



# Mae E. Brown — 90 years young

## Greenwood salutes a very unique lady

May Brown, the "first lady of Greenwood" will celebrate her 90th birthday, Sunday. To mark the occasion, an "open house" will be held in the church from 2 to 5 p.m.

By Ed Schroeter  
GREENWOOD — Mae E. Brown, one of the long-standing members of this community, will be 90 years young on Nov. 5. To mark the occasion, an "open house" will be held at Greenwood United Church this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mae Brown has already received many cards and letters from friends and relatives, as well as special congratulations from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, on behalf of the federal government.

Born the daughter of John and Emmaline Brown, she grew up on a farm on Salem Road, Greenwood, along with her brothers William and Fred.

She has spent most of her life in Pickering Township, and now lives on the family farm with her brother William, and his wife, Gladys. The

farm has been in the family name since 1851.

After attending old Greenwood Public School, she studied at Whitby Collegiate; Whitby Model School and graduated as a teacher from Toronto Normal School. It was her public school teachers, one of whom was The Right Hon. John Diefenbaker's father, who inspired her to enter that profession. "I enjoyed teaching very much," she said, "but I also would have liked to have been a nurse, if there had been training facilities in our area," she added.

She left teaching several years later when her mother became ill. Mae Brown never returned to the profession. When she retired, she was earning a salary of \$500 a year.

Even though she didn't pick up her career where she left off, she has managed to keep ex-

tremely active. She was a member of the Greenwood United Church choir and taught Sunday School there at one time. She is still an active member of the U.C.W., and the Greenwood Historical Society. Mae Brown is a past president and a

former secretary-treasurer of the District Women's Institute.

Mae loves meeting people, "young or old." She explained, "I'm interested in folks and I always have been." Mae says she meets "some of the most interesting

people on television" through talk shows.

Mae travels with the Senior Citizens' Group whenever she can. She hopes some day to visit England, and explore her family roots, in Yorkshire.

### Memories re-lived

By Mildred McTaggart  
GREENWOOD — Two wonderful services were held Sunday in Greenwood United Church. The occasion was the 115th anniversary of the congregation and the 50th anniversary of the church. Many former members attended, some coming from as far distant as Ottawa, Marmora, Barrie, Fergus and Toronto. Rev. A.M. Butler brought the message in the morning with special music by the choir. A message of congratulations was

received from the Hon. William G. Newnam along with a plaque from the Provincial Government which was received by Don Goodwin on behalf of the congregation. A display of pictures and posters brought back many fond memories. Noon lunch was served by Betty Goodwin and members of the U.C.W. In the afternoon, a red maple was planted on the church lawn by Milton Pegg and Cathy Post to commemorate the day. In the evening, a lovely duet was presented by Betty

Pegg and Kathy Beckett. Betty also led in the singing of several favorite hymns. Jean Thomas, a former organist, played prior to the opening of the worship. Other special music was provided by soloists Jean Outhouse and Nelson Cole and the church choir. Beatrice McLean recalled the history of the Greenwood congregation and May Brown provided an account of the dedication service, fifty years ago.

### ATTENTION LUPUS PATIENTS

The General Meeting of the Ontario Lupus Association will be held on Saturday, October 21, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. in the McMurrich Building, University of Toronto, Room 107.

All patients, their friends and family are invited to attend.



Carmen Bohme (left) of Oberboihingen, Germany, is enrolled at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School on a 4 month student exchange. Her host during this period is Robin Donn of Boyer Street.

— Keith Bolender

## Carmen Bohme Student visitor from Germany

STOUFFVILLE — For the past three weeks, Carmen Bohme of Germany has been enrolled in a firsthand immersion course on the Canadian way-of-life.

And she'll continue in it for the next two months as Carmen, 15, is presently involved in a local student exchange program.

She's staying at the home of her Stouffville counterpart, Robin Donn, also 15, of Boyer Street.

### HERE TIL DECEMBER

The program, sponsored by the Ontario Board of Education, has Carmen staying in town and attending SDSS until December 12. At that time she'll return to Germany and in April, Robin will go over to stay with Carmen for three months.

