden Mills

Annual meeting of church held

By Mrs. R. Wright

The Annual Meeting of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening. Rev. D. Sinclair took the chair for the evening. Reports were given from the various branches which showed a good year. All offices were again filled leaving a solid fellowship one with the other.
The ladies provided a delicious lunch.

Extend sympathy
The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilbertson and family in the loss of a daughter and sister.

Open house
The kindergarten of Eden Mills

with their capable leader held Open House on Thursday showing what keeps the little ones busy. A bake sale was included.



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Storm, county honors Guides, mumps in news

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson
Service was cancelled on Sunday at the local Presbyterian Church, due to weather and road conditions.
Mrs. M. Jackson attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Somerville at Guelph.

postponed for the month of February; any girls desiring of joining the group are asking to leave their name at the store.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Vos of Howard City, Mich. visited during the week with Mrs. K. Klooster.

Measles trio

The three young sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Woodward have all been confined to their home with measles.

Bradley Buck, Guelph, was a weekend visitor with Mr. and Mrs. John Vander Vlugt and family.

County honors
Congratulations to Doreen Vander Vlugt, of the local 4-H homemaking club, who received County honors for completing six projects. The awards were presented at the recent Achievement Day, held in Erin.
Mrs. Elmer Allan, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. John Somerville, Guelph; Mrs. Gordon Somerville, Guelph and Lloyd Somerville, Calgary, visited with Mrs. M. Jackson.

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