

The great day

A story of 59 years ago told again

Looking backward is always an interesting subject for reading and through the courtesy of Coldwater Masons we are able to reproduce an article that appeared in The Coldwater Planet of March 30th, 1899. The article is as follows:

Tuesday, March 21st, is a day long to be remembered by the residents of Coldwater and the surrounding district, for on that day they witnessed in Coldwater one of the largest processions composed entirely of agricultural implements, that was ever found in line north or east of Toronto. The machines were made by the Massey Harris Company of Toronto, and were sold by their popular agent and our fellow townsman, W. H. Manning. Last year the company's agent at Orillia, Mr. C. McPherson, had the "Banner" procession for that year, which was attended by Mr. Manning, who then said that he would outstrip it at Coldwater in 1899. That he did so was clearly evidenced by his magnificent display

play on the 21st.

On the 18th, the several cars filled to the roof with implements arrived at the station and were placed on the siding for unloading. The machines consisting of binders, drills, mowers, rakes, in fact everything from a binder to a scuffer, were laid out ready for the happy buyer. This involved a great deal of hard work, but Mr. Manning with his able staff of workmen, were quite equal to the occasion.

When the first team, owned by Mr. Sidney Boyd, of Moonstone, drove in at eight o'clock, everything was ready, and from that time until one o'clock the rush at the station in loading was tremendous. As each team was loaded cards were tacked on the one side, "Support Canadian Industries" and on the other, "Massey Harris." Very appropriate cards indeed for the occasion. The teams were then sent to Mr. Manning's store where Mr. Cody, general agent for the Co., gave man, boy,

friend, hired man or visitor a ticket for dinner and horse feed, good for either Hotel. The number fed would indicate that Mr. Cody was very liberal with his tickets.

After dinner, all went to Manning's Music Hall headed by the Coldwater Citizens Band, and, we think we are safe in saying that a larger and more enthusiastic gathering had never been seen in the hall.

Mr. Manning took the chair and called the meeting to order, and invited to the platform Mr. McKee, who represented the Company, C. G. Cody, general agent for the Co., Messrs. Arnold and Sheppard, and Messrs. H. L. Lovering, J. W. Swan, J. C. Brokowski and E. W. Kitchen. Spirited addresses were in turn delivered by each, and the address of the day was that of H. L. Lovering, Esq., who took the farmer back to the days of the old reaping hook and then led them on till they were now harvesting their grain and hay with Massey Harris

binders and mowers. His address throughout was listened to with rapt attention and was intensely interesting to the very end.

It would be useless to repeat what each speaker said as everybody for miles around was there and heard for themselves, an excellent lot of speeches.

The speaking being over, every man hitched up and Mr. McKee formed them up opposite Mr. Manning's store, and then back up the street. Here a grand photograph was taken from an elevation, by Mr. B. F. Stewart, Orillia's well known photographer, who had been secured for the occasion. The procession then started for the station, marshalled by W. D. Lovering, Esq., who rode the "grey charger," and headed by the Coldwater Citizens Band. The route was to the station and return when another photo was taken from the south end of the village, after which each man wended his way homeward fully satisfied that they had full value for their money in the machines they had purchased and pleased to know that they had taken part in so grand a procession, and more determined than ever to follow the motto so prominently displayed during the day, "Support Canadian Industries."

Rector operated gas plant

An Anglican clergyman, Rev. J. H. Sheppard and partners operated a gas plant in Coldwater in the early days.

A few years ago the remnants of the plant were removed when William "Scotty" Angus turned the lot attached to his home into a lawn.

The gas was used to provide illumination in street lamps and buildings.

Jimmy Thompson, now a bank manager at MacTier, son of a former Coldwater bank manager, received serious burns when a can of carbide gas exploded in the bank building where the post office is now.

Coldwater hydro system was installed in 1913.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Remember the first of the giant July picnics held at Lovering's Grove — when everybody took part in races, broad and high jump, tug of war, canoe races and even motorboat races?

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Coldwater Golden Jubilee

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COLDWATER GOLDEN JUBILEE

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PRESENT COLDWATER LUMBER BUILDINGS

Twenty-three years ago Harry Cowan came to Coldwater and took over Coldwater Planing Mill (Borland's Mill) which had been in existence since before the turn of the century. Those were depression days and at first the total staff of the business was two, with one being the proprietor.

Through the years however the area served by the business has grown constantly until now the staff of 11 is kept busy filling the needs of its many customers. Three com-

pany trucks make deliveries of lumber and building products to Warminster, Bass Lake, Moonstone, Vasey, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour, Waubesa, Port Severn, Six Mile Lake, Gibson Lake, Honey Harbour, Severn Falls, Black Lake, Tea Lake, Big Chute, and, of course, in the Coldwater district.

To the village we offer congratulations on its 50th Birthday and to all we say "thank you".

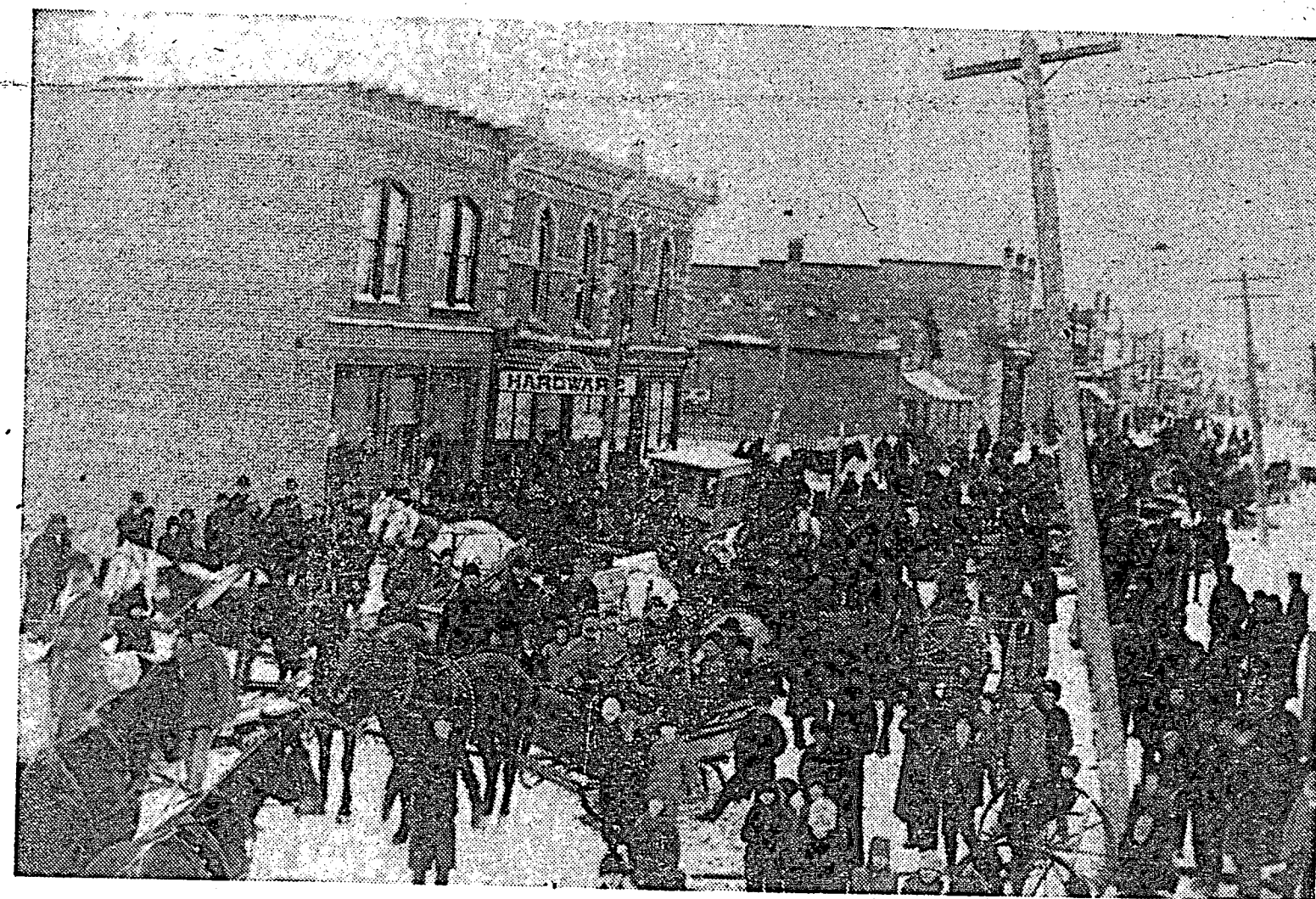
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COLDWATER LUMBER

FORMERLY COLDWATER PLANING MILL — NO CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP



Times have changed since this old photo was taken by Orillia photographer B. F. Stewart on Coldwater's Main Street 59 years ago.

It was a great day in Coldwater and district farmers and village citizens alike flocked to the main street to see the parade of Massey Harris implements which were being delivered to the company's agent, hardware merchant W. H. Manning. On page 16 of this edition there is a story telling the highlights of that momentous day in the village's history.

In the picture, Manning's Hardware is readily seen on the left and the building with the lean-to is on the site of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. The man mounted on horseback and wearing the bowler hat is W. D. Lovering. Among those seated in the cutter are Ed Shields (with musical instrument) Sam Eplett and Charles Brown.

50 Years of Progress

FORESEE BRIGHT FUTURE FOR VILLAGE

Bustling community once Indian reserve

by LORNE LETHERBY

October 1958, found Coldwater basking peacefully in the warm glow cast by colorful foliage of the surrounding Medonte hills. Its 50 years of incorporation seemed to rest lightly on the picturesque village.

Indian wars which raged in this cradle of Huronia long ago had become but vivid pages in the nation's history.

Heroic labors by pioneers who hewed primitive homes from the dense bush and laid the foundations for present-day Coldwater now are being recalled by residents of the village in this anniversary year.

It is not the intention of this writer to give a complete history of the village. Rather this is an attempt in this special jubilee edition to give a glimpse of past achievements and events, and picture Coldwater as it is today, after 50 years since it emerged as a municipality in its own right.

It is to be hoped that at some future time an adequate historical record of Coldwater can be embodied in permanent form. This edition through its news columns, photos and the messages of business establishments will provide some of the highlights of the village's interesting past.

If details are incomplete, or where errors of fact may have intruded or omissions occurred, they must be attributed to lack of time and space to do justice to the truly remarkable career of a village up to the half-century milestone.

Coldwater was known to the Ojibway Indians as GIS-SI-NAU-SE-BING meaning "cold river" or "cold water".

The village was once close to the headquarters of the most civilized of the Algonquin nations. It was near Coldwater that battles were fought which turned Upper Canada from an outpost of France, when that nation was expanding its empire, to a British colony.

About 150 years ago Ojibway Chief Aisance lived on land here which white men at one time valued at only 5 cents an acre.

Local territory was included in 250,000 acres which, on Nov. 17, 1815, were obtained by the British government for 3,000 pounds when Ojibway chiefs Kinaybictonini (Snake) Aisance and Misquackey (Yellowhead) signed a treaty.

Five years later, in 1820, the land which was later to become Medonte Township, within the boundaries of which Coldwater is situated today, was surveyed by James G. Chewett. Two years previously he had made the first survey of the Welland Canal.

Cowan, a fur trader, had been engaged since 1778 in dealings with the Indians across Matchedash Bay from Fesserton.

In the late 1820's, military authorities recognized the advantages of using the water transport route from Holland Landing to Orillia, then by portage to Coldwater and proceeding by water to Penetangishene.

As a result, in 1830, Lieut. Gov. Sir John Colborne gathered the 500 Indians of the three bands of Ojibways in this district, along with a band of Potawatamies which had come from Drummond Island, into a 9,800-acre reserve stretching from Coldwater to the Narrows at Orillia.

Coldwater was the headquarters for Chief Aisance; Chief Yellowhead was based at Orillia and Chief Snake at Snake Island.

Starting in 1828, the government built at Coldwater a mill, store and school, and dwellings for Indian families at every mile along the Coldwater Road to the Narrows.

The only whites allowed on the reservation were those connected with the Indian Agency in charge of Thomas Gummeral Anderson. He had been a fur trader on the Mississippi River and its tributaries until the war of 1812-14. After the war of 1812-14, after the war of 1812-14, after the war of 1812-14.

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Boy Scout, Cub movement thrives

The Scout movement has been an active one in Coldwater.

Although groups for all ages are not organized at the time of writing, regular meetings of the Wolf Cubs are being held under the leadership of Dick Mason, representative of Coldwater Jaycees.

The first Scout organization in the village was formed about 1912 by Rev. E. A. Slein, who was serving in Coldwater as an Anglican curate.

At one time the Scouts had their own clubhouse on Rein-bird Street, near the present residence of Lloyd Letherby, M.P.P. The meeting place was dismantled when the property was sold.

Three of the early members of the Coldwater Scouts lost their lives in the war of 1914-18. They were George Beach (brother of William Beach, Highway patrolman); John Harte and Alliston Wheatley.

Among those who have taken an active part in Coldwater Scouts are: William C. Wylie, (who became a King's Scout); Mord, S. Millard, Gordon Millard, Harry Cowan, Leonard Cowan, Lorne England, Dr. Bruce Griffin, Clifford Chappell, Wilfred Manning, Jack Tipping, Ken Gray, and more recently, Les Sanford.

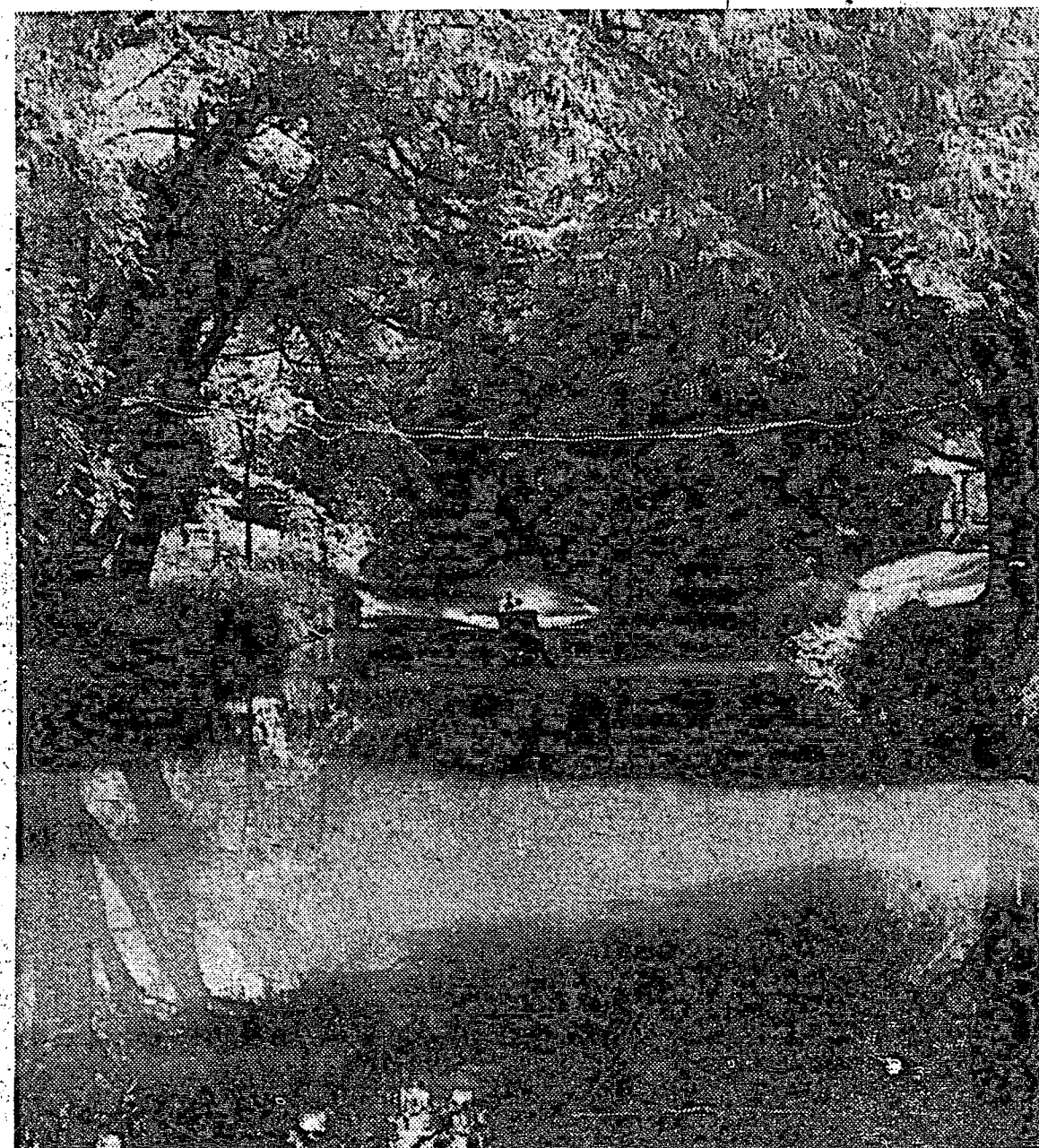


LORNE LETHERBY

Coldwater was the scene of a cholera epidemic in 1832 and was once headquarters of a 9,800-acre Indian reserve.

The compelling beauty of this village attracted captains of industry, small merchants and scores of others over the years. Once it was the location of a thriving lumber industry.

Seventy-five years ago there were two licensed hotels and a temperance house.



Village's beauty

COLDWATER RIVER, which flows through the village, originates from cool springs in the Medonte Hills. This photograph was taken looking up the river from the Rein-bird Street bridge.

About This Edition . . .

To Coldwater Clerk-treasurer Chester Martin must go credit for "discovering" that 1958 is Coldwater's 50th Anniversary as an incorporated municipality.

Checking some old documents, Mr. Martin observed that Coldwater's first council took the oath of office at 11 a.m., February 24, 1908, from Joseph Brown, Esq., Justice of the Peace. Members were Chas. G. Millard, reeve; and Councillors W. H. Manning, W. J. Elliott, G. T. Tipping and A. W. Robinson.

Lorne Letherby, Free Press Herald — County Herald representative, soon learned of Mr. Martin's discovery and, in effect, the idea for a special golden jubilee edition was born. At first, publication date was set for mid-September but as the surface was scratched and interested citizens came forward with pictures and articles it soon became apparent this was going to be a real project that would require considerable time to produce.

On the following pages we have endeavored to present a record of the past 50 years. Some subjects perhaps have received greater treatment than others, while it is also quite possible that some items have been mentioned only briefly or missed entirely. We know this. But we also know that no matter how long publication is delayed it would be difficult for any edition to report upon every subject in detail.

We hope you enjoy reading the stories as much as we have enjoyed producing them. And of course we do want to extend our special thanks to so many village citizens who in one way or another aided with the publication.

Special thanks to John L. Tipping, Mord Millard, G. R. Lane, Mrs. R. A. Elliott, Mrs. Doris E. Cooke, for articles contributed, Charles Eplett, Chester Martin, Mrs. R. S. Sheppard, Mrs. Lawrence Devine, Mrs. Wm. Harvie, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale and Harry Martin for pictures and information; to photographers Cyril Martin and Ken Jennings; and to carrier boys David Walker and David Woodman.

And last but certainly not least, to Lorne Letherby, Miss Edna Loney and Barry Hughes, members of our staff who each put forth that extra bit of effort to make this edition a reality. Lorne has been resident representative for the Free Press Herald and County Herald for some time now while Miss Loney recently took over the social column which for many years was written by Mrs. Ritchie Lane. And Barry Hughes, a former resident of Coldwater, who joined the Midland office of the Free Press Herald and County Herald in January, 1956, and just this month resigned to follow his career with a national publication emanating from Toronto.

Citizens of Coldwater and district, the Free Press Herald and County Herald are your local home town newspapers. Published twice weekly, with a Coldwater page in each edition, the news of the area is well covered and well written for your enjoyment. We welcome the opportunity to serve you and chronicle the events of your village and district as they happen.

At this milestone in the history of Coldwater, the Free Press Herald and County Herald want to say "Happy Birthday."

—THE PUBLISHERS

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sion of owners of the mill, who kept it in operation without interruption during the past 125 years. Except for one water-powered wheel, the mill is now operated by electricity.

For the past 22 years, Charles H. Eplett and son Argyle have owned and operated the mill. The latter is the present proprietor, following the recent retirement of C. H. Eplett.

