

AFTER YEARS as a grocery store, this building becomes an animal clinic later this month. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Marks operated their grocery store here for the past 24 years. Before that the proprietors were John Wood, John Kingshott and Nelson and Co. In this old picture John Nelson stands in front of his store with Amelia Nelson Kennedy leaning on the gate, Lillie Nelson Scott, Minnie Nelson and Margaret Nelson Warren in the garden. The picture is lent by Mrs. Wood, niece of Mr. Nelson and widow of Mr. Wood, two of the owners over the years.

Pet clinic next

Marks grocery closes store dates to 1880's

A grocery store from well before the turn of the century, Marks store no longer stocks life's staples. In a week or so, the brick building on Mill St. E. exchanges bread and butter for dogs and cats. The building will become a part of the Georgetown Animal clinic operated by the veterinarians there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marks have operated the store for 24 years, coming up to Acton from Oakville. Mr. Marks will continue in the real estate business and is the town's building inspector.

They will continue to live in their home, which adjoins their former store.

children live in Burlington, son Peter, wife Joann and two children live in Acton, and he's on town council. Daughter Marilyn, husband Ken Reipert and four children live in Oakville. Pauline and her husband Bernard Kent and three children live in Georgetown. The youngest daughter, Lonnie, and husband Archie Harkins live in Acton and have two sons, one born in March.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Marks have been active in the community during their years here. Mrs. Marks had a long spell in hospital recently but is recuperating well at home.

grocery and dry goods business, and members of the family maintained it for many years there. The original Mr. Nelson came from England to Canada about 1860 or 1870, and was a tailor in Rockwood before buying the store in Acton.

His son John worked in the store for a while before changing to farming about 1901. Another son R. E. Nelson became a tailor in Guelph.

A daughter Amelia married John R. Kennedy, who had the store for many years. Another daughter, Miss Minnie Nelson also worked there. It was Mr. Kennedy who had the brick addition put on the side of the house. He became a prominent citizen of the town.

John Wood bought the business about 1936, and the widowed Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Nelson continued to live in the house before moving to Unionville.

When Mr. Wood retired, John Kingshott had the store for a short time before Mr. and Mrs. Marks came to town.

Built store

It must have been about 1880 that Benjamin Haslett, a merchant from Limehouse, decided to come to Acton to do a larger business. He bought the lot — then a vacant commons — and built the brick store and house behind, as pictured in the old photograph accompanying this article.

Nelson and Co. took over the

Stay in house

"We like it too well here to leave," said Mr. Marks this week. "We have made lots of friends in Acton and the town has been good to us."

Their five children were all brought up in Acton, and all live fairly near, in Halton county.

All near home

Son Martin, his wife and three

A letter from Eden Mills

Eden Mills, Ont.
1 Nov., 1969.

Dear May:

Well, it's been a year of building and rebuilding.

Most important, of course, is the fact that Ted Barden got to work right away to get the mill back in operation. He fixed the low part up first, as it had had less severe damage. He used 4' by 8' plywood boards for the roof — working on it one very blustery day late in November. We were quite anxious watching him emerge on top of the roof clutching such a sail. The asphalt shingle he put on top is a nice grey-green — looks good with the old stone. He also poured a new concrete floor and put in new and larger windows.

During the summer he has been working on the main part of the building. He's taken the walls down so that the whole building will be the same height. I must say we were rather relieved when he finally took a huge stone off the door lintel. Roger Haines, who has bought the house opposite the store, is carting the spare stones away to use in renovation.

Exciting find

His house, by the way, used to be the old inn and they were very excited one day when they discovered a huge old fireplace behind the plaster.

To continue with the mill, though, there was great interest one Saturday morning when a "portable" crane arrived on a truck. The operator lowered special supports and with great skill swung a huge old barn beam into place as the roof tree. Ted hasn't quite finished the job, but it will look very nice when it's done, especially as he has been able to match the shingles very well.

As for me, the Lowries have built me a good garage. It is at the road level, of course, but tucked back into the hill between the maples so it really isn't very noticeable and doesn't spoil the view from Betty's window — thank goodness! And I now have several spotlights strategically placed and on a two way switch.

I'll appreciate that this dark month.

