

Anne's seen more snow

By Anne Todesco

It's amusing to hear some people complaining about so much snow since New Years, some saying it is the most snow ever seen in Rossport.

Well, I'll have to correct that statement. I'm here over sixty years and know a great deal about the climate in this area and the snow fall each winter. I have pictures of my husband and young son walking over the buried fence towards the woodshed to shovel out the woodshed door to load the toboggan with birchwood for the furnace and the wood box in the kitchen.

Before the highway was pushed through from here to Schreiber, we had to struggle to the station with the toboggan or a sled to pick up our freight and express for the store. It was hard work.

Many is the time that our customers would arrive on snowshoes or skis to shop. My husband would shovel through big drifts to open a pathway to the store steps. It would be almost like a roofless tunnel.

Those were the days when fathers and son were shipped off to do the shopping. Snow have been so high that the dogs would stand on it and stare at us through the windows. One evening after closing up the store, my husband challenged me to a rubber in cribbage. We played at the kitchen and I was facing the window. I spied someone as I looked toward the window that something at us. I drew my husband's attention to take a peak to see what was on the bank of snow. He went to pull the blind down and discovered one of John Paulmert's big sled dogs gazing in at him. It was quite a joke to us --

my husband jokingly said that the husky was trying to get a few pointers on how to play the game.

Oh yes, we have always had piles of snow here. The Good Lord treated us the last three years to warmer winters and less snow. Finally a gravelled road was built from Schreiber to Rossport. There wasn't the heavy equipment to service the road as of today.

Graders pulled by horses, smaller trucks with a snowblade of some type fastened on the front.

One fall, the truck driver, a Mr. Acclerton of Schreiber and his son had a narrow escape of death. From backing up and going forward the tail pipe or something blocked with snow which caused the fumes to drift into the cab of the truck.

The young man passed out - then the father felt ill but was fortunate to be driving with the window on his door open in order to see to drive.

When he managed to realize that something was seriously wrong, he managed to attract someone in our store and got help and my husband went to their aid.

I got quilts and blankets to wrap the two men in and laid them on our veranda. I prepared a big pot of coffee and one of tea while the Charlie and the customers worked on the men.

I wanted to have them carried indoors but the men thought they were better out in the fresh air. After the men were able to move about, they were determined to return to Schreiber. One of the customers went to the station to have Mr. Nicol, the station agent, to get through to Schreiber to have someone to come by road to meet the couple. Mr. Acclerton was a brave

and determined man. He made it home with his truck.

Walkers Lake hill was steeper in those days. One day my brother Jo and I drove to Schreiber in our little half ton red truck, incidently the first motor vehicle in the village. On our return we couldn't make it up the hill. Someone had cut a pile

of four foot wood nearby so we helped ourselves to a few logs to place over the wheels and give weight to help us make the hill.

When we entered the house, my husband was in bed. When he opened the garage to get the truck to go to the station for the freight and express, a pile of wood faced

him in the truck. After getting Joe out of bed they headed for the station with much shovelling.

All supplies came to town by railway. It was a time of hard work hauling thousands of cases of canned goods and other commodities such as cereals, flour, sugar, **Continued on page 3**

Community Profile

By Dave Chmara

If you have any business to take care of with the township of Terrace Bay, this is the lady you're likely to encounter first.

Nancy Jensen sits behind the counter and takes bill payments, answers the phone, does typing and handles general inquiries.

At other times she helps others around the office, as they in turn help her when she needs it she said.

Nancy says she likes her job and enjoys dealing with the public. She said most people are friendly unless they figure their Hydro bills are too high.

She said of all the complaints she does receive, complaints about Hydro bills make up the majority.

Nancy has been working for the town office for the past 1 1/2 years.

Prior to this, she worked at the Recreation Centre and the airport for a total of three years.

As well, she has worked at Costa's and was a Bell Telephone operator. In addition to this, Nancy also worked at the Wallaceburg hospital at the switchboard and in admitting too.

She likes to help others and also likes the friendly atmosphere in the town office.

"They're all really nice people to work for and fun to be with," she said.

One thing Nancy likes about her job is that she gets to do different things. For example, this March she will be attending a cashiers seminar in Waterloo.

Nancy was born in Samia and moved to Terrace Bay nine years

ago when her husband came up here to do a house. They ended up staying here and haven't left yet, although she jokingly said every five years they say they'll move away.

Some of Nancy's interests include playing cards, reading (she especially enjoys horror novels like Stephen King's), going to the odd bingo and dancing.

Like many people this year though, Nancy said she doesn't particularly care for all the snow here.

If you have somebody you think should be profiled in The News, just drop us a line at The Terrace Bay / Schreiber News, Box 579, Terrace Bay, Ont., P0T 2W0 or give a call at 825-3747.



This is the first person you're likely to see if you go to the Terrace Bay township office. Nancy Jensen says she likes dealing with the public and that the people at the town office are nice to work with. Photo by Dave Chmara

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER

Tenders will be received up to 5:00 p.m. February 28th 1989, for the purchase from the Township of Schreiber of the following used units:

- ONE 1963 GMC 3/4 TON PICKUP
- ONE 1968 CHEV 5 TON (OLD SNOW PLOW TRUCK)
- ONE 1969 CHEV 3 TON

The units can be inspected at the Township Garage, between hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The units will be sold on an "as is" basis. The highest tender or any tender not necessarily accepted. Further information and tender forms available from:

A.J. Gauthier
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Schreiber
P.O. Box 40,
Schreiber, Ontario
P0T 2S0

Last week's crossword puzzle answers

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Due to limited space in this week's paper we were unable to include a crossword puzzle in this issue. But take heart crossword fans, there will be a puzzle in next week's issue of The News.

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