Previous owners included George Copeland; George Caswell; John Gill (son of Jacob Gill); Sam Eplett; W. J. Sheppard, Sr.; and H. L. Lovering (jointly); W. J. Sheppard, Jr.; and C. H. Eplett and Alden Robins (the latter now deceased).

Coldwater has so many unique features, enthusiastic inhabitants are surprised there has not been a concerted rush to reside in the village.

Businessmen with properties on the river are often able to toss a line in the bubbling stream and extract a rainbow trout or other fish in season, before breakfast.

Members of a sizeable "yacht club" at Coldwater ply their outboard motorboats on the river.

Besides the village's many picturesque attractions, heightened by the historical lore which envelops them, super highways are converging on Coldwater, beckoning the happy motorist to incomparable resort playgrounds such as the Severn River, 30,000 Islands, Georgian Bay beaches and Muskoka.

Pure spring water, free from artificial chemicals, flows from the taps in Coldwater homes.

Besides renowned sports champions, Coldwater has bequeathed to the world leaders in business and finance, clergy, men, doctors, lawyers, engineers, a professor of nuclear physics and many others in special fields, as well as scores of average citizens whose integrity and straight thinking are highly rated far beyond the borders of the 50-year-old municipality.

Coldwater has an unusually high percentage of men and women advanced in years who continue to take an active part in village affairs.

Mrs. Amy Ferguson, our oldest citizen, at 92 walks briskly about the shopping centre daily and attends to all her own affairs.

Harry Porch, who retired over ten years ago, after performing enough jobs to keep half a dozen men busy, celebrated his 90th birthday Oct. 18.

The late William Gill, relative of the pioneer Jacob Gill, chopped wood and kept alert in his nineties and was near the hundred mark when he went to his final rest.

Lorenza Caswell, another early resident was active in his late 80's.

Charles M. Robinson, 88, a few weeks ago resigned as clerk of the division court and bailiff but is still agent for a coal company.

Many residents exhibit unusual strength as one example will illustrate. Rev. H. E. Pelletier, who was for a lengthy period rector of St. Matthias Church, Coldwater, challenged 10 strong men to a test of muscle.

At the Lions Club dinner he braced himself against the parish hall wall and invited the

Lions to try to shove in his diaphragm. The huskies, in chain fashion, exerted their might but no dent appeared in the clergyman's bulging solar plexus. Regrettably, however, a window casing was cracked and Mr. Pelletier's arm was imbedded in the wall plaster.

The late William Pheasant, although of medium build, was widely known for his exceptional strength.

Harry Martin survived a bout of serious illness in his younger days. At 86 he is Coldwater's oldest businessman.

James Lazonby, also 86, is active tending to summer and winter chores, keeping weather records and attending community functions.

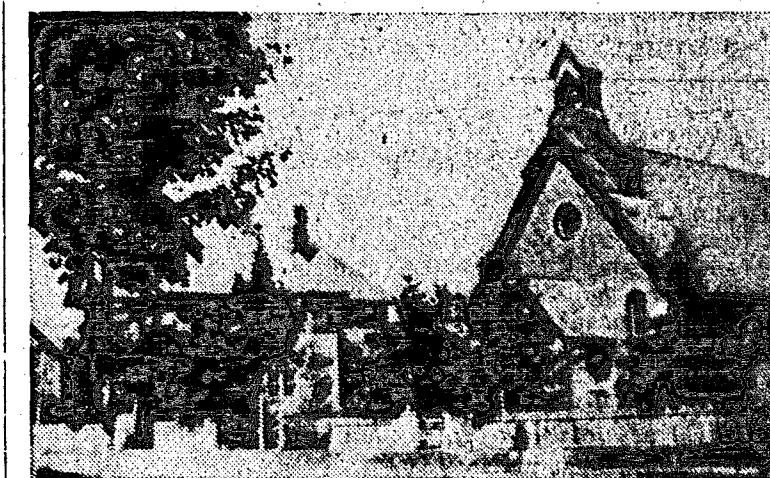
As this is being written in the closing days of October, construction crews are at work building a new super-highway from Crown Hill to Coldwater, through Medonte Township.

As the road crosses Medonte it passes west of Craighurst, crossing Highway 93 north of that village and heading easterly to Hobart and Moonstone. This highway will be extended from Coldwater to Gravenhurst, by a new road crossing Matchedash Township north of the village.

Contracts have also been let for the Coldwater by-pass, south of the village, which will divert traffic back to Highway 12 near Fesserton. This will involve another structure over Coldwater River.

The Trans-Canada Highway reaches Coldwater from Orillia, follows Highway 12 to Waubesa, and proceeds north on 103. The new road from Waubesa north has been paved and is in use with only bridges to be completed in the Port Severn area and at Moon River, at the time this is being written.

Coldwater council in the jubilee year has its first woman member, Mrs. Helen Swale. A young homemaker, she has two children, and takes an active



FIRST ANGLICAN CHURCH — The first St. Matthias' Anglican Church in Coldwater burned in 1909. The present church was rebuilt on the same site.

part in community activities. The reeve is Lawrence Devine, who is serving his third term. He is married to the former Rachel Sheppard, and has several children. Mr. Devine is a former professional hockey player, owns a farm and helps train harness horses.

Councillor Ralph Althuisen, who has served for several years, is active in the Masonic Lodge.

Councillor Victor Turner has held office for four terms. He is superintendent of the local dairy and operates a florist business as well.

Councillor Raymond Mills, a signaller with the CPR, is serving his second term on council.

Coldwater officials are Chester Martin, clerk-treasurer since 1945, and secretary-treasurer of Coldwater Hydro Commission; Sam Peden, village foreman, and Clifford Woodrow, hydro superintendent.

There is a feeling in Coldwater that, although the village might like to remain a quiet little community, the current march of events may bring unforeseen changes. As the municipality is in the centre

of a web of new super-highways and has other advantages which previously received scant attention, Coldwater appears to be entering a new era of accelerating growth.

Previously noted for its orderly tempo of living and beauty of location, Coldwater may in the near future be recognized as an ideal location for certain types of industries.

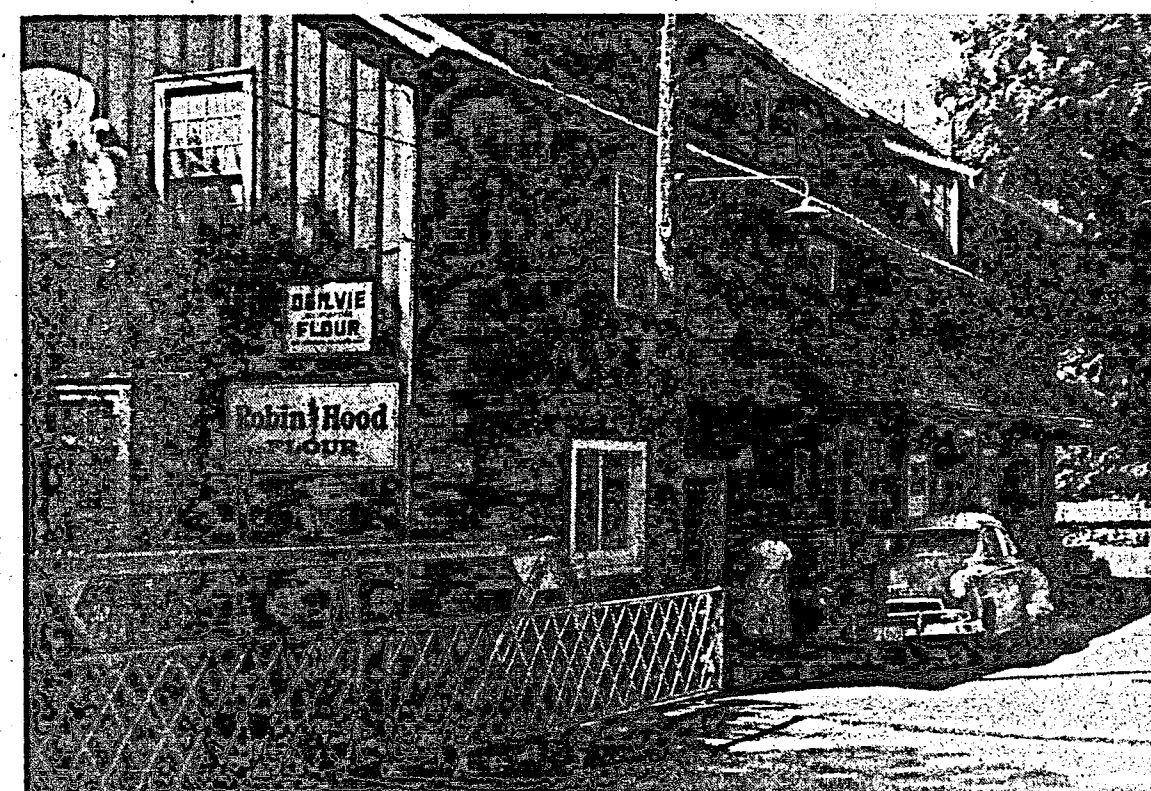
Present inhabitants prize their way of life but are intensely interested in the stepped-up progress of their beloved village, and watch new advances with pride.

They are convinced Coldwater is the most happily endowed village in the world. They are gratified to see new friends sharing the same viewpoint and making arrangements to establish their homes here. Citizens hold dearly to the treasure house of beauty and utility which the community represents to them; but they also feel that in the heritage bequeathed to them by a generous Providence, and through the efforts of their forebears, there is ample to share with all who seek to join them.

A True Pioneer

COLDWATER'S OLDEST BUSINESS WITH 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

Back 125 years ago when Canada was still a British Colony the Coldwater grist mill was grinding grain for the Indian inhabitants. It has continued to operate since in service to the community. Water power is still used to operate one wheel. Remainder of the mill is run by electricity.



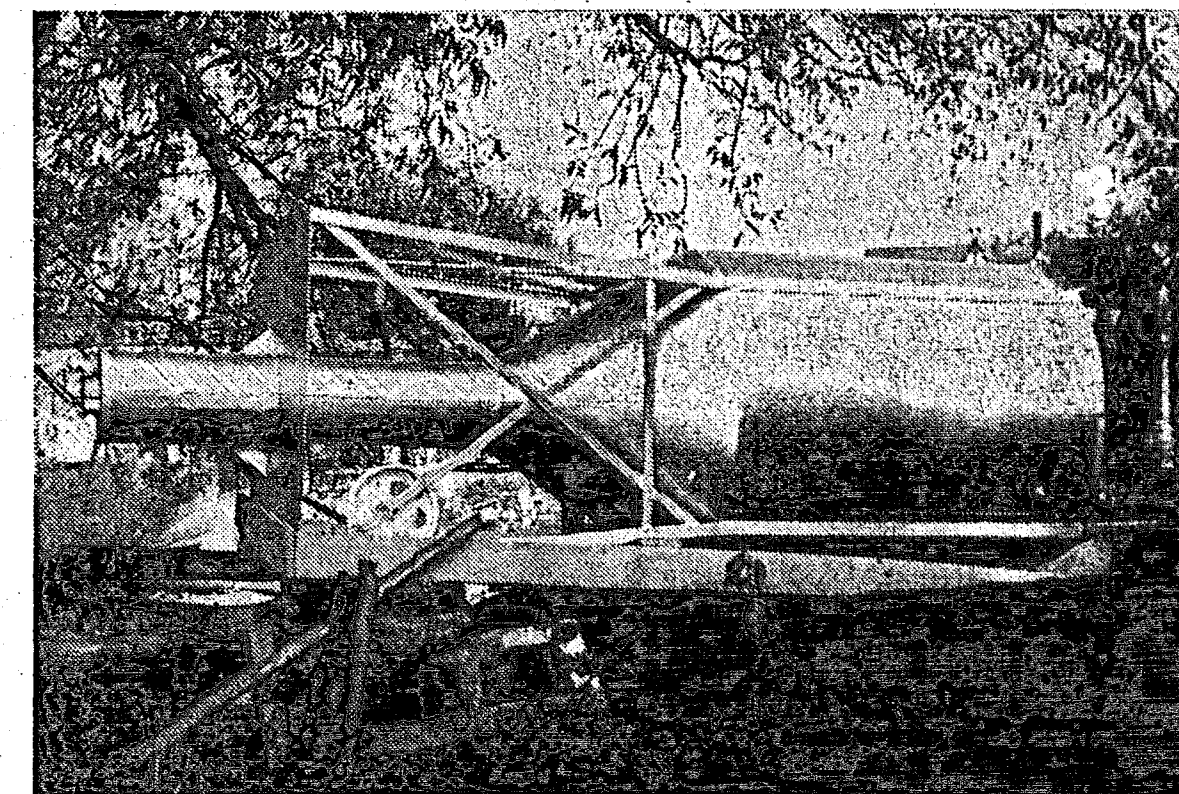
OUR NEW MIXER

Since 1923 C. H. Eplett & Son have striven to meet the milling needs of four hundred district farmers. The latest step in the mill's service is the installation of a mixer as shown in the accompanying photo for Shur-Gain feeds. Argyle Eplett is the present proprietor of the mill since the recent retirement of his father.

C. H. EPLETT & SON

Coldwater

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uted an increasing share of men and women of integrity, industry and ability to the life of Canada in peace and war.

Coldwater became a police village in 1879, the year Midland attained the status of a village.

One of Coldwater's residents believes the village originally was known by the Scottish name of Drumlanrig, whose meaning is said to be descriptive of this area. However, the odd sounding title was given to a community centred at Lot 24, con. 12, Medonte, on the Tay line, where the Midland railway subsequently crossed. The town was registered in 1856, but only became a northerly suburb of Coldwater.

Among the early settlers near Coldwater was John Eplett. He came here from St. Columb, Cornwall, England, in 1832 and became postmaster at Coldwater in 1865, when mail was carried by stagecoach from Holland Landing.

John Eplett's son, Samuel D. Eplett, took over the duties of postmaster, which he performed for 65 years. In the early days, mail left Toronto by stage for Holland Landing. From there it went to Orillia by the steamer Emily May, proceeding to Coldwater and Sturgeon Bay on horses.

The late Milton Eplett succeeded his father, S. D. Eplett, as Coldwater postmaster. For the past 25 years, Fred W. Brown has been in charge of the mail at the village.

Property purchased in Coldwater from the Indians by John Eplett was owned by his late grandson, Milton Eplett, and is

now the site of Russell's corner store at the northwest corner of Main and Gray Streets.

About the same time as the Epletts, the Lovering family came to Coldwater from Medonte, and built a home on south Main Street, now occupied by Mrs. Andrew Lovering. Her late husband, a grandson of the first member of the family to settle here, retained the deed for the property received from the Indians.

The first drug store was opened in Coldwater about 90 years ago by Henry Carter, whose store was in the front of the Lorenza Mills residence. Mr. Carter was succeeded by William Williamson whose store was where the Toronto-Dominion bank now stands. His successor was Charles G. Millard, who was the first reeve of Coldwater in the year of incorporation. The latter's son, Mord. S. Millard, is Coldwater's present druggist. The drug store is part of the Millard block on east Main Street.

Coldwater's oldest Main Street businessman, Harry Martin, 86, (whose name originally was spelled Martyn) recalls that it was Andrew Patterson, owner of a store here who took the census to launch Coldwater as an incorporated village.

For 80 years previous to this there had been a community established locally. Until becoming an incorporated village, Coldwater formed part of Medonte township.

At 11 a.m. Feb. 24, 1908, the first council took the oath of office. It was administered by Joseph Brown, justice of the



Village
assets

BEAUTIFUL tree-lined streets always have been one of Coldwater's major assets. Above is a view looking west on Gray Street. In the background is another village asset the new \$100,000, five-roomed public school.

—Photo by Cyril Martin.

peace. Assuming office were Charles G. Millard, reeve; councillors Wm. H. Manning, William J. Elliott, George T. Tipping and Ambrose W. Robinson.

Serving temporarily as clerk at the time of incorporation was Howard Chester, who later was made clerk officially.

Because of CPR construction, there were 782 inhabitants in Coldwater in 1908 compared to the present total of 704.

Several sons of reeves and councillors succeeded their fathers in Coldwater businesses.

Fifty years ago cash wasn't always demanded for purchases. Harry Martin recalls he frequently accepted a horse, or even a cow or pig, in payment for one of the sewing machines he was selling at that time.

Local improvements followed closely on the heels of incorporation. The waterworks sys-

tem, with reservoirs fed by springs on a Medonte hill, was established in 1909. Three years later the Coldwater hydro system was completed, and in 1913, sidewalks were laid. In 1923 the Continuation School (now Copper Kettle Canning Co.) and the courthouse and fire hall were built.

A survey compiled by the village Junior Chamber of Commerce indicates that Coldwater has sites suitable for future industrial expansion. The properties are from one to 50 acres in size. All are within the limits of the village.

Privately owned, most of them are serviced with electricity and water and many of the sites are close to railways and paved highways.

In addition to the grist mill, planing mill, cannery, cement block plant, boat building con-

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The Village of Coldwater Celebrates its Golden Jubilee

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Reeve Lawrence Devine



Councillor Ralph Aitchison

Fifty years ago, after having formed a part of Medonte Township for many years, our village decided the time had come to incorporate and Coldwater became a municipality in its own right. Your Council considers it an honor to be serving during this golden jubilee year.

We feel our village has made a valuable contribution to the progress of the district in the years to the present. In view of the recent rapid development in our area in general, the new industries, additional homes and other evidences of advancement in Coldwater itself, we have every reason to believe the future of our village will be bright indeed.

1958 COUNCIL

Reeve — Lawrence Devine.

Councillors — Ralph Aitchison, Victor Turner, Raymond Mills, Mrs. Helen Swaile.



Councillor Mrs. Helen Swaile

1908 COUNCIL

Reeve — Charles G. Millard.

Councillors — T. George Tipping, William H. Manning, William J. Elliott, Ambrose W. Robinson.

1958 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Clerk and Treasurer — Chester Martin.

Assessor—Henry Worrell Sr. Fire Chief—Herb. Stevens.

Village Foreman — Sam Peden.

Hydro Superintendent — Clifford Woodrow.

Auditors — Ralph R. Wilson Ltd., Midland.



Councillor Raymond Mills



Councillor Victor Turner

CONGRATULATIONS COLDWATER

from your friends in the neighboring municipalities
of Medonte, Orillia Township and Tay

On this great occasion we are happy to join together in offering you our very best wishes for another happy and prosperous fifty years. With the construction and highway development now taking place we feel that North Simcoe can look forward to a glittering future.

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war he was placed on the staff of the Indian Department and lived on Drummond Island. When this island passed into the hands of the United States in 1823, Captain Anderson came to Penetanguishene and two years later moved with his family to Coldwater.

In 1845 Capt. Anderson became superintendent of Indian Affairs. He died in 1875 in his 97th year.

In spite of the cholera outbreak of 1832, curbed by Coldwater's first surgeon, Dr. Darling, the Indians made rapid progress in the white man's arts.

Contrasting the laziness and excessive drinking of some of the white residents, the Indians, to the dismay of some of the traders, were becoming sober and industrious and attending Methodist meetings.

Rich lands held by the Indians in their reserve became the envy of the white men.

In 1836, his first year in office, Sir Francis Bond Head discontinued in Simcoe County the annual delivery of presents to the Indians and held it at Manitoulin Island, to induce the Indians to withdraw some distance from the white man.

The same course had been advocated by Sir John Colborne. Sir Francis did not look with favor on the Indian schools, some at Coldwater, which had been established by missionaries and teachers.

Finally, at the instigation of white settlers and the government, the 500 Indians on the reserve locally were, in 1838, divided between 1,600 acres in Rama Township, for which they paid 800 pounds after white settlers had abandoned it, and the isolated 2,712 acres of Beausoleil Island with its sandy, mainly non-fertile land.

Two hundred and sixty-six of the Indians went to Beausoleil and later to Christian Island, under Coldwater's Chief Aisance. The remainder went to Rama. Their original 9,800 acres of good land had been exchanged for less than half that amount and much of it was worthless.

Among Coldwater's earliest white settlers was John Borland, son of Capt. Borland, a former trader who had won honors in the Canadian militia in the 1812-14 war. It was said that he, although grievously wounded at Queenston Heights, succored his dying commander, Sir Isaac Brock.

William Rawson, son of one of the voyageurs who left Drummond Island in 1828, was another early resident.