Rotten pears

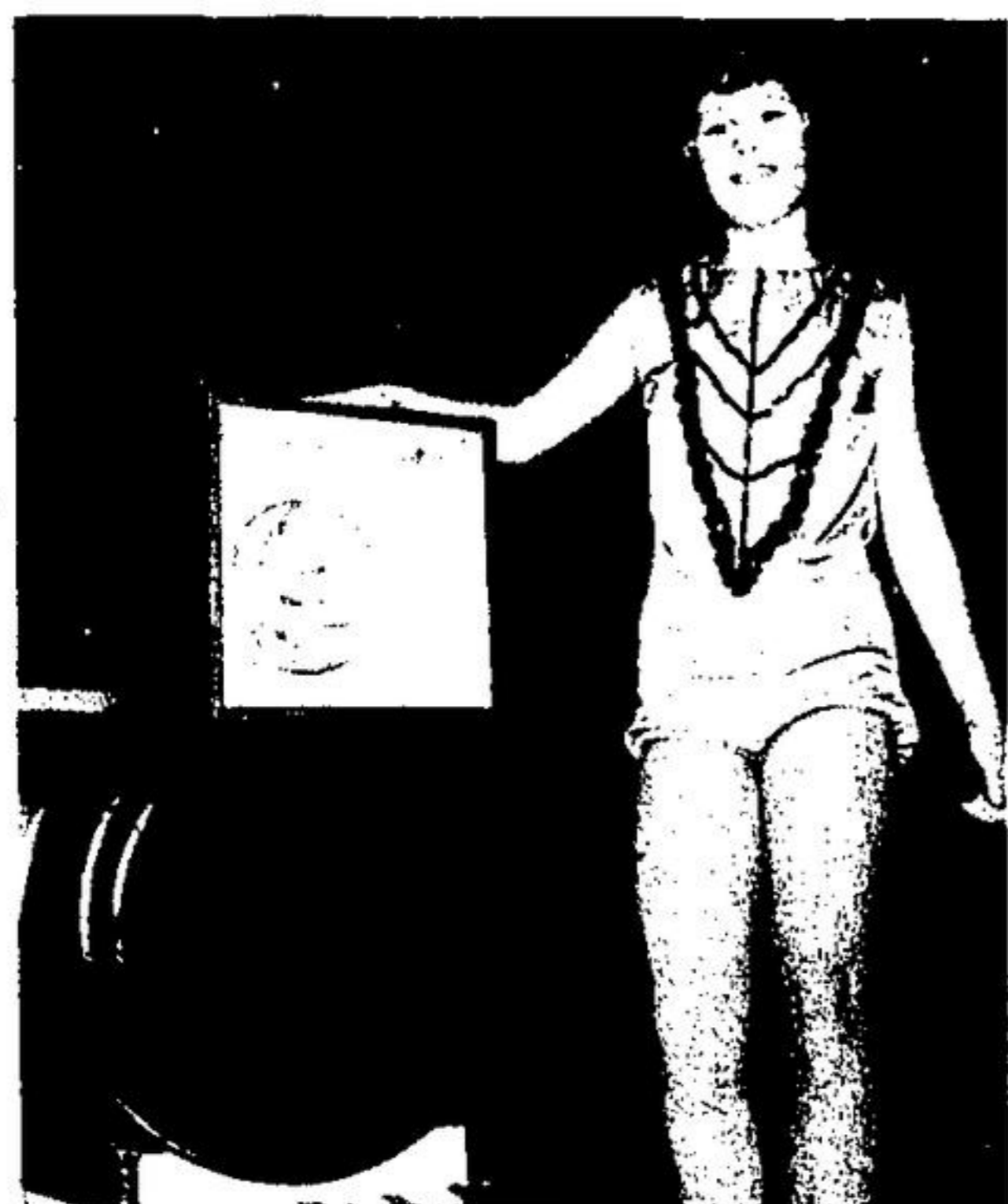
The summer and the country have been as lovely as ever. One really big thrill this fall was when we harvested the first crop of pears. They were delicious — what I had of them. Unfortunately we didn't store them properly and they rotted while I was away for a couple of weeks. I'll know better next year.

Funny thing happened around the end of September. I was sitting out in the sun late one afternoon when I became aware of several flights of a large number of sparrows. They seemed to be stopping in the field above the fence and then taking off again in lots of about 40 and going into the biggest of the

maple trees. There were thousands of them. They must have been perching on all available twigs. The whole tree was shimmering. The same thing happened for four or five evenings — and then they were gone.

Halloween again last night. Betty asked me to act as one of the judges of the costumes. This is becoming an annual event for me and I enjoy it. The children really show a lot of imagination. We even had a computer this year! There were such a lot of children of pre-school age. They don't go round to the houses yet, but I can see that in a few years we'll have to buy our apples by the bushel.

All for now,
With love,
Val



DEBBIE JAMES shows off the train, made by men on the committee under Jim Gibson. —(Staff Photo)

Mobile home parks under township jurisdiction

Ontario Department of Tourism has clarified its stand on licensing of seasonal camp grounds in a letter to Mervin Barber, a resident of 25 Sideroad, near the First Line of Esquesing. A copy of the letter was mailed to Esquesing Council and read at Monday night's meeting. The department pointed out campgrounds like the one owned by Mr. Barber must be operated on a seasonal basis only and permits issued by the department do not cover mobile home parks. Such parks would come under the jurisdiction of the township, the letter went on.