Both girls saw the program as a wonderful opportunity to learn and experience a different culture, although there were a few problems in getting it underway.

### JUMPED AT CHANCE

"I had a pen pal in Germany, and I've been taking a German course for the past year, was when this exchange program came up, I jumped at the chance," Robin said. "However, everyone was telling me I was too young to apply, so I went personally to the Board of Education and convinced them to accept me."

The two girls, although the same age, are quite different in their personalities.

As Robin explained, "I'm much more exuberant, I love to dance while Carmen doesn't, she's a lot more quieter than I am."

### A BIG ADJUSTMENT

Carmen, on the other hand, said, with a smile, that "Robin's rather fun-loving; I'm not sure how to react to her sometimes."

Both girls did readily concede that "It's been a big adjustment for all."

However, they both get along well with each other, and

they admitted enjoying the chance to learn from each other's background. Language is not a problem as Carmen has been speaking English for five years.

### TESTS ARE EASIER

Carmen, who comes from the small village of Oberboihingen, approximately 30 kilometers from Stuttgart, commented on some of the differences she's noticed and adjustments she's made.

Comparing the two systems of education, she said "the tests are much easier here, and we don't have them as often in Germany. We also don't write any final year end exams until the end of grade 13, and then it's just one large general knowledge test combining all the courses together."

### GIRLS OUTNUMBER BOYS

She also mentioned that her class in Germany has 20 girls and only two boys, something Robin confessed she was not looking forward to.

Although she'll be at SDSS for three months, Carmen will not receive any credit in Germany for her work here, and conversely, Robin's school work in Germany won't be credited in Stouffville.

One thing Carmen, as well as most Canadians, is not happy with is the state of our postal service.

### POOR MAIL SERVICE

"I've been waiting two weeks for a package from home, and I have no idea if it will ever get here. And it's hard to explain to my parents why they don't get my letters."

She felt overall though, that what she's seen of Stouffville and the surrounding area has been a worthwhile experience. "It's definitely been worth it, so far, I have no regrets and no feelings of homesickness."

And Robin is now anxiously awaiting her trip to Germany. "I hope to learn the German language a little better by then, but regardless, I'm sure to have a great time."



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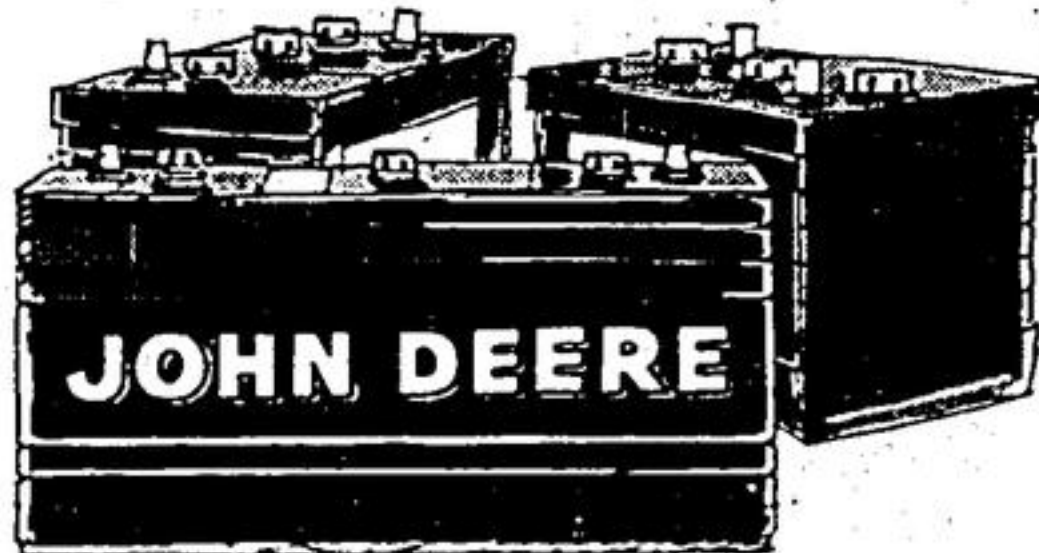
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