Another of Coldwater's early inhabitants was Joseph Craddock, son of a British lieutenant who had married a native woman. He too had left Drummond Island when it was yielded to the United States. He lived on 50 acres on lot 23, con. 12, Medonte, until his death.

Captain Anderson, on coming to Coldwater as Indian agent, received a grant of 680 acres on which he built a log house and where he moved his family from Penetanguishene. He named the estate, because of the nature of the land, "Clayfields". It was purchased by William Noble Rutledge in 1855. Rutledge's eldest son, William, went to Scugog, now Port Perry, from Streetsville in 1850. In 1851 he built the "Woodman", the first steamer to ply the waters in Port Perry area. Wm. Rutledge, Sr., of Irish stock but Canadian birth, came to live at "Clayfields" in 1860.

Active in politics, he served on Medonte council for 17 years, 10 of them as reeve. In 1877 he was chosen county warden by unanimous vote. After retiring from politics, he became collector of customs at Penetanguishene.

The first large influx of white settlers to the Coldwater-Medonte area was in 1832. Many of them got their land patents in 1836 in return for promising to support Sir Francis Bond Head in opposition to the party led by William Lyon Mackenzie.

By 1881, Coldwater was served by a post office, a government savings bank, telegraph office, six stores, two licensed hotels, a temperance house, several trade shops, three shingle mills, a sawmill and a grist mill, two churches, a school, an Orange Hall and a Good-Templars' Hall.

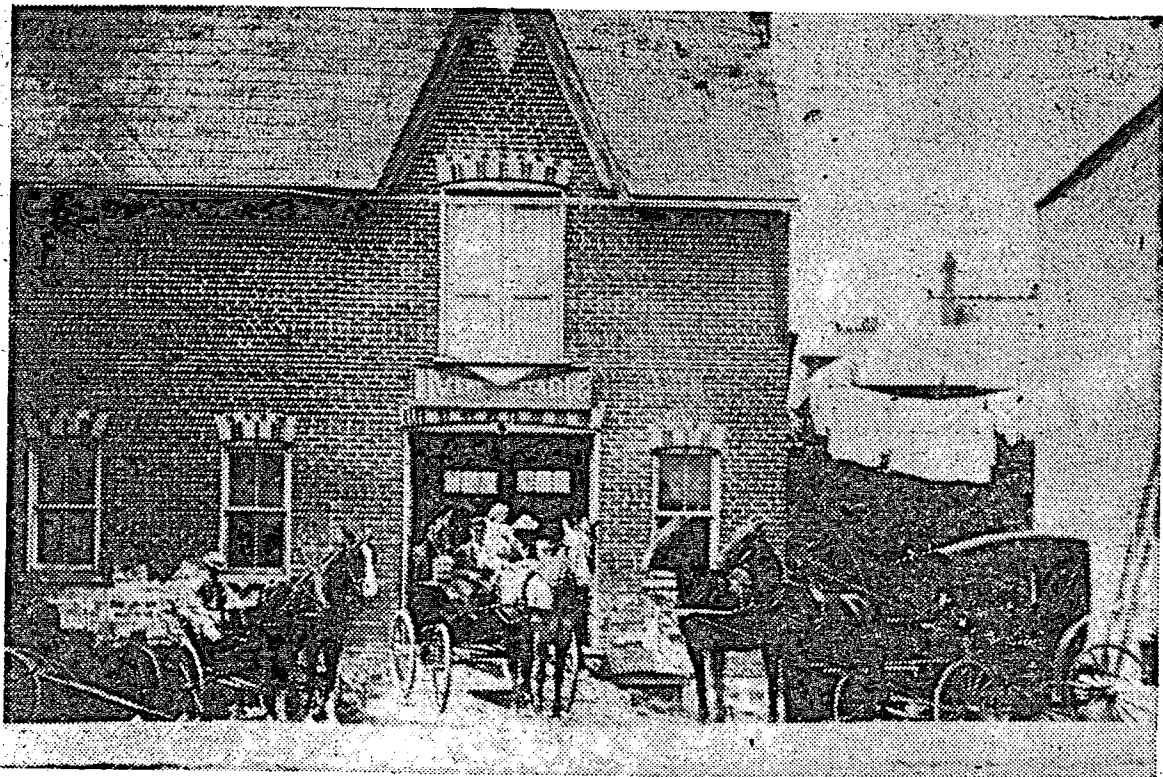
At Coldwater the Indian stone age gave way to European metal; the flint arrow was made obsolete by the iron musket.

The primeval forest was converted to timber by water-powered sawmills and Indian corn was pulverized by the grist mill. Stage coaches made it possible to progress from portaging canoes. Later, steam locomotives speeded travel on steel rails. Local waters were successively cleft by schooner, tugboat and passenger steamers.

Coldwater had progressed from the era of Indian village and pioneer farms to a modern community. Appointed representatives were succeeded by elected councillors. Schools and churches helped mould succeeding generations.

Industrial progress was made as advancing techniques were adopted and Coldwater contributed.

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Old-time service station

ONCE A FAMILIAR sight in any community, the livery stable was to horsemen 50 years ago what the service station is to motorists today, except for one thing, the livery also rented transportation. Above is Caswell's livery stable, Coldwater, where Stevens and Baileys' are now located. In right background is Dr. Harvie's home, now the Legion.

Outstanding achievements

Coldwater's native sons attained fame, shattered records in world of sports

Volumes could be written about the athletic prowess of citizens of Coldwater who have achieved fame for themselves and the village in the realm of sports.

Among this select group was George R. Gray, one of a family of 14 who carved his niche in the sports hall of fame by setting records in shot-put events.

Few local residents realized when they saw him and other local boys practising sports on the dirt road of Main Street, in nearby fields or groves, that some day several of them would become world renowned figures.

George Gray could equal world shot-put records in his youth, before he entered major competitions. His first competitive effort was in Toronto in 1885. Because of Gray's irregular entry, a move was made to bar him from the contest. But a top performer smoothed the way, and one heave by George Gray shaded all the rest of the contestants.

This event in Toronto was the beginning of a career that kept George Gray's name in sports headlines for many years. One of the all-time greats, his fame was established in Great Britain, Ireland and the United States as well as Canada.

He set the world's record for the 16-pound shot (47 feet) in competition at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. He was awarded 188 trophies and medals. Most of his appearances were sponsored by the New York Athletic Club.

Born at Coldwater in 1865, George Gray was the son of John and Sarah Gill Gray. He became a leader in the business world and, as a result of his successes in this field, he built "Graymore", the magnificent limestone residence beside the river on Highway 12, near the village's western outskirts, as a home for his parents.

John Gray, his brother, was a champion oarsman. Both were cousins of Henry Gill of Coldwater, another prominent figure in the sports world.

Other brothers, Joe and Albert Gray, made names for themselves as shot-putters as well as in various sports events.

Although 10 years younger than Gray, Henry Gill, inspired by the former's ability, decided he too would leave his mark as an outstanding athlete. His

determination was first evidenced in a headline in the Toronto World of 1900 — "Henry Gill Wins Olympic Crown".

Henry Gill and Walter Knox, another bright star in the athletic firmament, practised their sports in their parents' cow pastures.

Gill, representing the West End YMCA, Toronto, won the American all-round championship July 4, 1900, competing in 10 events at Knickerbocker A.C., Bayonne, a suburb of New York. Scoring was on a percentage table of points based on world records.

At Boston, August 2, 1902, he won the world's all-round professional championship. His best events were the high jump and the discus throw.

Gill had an outstanding career as a track team coach. In 1901 he was track coach at the University of Iowa, spent the next two years at Beloit College, Wisconsin, and in 1904 was appointed coach at the University of Illinois. He remained there until his retirement in 1934. Under coach Gill, the University of Illinois won the "Big 10" championship 11 times in 30 years.

When he died a few years ago, Mr. Gill was living in the Atherley home formerly occupied by his cousin, Jake Gaudaur, one-time world champion oarsman.

Although not a true native son, Walter Knox, runner and shot-putter, received his early training while living in the village. His string of victories in track and field events extended over a 50-year period and included several world titles.

His first victory was at a school meet in Orillia in 1885. His last was in 1935 when he was first in the 100-yard dash and second in the 16-pound shot-put, in a national competition.

But it was in an open meet at Sault Ste. Marie that Walter achieved his greatest fame. In the 1903 event he won 12 firsts. His heave of 55 feet, five inches of the 12-pound shot was one inch short of the then world record. In Toronto, in 1907, Knox won five Canadian titles in one meet, defeating three champions in their favorite events.

Japanese officials had their eyes on this outstanding athlete and in 1936 offered him a contract with a salary of \$10,000 he too would leave his mark for three years. Knox had his bags packed and was ready to

sail when military forces in Japan seized control, so the trip did not materialize.

Official weatherman for the Free Press Herald for years, James Lazony is another prominent member on the roster of athletes who have been signally honored by the sports world. A sprinter and hockey player in his younger days, Mr. Lazony, 86, is still active and insists on performing numerous chores around his home, lawns and flower gardens.

Mr. Lazony has a cabinet full of medals and trophies won in various sports contests.

Lawrence Devine, present reeve of the village, played professional hockey for the Cleveland Indians.

Oakley Bush, now about 85, a cousin of Reg Bush of Coldwater and a former village resident now living at Lulu Island B.C., was another brilliant athlete — a world champion speed skater.

Despite the loss of an arm, he continued as playing coach of a championship hockey team in Western Canada. Almost legendary are the stories of his career in the sports and business world. One report credits him with having discovered the first hard coal in Alberta.

Not to be outdone by some of the more illustrious sons of the community, a hockey team comprising youths all born in the village (most if not all of them brought into the world by the late Dr. James A. Harvie) reached the finals one year in OHA competition.

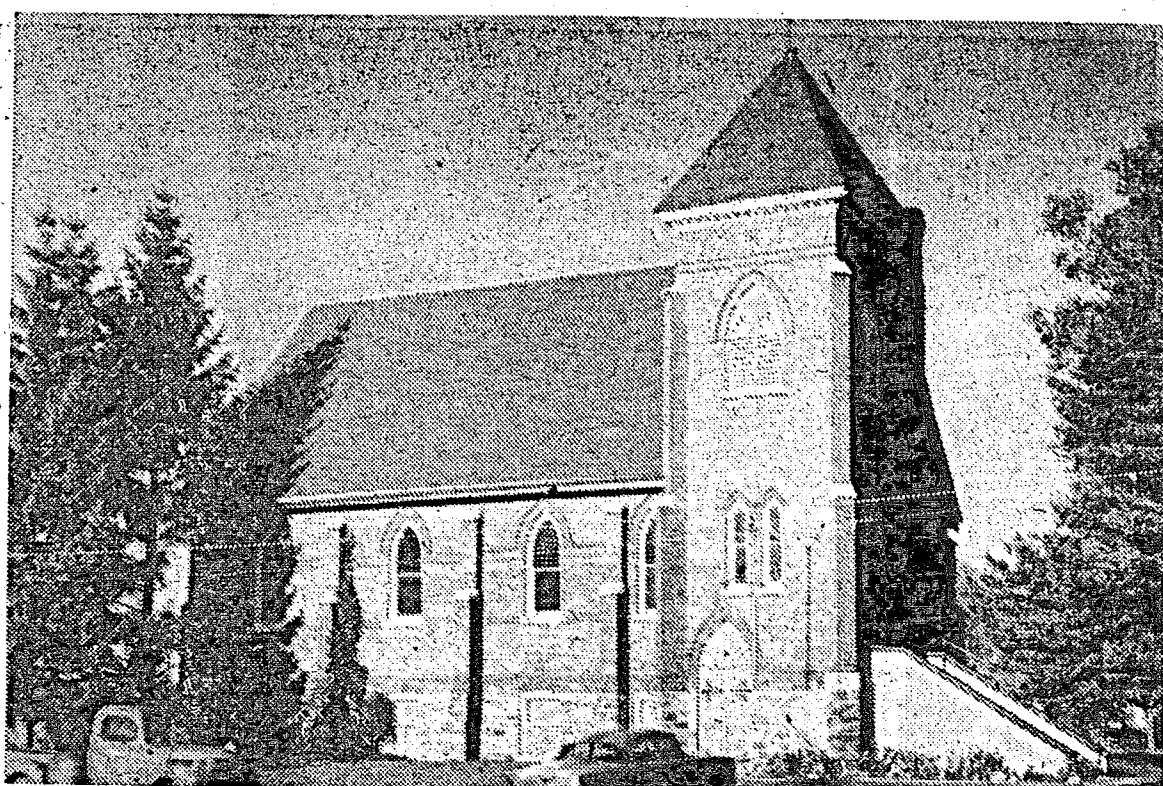
Of note, too, are the achievements of harness horses trained at stables in Coldwater such as Mrs. R. S. Sheppard's Burnbrae Stables. Other leading figures in racing circles have been the Hawke family.

CHURCHILL BORN HERE

Hon. Gordon Churchill, DSO, M.A., LL.B., minister of trade and commerce in the federal government, was born in Coldwater; son of the Methodist minister in the village at the turn of the century.

GHOSTLY LEGEND

First tavern in the Coldwater area was kept by a man named Lobb, and tales of blood and ghostly legends were related in connection with his premises, on which human bones were found after his departure.



The "Kirk"

ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church at Coldwater is this neat, red brick structure. Members recently celebrated the congregation's 60th anniversary at a service Oct. 5. Present minister is Rev. Charles Carter.

—Photo by Ken Jennings.

Auxiliary boosters of community

Wives, mothers and sisters of ex-service men are eligible to become members of a Ladies' Weatherill, Mrs. Grace Worrell, Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion. So on Feb. 10, 1948, 25 Haines, Mrs. Margaret Devitt and Mrs. Georgina Douglas.

By October, 1958, membership had expanded to 42. Past-presidents are Mrs. Rose Manning, Mrs. Devere Worrell, Mrs. Catherine Stevens, Mrs. Marjorie Brown, Mrs. Ruth Danby, Mrs. Zoa Dunlop, Mrs. Vera Godfrey, Mrs. Verna Godfrey, Mrs. Mary Jacob, Mrs. Eva Lovelace, Mrs. Kathleen Lye, Mrs. Viola Lye, Mrs. Rose Manning, Mrs. Helen Polkinghorne, Mrs. Doris Robertson, Mrs. Audrey Sallows, Mrs. Elsie Sallows, Mrs. Jessie Sallows, Mrs. Catherine Stevens, Mrs. Rosella Weatherill, Mrs. Grace Worrell, Mrs. Cora Lane, Mrs. Jean Haines, Mrs. Margaret Devitt and Mrs. Georgina Douglas.

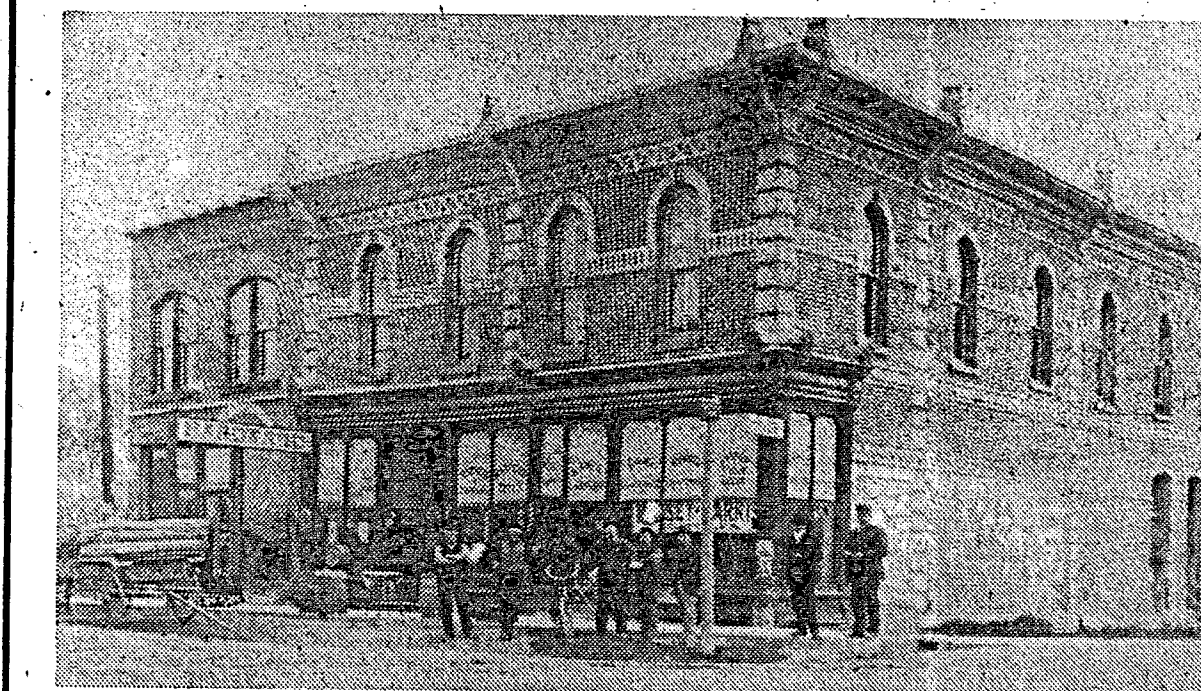
Each year the members sponsor a carnival, a Christmas party for children of the Legion and Auxiliary members, and a tag day for the Navy League of Canada. An active part is taken in the annual Cemetery Decoration Day, church parade, Armistice Day service and the selling of poppies. They also cater for the Remembrance Day dinner.

Some of their donations include those to the Unitarian Service, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Legion and Auxiliary scholarship, the Canadian Youth Training Plan and the British Sailor Society.

The women pledged \$300 towards a Community Centre and have given \$100 towards uniforms for the Legion Boys' Buleen Sallows, Mrs. Jessie Sallows, Mrs. Catherine Stevens, Mrs. Rosella Weatherill, Mrs. Grace Worrell, Mrs. Cora Lane, Mrs. Jean Haines, Mrs. Margaret Devitt and Mrs. Georgina Douglas.

In Service To Coldwater For 88 Years

Back in 1870 W. H. Manning, extreme right in the old photo (below) founded the Manning store. There were comparatively few lines of hardware in those days with value and service foremost in the store's policy.



Established in 1898

Village Presbyterian kirk now sixty years young

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Coldwater, in this month of October, celebrated its 60th anniversary.

Rev. George Arnold was the first minister of the church and W. J. (John) Leatherdale was the first Sunday School superintendent. Miss Norma Ryan was secretary-treasurer.

For the church's diamond anniversary, part of the large attendance at morning and evening services conducted by Rev. J. A. Thomson, B.A., of St. Mark's Church, Orillia, were from towns and villages of the district. Mrs. William T. Stewart and James Lazony who were at the anniversary also attended the first services in 1898.

Coldwater Junior Choir under direction of Mrs. Argyle Eplett, and Midland male quartet assisted with the music. Charles Orser of Price's Corners and Robert Bell of Midland were soloists.

Rev. Charles Carter, B.A., B.D., has been minister at St. Andrew's since 1951. Others who have served as ministers and the present church officers and Board of Management are:

Rev. George Arnold, 1898-1901; Rev. W. C. Mercer, 1902-1905; Rev. A. J. Fowle, 1906-1910; Rev. W. Scott, 1911-1913; Rev. G. A. McDonald, 1914-1920; Rev. T. M. Wesley, 1920-1922; Rev. D. H. Currie, 1922-1925; Rev. G. I. Crow, 1925-1929; Rev. L. E. Gossell, 1929-1945; Rev. Wallace McClean, 1946-1950.

Church officers for 1958 are: secretary-treasurer, M. E. Walker; organist, Mrs. Lloyd Letherby; Sunday School super-

intendent, Lloyd Letherby; president, Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Andrew Dunlop; president, WMS, Mrs. J. A. Locking; president, YWMA, Mrs. Wm. Wylie; clerk, Eldred Fell; J. A. Locking; W. C. Wylie; trustees, Eldred Fell; M. E. Walker; W. C. Wylie.

Board of management, 1958: Lloyd Letherby, chairman; Mrs. Wm. Wylie, secretary; Eldred Fell; Wm. C. Wylie, J. A. Locking, Bruce Speerin, Roy Galbraith, George Kingsborough, Mrs. Archie Tucker, Jack Dunlop.

