

Greely Grist

Looking back over Greely

by Eleanor McDougall

Let's go back in time to when Greely was mainly a few farms, a hotel, a cheese factory (now M.D. Ross Realty Ltd.), the Anglican church (which was built in 1879), a Blacksmith shop (now the Randall home), and a new shop.

William Stanley owned the large white house at the end of Pigs Alley, as it was known, when I came to Greely in the summer of 1960 looking for a lot to build on. Mr. Stanley had the open sheds,

the large house which had been a hotel and the little house across the road on the east side. (Eva Robinson bought and lived there from 1946 and became Mrs. James Lee in 1961) Rolly Deschambault lived in it next, raising a large family). It is now owned by Dick and Barb Overell and known as The Greely Cheese Shop. I like the natural food addition they have added to our community. I hope you are all taking advantage of the bulk pieces and better food habits right at my fingertips. (My youngsters call me a natural food and nature nut).

It had been called Ladies Lane away back but there never was any names put up. We knew when we bought there a roadway would go in one day at the end of our house and we have lived to see it and see Greely change a great deal.

Our children were a little upset when the cattle could no longer come to our back fence and be fed salt. And they couldn't go skipping across the field on the snowmobile but they changed with the changes and adjusted as people do when they move. We all must change with the times.

Our back fence came down and so did the patio get torn out at the end and was put into just parking. We bought our lot Mar. '61 and moved in Nov. '61. It was a shell and sub floors. We lived in one room for three months until the kitchen was finished. I am handy at sanding, varnishing and even driving nails and glueing tile, so we saw our home put together and



Twenty-five years ago, William Stanley owned this house at the end of 'Pig Alley'. But we're not sure who the owner was round about 1940 when this tea party photograph was taken. The house is now part of Dick and Barb Overell's Greely Cheese Shop.

are still building, twenty years later, renovating, redecorating, changing things that were in the original plans.

We had a bungalow with garage attached. It is now a Hairstyling Salon, some difference from oil, grease, snowmobiles and a catch-all for all tools. Mel calls it my doll house and kids me about taking off their shoes.

The Old Orange hall was brought from Calvin Stanley's farm around 1956 and was placed at the west end where the existing Community centre now is. There were many good old barn dances, euches, anniversary parties with much co-operation amongst the women and men voluntarily working at all functions.

Henry and Rita Straby's lawn was used for several outdoor din-

ners being served on picnic tables amongst the greenery of Rita's green thumb. There were tarps and tents ready for unco-operative weather. The hall burned in Oct. '62, only one year after we came to Greely...so the community had to start building for the future.

More land was purchased from Mr. Shields.

I watched the breaking of the ground May '63 with Kim, a baby. She didn't care for the noise out back when I put her out to sleep. I had a birdseye view of laying the blocks and have pictures of them swinging the end rafters up into place. It was first painted the maroon and white — Greely Eagles ball and hockey team sweater colors.

It is now a soft pastel green, easier on the eyes, folks. The centre outgrew its first dimensions so then had an addition added by setting the stage back and adding on a room for meetings behind it.

It is very active with activities on just about any thing that you would care to get involved in for either yourself or your children. There is something for everyone. Keep up the good work you board members. You are in my prayers for strength and guidance to carry on.

First of two parts.

Horse Bits

by Lola Wood

Last year, some of the Pinetree Stablers volunteered to assist at CADORA (Canadian Dressage Owners & Riders Association Inc.) shows, in order to learn how to run a horse show efficiently.

They learned a lot and had fun too, so they went back this year. My roving reporters Krista McLaren, Laura Lee Woolsey, and Karen Mondoux decided to share it with you:

by Krista McLaren

On Sunday, May 2, two friends of mine, Laura Lee Woolsey and Karen Mondoux and myself, had the pleasure of working at a Dressage horse show at the Equestrian Park in Nepean.

We arrived at the Equestrian Park at 8 a.m. We received our instructions and headed off for ring number five.

Laura Lee and Karen were to be gate openers which is simply opening and closing the gate of the ring. I was assigned as the whipper in, who is the person who makes sure the rider gets to his or her class on time.

We stayed at ring five for four classes, in which no major catastrophes occurred, although Laura Lee had to search for a few "misplaced" riders.

After we ate our lunches, we pretty well had the afternoon to ourselves. We wandered around from ring to ring, watching the different riders "do their thing" in an array of classes such as, Preliminary novice and Elementary dressage tests, Junior and Senior Dressage Equitation classes, and a championship Hack Class. We even had the extreme "pleasure" of taking a dressage ring apart in the rain which, believe me, is no Sunday picnic!

Although one rider in particular (a German male from Toronto) caught each of our eyes, every rider looked and rode like a real pro.

By 5 p.m. each of us was feeling pretty tired and ready to hit the road for home and have a long, hot bath!

Although it was a long and tiring day, it was a most enjoyable one and one which I'm sure all three of us will remember for many months to come.



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Chapters

Library busy

Greely Public Library has been a very busy place lately. Our children's poster contest for National Book Festival Week, as well as the adult Read-a-Canadian Book kept the library full at all hours.

The pre-schoolers Story Time program is going strong, we have 24 under-fives!

For those of you who are putting in your garden, we have books on many different aspects of gardening — come and browse.

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