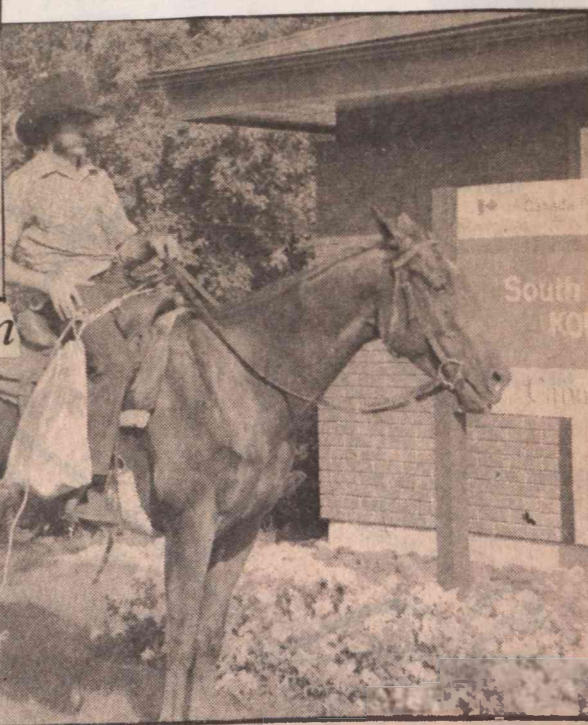


## Postal strike



### Pony express revived from Kemptville

Come rain, snow, sleet or hail, The Advance will continue to deliver its mail. That's The Weekly Advance's philosophy when it comes to delivering its newspapers to the towns and villages in the Ottawa Valley. The onslaught of the postal strike didn't stop the delivery of those papers. In fact, The Advance's new system of delivering the papers by bypassing the Post Office, started a week before the strike call Monday, June 29th, has improved newspaper delivery to towns within 20 miles of Kemptville. As a way of publicizing our new delivery system, The Weekly Advance commissioned Sundance Kid, of Sundance Riding Stables in Manotick, to deliver several mail bags of papers to Mountain and South Mountain in a "pony express" last Wednesday afternoon. Seen here is Garnet Crawford, Publisher and President of The Weekly Advance/The Ottawa-

### ...to Mountain

### ...and South Mountain

All rural routes out of Mountain have been suspended until further notice. Postal officials there will know later this week if routes are to be continued.

the strike by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) enters its third week. The strike started June 29.

Carleton Review, loading the mail bags on Sundance's horse, while in the second photo, Sundance has reached the Mountain Post Office, 10 miles from Kemptville in 65 minutes, and in the third photo, he is delivering the newspaper mail bags to South Mountain, a distance of 15 miles from Kemptville in 1 hour and 50 minutes. Publisher Crawford says Mountain and South Mountain were chosen for the "pony express" newspaper delivery because "these two small towns suffered the most from the new longer postal route. That system saw The Advance/Review mail bags travel from the Kemptville Post Office, to Smiths Falls, then to Ottawa, and back to Brockville before going on to Mountain and South Mountain, sometimes arriving there up to five days later," he added.

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## Hallville United Church

By Marion G. Rogers

On Highway 43, part way between Kemptville and Winchester, stands the Hallville United Church. During next year — 1980 — they will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the present church building. The highway does not now run through the village but the church is only about a half mile or less north of the highway.

It was in 1834 that Irish Presbyterian ministers travelled through the country and held services in homes and a barn, still standing, that belonged to a Samuel Hyndman.

By 1845 a small church, built of fieldstone was erected back of the place where the present edifice stands.

That first building costs \$100 which had been given by a William Hyndman. The greatest part of the work was done by men of the congregation. A picture of it on an old history looks much like pictures of farm homes in Ireland long ago.

It became known as the Hyndman Church and was opened and dedicated, free of debt, on Sunday August, 13, 1846.

Eventually the church building became too small and by 1880 the present building of quarried cut stone, and called St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hallville, was opened "the second Sunday of July, 1880." The name was changed again when they joined the Church Union in 1925 and became part of the United Church of Canada.

At one point they wanted to install a bell, but

found their tall, slight steeple could not hold one.

In 1934 the congregation celebrated 100 years of services. Now they are beginning to plan for the 100th birthday of their fine church building.

The church faces north and it has been found that the front entrance is almost impossible to keep safely cleared during winter storms; so a side entrance into their basement hall is used.

From there, two sets of stairs (one near the pulpit platform, one at the back) join basement and nave. Using the back ones that are covered with green indoor-outdoor carpet, you arrive just inside the vestibule.

Across the back and on the aisles, the carpet is a rich red. Pews of oak are not believed to be the original ones. The decor, above tongue and groove panelling around the room, is a cream shade.

At the front, the pulpit platform extends about three-quarter across the front, with the choir and Hammond electric organ occupying the left section.

On the wall back of the pulpit is a large gold-tone cross.

Downstairs, their basement hall was built there when the church was erected and is a large room with furnace and kitchen at one end under the pulpit area.

The kitchen is well equipped, even to having an electric table with four wells for keeping vegetables warm and beside them two trays, with swinging, semi-circular lids, for meat. All is of stainless steel.

There are quantities of cupboards, dishes, sinks, an island table and service window, because special dinners are often held.

At the present time there is no minister in charge, but supply clergy are looking after the services and any other needs of congregation.

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### 150th for St. Andrews

Guest speaker at St. Andrew's United Church in Hallville Sunday was Freida Mellon. Mrs. Mellon marked the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary with an overview of the history of the Loyalist movement in 1784.

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