The first recorded minutes were those of June 24, 1898. At a meeting presided over by Rev. George Arnold, with Dr. J. A. Harvie as secretary, a decision was reached to build a church at Gray and John streets. Other business was appointment of a Board of Management and a Ladies' Aid.

Members of the first Board of Management were Dr. J. A. Harvie, Andrew Paterson, W. J. Leatherdale, D. Currie, and Mr. Steinhoff.

Mrs. John Gray was the first president of the Ladies' Aid and her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Harvie, secretary-treasurer. The first meeting of the Aid was June 28, 1898.

The new church was opened Sunday, Jan. 1, 1899, with Rev. G. Arnold as minister. Miss Norma Ryan was secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School.

Among families who gave faithful service were the Cheaters, Harvies, Leatherdales, Walkers; organist, Mrs. Lloyd Letherby; Sunday School super-

To-day Manning's carry on under the same name and in the same location, but with a greatly enlarged completely modernized store, featuring the very latest and best in appliances, furniture and other lines.

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GOLDEN WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Sr., marked their 50th anniversary March 11, 1924. In front of the family residence, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maconachie, are back row, left to right, Wm. J. Sheppard, Jr., Lee Sheppard, Charles H. Sheppard, Stanley Sheppard; front row, Herb Sheppard, Annie Sheppard (Mrs. F. M. Gray), Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Two P.M.'s visited Coldwater

Two prime ministers of Canada have visited Coldwater while in office. One was on an official visit, the other made a brief stop on the way through by train to Midland.

In August, 1952, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and party arrived in Coldwater by motor car and were greeted at the Memorial Library by then Reeve Andrew Dunlop, district reeve, municipal representatives, and a large gathering of residents of the community.

Reeve Dunlop's address of welcome was presented to the prime minister as a memento of the occasion. Gail Dunlop and Sandra Galbraith, both age 5, presented Mrs. St. Laurent and her daughter with bouquets.

The government officials were accompanied by Simcoe East member of parliament at the time, the late William A. Robinson.

During an election campaign, believed to have been in 1896, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stopped at the CNR station at Coldwater to deliver a few remarks. Among those on the train with him was W. J. Sheppard Sr., of Coldwater, father of William Sheppard and Stanley Sheppard, present residents of Coldwater.

The member of the Ontario Legislature for Simcoe East in this jubilee year is Lloyd Leith, a Coldwater resident. Hon. Gordon Churchill, minister of Trade and Commerce in the federal government, was born in Coldwater in 1898 in the Methodist Church parsonage, the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Beach Sr., and family.



Grand
old lady

MINISTERING angel to the sick and the needy, mother and foster mother, Mrs. Rachel Buchanan, Coldwater pioneer and daughter of Jacob Gill, seated eighth from left, second row, marked her 85th birthday at her home the day this picture was taken. She is surrounded by a host of children, grandchildren, sons, daughters, relatives and friends.

Library vital to community citizens

Coldwater's beautiful library building, a gift presented to the village as a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, is a striking contrast to the modest quarters used in early days.

These once consisted of rooms in the Eplett and Millard blocks, and in the Anglican parish hall. A meeting of Coldwater citizens was held Dec. 15, 1896, to form a public library and reading room. W. J. Leatherdale acted as chairman and Rev. J. H. Sheppard was secretary.

A motion by H. L. Lovering and W. H. Manning at a meeting Feb. 15 was adopted approving a nine-member board. Those named were H. L. Lovering, J.

H. Sheppard, P. F. Hall, W. J. Lovering, H. S. French, C. G. Millard, W. J. Leatherdale, W. H. Manning and S. D. Eplett. H. L. Lovering was chosen president and J. H. Sheppard, secretary.

First paid librarian was Miss Susie Beich. Mrs. Harry Porch acted as librarian for a lengthy period and her only recompense came occasionally as a gift of money donated by supporters of the library.

Early active supporters included Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Mrs. S. D. Eplett, Mrs. R. Woodrow, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. C. G. Millard and Mrs. Milton Eplett.

The first library was in rooms

above the Eplett block at the Main Street corner, and it was later transferred to rooms in the Millard Block. The library returned to the Eplett Block and was then transferred to the parish hall; where it carried on until the Memorial Library was presented by the Sheppard family.

The early library provided the numerous daily newspapers published in Toronto at that time, and a wide variety of other reading matter in addition to books. Checker boards were available and the reading rooms were a popular haven for townspeople as there were no set hours and villagers could come and go at will.

Jaycees bring honor to village

Coldwater's Junior Chamber of Commerce brought considerable honor to the village when, during the 1957-58 season, they won the national membership contest over 295 other Jaycee clubs across Canada.

The award was made to the Jaycees for increasing their membership from 18 to 50 as the result of an active membership drive.

The purposes of the organization are the training of its members in leadership and the giving of leadership in civic service, through organizing the young men of the community to promote the welfare of the village and its citizens in active and constructive projects.

Coldwater Jaycees have sponsored Cubs, minor hockey, minor baseball, and have worked on the erection of street signs and the preparation of an industrial survey questionnaire.

The 1958-59 executive is composed as follows: Robert Legate, president; Doug Miller, 1st vice-president; Chester Melanowski, 2nd vice-president; Bernard Swalle, executive vice-president; George Macdonachie, secretary; Charles Wadge, recording secretary; and Jack Palmer, treasurer.

The Jaycees received their charter in May 1956 and the first executive was as follows: Charles E. Wadge, president; Ray Mills, 1st vice-president; Rowmayne Croskill, 2nd vice-president; Paul Pearce, treasurer; Robert Legate, secretary; and directors — Bernard Swalle, Jack Leithery, Abner Southern, Doug Miller, Donald Galbraith, and Donald Beaudoin.

Legion plays major role in village

by G. R. LANE

Coldwater Legion was created through the efforts of Rev. Arthur Harden of Coldwater, who served as a chaplain in World War I, and Rev. W. J. Province of Warminster, a veteran of both wars.

The first Legion building was on Main Street, N., facing the Coldwater River. It was donated by the Sheppard family and is now occupied by Doctors G. W. Hall and R. F. Brown. Previous to that it was an office of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. On Wednesday, July 9, 1952, the Legion and its Auxiliary opened their new building, Coronation Hall, on Gray Street, W., across the street from "Graymore". It was bought from Mrs. Gertrude Manning.

The Legion charter was granted Jan. 2, 1935, and the charter members were T. Langton, R. P. Bellamy, F. W. Brown, C. E. Stevens, Rev. H. Harden, W. V. Manning, B. Speerin, C. R. Orton, W. W. Williams, N. J. Evey, H. Worrell, G. Dunlop, C. W. Macdonald, Rev. W. J. Province, G. V. Caswell, A. Watt, J. MacIndoo, J. Yule, R. J. Barker and O. W. Lovelace.

Past Presidents are Thomas Langton, R. P. Bellamy, F. W. Brown, Fred Hodges, W. V. Manning, H. G. Webb, O. G. Eplett, Gordon Dunlop, Henry Lye, H. L. Stevens, L. E. Polkinghorne, R. Weatherill, H. E. W. Worrell, L. E. Hawke, S. J. Brodeur, Geo. Devitt, O. W. Lovelace, and G. R. Lane. The present president is Nelson James of Fesserton.

Regular meetings are held throughout the year on the first Friday of each month.

The Legion has always been active in community affairs, either directly or by generous donations and has aided veterans and their families everywhere. It holds carnivals and street dances, a Christmas tree party for children of veterans and auxiliary members, cribbage tournaments and horseshoe competitions; sponsors its own curling team, major and minor hockey, a woman's softball team, nature trips for boys. Each year \$60 in prizes is given for boys' and girls' athletic events at Huronia School Fair, and contributions are made to Medonte Sea Cadets, Girl Guides, community horse race meet, trips of Cubs to Niagara Falls, Brownie camps and the Santa Claus parade.

Besides annual donations to the Canadian Legion Scholarship Fund, the local branch has its own fund which is added to monthly to assist children of members who need further education. It also made a cash donation to the Coldwater Community Centre of \$1,250.

Its last local venture was to organize and help equip with instruments and uniforms, a boys' bugle band of 40 members. The band leader is Jack Lovelace, assisted by Douglas Miller and Douglas Orton.

Besides its local work, the Legion gives annual donations to the Canadian Institute for the Blind, the Tubercular Veterans Camp, the St. John Ambulance, Canadian March of Dimes, The Callow Veterans and Invalids Welfare and Salvation Army.

Each year it holds a Remembrance Day Sunday Service, a cenotaph service Nov. 11, and a Remembrance Day banquet in its hall. Its hall also has been used for a St. John Ambulance first aid course, a Ground Observer Corps and Civil Defence School, and the Georgian Bay Development Association meetings.

The present membership is 79. F. W. Brown has been the secretary-treasurer for the last 19 years.

Government Leaders Extend Greetings to Coldwater

It gives me great pleasure to extend my congratulations and cordial greetings to the civic authorities and to the citizens of Coldwater on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary as an incorporated municipality.

The fifty years since the founding of Coldwater have been marked by steady growth and this has been the parallel history of Canada as a whole over the same period.

Through the pages of the Golden Jubilee edition of the Free Press Herald and County Herald, I extend to one and all my best wishes for ever-expanding prosperity and continued peace.

JOHN DIEFENBAKER
Prime Minister of Canada.



It gives me great pleasure indeed, to associate with the good people of Coldwater on this, the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their village, and I am grateful to the Free Press Herald and the County Herald for extending to me the hospitality of their columns for this occasion.

It is well for Coldwater to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and look back on the achievements of its 1908 - 1958 period. The past 50 years have seen our province make gigantic strides in the fields of economy, social progress and cultural advancement. Villages like Coldwater have been in the van of this drive forward. Rural communities have been most important suppliers of men, food and raw materials for our expanding industries and our economy generally.

Of course, this 50th anniversary is only an incident in Coldwater's history. The community is one of the oldest known areas in Ontario. It was on the trail between the Lake Simcoe waters and those of the Georgian Bay. The Coldwater area goes back to the very beginning of our history.

I join with all native sons and the many friends of Coldwater in extending congratulations and best wishes to the present inhabitants of the village. It is our hope that Coldwater will continue to grow, prosper and provide this province with industrious and progressive citizens as it has done since its beginning.

LESLIE M. FRÖST
Prime Minister of Ontario.

It is a great pleasure for me to extend on behalf of the County of Simcoe warmest greetings to the people of the Village of Coldwater on its fiftieth anniversary as an incorporated municipality.

Coldwater has contributed much to the County in historical lore and distinguished citizens. Two of its favorite sons, Chas. Eplett and Ernie Miller, were energetic wardens of this County and I understand that back in 1877 before Coldwater was incorporated one of its residents, William Noble Rutledge, was reeve of Medonte and Warden of Simcoe County.

As we pause at this moment of celebration let us reflect on the accomplishments of the past and look forward with vision to the future. Nature endowed Simcoe County with many fine qualities, not the least being its people. Let us go forward together to build and develop our assets to the benefit of our community, our county and our country.

ARTHUR EVANS
Warden, Simcoe County.



I am particularly happy to be reeve of Coldwater this year when we are celebrating our fiftieth anniversary as an incorporated village.

In the past we have accomplished much. Many of our citizens can well remember many of the incidents and events which are related in this Coldwater Golden Jubilee edition published by the County Herald. We can all look back with a sense of pride on the development and progress of our community and, with the heavy construction and highway development taking place in our immediate area, I believe we are on the threshold of even greater things.

And so as our village passes this milestone in its history let us give thanks for past blessings and look to the future with renewed hope and vigour for an even bigger and better Coldwater.

LAWRENCE DEVINE
Reeve, Village of Coldwater.

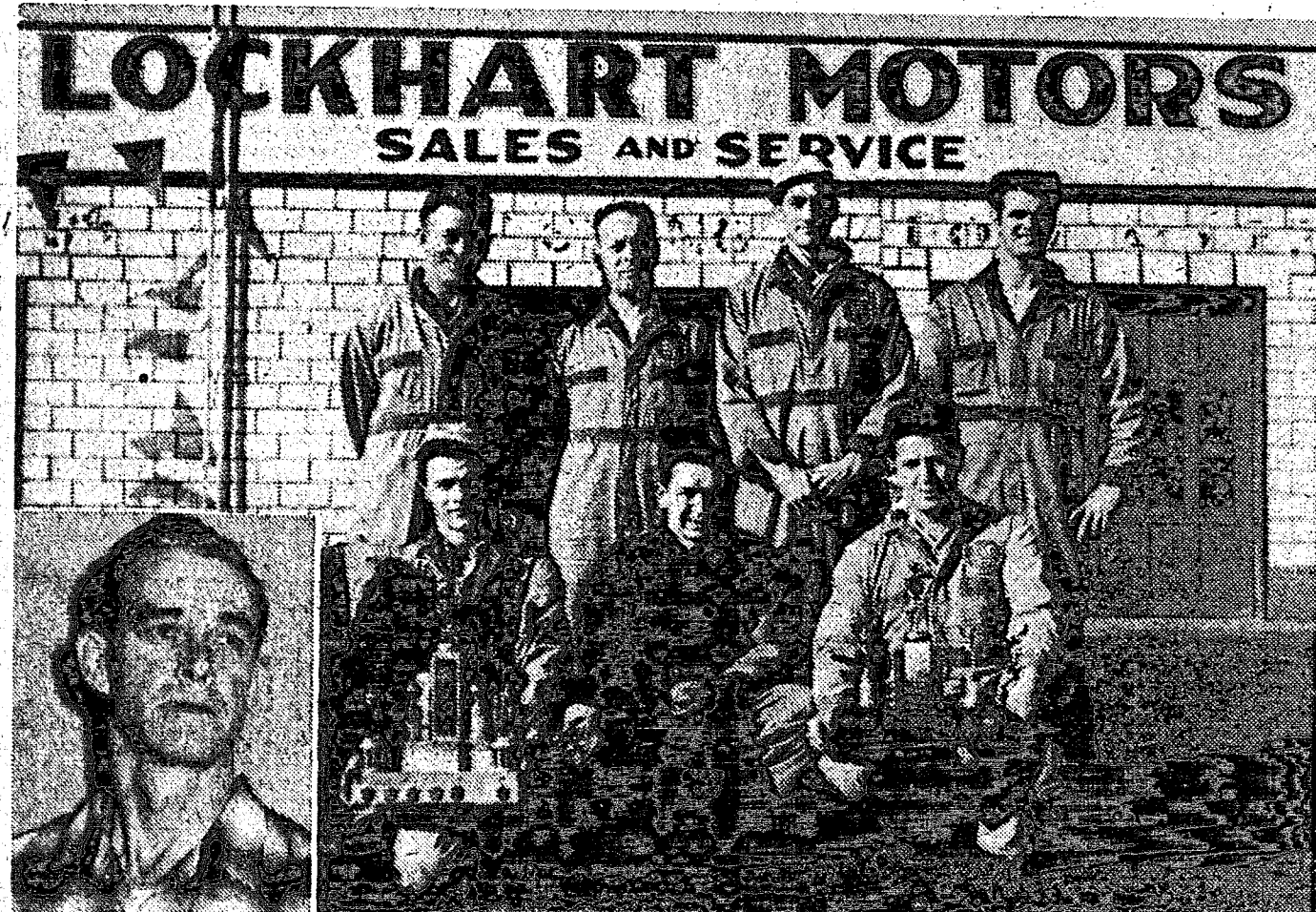


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Members of our staff display trophies won by Lockhart teams in North Simcoe Rural Hockey and Georgian Bay Rural Softball. Front row: Murray Gouneau, Ron Thompson, Bill Bergie; back row: Percy Pilon, Ed Crooke, Reg Allen, Doug McManis. Inset, Mel Lockhart.

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Built four churches

First met in log school
United Church roots go deep

Coldwater United Church, originally the Methodist Church, was the earliest congregation organized in the village. The first meetings were held in the old log school house, 92 years ago.

In 1868, the congregation, like the community, was growing so a frame church was built on a site near where the rink

now stands. As the membership increased, a new church was constructed next to the parsonage on Gray Street. This edifice, however, was torn down and a new one built.

But on March 26, 1923, it was destroyed by fire. Undaunted by this misfortune, the congregation began a new church (the present one). Rising out of the ashes of the old, it was opened Nov. 11, 1923. Its cost completed was \$25,000.

In 1925, the congregation voted in favor of church union and became the United Church. Rev. Ross Cumming has been minister since 1952.

Many old established families played a leading part in the life of the church, and many of their descendants still continue to do so.

Sunday School superintendents were: John Borland, R. Sawyer, H. L. Lovering, C. R. Brown, Leslie Brown, Leslie Bell, E. Griffin, Sidney Buchanan and Mrs. R. S. Sheppard.

Among the church pioneers were the Loverings, John Borland, Joseph Brown, James Young, Mrs. Buchanan, Southorns, Gratrix, Hopkins and the Eplett.

Officers of the church for 1958 are:

Session: active elders, R. C. Burns; Norman Durnford; Mel. Lovering, Sr.; Norris Walker, C. H. Eplett.

Stewards, Mrs. R. S. Sheppard, Miss Edna Walker, Walter Lovering, Mel. Lovering, Jr., Elmer Gratrix, Orla Bannerman, Frank Gleadall, Jos. Walker, George Devitt, Thomas Seymour.

Trustees, Mrs. Gordon Dunlop, Mrs. R. A. Elliott, Rex Polkinghorne, Mord Millard, C. H. Eplett.

Church treasurer is Orla Bannerman; missionary and maintenance treasurer, Mrs. Frank Gleadall; organist and choir director, Mrs. Lloyd Letherby;

assistant organist and junior choir director, Mrs. Argyle Eplett;

Junior choir assistant director Mrs. Gordon Dunlop; superintendent of senior Sunday School, Mrs. Walter Lovering; superintendent of junior Sunday School, Mrs. Howard Elliott; Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. F. W. Brown; Woman's Association president, Mrs. Ritchie Lane; secretary of congregation, Mrs. R. A. Elliott.

Junior church choir includes thirty voices

by MRS. R. A. ELLIOTT

Among Coldwater's unique assets is a junior church choir of almost 30 members — something many larger centres do not have.

While the Coldwater United Church Junior Choir cannot boast of as many members as the village itself, nonetheless it too, has an important birthday. It is 17 years old.

It was born in 1941, during the pastorate of Rev. F. C. Bayes. The director was Mrs. William Irvine, whom many will remember. She was assisted by Mrs. Gordon Dunlop and Miss Gladys Griffin, now Mrs. Robert Plunkett. Mrs. Argyle Eplett was organist.

In 1943, Mrs. Eplett became director, with Mrs. Dunlop continuing as assistant and Mrs. Lloyd Letherby as organist. These women still carry on the work of the choir.

There is an average membership of 28 voices, and there are two practices a week. Children of the other churches are not asked to join, but they may do so on request and their fresh young voices are a welcome addition to the choir.

At first, gowns were loaned by the Elmvalle United Church, until the local Woman's Assoc.

