



Mrs. McKeown on her 90th birthday.

# Neighbors

## Mrs. Mable McKeown — Russell Sweet Home

"Russell will always be my home."

Few Russell residents can say that with certainty but Mabel McKeown says it with the conviction of someone who has been around, who has lived a full life, and wouldn't change anything if she had to do it all over again.

At 90, there is no doubt that she has lived a full life and, as far as her affection for Russell goes, there is no doubt that the feeling is more than mutual. At a recent community birthday celebration in her honour, it was keenly demonstrated that Russell would have been greatly lacking as a "home" without Mabel McKeown.

Mrs. McKeown recently retired to Carleton Lodge on the Prescott Highway but her presence is here. Born Mabel Young on a farm just outside Russell, she enjoyed the agricultural environment, "not that I prefer it, mind you," and later was appointed sole member of the staff at North

Osgoode elementary school.

"I guess at the time I was the principal, secretary and teacher all in one," she reminisced. Many of her pupils were the children of immigrant families and, "I enjoyed teaching foreign students. They were more seasoned." The students at Russell Public School were next to benefit from her teaching.

At 25, she married Eccles McCaffrey, a co-partner in Williams Chemicals, and moved as a new bride into the block residence at 438 Concession St., which remains today one of the most imposing structures in the village.

"Oh, I was involved in all sorts of things, it was expected of the school for teachers to be willing to oversea many of the meetings and so on," she said. After her first son, George, was born, life assumed a quieter pace, and proudly, "it was the only time I had a 'girl' in to help me. Life was slow moving and things were just less hectic than they are in the

city, that and the fresh air is a good combination."

Eight year's after the birth of George, who, with his wife Florence, lives in the large, red brick house at Concession and Church streets, Emily was born. Eccles died in 1939 and George took over the chemical business. She remarried, to Homer McKeown, 10 years later. After Homer's death, she travelled extensively in Europe and the Far East.

Recounting her travels abroad with Mrs. McKeown, Florence McCaffrey said, "she's just one of the most amazing people I know. She refused to sit quiet and wanted to be a part of everything that happened."

Mrs. McKeown has four grandchildren — Dr. D. C. McCaffrey, a specialist at the Grace Hospital in Ottawa, and Charles, Geoff and Jane Ramin, of Windsor.

As demonstrated at the party in her honour, Russell residents are proud to have Mabel McKeown call their village her home.

## Fall Bazaars

Russell Senior Citizens Annual Fall Tea and Bazaar was very successful. They would like to thank Embrun Florists, Loblaws and Fines Florists for their generous donations, and all those who attended and helped to make the bazaar a success. Winner of the quilt raffle was Esther Hutt of Morewood, cushion winner was Jim Sullivan, Russell, and door prize winner was Leilla Twinn. Winner at the Card Party was Bertha Smith, Russell, raffle winner of the Flower arrangement donated by Embrun Florists was Hattie Tanner of Edwards. Total receipts for this years Bazaar: \$1,050.63.

St. Mary's A.C.W. Annual Fall Tea and Bazaar was held Nov. 4. The day was beautiful and attendance was good. A large display of handiwork was on hand and many prizes available. The door prize, a beautiful plant donated by country flowers, Edwards, was won by Mrs. De Lorenzi, Russell.

The Christmas cake donated by Mrs. Armstrong was won by Suzanne Schroeter, Russell. The hair perm went to Mrs. Florence McCaffrey, Russell, the highest bidder; this was donated by Russell Hair Fashions.

The tool chest donated by Rev. Fleming's father-in-law was won by Judith Tapley, Russell. The Grandma's Attic was a big hit, especially the books and cosmetics thanks to Billy Bain who helped with this event.

On behalf of the A.C.W. of Russell we would like to thank all visitors and members of the congregation who turned out in full force to help and support us in our endeavour. Also thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Fleming who helped us set up and decorate and came to our aid to fill in where needed. A special thanks to Pat McClaren and her committee for looking after the tea. Also to Ada Latour who sent some beautiful plants and helped so much in the Spring with the plant sale.

## Reinsmen organized

A new club has been organized for Russell Township horse-fanciers.

Called the Russell Reinsmen 4-H Club, it's open to anyone interested. And you don't have to own a horse to join.

During the organizing meeting held at the Embrun agricultural hall, Nov. 7, Pamela Smit was elected president, Kim Eadie vice-president, and Heather Rothenberger secretary-treasurer. Regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month. For further information contact Lola Wood, 445-2976; Claude Pelouquin, 443-3391.

## Pigs'n Poodles

By Dr. Geoff Cochrane

### Canine Viral Enteritis

A new disease condition has been found in dogs in Ontario this fall. It is characterized by diarrhea and vomiting, often with blood present as it appears to have an effect on the stomach and intestines. It shows a rapid onset followed by recovery or death in one half to five days. Affected dogs have been of many breeds, and ranged in age from

seven weeks to eleven years. Treatment in known cases consists of intensive fluid therapy and relief of symptoms. Special examinations and laboratory tests indicate that a virus may be involved in this condition. Early observation of signs and treatment are vital in combatting this disease.



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