

Can still touch toes at 100th birthday party

Mrs. Matilda Roadknight has seen many changes in her life, many more than the average person.

The reason is simple. Mrs. Roadknight is 100 years young, celebrating her birthday on Monday, at Hyde Park Nursing Home in Guelph.

On Sunday, her son Edwin Roadknight held a party in her honor at the Delhi Recreation Centre, Guelph, where she ably stood up, and touched her toes! Edwin says jokingly that even he can't do that.

Guests came from as far away as Quebec for the celebration. Granddaughter Joan Shute, made the trip from Pierrefonds, Quebec to be at the party. Others came from Scarborough, Toronto, Peterborough and Burlington.

For her 100th birthday, Mrs. Roadknight received a plate from the city of Guelph and a plaque from the Ontario Government. A certificate

from the Canadian government has been tied up in the mail strike. On Monday, a telegram came from London, England from Queen Elizabeth II with Her Majesty's best wishes.

Mrs. Roadknight remembers the days when there were board sidewalks, backyards full of chickens and pigs and horse drawn street cars in Toronto, where she was born.

The centenarian and her husband moved to Acton in 1915, to improve his health. Most of their years here were spent living at the home at the corner of Arthur and Wellington streets. When Mr. Roadknight died in 1947, his wife moved back to Toronto until 1959. Then she moved to Guelph, to be near her son Edwin.

When friends and relatives gather around, Mrs. Roadknight likes to tell of her days years ago. According to her son, she can remember things

long since past better than things in the immediate present. She tells of the two years her family lived in Calgary and they spent their first winter there living in a tent. They lived in Vancouver before moving to Toronto.

A former member of St. Alban's church, Acton, Mrs. Roadknight is now a member of St. George's Anglican church, Guelph. Archdeacon Gordon Headley Smith attended the party and gave her their congratulations. Mrs. Roadknight has one son, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Not only did she enjoy a birthday party on Sunday given by her son, but Hyde Park nursing home also held a party. Her family, friends and all levels of government wished her well on the memorable occasion, as do many people who did not get the chance to express it to her personally.

Happy birthday Mrs. Roadknight



MRS. MATILDA ROADKNIGHT celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday. On Sunday, a party, given by her son Edwin in her honor in Guelph, drew 119 visitors to wish her well. Back row, and granddaughter Joan Shute. Front row, Edwin Roadknight, Mrs. Roadknight, great grandchildren, Todd Roadknight, Steven

Raise legal fees to oppose quarries

About 150 people who met two weeks ago to oppose gravel pits at Erin set themselves the task of raising funds to pay for a lawyer to represent them at the Ontario Municipal Board hearings.

The group met in Erin public school and learned just how much legal representation can cost.

They have decided on various ways to raise the money, the main one being a giant auction sale Saturday, November 22.

There will be a day-long program of movies for children in Erin Nov. 8; private

card parties and sales of things such as Christmas cards. Town and township councils have opposed permission for gravel pits.

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Let's talk about horses
by Jennifer Barr



Winter will soon be here and I'm looking forward to the prospect. I used to be a winter-hater like most Canadians but now it's become a cosy time of regular routine and complacency. Only those who have lived in northern areas (we spent many years in Montreal and the Ottawa valley) can appreciate a Southern Ontario winter to the fullest, I think. I must admit, however, there are times when less rain and fog, and more crisp bright sunshine would be welcome.

Now's the time to have a good long look at your winter-horse arrangements. If you are stabling your horse this winter he'll be in at night soon, if not now. He needs full feeding, even if there's still grass in the pasture—there's very little nutrition in it now.

Use a mane comb and don't be afraid of hurting the horse. He can take more pulling than you can. He'll let you know when he's fed up.

The first time you walk into a warm straw-strewn barn after a snowfall and hear the contented whecker of your horses, you'll know what I mean about winter.

Masson named ACRO chairman

Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson was named president of the Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario (ACRO) at the annual convention in Cornwall last week. He succeeds Essex County Reeve Dick Thompson.

Masson is a veteran at municipal politics and has served in a number of capacities including Reeve and Mayor of Oakville. He was appointed regional chairman in 1973 and officially took

Alternatives to Wallace - C of C

In a brief on Mill St. rebuilding to the Halton Hills works committee, Acton Chamber of Commerce specifically reported minutes of its special meeting in Acton, as follows:
"Reference was made to the possibility of having Wallace St. brought up to standard and designated as a connecting link and used as a truck route. Further it was mentioned that a truck route could be made connecting the third line north to Highway 7 at the first line. Rebuilding of

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