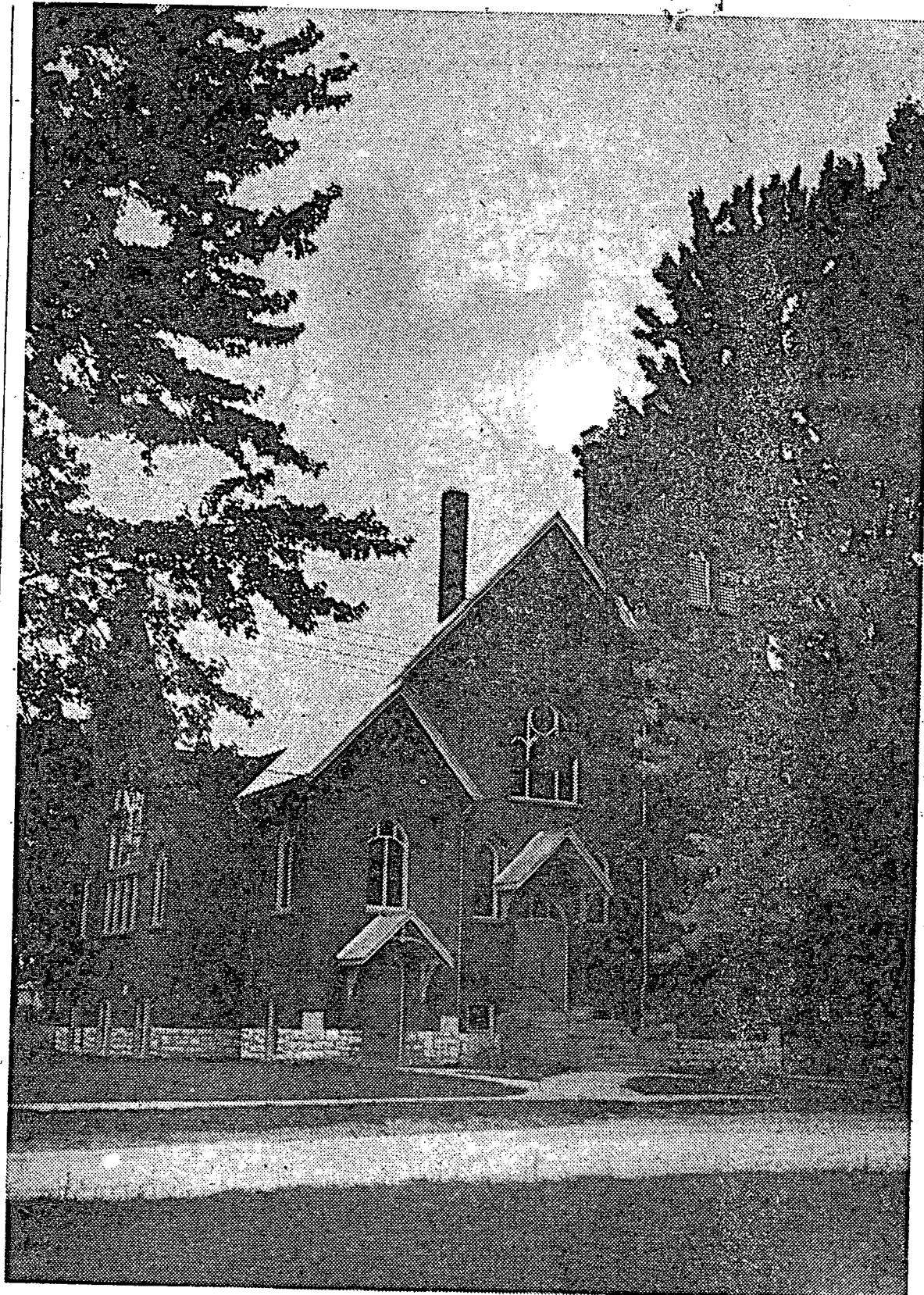
iation and some of the parents provided, surplises. Later, maroon cassocks were made and donated.

The junior choir has charge of the music for the last Sunday of each month.

Many of the selections are from the "Youth Hymnal", a gift from several members of the congregation. The children sing with excellent interpretation, and in beautiful harmony. At Christmas, Easter and on the church anniversary, the junior and senior choirs combine; these special occasions have become an institution looked forward to by many.

The young songsters are generous with their talents. They have sung at Orillia, North Bay, Vasey, Ebenezer, Eady, Waubashene and at the Presbyterian Church in Coldwater. Some years ago they sang at the wedding of Miss Helen Durnford, now Mrs. Don Jamieson.

The following were among the first members: Loreen Manning, Iris Vivian, Donna Crook, Dorothy Lye, Molly Eplett, Jean Gollaher, Rhoda Godfrey, Evelyn Langman, Bruce Lovering, Bob Elliott, Bill Elliott, Orley Vivian, Douglas Miller and Bill Dunlop.



Stately edifice

UNITED CHURCH in Coldwater is, like other village places of worship, surrounded by grass and trees. It faces the old public school grounds. Present minister is Rev. Ross Cumming. — Staff photo.

Junior choir assistant director Mrs. Gordon Dunlop; superintendent of senior Sunday School, Mrs. Walter Lovering; superintendent of junior Sunday School, Mrs. Howard Elliott; Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. F. W. Brown; Woman's Association president, Mrs. Ritchie Lane; secretary of congregation, Mrs. R. A. Elliott.

Ministers of the Coldwater Methodist Church up to the time of church union in 1925 were: Rev. A. James, Rev. B. Tucker, Rev. A. Strachan, Rev. J. Clippsham, Rev. S. Arkells, Rev. J. Morgan, Rev. A. Bedford, Rev. H. E. Kemp, Rev. Philip Jones, Rev. J. A. Churchill (father of Gordon Churchill, minister of Trade and Commerce) Rev. Arthur Ingram, Rev. Robert McKee, Rev. Hugh Brown, Rev. J. J. Wheatley, Rev. George Lawrence, Rev. John Stevenson, Rev. Manly Partridge.

Ministers from 1925 to 1958: Rev. Manly Partridge, Rev. Rev. C. L. Ingles, Rev. C. E. Clarke, Rev. W. L. Cullen, Rev. W. E. Mackey, Rev. J. J. Robins, Rev. H. D. Caesar, Rev. G. R. Maconachie (13 years); Rev. H. E. Pelletier (14 years); and Rev. R. A. Wigby.



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COLDWATER GARAGE

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Expert Mechanics — 24-Hr. O.M.L. Towing Service
COLDWATER PHONE 65

St. Matthias
built of
limestone

As though to emphasize the surety of foundation called for in the spiritual life, Coldwater's St. Matthias' Anglican Church, constructed of limestone blocks, is a solidly constructed gem of architectural beauty, located at Gray and Craddock Streets.

It was erected to replace a brick church which was destroyed by fire. Using complete Masonic ritual, the cornerstone was laid Sept. 2, 1910, by His Honor, Judge MacWatt. The church was opened July 19, 1911.

The interior is noteworthy for the expert handcarving in the wood structure, and for the many memorial furnishings donated by members of the congregation through the years.

The pipe organ was presented in memory of John Steele, a son of Commander Elmes Steele of Fair Valley, by his nephew James Henderson. The brass lectern was a gift by the members of their family, in memory of George and Jane Caswell.

The pulpit was carved and donated by E. E. C. Newton.

A recent gift was the handsome credence table in memory of Mrs. Mathilda Eplett, by her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Kennedy. The altar cross, a gift from Mrs. C. Shutt, was saved from the old church, along with the communion table, font and pulpit.

Last spring an endowment of \$9,000 was received from the estate of the late John Barnard.

The parish hall, of old English architecture, was remodelled in 1933. The church and hall are provided with oil heating systems.

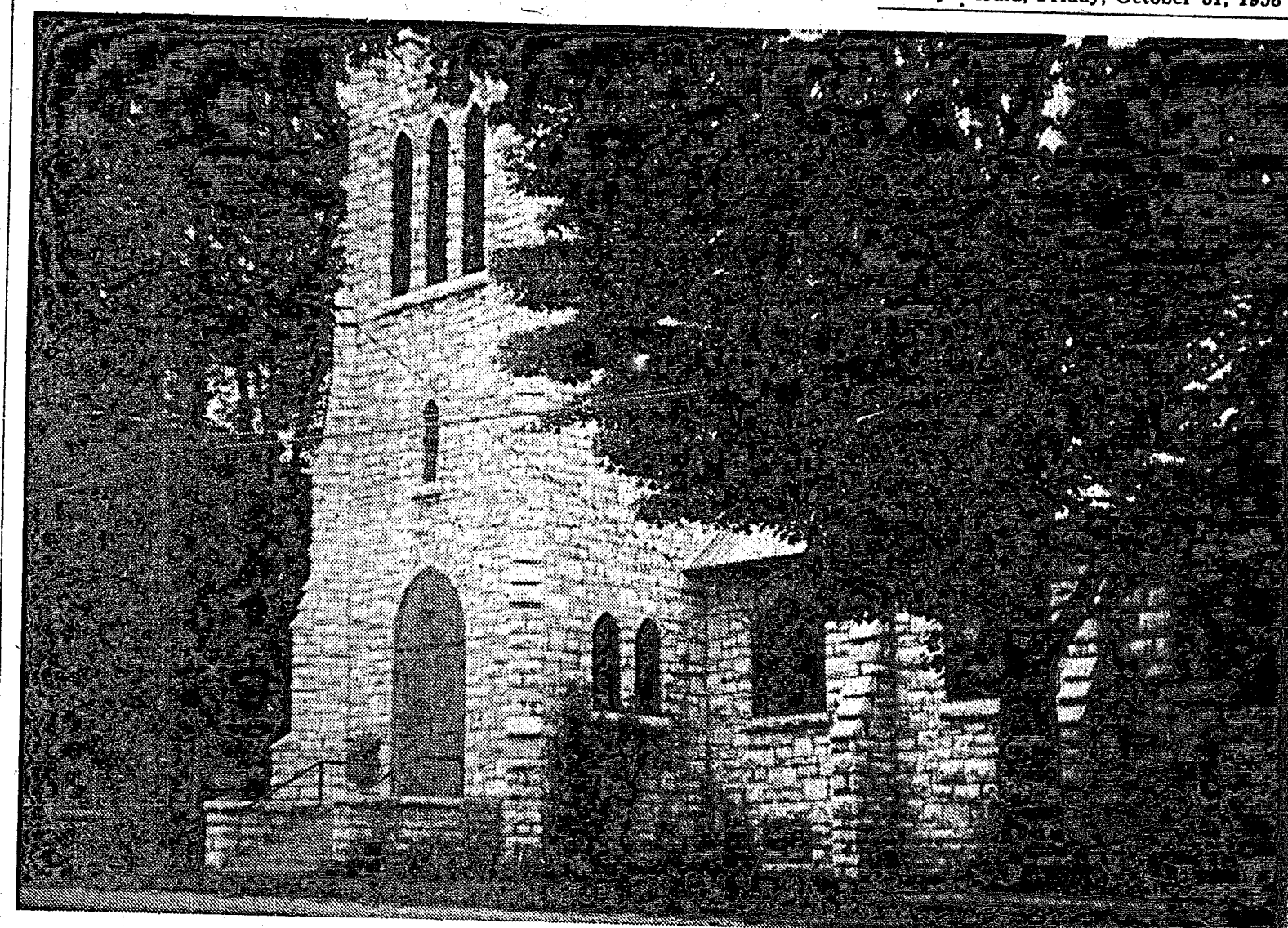
The present rector of St. Matthias' is Rev. Donald G. Churcher. Others who have served as rectors are Rev. W. H. French, Rev. C. H. Shutt, who preached his farewell sermon March 1, 1891; Rev. J. H. Sheppard, 1891-1913 (two curates served under Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Young and Mr. Slemin); Rev. C. L. Ingles; Rev. C. E. Clarke; Rev. W. L. Cullen; Rev. W. E. Mackey; Rev. J. J. Robins; Rev. H. D. Caesar; Rev. G. R. Maconachie (13 years); Rev. H. E. Pelletier (14 years); and Rev. R. A. Wigby.

Organizations forming part of the church's activities are: the Sunday School, Little Helpers, Women's Auxiliary, Women's Guild, Fellowship Group, choir and Chancel Guild.

Church officers in this jubilee year are: Earl Doble, rector's warden; Robert Maconachie, people's warden; John Tipping, organist; William Fielder, choir-master; church secretary, Mrs. Leigh Cooke; missionary secretary, R. L. Tipping.

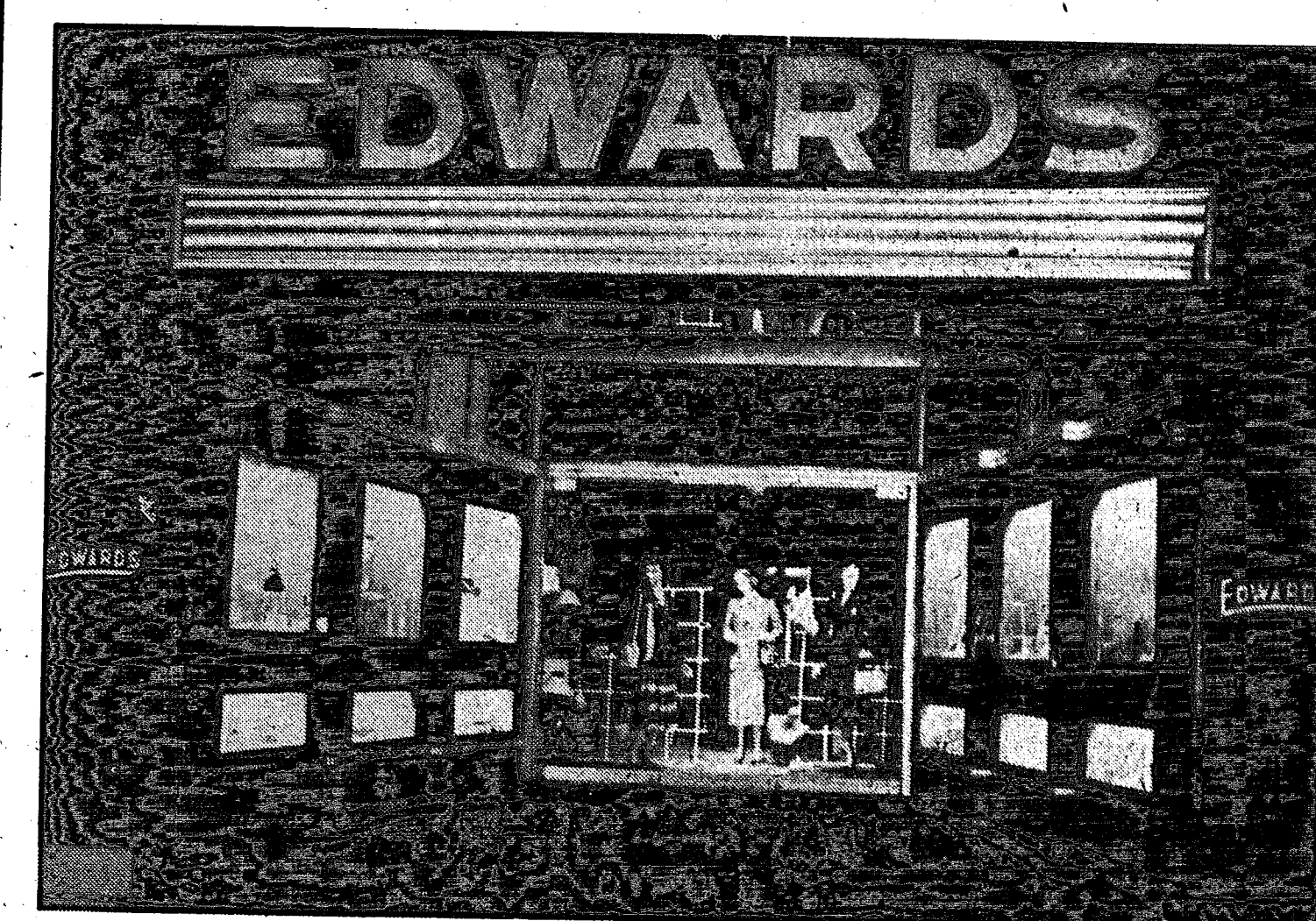


CHESTER MARTIN
—veteran clerk-treasurer of the village of Coldwater who discovered that 1958 was Coldwater's golden jubilee year. He was checking some old documents when he unearthed this information.



Architectural jewel

ST. MATTHIAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, its beautiful native stone surrounded by green foliage, has long been one of Coldwater's most attractive structures. Present incumbent is Rev. Donald Churcher, who assumed his duties here early in 1955. — Staff photo.



Congratulations Coldwater
on this great occasion

WE'RE HAPPY TO SALUTE OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
IN THE VILLAGE OF COLDWATER

For almost 38 years now we've been serving you and we've enjoyed every minute of it. We appreciate your patronage of the past and trust that we shall enjoy your continued confidence.

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CONGRATULATIONS COLDWATER On Your 50th Birthday

Best Wishes for Continued Progress
in the Years to Come.

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GODFREY BEAUTY SHOPPE

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Adds its CONGRATULATIONS to the Village of Coldwater on the occasion of its GOLDEN JUBILEE this year.
May the Future Bring Accelerated Progress.

It is a Pleasure to Offer
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF COLDWATER
In this GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR as a Municipality.
We Predict Notable Development for our Village in the
Coming Years.

DONALD GALBRAITH
Ontario Land Surveyor

COLDWATER PHONE 8

As One of the Newer Places of Business in Coldwater
We Take Pleasure in CONGRATULATING COLDWATER on
Attaining its Golden Jubilee.

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COLDWATER MAIN STREET

Our Heartiest Congratulations
Are Extended to Coldwater
ON ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY

WEBB MOTORS
Esso-Esso Extra — Repairs — Towing
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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Coldwater on its
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

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RUSSELL'S**

**SHELL STATION
AND STORE**

Extends

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and

BEST WISHES TO

COLDWATER

On its 50th Anniversary of
Incorporation as a Village.

Greetings from Coldwater Business Firms

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES
for progress in the future

A. E. Norris Walker

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CO-OPERATORS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
COLDWATER PHONE 92

It Gives Us Great
Pleasure

**To Wish Coldwater
Congratulations**

On Achieving the Half
Century Milestone as
an Incorporated
Municipality

Our Firm continues to Serve
as it has during the past 50
years.

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COLDWATER
AND PORT SEVERN

YOUR LOCAL DAIRY

Congratulates Coldwater

ON ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

As Coldwater Enters Upon a New Era Rich With Promise, Our
Aim Continues to be Highest Quality-With Good Service.

HURONIAN DAIRYLAND

COLDWATER PHONE 76

WYLIE COACH LINES

COLDWATER ONTARIO

Offer Congratulations and Hearty Good Wishes to Coldwater
on Reaching its Golden Jubilee.

Congratulations Coldwater

On Your

50th ANNIVERSARY.

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CONGRATULATIONS
ON 50 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT
AND BEST WISHES FOR FUTURE PROGRESS

CHARLES A. DANBY
Accountant and Auditor

COLDWATER PHONE 69

Had 14 subscribers in '89 may switch to dial soon

Although Coldwater Municipal Telephone System has kept pace with the times since phones were first established in the village 69 years ago, the next few years may see even greater changes.

M. S. Millard, commission chairman, said it is hoped within the next two years that the system will be converted to dial phones.

One of the first small Ontario centres to have telephone service, Coldwater boasted 14 subscribers as early as 1889.

Bell Telephone made the first installations in that year, and Jacob Arnold, an insurance agent, was appointed local manager. Telephone plant was installed in a hardware store.

A strong interest in the instrument, invented in 1876 by Scottish immigrant Alexander Graham Bell, prevailed in Coldwater in those early years. In 1892, a Mr. House, the Bell's Hamilton representative, came to the village and induced druggist C. G. Millard to take over management.

A flash fire destroyed the entire exchange July 27, 1906. Preserved in the Bell's historical collection in Montreal, a Great North Western telegram of July 28 of that year, sent to the Bell in Toronto, states tersely: "Our office at Coldwater was totally destroyed by fire last night. — C. W. Stringer, District Manager."

All telephone records, as well as the instruments were destroyed. Service to subscribers, however, was restored by mobile equipment immediately.

The Bell office remained in the care of the druggist until 1916, when the Coldwater Municipal Telephone System bought the interests. Service was then centred on Main Street North.

In 1936 the 125 customers were served by a magneto system. There were four Bell toll lines and connections with the North River Municipal Telephone System, the Medonte Telephone System and the Millard Private Telephone Company line from Port Severn.

Mrs. Clifford Orton, in charge of the municipal telephone system from 1922, retired from that position in 1947. Mrs. Cecil Dunlop took her place.

In the past few years, telephone service in Coldwater has expanded steadily. Many of the present customers will be interested to note the persons listed in the November, 1958, telephone directory:

Coldwater Agency
Central Office: Main Street
Office open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. week days; 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

J. C. ARNOLD, Local Manager
Arnold, J. C., Insurance and General Agent, Main St.
Borland House, Wm. Borland, Prop., Main St.

Caswell, Geo., General Store, Main St.
Grand Trunk R'y, Station
Harvie, Dr. Jas. A., Office and Residence, Main St.

King, W. A., Publisher, Tribune, Main St.
Leatherdale, W. J., Carriage Works, Epiett St.

Lovering, H. L. and Co. Coldwater Flour Mill, Mill St.
Lovering, H. L. and Co., Office, Main St.

Manning, W. H. and Co., Hardware Merchant, Main St.

Manning, W. H. Residence, Epiett St.
Michael, Jas., Coldwater Clothing House, Main St.

Ryan House, J. H. Ryan, Prop., Main St.
Sheppard, W. J., Residence, Main St.

