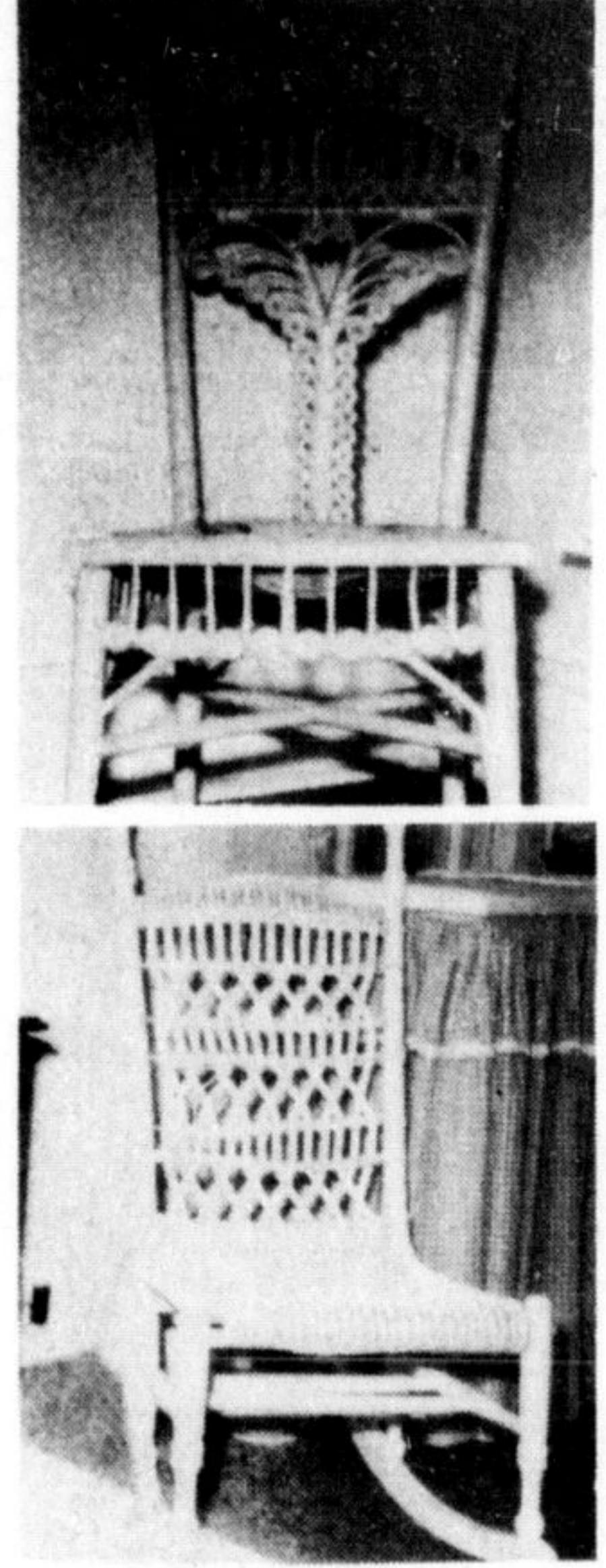


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butter churn, pottery bed warmer, candle snuffer, butter press, ironstone pitchers, jelly molds, soap dishes, old shaving mirror and many more.



Fireplaces
The large log burning fireplace has an old barn board mantel adorned with assorted horse brasses. An iron kettle, 27 inches in circumference, is used as a wood holder — a far cry from the original function when it held boiling water for scalding the hides and hair from slaughtered pigs.

A second fireplace is in the more formal living room. A lovely old spool cradle is still used for baby Betsy and is right at home alongside antique tables and an old piano converted to a functional desk.

English glass
The two large windows in the dignified dining room are left undraped. Antique English glass on window shelves catches the sunlight, sending sparkling reflections throughout the room. A crystal chandelier centres over the large mahogany dining table. A lovely oak glassed door china cabinet is trimmed with spool design.

A very stern Aunt Harriet guards the upstairs landing from her heirloom portrait. Or perhaps she is keeping an eye on the fine old headboards, spool beds, classical dressers, washstands, and wicker chairs which furnish the bedrooms.

Mary points out the fact that the upstairs rooms are all 10 feet by 14 feet - very symmetrical. "Nobody builds a house like that now," she muses.



POPULAR MAILMAN Bob Brownridge and Mrs. Brownridge were honored by boxholders on R.R. Friday evening when a stereo hi-fi was presented to mark their retirement after 16½ years on the mail route. Mrs. Allan Patterson, Mrs. George Marshall, Mrs. Brownridge and Bob are shown with the hi-fi.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Friends, customers say thanks to mailman Bob

Over 200 friends and customers from Milton's Rural Route One gathered in Graham Hall, St. Paul's Church on Friday evening to pay tribute to the man who has been bringing their mail for the past 16½ years.

Bob Brownridge and his wife Ruth recently gave up the R.R. 1 mail route although they are continuing to deliver the R.R. 4 mail until their contract with the Canada Post Office expires in two more years. Then they can retire. He has done the R.R. 4 mail for the past 26 years.

Friday's party was organized by several of the boxholders. Denzil Lawrence was master of ceremonies and Joe Shea, Joe Willmott and Bill McFadden spoke on behalf of the Brownridges' customers. Leo Furlan presented a letter and envelope of money while Elmer Douglas and William Rayner presented a stereo hi-fi cabinet with record changer and tape

player. Mrs. Allan Patterson was in charge of the guest book, which was also presented to the Brownridges.