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DEEP CUT PRICES Old Time 37 oz. Bottle TABLE SYRUP Reg. 47c Discount 61 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Stokely PEAS 14 oz. Can Reg. 2.53 Discount 2/43 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Old South (Frozen) ORANGE JUICE 6 oz. can Reg. 31c Discount 3/57 c	DEEP CUT PRICES 14 oz. Box Reg. 57c MINUTE RICE Disc. 53 c	DEEP CUT PRICES All varieties 16 oz. bag DARE BISCUITS Reg. 51c Disc. 51 c
DEEP CUT PRICES York 16 oz. Jar PEANUT BUTTER Reg. 57c Disc. 54 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Swan LIQUID SOAP 24 oz. Bottle Reg. 59c Discount 49 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Peak Free All Varieties BISCUITS 16 oz. Bag Reg. 57c Discount 47 c	DEEP CUT PRICES McLaren's PEANUT BUTTER 7 lb. Jar Reg. \$1.19 Disc. 89 c	DEEP CUT PRICES McLaren's SWEET MIX PICKLES 48 oz. Jar Reg. 99c Discount 75 c
DEEP CUT PRICES Lyons TEA BAGS Pack 115 Reg. 79c Discount 59 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Blue Bonnet MARGARINE 1 lb. Reg. 43c Discount 36 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Kleenex TOWELS Pack 2 Reg. 58c Discount 49 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Kraft MIRACLE WHIP 37 oz. Jar Reg. 79c Disc. 58 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Stokely 14 oz. Can MINISTRONE SOUP Reg. 43c Disc. 2/35 c
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DEEP CUT PRICES Brittles (All Varieties) CAT FOOD 15 oz. Can Reg. 2.43 Disc. 2/29 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Christie RITZ CRACKERS 8 oz. Box Reg. 33c Discount 28 c	DEEP CUT PRICES David Carrousel BISCUITS 2 lb. Bag Reg. \$1.19 Disc. 87 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Lito SPAGHETTI 2 lb. Cello Bag Reg. 39c Disc. 29 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Phillips Standard 25 40 100 watt LIGHT BULBS Pack 2 Reg. 41c Disc. 39 c
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DEEP CUT PRICES 24 oz. Bottle MAZOLA OIL Reg. 84c Discount 71 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Wilson's All Flavor GINGER ALE POP 26 oz. Bottle Reg. 2.39 Disc. 2/47 c	DEEP CUT PRICES HOLIDAY STORE HOURS Wednesday 8 to 10 Thursday 8 to 10 Closed Good Friday Saturday 8 to 6	DEEP CUT PRICES Crisco SHORTENING 1 lb. PKG Reg. 45c Disc. 42 c	DEEP CUT PRICES McLaren's DILL PICKLES 32 oz. Jar Reg. 59c Disc. 47 c
DEEP CUT PRICES Maxwell House INSTANT COFFEE 8 oz. Jar Reg. 1.53 Disc. \$1.16	DEEP CUT PRICES Christie Plain or Sliced 1 lb. box PREMIUM CRACKERS Reg. 41c Discount 35 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Schneider's 1 lb. vac pac SIDE BACON Reg. 89c only 39 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Blue Bonnet MARGARINE 3 lb. PKG Reg. 1.29 Disc. \$1.09	DEEP CUT PRICES Holiday 12 oz. Can LUNCHEON MEAT Reg. 47c Disc. 2/81 c
DEEP CUT PRICES Alcan 18" wide FOIL WRAP 25' LONG Reg. 79c Disc. 67 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Fang ORANGE CRYSTALS 3.5 oz. Reg. 2.49 Disc. 2/37 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Robin Hood All Varieties CAKE MIX 9oz. Pouch Reg. 2.43 Discount 6/95 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Moom Hood All Varieties PUDDING MIX 9 oz. Box Reg. 31c Disc. 4/1.00	DEEP CUT PRICES Mom's MARGARINE 1 lb. Reg. 47c Disc. 4/1.00
DEEP CUT PRICES Sunlight LIQUID SOAP 24 oz. Bottle Reg. P.P. 79c Disc. 2/87 c		DEEP CUT PRICES Kraft BISCUITS 7 oz. PKG Reg. 2.39 Disc. 2/31 c	DEEP CUT PRICES Chase & Sanborn COFFEE 1 lb. Bag Reg. \$1.19 Disc. 91 c	

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