Among the persons connected with the municipal service through the years are Howard Elliott, Alfred J. Griffin and Andrew Lovering, secretary-treasurers and commissioners; Miss Ethel Sallows, assistant manager; and Mord Millard, plant superintendent.

Members of the commission are M. S. Millard, chairman for several years, James Kitchen, Coldwater, Fred Smith, Fesserton, Wm. A. Harvie, secretary-treasurer.

Supervisor is Mrs. Dorothy Sallows, and operators are Iris Beach, Muriel Silk and Glenda Gill.

Village Masonic lodge nearly 50 years old

by G. R. LANE

The idea of a Masonic lodge for Coldwater was first proposed by J. C. Prior, Grand Trunk agent at Coldwater, and J. W. Garrett, general storekeeper in the Murphy Block opposite the Denison Hotel. The first letter mailed to a group of Masons to find ways and means of establishing a lodge was Jan. 21, 1909.

Right Worshipful Brother E. C. C. Campbell, district deputy grand master from Shelburne, presided over the first meeting April 29, 1909. Charles Simmons was the first master, J. W. Garrett was senior warden and S. G. Leonard, junior warden.

The first meeting was held in the C. G. Millard Hall which the lodge rented for \$5 a month. There were 75 in attendance from Orillia, Elmville, Victoria Harbour and Midland lodges.

The charter was granted by Grand Lodge July 20, 1910, and in addition to the above three, the following were the additional charter members: Rev. Joseph H. Sheppard, Robt. C. Blackburn, A. W. Robinson, J. C. Prior, Milford Switzer, Robt. A. Brown, J. C. Parker, W. H. Manning, Jas. Kingsborough, Robt. Manning, Chas. H. Epiett, Dr. Wm. B. Boyd, Wm. D. Lovering, Joseph Faulkner, Thomas L. Ripley, J. W. Templeman and David Hall.

Past masters who have presided for one or more years since 1909 were in succession of which 56 are war veterans.

Chas. Simmons, R. A. Brown, J. C. Prior, H. Wellwood, C. G. Millard, G. W. Scott, J. L. Shields, R. Quantrell, T. G. Cornell, H. Elliott, G. T. Sullivan, C. E. Amos, R. A. Elliott, F. C. Brown, C. S. Robinson, F. W. Brown, E. Haskell, H. Gower, C. H. Cooke, A. C. Robins, C. H. Epiett, A. T. G. Cornell, Thomas Langton, M. S. Millard, R. F. Aitchison, (two years), F. C. Lovering, Rev. Arthur Harden, W. W. Williams, Dr. G. W. Hall, W. V. Manning, Eric Downing, Geo. Webb, Keith Robinson, G. R. Polkinghorne, G. C. Kingsborough, W. R. Harbly, C. W. Brown, H. L. Stevens, G. R. Lane, M. J. Lovering, Dr. A. E. Hughes, W. L. Lovering and G. E. Cooper.

Members of Karnak Lodge who have become masters of other lodges are T. D. Brown in Orillia; Dr. H. H. Harvie at Espanola; F. C. Millard at Vanguard, Sask.; and J. M. Spence at Conquest, Sask.

Rt. W. Bro. Howard Gover was district deputy grand master in 1929 and D. F. Athron of Waubesa is the present master. The lodge quarters for many years have been over the Millard Drug Store and Embassy Theatre.

Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month except July and August. There are 121 active members of which 56 are war veterans.



**Housed
phone
exchange**

THE LONG-LEGGED, long-necked, stuffed bittern, which for many years sat on a showcase in Millard's Drug Store was well-known to Coldwater citizens of 1908 when this picture was taken. On the left is Charles Millard, proprietor and Coldwater's first reeve, Elmer Madill and Miss Ethel Higginson, now Mrs. McKenzie of Toronto. The first telephone exchange was housed in the Millard store.

Serves townships

Fire brigade maintained efficiency

Coldwater's volunteer fire department, like the rest of the village, has kept progress with the times and is striving constantly to master new techniques and equipment in the realm of firefighting.

On several occasions, in recent years, its efficiency has been instrumental in preventing outbreaks of major conflagrations and curtailing existing fire losses to a minimum.

While their first responsibility is to the village they serve, Coldwater firemen also have on numerous occasions gone to the aid of nearby communities. In agreements signed with the two municipal councils of Matchedash and Medonte, they provide fire protection to certain areas of those municipalities.

The first piece of firefighting equipment which the brigade possessed was operated by manpower. Then, shortly after the village was incorporated, a second pumper was obtained.

The present pumper truck was bought in 1949. Its tank and much of the other fixed assets on the vehicle were constructed locally by Keith Robinson and Archie Tucker.

When the brigade was first organized, Sam Epiett was named chief. Other fire chiefs have been Bill Beach, Sr., Nelson Wood, Keith Robinson, and Charlie Simmons. Members of Simcoe County Mutual Aid, the village brigade meets the first Tuesday of every month. Current fire chief is

Herb Stevens. Officers and men are Keith Robinson, capt.; Doug Peden, 1st lieutenant; Freddie Brown, 2nd lieutenant; Cee Robinson, treasurer; Jim Kitchen, secretary; Don Peden, Lawrence Hawke, Morris Douglas, George Webb, Mel Wyley, Archie Tucker, Bernard Swale, Jack Palmer, Cyril Capling, Joe Barden, Wm. Beach, Jr., Don Galbraith, Victor Turner, Lawrence Devine, Doug Miller, Jack Letherby, and Wally McFarland, firemen.

ADDED FEATURES
On the Coldwater page in the regular section of the County Herald there are additional stories and pictures included as a feature of this Golden Jubilee edition.

Congratulations Coldwater

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area, such as the new Provincial Park at Bass Lake and the Conservation Camp in Medonte Township.

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Society has held 65 fairs

Huron Agricultural Society is generally conceded to be the most effective co-operating link between the village of Coldwater and the surrounding rural community.

The society has weathered some difficult periods in presenting 65 annual fall fairs.

The efforts of the directors and members have resulted in what is considered to be one of the finest small exhibitions in Ontario.

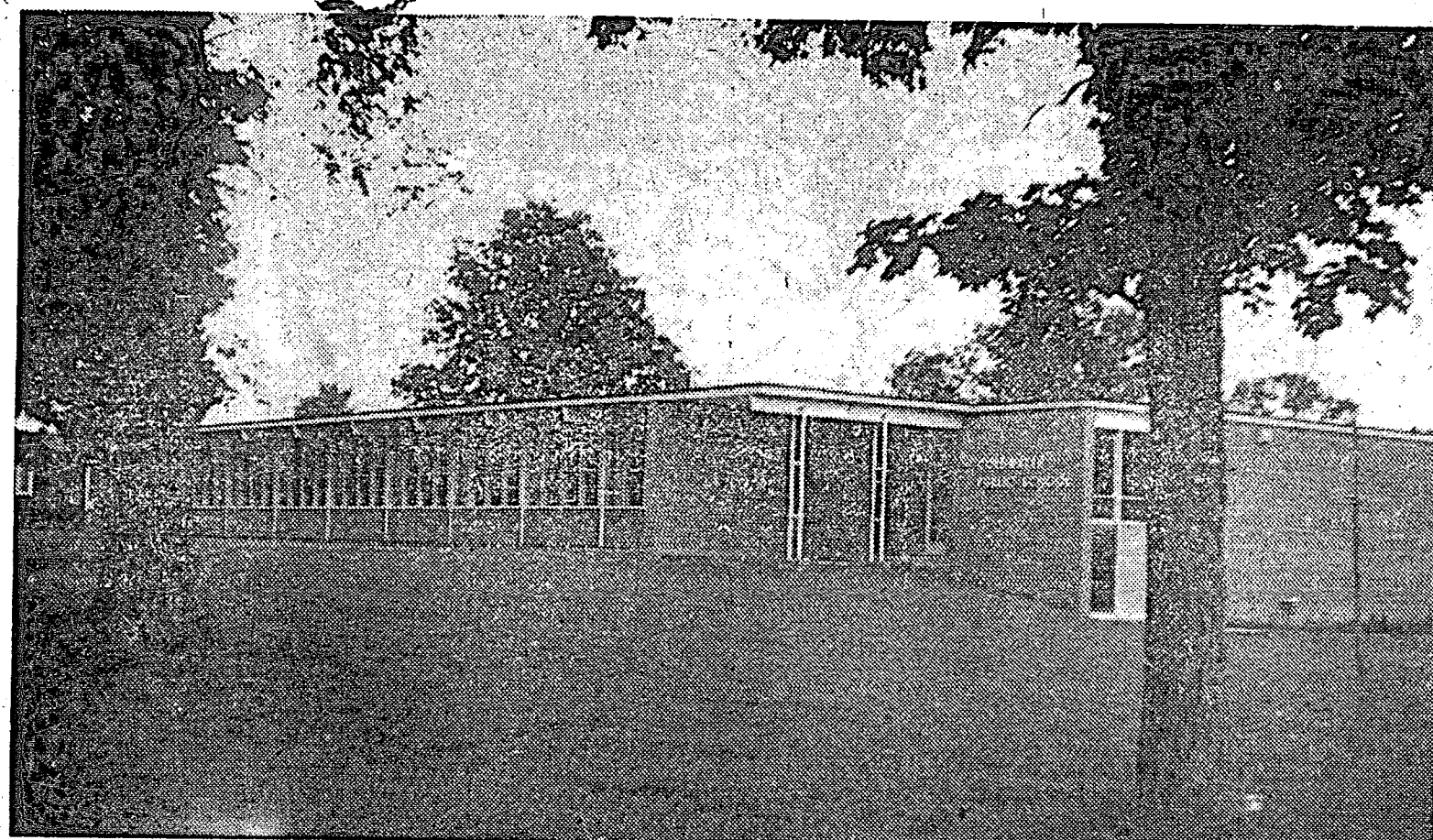
In recent years, especially, the fair at Coldwater has attained a prominence out of all proportion to its classification.

There are three members who have received certificates of merit from the department of agriculture.

One of these, Harry Martin, the last of the original members, has held all offices in the executive, has attended every one of the 65 fairs and has maintained his membership without interruption.

No prize list is available for the first fair but Harry Martin has one of the fairs in 1895. Executive of the society in that year was: E. W. Kitchen, president; W. D. Lovering, 1st vice-president; A. Paterson, 2nd vice-president; Rev. J. H. Sheppard, secretary-treasurer and directors: Job Russell, Matchedash; Dr. J. A. Harvie, Coldwater; W. H. Manning, Coldwater; W. J. Beatty, Tay; Luke Leatherdale, Coldwater; Josiah Kean, Fesserton; David Lovering, Matchedash, and Oliver Borrow, Matchedash.

Frank Craddock owned the first fair grounds, which were



**Progress
in education**

MODERN PUBLIC SCHOOL, opened in the fall of 1956, gives dramatic evidence of the village's progress. The Minister of Education, Hon. Wm. J. Dunlop, officially opened the five-room, \$100,000 structure.

—Staff photo.

located along the Coldwater River on land where "Graymore" residence is situated.

There were 10 acres without buildings and a one-third mile track. Exhibits were shown in Manning's Hall. At first there was no midway. The first merry-go-round was pulled by a horse. An unusual character at the fair was John O'Brien who sold shoe laces and pencils.

When the CPR was built through Coldwater, the fair grounds were divided in two. The present site was chosen as the new location. An early church and Abbott's Hall were used for exhibits.

Charles H. Eplett, 84, who is

still active in the fair, and a dynamo of energy, was in charge of the first fair on the present grounds in 1913. Mr. Eplett holds a certificate of merit from the agricultural department.

Another who holds a merit certificate is Mrs. James Lazony. For more than 30 years she was in charge of the flower display at the fair. This exhibit is now presented annually, with notable success, by the horticultural society.

The present executive is: T. A. Orton and Andrew Dunlop, honorary presidents; George Graham, president; Walter Orr, 1st vice-president; Eiley Lovering, 2nd vice-president and Chester Martin, secretary-treasurer.

COMMUNITY CENTRE GROUP STRIVES FOR NEW BUILDING

Coldwater Community Centre Association was first organized in June, 1951, after the village council had approved the enabling bylaw.

Several village organizations made contributions to establish the centre. Eiley Lovering, North River farmer, was the first chairman of the association, and Chester Martin, village clerk, has been secretary-treasurer since its inception.

The fair grounds were transferred to the association as the site for the community centre. Included in this property is the Dr. W. B. Boyd Memorial Park. In recent years, a stable to

accommodate harness horses, a grandstand, baseball diamond and other improvements have been added to the grounds.

Plans to establish a community centre building on the property were not completed. There is a possibility, however, that the skating rink owned by shareholders, may be transferred to the centre association and altered for use as a community building.

Those who have served as community centre chairmen are Eiley Lovering, Perce Brimage, Walter Orr and Douglas Miller.

First organized in 1910 W. I. once owned 'hotel'

by EDNA LONEY

The Coldwater Women's Institute was organized in 1910 by Miss Gilman. It had a membership of 24.

The first officers were president, Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, Sr.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. D. Eplett, Sr.; 2nd vice-president, Miss Ada Sheppard; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Milton Eplett.

The chief work of the Institute at that time was assisting the library. It also sponsored a rest room for rural shoppers. Both the library and rest room were located in the S. D. Eplett building now owned by Carmen Russell. The rest room was later closed.

After a short time, the Institute bought the old Grey house, which stood where George Webb's service station is built, and operated it as a temperance hotel. As the temperance question was a political issue, department officials felt the institute should not be connected with it.

At this time, interest in the W.I. seemed to decline and the WCTU became active for a period. But when World War I broke out the ladies banded together into a patriotic society.

In June, 1919, the W.I. again was organized by Mrs. A. P. Thomas. The following were elected officers: president, Mrs. S. D. Dunlop; 1st vice-president, Mrs. George Scott; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Howard Gover; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Milton Eplett. They presented programs on citizenship and education, agriculture, Canadian in-

dustries, historical research, current events, home economics and health, and resolutions.

Finances were derived from card and skating parties, dances, plays, afternoon tea and bake sales, serving lunch at local fall fair, selling tickets on quills, dinners and demonstrations of aluminum ware.

Donations have been given down through the years to the Navy League, the CNIB, agriculture society, Orlia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The W.I. has also sponsored toxoid for children, paid expenses of one girl's OAC course at Guelph. Red Cross, Chinese and Russian relief also received donations.

Members have canvassed for the Salvation Army, the Cancer Society, have helped the needy with clothing, bought eye glasses for children and Christmas baskets. Many boxes were packed for overseas. Flowers in the cemetery bed and park were sponsored by the W.I. until the Horticulture Society took over that project. Cards, baskets of fruit or flowers are sent to the sick and shut-in.

Wreaths are placed on the cenotaph each Armistice Day to honor those who lost their lives in the two wars. Boxes of food were packed and sent to another W.I. in England when they

were rationed so extensively.

Members of the 1919 organization still living are: Mrs. Albert Walker, Mrs. Howard Gover, Miss Nellie Leatherdale, Mrs. Andrew Lovering and Mrs. T. G. Cornell. Mrs. Walker is the only member of the 1910 executive living.

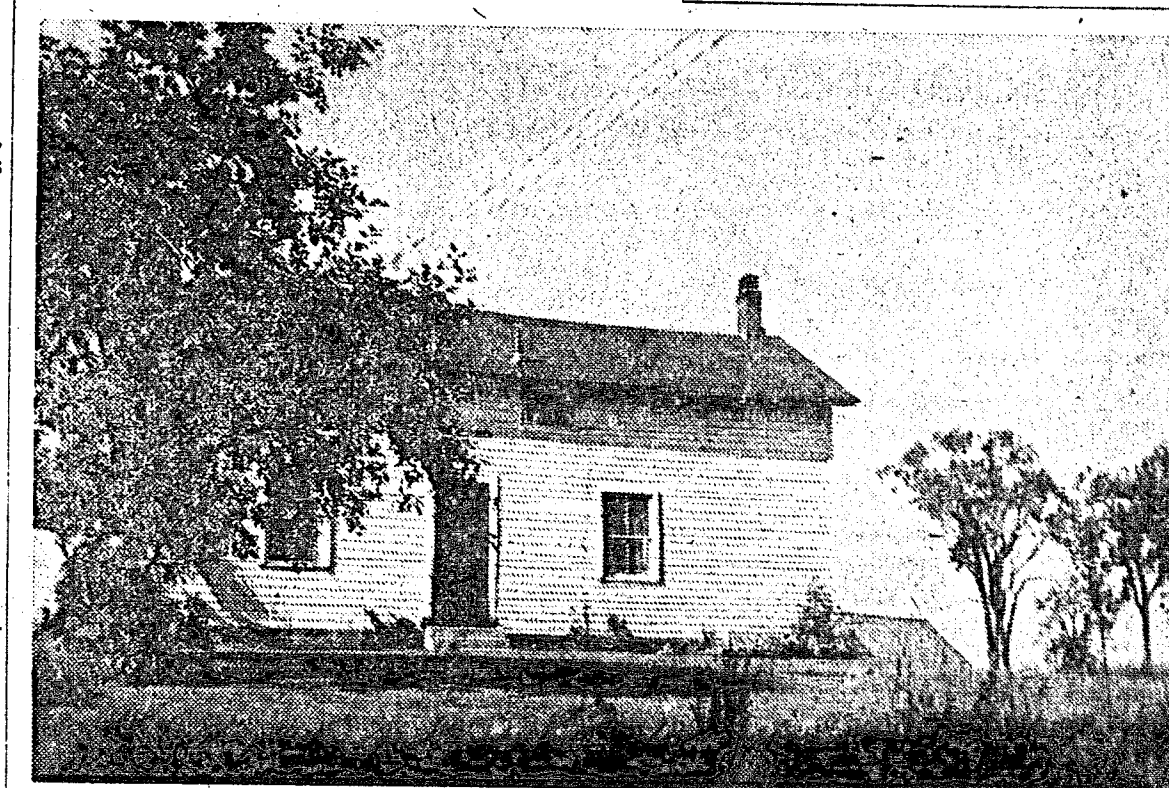
Today, the W.I. has a mem-

bership of 36, who enjoy working together for the good of all mankind, and, "In friends and kindness we share."

Coldwater Junior W.I. the only one in Simcoe County, was organized by Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale and the late Mrs. Ernest Miller, March 30, 1956. It had 14 charter members.

First officers were Mrs. Beverley Walker, president; Mrs. Ernie Godfrey, secretary-treasurer.

In early days, Coldwater Fair grounds were owned by Frank Craddock and were situated along the river where "Graymore" now stands.



**Pioneer
home**

FARMHOUSE on the Andrew Lovering property bordering the Coldwater River, has long been a village landmark. The family still holds a yellowed original deed for the property, from the Indians, dated 1832.—Staff photo.

Sawmills were top employers

Coldwater played a prominent part in the early lumber boom. A sawmill was one of the first industries established here about 1832, for it was needed to produce the lumber for homes and buildings, and for fuel.

One sawmill was located on the Coldwater River, and mills dotted the shore of Matchedash Bay, and at villages and towns on Georgian Bay and at Port Severn.

William J. Sheppard, Sr., and H. L. Lovering, early businessmen in Coldwater, were engaged in lumbering operations on a large scale, particularly after Mr. Sheppard and associates became owners of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, with headquarters at Waubaushene.

Mrs. Lloyd Letherby's father, the late John Lovering, was one of those employed by this firm, working on a contract basis in bush operations.

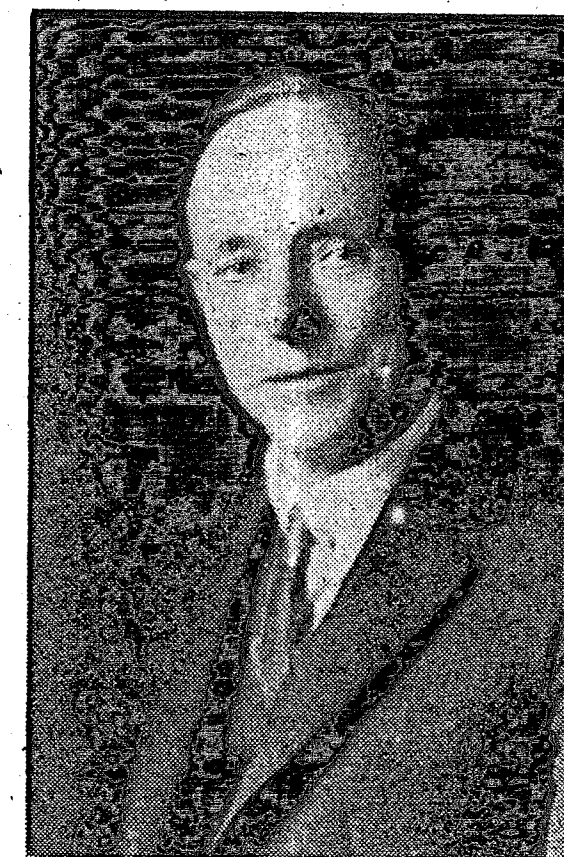
Lloyd Letherby's father was also engaged in the lumber business in Midland.

