

# The district correspondents do their share

The "country correspondents" are a lively interesting group of busy women whose involvement in their community led them to volunteer as weekly reporters.

The pay is very little and the only side benefit is the free supply of

stamps and envelopes.

But they enjoy the contribution they are making for their own communities.

The Free Press and all their neighbors appreciate it!



**Mrs. R. Shortill**

Mrs. R. Shortill took over the writing of the Ballinfad news from Mrs. Bob McEnery, who was a veteran correspondent of over 25 years, about 10 years ago.

She was a school teacher at Woodside school for two years, Peacock school for six years and Blue Mountain school for 11 years.

She and the late Mr. Shortill were married 52 years ago and they farmed for about 20 years.

She belongs to the United church and the U.C.W. and has a special interest in the W.I.

There were three children, Richard in Ballinfad, Lillian in Toronto and the late Harry Shortill.

Mrs. Fred MacArthur began sending in the correspondence from the growing Churchill area about a dozen years ago. She and her husband Fred still live on the same farm where she was born, although she lived in Acton before her marriage. She is a past president of the former Churchill church W.A. and a past president of the U.C.W.

Despite poor health which keeps her indoors most of the time, she cheerfully gathers her news by telephone and maintains her schedule of news.



**Mrs. Fred MacArthur**



**Mrs. Art Benton**

Mrs. Art Benton took over writing the Limehouse news from her husband's father about 34 years ago, and she has been doing it faithfully ever since.

The place to hear the news is in the local store, and Mrs. Benton and her late husband operated the store from 1931 until 1967. Mr. Benton was assessor as well.

She went to Quatre Bras school as a girl, then Milton high school and Toronto Normal school. She taught school at Limehouse, Mineral Springs and Ancaster. The Bentons farmed for a while, too.

She's very active in the community, as a life member of the Limehouse Women's Institute and its secretary-treasurer, and a member of the Presbyterian W.M.S.

She has two sons and one grandchild.

Silverwood news has been reaching the Free Press via Mrs. Alicia Scott for eight years and she says she enjoys the writing. A member of the Silverwood Women's Institute, she notes that the correspondent's job is the best of those available to perform for the Institute!

Her hobby is rug hooking and she has samples of her expert handiwork about her home. Another hobby is her garden, in which she cultivates both flowers and vegetables. She was a rural mail carrier for eight years and a dietitian in Georgetown Memorial hospital the same length of time.

On June 12 she and her husband celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary since being married in Acton by Rev. A. C. Stewart at the Presbyterian Manse.



**Mrs. Alicia Scott**



**Mrs. Ron McLean**

Mrs. Ron McLean has just recently moved from the Ebenezer area to just north of Acton, on No. 25 highway. But she and her family still go back to Ebenezer often, and she continues to be the correspondent from that district.

She has been sending in the news for about a dozen years now.

They farmed at Galt before moving to Ebenezer about 20 years ago. Her husband is a poultry fancier.

She's a former teacher, and has been involved in the U.C.W. and church choir. She has three children and five grandchildren.

Taking over the correspondence of Ospringe from Mrs. D. G. Robertson, Doris Fines has been writing for the Free Press three years.

She was an interior decorator for 20 years before retiring last year. She presently does caretaking jobs at Ospringe school.



**Doris Fines**

Pamela Sheldon is a recent correspondent for Speyside, writing for the Free Press two months. She hails from the Islington-Bloor area of Toronto. Actively involved in the area, Mrs. Sheldon is a member of the recreation advisory committee for wards one and two and is a member of the Speyside Ratepayers Assoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have two children.

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Keyboard and computer operators receive the copy from the news and advertising departments and produce perforated paper tape which drives the typesetting computers. Left to right Oral Norton, Noreen Alton, JoAnn Duval, Dolores Rowsell, Gwyn Last, June Jansen, Barb Jackson.



Tim Coles was away on his honeymoon when the photograph of the make-up crew was taken.



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**Mrs. Pamela Sheldon**



Jennifer Barr writes a column, helps with news and pictures.



Don McIntyre is responsible for trucking loads of waste paper from the plant weekly.



Wendy Thomson works behind the closed door of the darkroom.



Bill Stuckey is a pressman and photographer.

## production requires on Acton staff



Collating department: a cheerful bunch which includes front row Pat South, Peggy Mills, Madeleine Lee, Shirley Waites, Thelma Jordan, Pat Kentner, Laura McEachern; back row Olive

Ellerby, Charlotte Holmes, Vi Henderson, Teeny Jones, Dolores Jordan, Lil Marshall, Marj Winters.



Make-up and composition: these people assemble all the elements from the machines to create newspaper ads and pages. They add their artistic, human element. Left to

right Shirley Hunter, Irma Coles, Janet Marshall, Lynda McDonald, Alex Chidley, Gabe Strachan, Clark Wallace, Henry Harbers, Bob Marshall, Doris Ella.