City folks should pay for mail delivery

Dear Editor:

Canadians are served by about 6,000 post offices. Those in cities deliver to the door by letter carrier service. Most of the 5,200 smaller offices have no delivery to your door. You go to the post office for

your mail or to your rural our mail all our lives. mail box.

In growing cities with in Canada's towns, villages we suggest all Canadians walk or drive to their box ple have been "going to the developing areas "Super and rural areas do not now receiving letter carrier for the mail. Some go two, mail" for 100 years. Most Boxes" are proposed. We want super boxes. We service be given the option three or more city blocks to are willing to continue. outside the urban areas see want to continue to receive of having it continued by get it. Fair is fair. Under But we think those who

We believe most people this as quite acceptable. We the excellent service the paying a fee or, say \$20 to the Canadian Charter of are getting it delivered to have walked or driven to post masters and staffs of \$52 a year for the service, Rights and Freedoms the building in which they

providing.

or box for their mail like cities, demand delivery to the rest of us. Those receiv- our door? No! We are not they receive. In the interest of fairness ing rural mail delivery all asking for this. Rural peo-

the post office or box for the 5,200 post offices are or going to the post office should we, outside the live should and would be willing to pay something

extra for the extra service

We believe our view is shared by many millions of Canadians living in the vast area of Canada not getting letter carrier service.

Paul M. Moore, David Houghland and James Butler Norwich, Ont.



Home delivery

thing of the past. But does it really mat- to keep their post office.

Door to door mail service may become a ter? Some communities are fighting just

Post office a symbol

Dear Editor:

grassroots movement the rest of the country. whose spirit and values are We work by volunteer expressed, we hope, in our committees and have no of-

December 14, 1986 when teachers, and community over 600 people represen- development workers, ting British Columbia to business people and Newfoundland gathered in municipal officials, clergy the parish church of Esprit and seniors. We are of all Saint, a village in Eastern ages and political persuashared in an adventure of vision for rural Canada. our own making. Rural We believe villages have

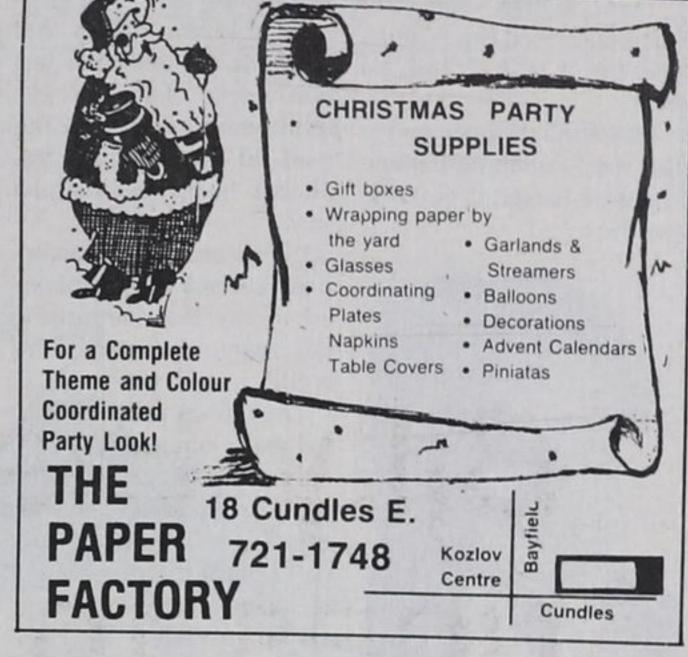
issue of rural post office dismissed as an "historical closure and privatization. inevitability." We know bol for us. Having lost our vival, but the flourishing of and train stations, we feel not a naive return to the the post office is the last in- past, but a new, creative stitution which at once alliance with urban

maintains our individual Rural Dignity is a identity and links us with

ficial memberships. We are Our founding day was farmers and fishermen, Quebec. Since then, we've sions. What we share is a

Dignity has taken shape lit- the potential to offer, as tle by little, meeting by they have done historicalmeeting, in schools, coffee ly, a rich, integrated way of shops, at town councils life. We know we must not and in community halls. allow the de-population of We organized around the our countryside to be This remains the present very specific economic focus of our work. The post policies and a relentless office is vital to a village's push to centralism are well-being. It has also threatening to kill us. We become an important sym- work for not only the surschools, town councils, rural Canada. We envisage Canada, an alliance based on the sharing of knowledge and respect.

Gilles Raymond, President, Rural Dignity of Canada



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Keeping on the lookout

Dear Editor:

Where is tax money best spent?

Dear Editor:

If Midland Reeve, Bev Day is so opposed to the ing place at the ship in May town donating a modest sum of money toward helping retired citizens of Midland establish a lifeskills centre, on the pretense of protecting the public purse, how come he supported a Simcoe County Council expenditure of \$6,500 to bankroll the County Warden's banquet and dance recently held at

the posh Highland Inn. At the Nov. Midland council meeting, Day praised his Midland colleague on County Council, Deputy-Reeve Nancy Keefe, for doing what he described as a "super" job in helping to arrange the Warden's "super" Highland social affair.

Reeve was selective, somewhat however, in what he told those present at the council session and television audience regarding the "super" festive event. For example, he neglected to tell them about the "super" \$6,500 expenditure of taxpayers' money involved in staging the gala function.

William J. Ogilvie

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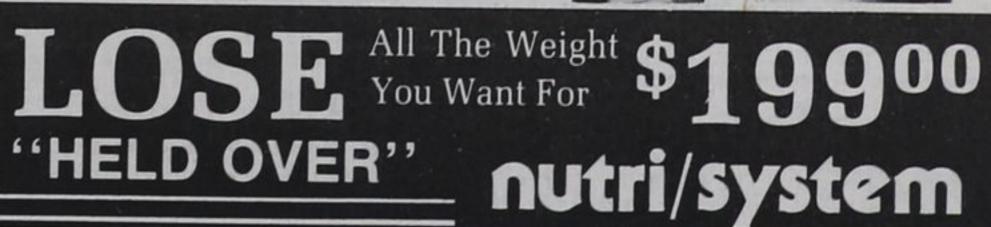
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