

Delivery of poem brings back memories of young love

Every week I try to give you something just a little bit different. This week let's have a giggle. Serious is great but serious is not me. In small doses, I can fake it. In life, I can hardly take it. Bearing that in mind, read on.

In the few short weeks writing for you, I've been given story ideas, comments, including positive feedback. On Thursday, I got a special delivery: Stouffville resident Frances Mayne sent me a poem. This isn't just an ordinary poem. It's all about me, Rural Route Ruth. I decided to share the poem:

RUTH
A child of God
A welcoming Face
Get to Know her



Rural
Route
Ruth

Ruth
LeBlanc

*She's infinite grace
Sometimes in a hurry
She has time for you
Humanity needs her
Her callings for few
She's not always perfect
that much she knows
But her hearts in the right place
when you meet her, it shows
Still waters run deep*

*she's more than she seems
Just get to know her
be part of her dreams
If you need her, she'll be there
not once, and not twice
She has infinite wisdom
to know what you need
Just get to know her
go plant the seed
We're all part of this universe
just children with dreams
...F. Mayne*

I have a confession to make. Years ago in my pre-marriage days another poem came my way. Here's the story: My best friend at the time was also engaged. Her fiance wrote her poems and love notes on a daily basis. Of course, this made me ques-

tion, why I wasn't receiving one. Now being young and strong willed and stubborn I didn't clue in. Not every person can be a poet. But did I let it go. Not a chance. Daily I would whine, cry and throw tantrums. Did this get me a poem? Not a chance. Finally at the end of his rope, he did what he had to do.

With the love that only young loves feels, I read my poem. Oh what a poem it was. He wrote of our love being like two trees growing together but yet apart. Our love would last throughout time.

My husband to be, strutted like a peacock for more than a month. Then the discovery was made. While looking for something to read I found a book of poetry.

Imagine my surprise upon seeing my poem. Surely the author wasn't in love with me. I think I smell a rat.

When my guy returned from errands I swooned around him gushing with glee. When he was totally vulnerable I quickly pulled out the book. A look of fright, shock and total confusion covered his face.

Ah, but young love wouldn't permit me to continue. Who else in the world had ever even copied a poem for me. No one, that's who. So with love in my heart I put it in my scrapbook with all the other notes and such he had given me. There it remains to this day. A little older and slightly wrinkled, just like me.

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If your answer is no, then it's a good time to get the facts.

But what is the Internet anyway?

Well, the Internet is different things to different people. However, if you consider the basics, the Internet is a large international computer network linking together millions of people, businesses and government agencies.

As an active participant, more commonly referred to as a "net surfer," you can send simple E-mail messages to any person or group of people, anywhere in the world. Then again, if

you're serious about establishing a presence on the Internet, why not create a text and graphic-based World Wide Web site so that your customers can have 24-hour access to your valuable product information?

What's the Internet's potential?

Some say 45 million current users. Some say 70 million current users. Others boast more than 350 million users by the year 2,000. Whatever the number, there are a lot of people linked to the Internet. But before you start ringing the cash register, you must realize that surfing the Internet is not an adventure worth investigating unless you're prepared to do so.

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