

1935 issue

Rural route directory praises mail carriers

Who lived on the rural routes of Halton and Peel in 1935?

Mrs. B. R. Gunby of R.R. 3 Campbellville can tell you—she recently was given a complete rural route directory for the area that was published by a firm in Brampton in that year.

The 32-page booklet contains the name and rural route designation of all post office customers, including those in Norval, Bronte, Oakville, Milton, Hornby, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Campbellville, Freeman and Acton.

Several local advertisers were among its pages.

Acton advertisers included B. D. Rachlin's clothing and footwear store, Johnston and Rumley funeral directors and house furnishings and H. P. Lawson's Central Garage.

Dedicated

The book once belonged to Rev. G. F. Kelly, minister of Lowville church at the time. "I found it interesting and wondered how many more people the carriers for the present rural routes serve," said Mrs. Gunby. "I hope we

all appreciate their dedication to their job."

Indeed the directory publishers felt the carriers were a dedicated bunch. Under a title "Hats Off to the Rural Mail Courier" the booklet said:

"What an important man is the rural mail courier! During the past few years he has been largely instrumental in transforming the secluded rural farmer into a cosmopolitan citizen—a citizen that is conversant with the affairs of the State and the world at large, who occupies a larger place in the destiny of the nation. Through the mail carrier the farmer contracts for the sale of his stock, grain and other produce. From him he buys stamps and money orders, and through him pays many of his bills. The mail carrier, in bringing the daily paper to his door, keeps him in touch with world events."

IN JAPAN

East meets West in gift-exchanging customs. Japanese exchange "Oseibo," or year end gifts, beginning about mid-December.

Old-style Christmas at Halton Museum

Halton Museum held its annual Christmas Open House last week. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed a brief nostalgic peek at the past as they sat before the roaring log fire and were served tea and cakes by friends of the museum.

Christmas music played as women in old-time dress made the visitors welcome. The scene reminded many of Christmas on the farm as pine boughs with red bows decorated the wooden beams of the museum barn.

Red poinsettias, green wreaths and silver bells seemed appropriate in the

18th century setting of the museum. Flickering candlelight provided an atmosphere for reminiscing about Christmases of years gone by.

An old fashioned tree was decorated with popcorn, carded wool and strung cranberries. Underneath were toys of years gone by, a red wooden sled, dolls with porcelain faces in a carriage and a metal tricycle.

All in all it was a beautiful natural setting for a delightful Christmas party.



AN OLD CUTTER REMINDS Judy Goebelle of an old-fashioned Christmas at the Halton County Museum open house. Here she sits with her tree and presents ready to take home in preparation for the holidays. Judy, former vice-chairman of the museum board, served tea to the hundreds of visitors last week.

Region can't give county museum away

The Halton County Museum will become a responsibility of the Halton Regional Council but if some council members had their way, the museum would be given away.

During a recent committee discussion Burlington Mayor George Harrington jokingly offered the museum to the Town of Milton.

Ric Morrow of Georgetown suggested the committee which now operates the museum should stay in effect even though the bill implementing regional government makes it a responsibility of the region.

Good job

Morrow praised the committee for the job it has done and for the interest of the members and urged the staff to find a way around the bill that would allow the committee to continue the opera-

tion of the museum.

"There are two ways to skin a cat. These people are interested and if it is taken away, you might have people running it that aren't really interested," Morrow said.

Terry Mannell of Oakville asked if there had been an attempt to give the museum away.

Regional Chairman Allan Masson said there had been a letter written but the province wasn't interested in having the museum.

Questions offer

Pat McKenzie of Acton, one of those who favors the region continuing with the museum operation, angrily asked on whose authority the offer of the gift was made.

"Be reasonable, if it was going to happen we would have told you about it," Chairman Masson said.

Terry Mannell said regional councillors should make an attempt to visit the museum and noted an open house was being held there last week.

A recent attempt by the museum board to show regional councillors what was there and what the board hoped the future would bring failed miserably when only four council members showed up.

Silverwood

W.I. party

By Alicia Scott

Silverwood Women's Institute held their annual Christmas party at the Driftwood, Thursday, Dec. 13, Norval. In spite of a bad storm all the members turned out to enjoy an excellent turkey dinner with all the trimmings right down to Christmas pudding.

Mrs. Pearl Burt who is ill was missed but her birthday is Dec. 14 and a card signed by all the members was ready to be posted to her.

Sick list

Mrs. Judy Laver is also on the sick list with her left arm in a cast, the result of a fall. Good wishes to her.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. Wilson visited son Herb in Oshawa this past week.

Mrs. Bruce Lindsay is recuperating from eye surgery.

90 CHRISTMASSES

For 90 Christmases now the Salvation Army has been bringing little gifts and the warmth of friendship into hospitals, prisons, old people's homes, into all the "dark corners" of life. The Army of the helping hand tries to fill that December 25 date with the true meaning and spirit of Christmas for everyone.

GREETINGS

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