Music

Bouquets of flowers were donated by Miss Bessie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawthorne. The Milton Senior Citizens Club orchestra entertained with music and recitations and led in several sing songs.

Bob Brownridge thanked all his customers for their tributes and said he was only doing his duty, but emcee Denzil Lawrence said Bob was the kind of mailman who went 'beyond the call of duty' to provide efficient service to the boxholders.

Lunch followed, with the men serving. Everyone contributed toward the dinner. Among those at the head table was Mrs. Jessie McCann who has assisted the Brownridges with the mail route on a part time basis for many years.

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It's time to check your bike

Bike sales in Canada have nearly doubled between 1971 and 1972 (an estimated rise from 700,000 to 1,250,000 states a spokesman for the Ontario Safety League). And Ontario's bicycle accidents are reflecting this increase. Although exact figures have not been released, the trend in both fatal and non-fatal collisions involving bicycles is up unusually high in the past year.

Bicycle accidents can be prevented in the same way as motor vehicle accidents by making sure that the bike is the right size for you to handle comfortably, that it is in safe operating condition, that you know and obey the rules of the road and that you drive defensively at all times.

Size

The size of your bike affects your ability to reach and use the steering, pedaling and braking controls.

You should be able to reach the ground comfortably with the ball of your foot when you are sitting upright.

If it is a bicycle with which you are not familiar, get used to it by practising on parking lots and other places away from traffic until it feels right and you have it under control. For example, if you have bought a 10-speed racer, you'll find it takes time to get used to the gears, and you can reach tremendous speeds with it. At high speeds, you can lose control if you hit a small stone, or the narrow gauge wheel catches on a sewer grating.

Safe Operating Condition

Your bicycle is a vehicle, under the Highway Traffic Act,

and it must be in safe operating condition.

Here are some things to check.

Lubrication—front hub, head bearing, coaster brake and crank bearings need good multi-purpose grease. Chain and pedals need good light machine oil.

Steering—Keep handlebars straight, tight and right height. Keep handlebar nuts tight. Make sure grips are snug.

Wheels—Check for bent or missing spokes. Keep axle nuts tight.

Tires—Check for cuts and bruises. Keep pressure up. Don't drive with bald tires.

Brakes—Keep them properly adjusted.

Chain—Should be cleaned and oiled regularly. Check for weak links. Keep proper tension — about ¾" up-and-down movement is correct.

Your Bicycle Must Have:

—a bell, horn or gong in good working order.

—If you are driving after dark, or at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavourable atmospheric conditions, people and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet or less, you must have a white or amber light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector or light on the rear. You must also have red reflective material at least 10" long, 1" wide on the back fender and white reflective material at least 10" long, 1" wide, on the front forks.

where the speed limit is 50 miles an hour or more

—on controlled-access highways (unless you live on property adjoining the controlled-access highway to which there is no other means of access by highway).

Signalling:

You must hand-signal before turning, changing lanes, stopping or slowing down.

Right-of-Way:

At intersections without lights, stop or yield signs, yield right-of-way to traffic approaching from the right. Coming out of a driveway, yield right-of-way.

Turns:

Don't decide to turn at the last minute.

Signal well ahead of turning point and hold signal until you are ready to start the turn. Put both hands on handlebars when making the turn.

Do not make the turn unless it is safe to do so.

Complete your turn in the proper lane.

At busy intersections, it's safer to cross with the pedestrians. Get off your bike and walk.

Pedestrian Crossovers:

Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in the crossover, slowing down or stopping if necessary.

Don't pass another vehicle within 100 feet of the crossover.

These are just some of the rules of the road you must know and obey, but your best guide is the "Driver's Handbook" available from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Bicycles are Prohibited:

—on certain municipal roads



RIGHT TURN

LEFT TURN

STOP

Road study doubted prefer \$ for roads

Milton Council has serious doubts about the benefits of going ahead with an update on the roads need study.

Preparation of the update would cost \$23,000. Clerk Jack McGeachie said Milton Council had been led down the garden path by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications with the initial study.

McGeachie told council Tuesday of last week the Ministry had indicated the study would assure the town of sufficient funds to do the work needed.

Refuse subsidy
McGeachie said there are enough roads described in the old study as deficient to keep the town busy for some years. He said the ministry encouraged the study, then refused to subsidize the work needed as indicated in the study.

Councillor Jim Kerr said the study should be forgotten and the money used to do work already on the priority list. He said there was no

benefit in knowing what has to be done, if there is no money to do it.

McGeachie explained the Ministry had totalled the amount spent by the areas in the new town and took 60 per cent of that for the 1974 allocation. The matter was referred to budget.

Obituary

Ivan Gould, barber

Rev. Charles Hainer conducted the funeral service recently for Ivan Gould of 108 Mill St., Milton, who died on April 10 at Milton Hospital. Born at Lloydtown, Ont. on Aug. 15, 1885, he moved to Milton in 1910 when he was employed by Sandy Duff as a barber. After Sandy's retirement he purchased the business which he operated

for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Alice McTague and son Bill of Orillia.

Pallbearers were Bill Mountain, John Luit, and Ross Pearen all of Milton and Carl Woodward and Cecil

Lennox of Creemore, also Grant Boher of Burlington. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

Ivan was a life-time member of St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

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