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job and found a road-paving job that offered \$15-20 a day. Irving Henderson was not pleased with this and demanded that John take his family elsewhere. ??"m Annie knew that this move would require her to go home. (When) she explained to her new friend Harriet Either about her dilemma and having to return to Canada, Harriet offered them her own big farmhouse with two floor levels. It was old and cold in the winter, but it could offer them a place until they found a better place. They would only have to pay \$10 a month rent. The house had a stove and electricity for the first time. John bought a wringer washing machine and they lived there until it started to get cold. The house was very cold, so they moved next to a house in Linneus, Mrs. Libby's house. Harriet Either had no children and frequently visited Annie in her camp and urged Annie to bring the children to her big house. She was a kind woman who loved children but had none of her own. When Annie became pregnant again in 1949, Harriet helped with caring for the children and gave Annie a baby shower with Harriet's friends to help her out. When Annie returned from the hospital with a new baby girl, Mrs. Either was thrilled to greet them. The baby was a light-complexioned girl with light-coloured hair. Harriet looked at Annie's life of poverty and, being childless, she asked Annie if she might (have) this new baby. Annie was indignant. She might be poor, but she would never give her child. But she did allow Harriet to name the child, who was called Marie Ann after her niece who was named Ann Marie. In Linneus, the Battiste family lived in a little bungalow of two bedrooms, kitchen, and sun porch. In 1952, when Annie and John had gone to town and Eleanor was home babysitting the two siblings, a fire started in the home. Eleanor was 11 years old. She got the two girls out and they stood holding a broom and basket of clothes while the house billowed with smoke. Marie was three years old and Geraldine five. Knowing that on Saturday afternoons Tom was taken to the movies by his parents, Eleanor told one of the neighbours to (go get them). Annie and John Battiste were informed by phone that their house was on fire. Annie asked about the children, but the caller did not have the information. When they arrived, they ran to the firemen and asked about the children. No one knew of any children. Complete desolation weakened Annie to tears and fear. But a neighbour soon found her to comfort her with the news (that) the children were all safe at his farmhouse nearby. The December cold did not seem so bad after that. The town of Houlton was alerted to the news of a family in need whose house had burned and all their goods were lost. Since Christmas was fast approaching, the town's people prepared a hasty charity drive to help this family through their difficulties. They asked for anything anyone had to give. One good neighbour offered one month rent-free to live in his



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