The first shingle mill was built in 1873 and was operated by Joseph Brown, who came to Coldwater from Georgetown. He located on property which became known as the Blaney farm.

After a year and a half, he sold his mill, purchased 50 acres of land in the northerly part of the village, and erected another mill. Close by, H. L. Lovering built another one and for more than 25 years the two mills, with their buzzing, ringing saws provided considerable employment.

Dense bush in this district included hardwood, pine, cedar, and hemlock.

As there was no railway at the time, mill owners loaded lumber and shingles on scows. These were pulled by tugs down the river, through the channel to the bay near Fesserton, where re-loading took place on sailing vessels. The latter delivered their cargoes to various ports.



THE LATE CHARLES G. MILLARD



MORD. S. MILLARD

Druggists for 67 Years

It was in 1891 the late Charles G. Millard opened a drug store in Coldwater. For a time a portion of the rear of the store was made available as an exchange office and switchboard for the village telephone system.

Since 1944 Mord. S. Millard, son of C. G. Millard, also a graduate druggist, has provided a modern pharmacy for Coldwater and district. Policy of the store includes insistence on drugs of the finest purity and uniformity, highest quality products, and efficient service.

Millard's Drug Store

Serving Coldwater and District

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Just South of Coldwater

We're happy to extend best wishes to the Village of Coldwater on its 50th Birthday and also to announce that our new store will soon be opened. For the past 12 years we have been in business in Waubaushene and we now look forward to serving the people of Coldwater and district as well.

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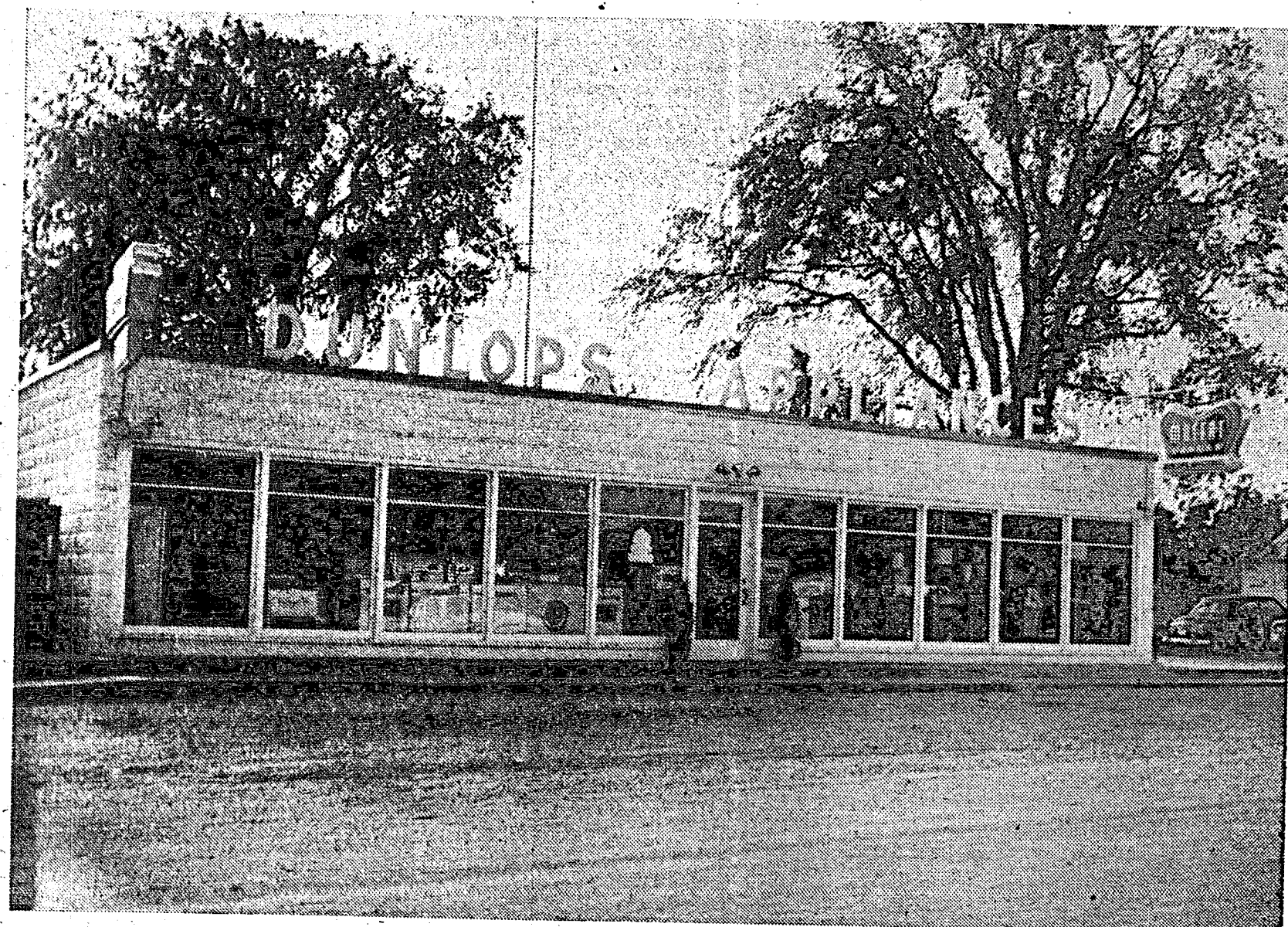
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"It Just Didn't Happen"

During the years since Coldwater became incorporated, succeeding owners of the Moonstone store along with other Medonte residents have been interested in the steady growth of the village. We are happy to join with so many others in extending best wishes for the future. Coldwater's progress just didn't happen and by the same token we know that Dunlop's Appliances store has not gained the measure of public acceptance which it has without the good will of our neighbors in the Coldwater area and elsewhere, plus our own efforts to give the maximum in service. In 1937 Lloyd Dunlop and his wife purchased the Moonstone store from Lloyd's father, Arthur Dunlop. The present modern store was built in 1955 on the site where the previous store was burned. Congratulations to Coldwater from members of our staff, including, Lloyd Dunlop, Marguerite Dunlop, Stan Hawke, Robert Beard, Vern Peckham, Mrs. Shirley Boyd, Arthur Dunlop, Jack Dunlop and Boyd Dunlop.

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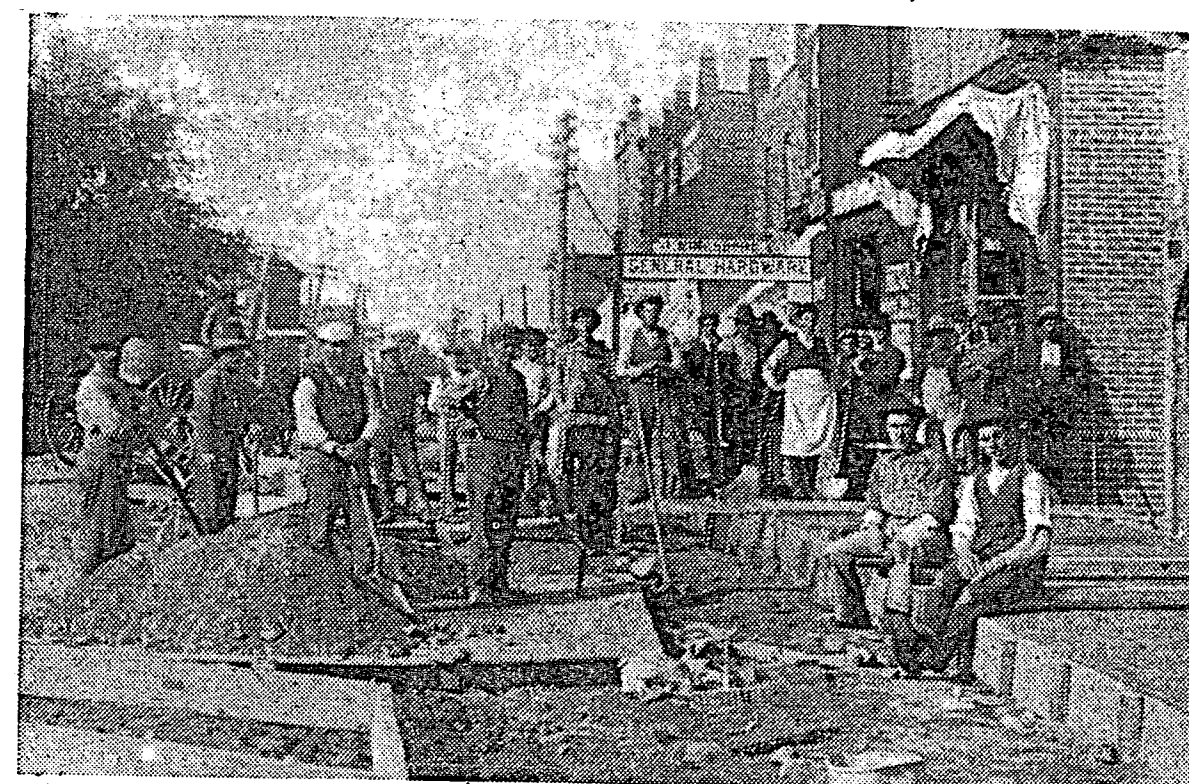
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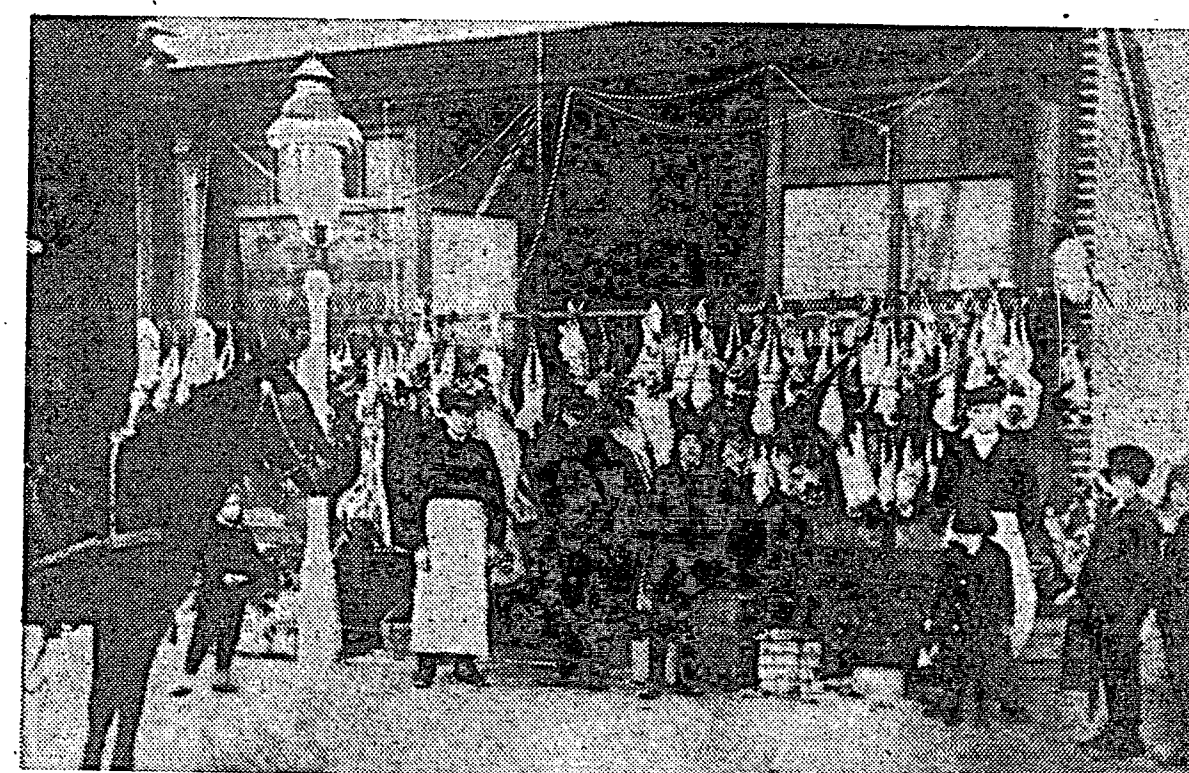
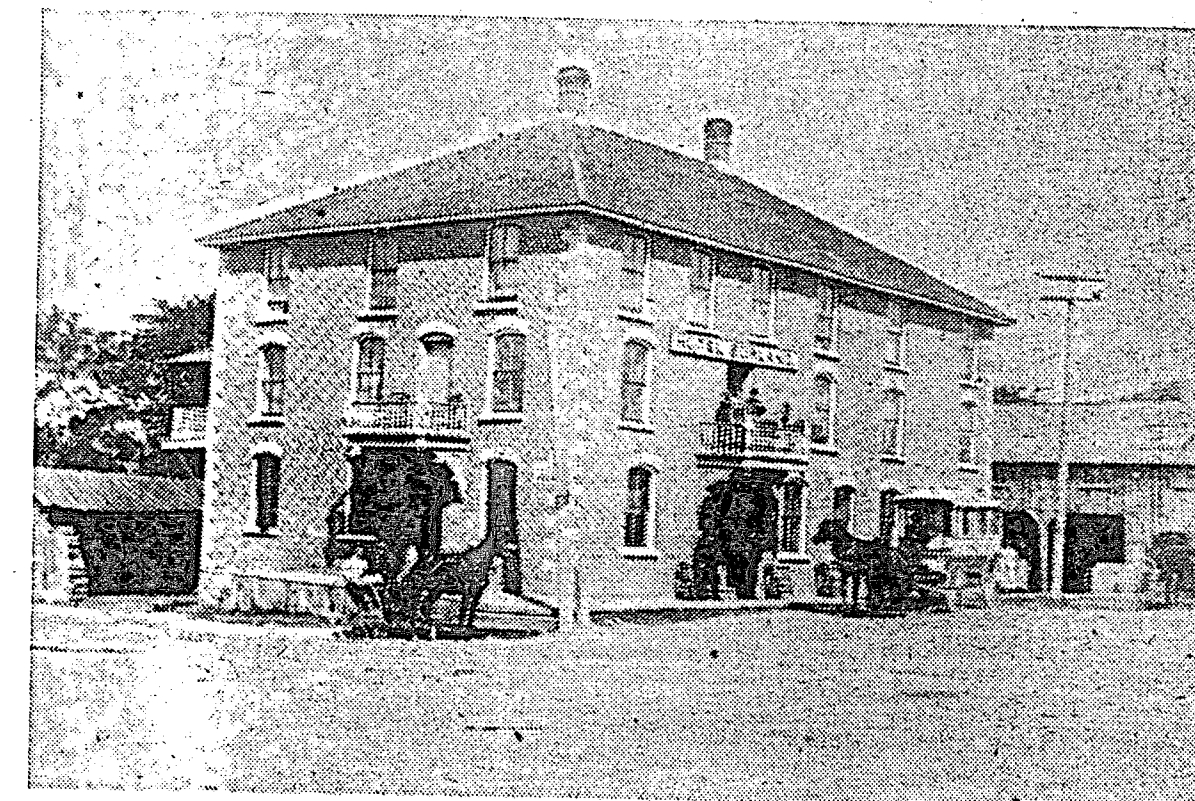
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Coldwater Golden Jubilee, Sec. 2



FIRST SIDEWALK in Coldwater, laid in 1903 by contractor Harry Eel with assistants Ernest Walker and son Jack Walker, was a red letter day in village life. Among those from Coldwater and district in the picture are Frank Orr, Harry Hawke, Spencer Higgins, Harry Eel, Charles McCann (wearing apron), Billy Orton, Jack Walker and Ernest Walker. The Walkers laid many of the sidewalks and their cement blocks and other building materials were used extensively. Jack Walker still carries on the business, making blocks, tile, etc.

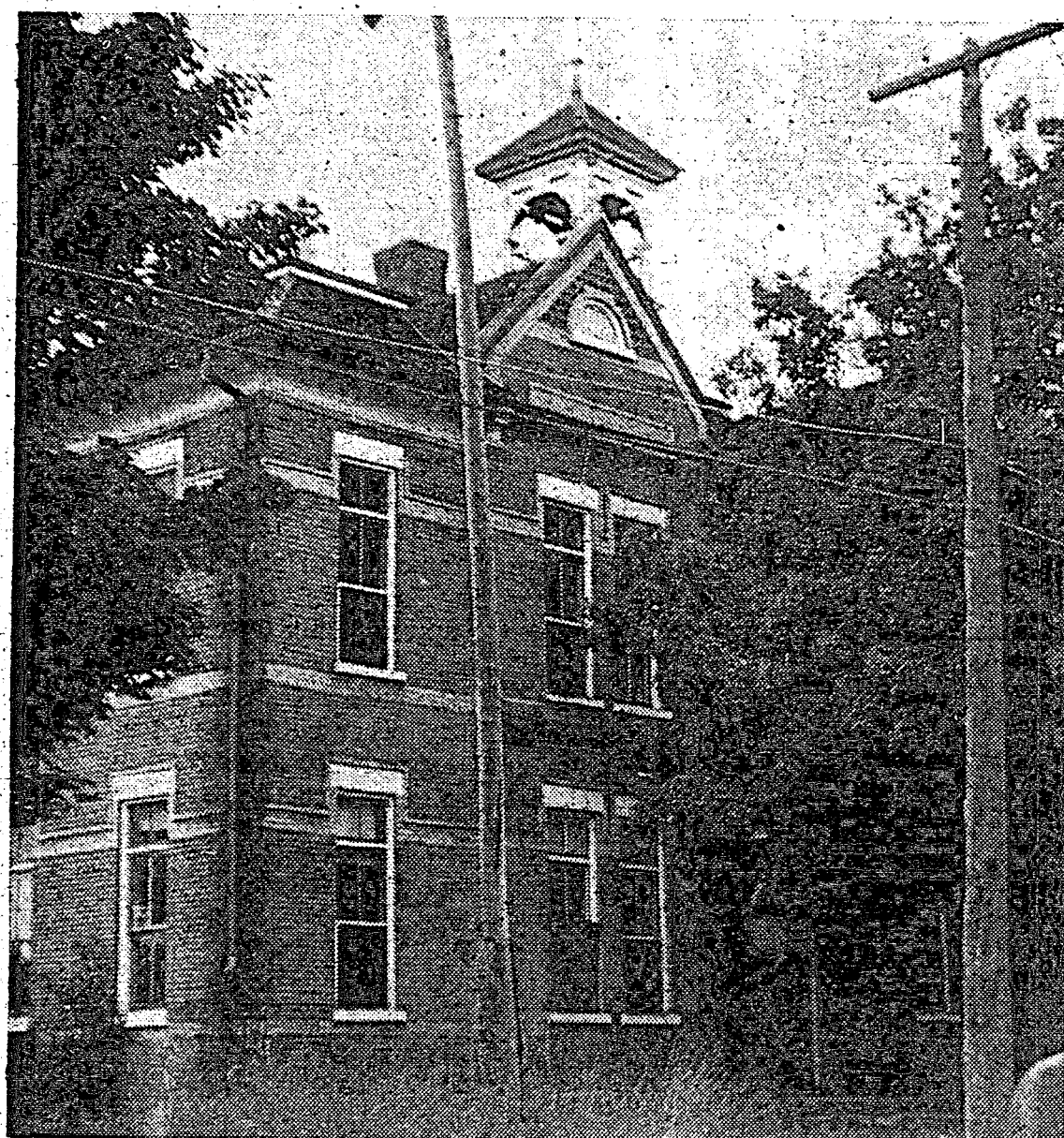
ONCE THE HOTEL Borland, now the Denison House, this building at Mill and Main Streets, Coldwater, was among the early business establishments in the village. It was built by William Borland, father of Frank Borland, a carpenter and resident of Coldwater. Drawn up in front of the hotel is the van that conveyed patrons of the hotel to and from the CNR station. Among the tenants on the main floor were Dr. W. B. Boyd, Mrs. Isaac Crookes, Wm. Blaney and a veterinarian.



FORMER VILLAGE reeve and county warden, C. H. Eplett operated this butcher shop in Coldwater. In this photo taken in 1903 meat and fowl are displayed in front of the shop. In the foreground is an old gas lamp standard. Included in the photo are, left to right, Frank Buchanan, Charles McCann, Howard Chester, Murray Chester, Charles Eplett, Marjorie Eplett (now Mrs. Fred W. Brown, wife of the postmaster), Garnet and Vane Caswell, sons of pioneer Coldwater resident Lorenzo Caswell.

GROUP (right) was pictured after the threshing at Herb Caswell's barn, located on Main Street across the road from the present home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lazonby. The old steam engine used at the time may be seen near the barn entrance. Among those in the photo are Charles Ostertag (still active), Charles H. Eplett (sitting on horse), and the girl who is now Mr. Eplett's wife (sitting on a sack of grain).





Village landmark

OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL will not be long on the village scene. A Kitchener contractor recently completed arrangements for purchasing the property, and plans to build several houses. — Staff photo.

In Coldwater

Formal education was available long before village incorporated

Formal education has been going on in Coldwater for a century and a quarter — long before the village was incorporated.

The roll of former Coldwater students shows many who gained leading positions in professional, business and industrial fields. To name a few, they include such names as Judge J. G. Harvie and his two brothers Dr. R. Morley Harvie and Dr. Horace Harvie; Professor Wilcox Sheppard, Dr. Bruce Griffin, Dr. Jack Prior, Dr. W. B. Leatherdale, Dr. Irvine Leatherdale, Rev. Norman Rawson, Dr. Walter Woodrow and Dr. Arthur Woodrow.

Coldwater's first school was built about 1830 on the west side of Main Street at the southern end of the village on the Caswell property. The old Indian school was a frame structure, and the only educational centre for a number of years.

About 94 years ago, the Methodist Church started a mission in Coldwater, and held services in the schoolhouse for a couple of years until they were able to build a church.

Turn about being fair play, some years later overcrowding forced some of the school children to hold classes in the Methodist church.

In 1875 the village built a new school, which was the first brick building in Coldwater. It served the pupils until about 1890 saw the erection of the public school at Gray and Craddock Streets.

An addition to the latter building was made in 1904. In the year of incorporation, 1908, a continuation school was started in part of the public school, to enable local children to get as high as fourth form in their home town. It served until the Continuation School was opened in 1923.

The continuation school was a seat of learning until 1949.

In 1948, Coldwater had become a part of the Orillia High School area, and senior pupils were transported to and from

Orillia by bus that year. The following year the continuation school was closed, and all of Coldwater's high school pupils went to Orillia.

The building was leased for use as a canning factory in 1951. Many men filled the position of principal at the public school. One of the early principals, N. Willison, later became a Lutheran minister.

Others were Wm. Morris, Wm. Robertson, John McDonald, Roy Watson, Gordon Werts, S. A. Goff, Thos. Bayley, Leslie Bell, Wm. Irvin, L. C. Forrester, Ivor Humphreys, Jack Day, Lorne Graham and Robert Legate.

A number of women have served on the public school board; among them Mrs. G. R. Macdonachie, Mrs. R. S. Sheppard, Mrs. Alden Robbins and Mrs. Bernice Williamson.

Mrs. James McDermid served as secretary for a few years and Mrs. M. S. Eplett for 20 years. At a joint meeting of the public school board and council in April, 1954, the advisability of constructing a new public school was discussed. Frank Williams, chairman of the board at that time, summarized the results of a survey on the problems presented by the old school.

All the trustees favored a new school.

The question was submitted to the school section in June of that year, 118 voting in favor and 87 casting ballots in opposition. With a majority approval, the school board followed procedure to have the new school constructed.

Before this was accomplished, many problems had to be ironed out by this and succeeding boards, and town councils under Andrew Dunlop and Lawrence Devine.

Opening of the five-room \$100,000 public school on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9, 1956, was a momentous occasion in the life of the community. Officially the Minister of Education, Hon. Wm. J. Dunlop.

Henry Porch

Came incorporation year, was "general factotum"

by BARRY CONN HUGHES
Henry Porch was born near Reading, England, in 1868. At the age of 14 he went to work at Huntley and Palmers Ltd. biscuit manufacturers, for the princely sum of \$1.50 a week.

After 26 years in the cookie business, Henry decided he'd had enough and emigrated to Canada, equipped with a letter of recommendation, a wife and two children. His wife's cousin was a clerk in Manning's Store, so they settled in Coldwater.

The arrival of the Porch family came only weeks after two important events in Coldwater's history: for the year 1908 also saw the burning of the Colley House and the incorporation of the village.

"A rather lively card party" had preceded the fire which destroyed the local hostelry, Mr. Porch recalls.

A traveller died in the blaze, and an inquest was being held shortly after Mr. Porch appeared on the scene. John Woodrow, Cliff's father, was then county constable but the proceedings required a village constable.

Henry was straightway sworn in as special constable for the occasion — the first of many jobs held by the versatile Englishman.

To say Henry Porch was a general factotum around Coldwater would be putting it mildly. When he quit the village service in 1932, his letter to clerk H. M. Chester stated he was resigning as operator of the hydro sub-station, manager of the waterworks system, tax collector, sanitary inspector, pound keeper and caretaker at the court house.

Mr. Porch kept careful records of both his own activities and those of the village council.

They show, among other things, that during the first six months of its incorporated existence, the village paid out \$6,550.82 and still had a surplus at the end of the year amounting to \$110.43.

At council's annual meeting in 1908, at which Reeve C. G. Millard presided, it was moved by W. H. Manning and seconded by W. J. Elliott "that on account of the street lights not giving satisfaction and not being lighted on January 8, 9 and 10, the contractor should forfeit \$2 per night."

The same year, Mr. Porch became sanitary inspector and caretaker of the court house.

In 1910 he took on the waterworks, and received \$1 for each half-day trip to the reservoir. He knew nothing about electricity, but as always was willing and eager to learn. In 1912 he watched its installation in the village and in the following year took over the sub-station behind Tipping's Store.

This added 35 cents an hour to the family coffers.

Visiting Hydro men helped Henry to learn this complicated job, as did a young schoolboy who had developed an avid interest in the subject. The lad was Wilcox Sheppard, who later became a prominent professor.

While the salaries Mr. Porch received for his various jobs seem meagre, costs too were a far cry from the present day. His light bill for June, 1920 was \$1.25.

The same year, he had to install his own drain, at a cost of \$136.

On this subject, he feels pretty strongly that government assistance should be available. Drains and sewage systems are often beyond the means of small municipalities like Coldwater, he feels, and suggests that the government install such services and then levy charges back to the ratepayers.

Henry's many jobs sometimes caused him to lock horns with his employers. Upon occasion, he recalls, he had to jog a councillor's memory about an overdue hydro bill; and he was once responsible for a councillor being fined for disturbing the peace.

Such complications as these, he says, finally brought him to the decision to retire from the service of the council.

In no time at all, however, he had become caretaker of both the public school and the continuation school. He received \$350 a year for each school, and held the jobs until Ralph Aitchison took over in 1946.

"We used from 75 to 100 cords of hardwood every winter at the public school. In 1938 they changed from wood to coal, and that was much better. The furnace in that school is still good."

Henry Porch, general factotum, is still going strong, too.

GOOD OLD DAYS

Old-timers will likely remember the fairs in the old fair grounds — the horse races, lacrosse and football games played there almost every night during the summer.

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Coldwater

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Prominent buildings

GRAYMORE, once the home of Olympic shot-put champion John Gray, now houses the home and offices of Major G. R. Lane of the Department of Lands and Forests. Lower: Closed in 1949, the Continuation School saw more than two decades of service. The building now houses the Copper Kettle Canning Company.



"Love Reasons Not" embellished newspaper

by BARRY CONN HUGHES

At least 14 years before Coldwater was incorporated, the Coldwater News was well established in the community. As was the custom then, publisher John Gray Jr. included lengthy serialized stories in the publication.

In 1894, the current one was "Love Reasons Not." The Nov. 14 issue had no less than 50 column inches devoted to the tale.

"Those few months had been filled with excitement for Lord Chandos," begins Chapter XXII.

"The pain he had felt at leaving his wife had been great and hard to bear, but life differs so greatly for men and women. Women must sit at home and weep. For them comes no great field of action, no stir of battle, no rush of fight; their sorrow weighs them down because they have nothing to shake it off. With men it is so different; they rush into action and forget it."

Lord Chandos, it develops, is a young chap who fell in love with a poor girl called Leone and married her. His parents thought the match inadvisable for a person of his position, had the marriage annulled and wangled a diplomatic assignment for him in Berlin.

So young Lord Chandos hies himself off to Germany, there to await his 21st birthday on June 30; and the freedom to go back to England and marry Leone all over again.

Meanwhile, back at the castle, Leone beseeches the young lord's mother to have a change of heart. No such luck; in fact, the grand dame observes that

Leone would make "a capital fifth-rate actress for a tragedy in a barn."

On the other hand, she is equally resolved that her son should marry "Lady Marion Erskine, the beauty, the belle, the wealthiest heiress of the season."

So she invites Lady Marion's guardian, Lady Cambrey, to tea one afternoon. Lady Cambrey hasn't much money herself, and the countess promises her quite a boodle if she will help promote a match between her son and young Lady Marion.

The two old girls work out a scheme whereby Lady Marion will be taken to Rome for the winter; the countess will suggest that Lord Chandos winter there also, and in some subtle way will arrange for the two to meet "accidentally."

The countess makes the suggestion quite casually and Lord Chandos, the sucker, falls for it.

"He was a true man. If she had pressed him to go, urged him, tried to persuade him; he would have gone back to England, and the tragedy of after years would never have happened. As it occurred to him that his mother simply gave the invitation out of politeness, and did not care whether he accepted or not, he decided on going."

So when the festivities of Berlin were all ended, he wrote to Leone, saying that he was going to spend the winter with his parents in Rome; that if he could not spend it with her, it mattered little enough to him where he was; but that he was longing with all his heart for the thirtieth of June.

"(TO BE CONTINUED)"

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Pot Luck

I Remember Coldwater

by BARRY CONN HUGHES

It's about 11 years, now, since we moved to Coldwater, and I lived there myself for a little more than two years. But for several years after it was the place I came home to, and while I've lived in three or four places longer than in Coldwater, the little village is the place I'll always call home.

When my father's doctor in Sarnia told him to look for a smaller practice, I had just turned 14 and my brothers were younger than that.

Our parents heard of the death of the dentist in Coldwater, and drove up one weekend so father could interview his widow, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale. While they were talking, mother waited outside in the car with a friend.

Later, when someone wrote to say the house across the street from Mrs. Leatherdale's was for sale, father joshed her for not being able to remember what it looked like.

In any event, a second Coldwater expedition was organized a few weeks later. It included father (who after all was footing the bill), my Uncle Bill (for technical advice — he was in the builders' supply business), and myself (to represent the youth vote).

I don't know how well I represented my constituents, for all I was able to tell my brothers was that it was a big old house with an attic, a barn and a trout stream running past the back yard.

That was enough for the younger generation, however, and our parents seemed well

enough satisfied with their needs. So we moved.

The house was being redecorated inside, and we stayed in the Denison Hotel for a couple of weeks. I can't say it was a happy choice — for it was the only hotel — but it was certainly a happy place.

This was mainly due to the Vivians, who were the proprietors at the time. I believe Art was driving a taxi then, meeting the trains; while Mrs. V. cooked and Faye and Joyce waited on tables in the pleasant hotel dining room.

There were several other Vivians, every bit as good natured as those we first met; we were lucky enough to have them as next door neighbors later.

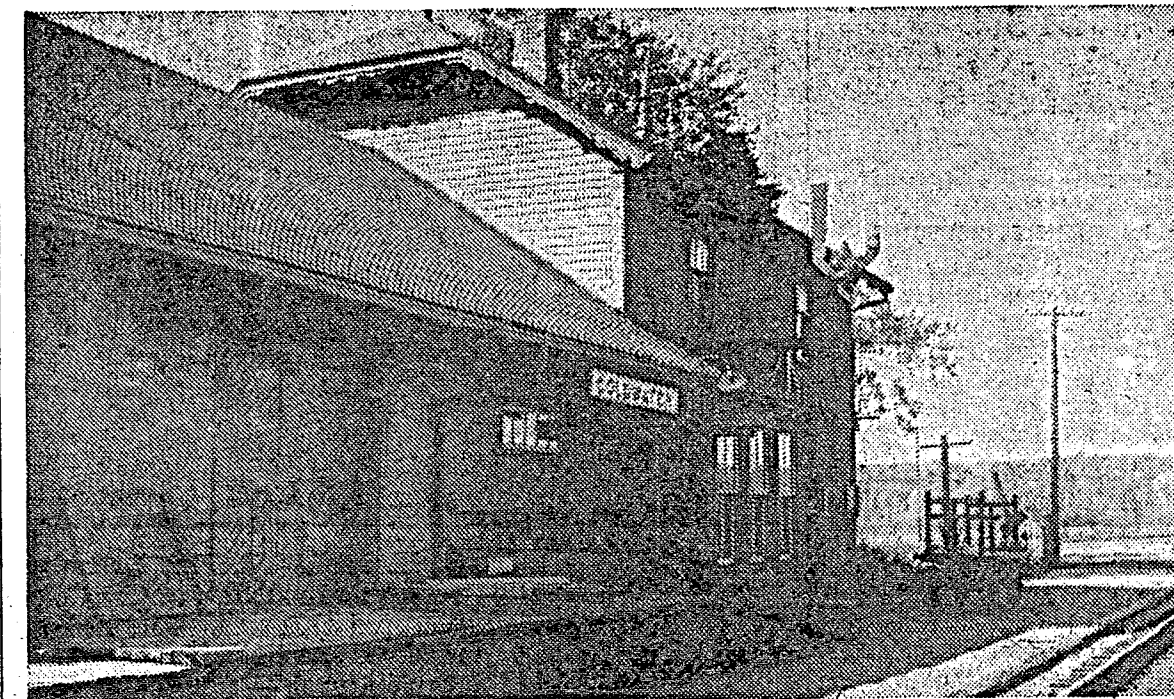
We had only been in Coldwater a day or two when the moving van lumbered up Elliot Street and backed into the driveway under the trees. First items to be unloaded were our bicycles, and we boys quickly formulated a plan whereby we would explore a quarter of the village each evening.

As it happened, we accomplished the project in one evening with time to spare.

Which was just as well, for there were a million things to do before school opened. We had to get acquainted, for one thing.

Our first youthful visitors were Charles Eplett and Frank Doble, who wheeled up on their bikes. They represented the business world, being newspaper carriers, and were looked upon with considerable respect.

The idea of being able to sit on the fence outside Milt Eplett's store eating innumerable



Point of departure

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL Railway station at the village outskirts saw its last passenger train on October 25, although freight service will be continued. Station agent is Earl Doble. — Staff photo.

popsicles and jingling the quarters in your pocket was pretty attractive, and I soon pestered Frank and Charles into giving me a junior position in the enterprise.

By that time I was also busy at the Coldwater Continuation School, where Mr. Williams and Mr. Perry taught academic subjects and Terry Doi showed me the proper method for catching flies during classes.

When all the flies were caught and things became boring, we'd get Jack Letherby (who was braver than we were) to ask one of our mentors about his experiences in the war. Mr. Perry's favorite account of the Battle of Ypres usually took a full period, while Mr. Williams and the German machine-gunner was good for about half an hour.

The following year these gentlemen were supplanted by two women who had an even harder time of keeping us in hand. One resorted to caustic witticisms;

her favorite being directed at Egerton Lovering.

"Ege," she would drawl, "do you think you could manage to edge over to the edge of your seat and answer that question?"

The other leaned toward the more effective method of throwing books.

When we weren't at school, delivering papers or going to Young People's, (home was merely a place for eating and sleeping) the teen-age crowd was often to be found at June Powers' place.

Among those who came to discuss football, Frankie Lane and other important topics were Shirley Lane, Bob Maconachie, Barbara Stevens, Dorothy Dunlop, Ron Abbott, Joyce Vivian, Eileen Pheasant, Joyce Wilkinson, Bob Tipping, Jack Letherby and Charles and Frank.

Almost all are gone now; moved away or married or both. I think the old gang would be the first to admit that the vil-

lage isn't perfect. Like any other place, it's had its faults and failures and scandals; probably always will have them.

But we like it, and keep coming back in mind if not in actuality.

We remember it with a little bit of quiet pride. It may not excel, but it can stand without shame with the rest.

The continuation school fielded a team against Orillia's football squad once, composed of our entire male enrolment of 17. We were a scruffy looking lot in borrowed uniforms, and we lost by six or seven points. They didn't laugh at us after that, though.

We remember, too, the delicious smells of Cornell's Bakery; the busy ripple of our little river; the excitement of fair days; the quiet times.

Oh, we remember lots of things — for Coldwater nestles as gently in the Medonte hills as it does in the hearts of those who know it.

Horticultural Society flowering into bloom

by JOHN TIPPING

In the spring of 1952, several directors of Coldwater Agricultural Society contacted local horticulturalists, asking if a branch of the Horticultural Society could be formed in the district.

The aim was to take over the ever-expanding flower section at the fall fair.

On April 15, 1952, 28 attended an organization meeting in the council chambers. John Clark of the Dept. of Agriculture spoke and showed slides of beauty spots and evidences of the influence of the Horticultural Society.

John L. Tipping was elected first president.

Other officers were first vice-president Mrs. John Skelton, second vice-president Mrs. Carman Robinson, secretary-treasurer A. P. Penny.

Directors were Mrs. Albert Gouett, Mrs. Frank Buchanan, Mrs. Angus Clarke, Mrs. Wm. Wylie, Victor Turner, Mrs. Harold Webb, Mrs. Percy Brimago, Mrs. Andrew Dunlop, Frank Soules, Mrs. John Rosborough.

Borland earliest white settler

John Borland was one of the earliest white settlers at Coldwater, and was attached to the military establishment there. It was his father, Captain Borland, who, severely wounded himself, tried to succor Sir Isaac Brock as he died in his arms at Queenston Heights.

Other early residents of the village were William Rawson and Joseph Craddock, sons of members of a military contingent which had been stationed at Drummond Isle.

Auditors were T. A. Orton and Chester Martin.

The first year was a struggle, but now there are 81 active members.

Members from Coldwater, the surrounding district, Fesserton and Waubesaene meet the last Thursday of each month; alternately in Coldwater and Waubesaene. Host members serve lunch.

Projects include the flower section at the fair, planting flowers at the churches, cemetery, park and streets in both Waubesaene and Coldwater.

The spring flower show held at the end of May along with a tea and bake sale gives the society needed funds and stimulates interest. There is a picnic each June.

Annual meeting is held each January at the home of Mrs. Ted Durnford, when North River members entertain. A spring premium of plants is distributed annually, and door prizes add to the interest of each meeting.

Delegates are appointed and sent to the provincial convention.

Several members have a flair for flower arranging and driftwood displays, and are generous in sharing their gifts.

This year's officers are past president Arthur Rollinson, president Victor Turner, first vice-president Harry Gouett, directors W. C. Wylie, Mrs. W. C. Wylie, Mrs. J. Skelton, Mrs. A. Clarke, Mrs. A. Rollinson.

Auditors are J. L. Tipping and J. C. Skelton.

A relative of Arthur Cornell, Coldwater baker and caterer, founded Cornell University in the United States.



Beauty is their business

"BEAUTIFY HURONIA" is the motto of the Huronia Horticultural Society, which arranges the flower exhibit at the Coldwater fair. Current president is Arthur Rollinson of Waubesaene. — Photo by Cyril Martin.

Do you remember?

Recalls names, places, habits, happenings of days gone by in village of Coldwater

by JACK TIPPING.

Do you remember the grist mill at the south end of Main Street, beside M. E. Walker's home? The large elm tree on Gray Street in front of the Jas. Kitchen property . . . the dummy policemen on the main street corner, which sprung up when hit.

The deep ditch that ran from Bush Street to the river; Millard's bridge and Bush's Boat Works on Main Street North . . . Craddock's home and wild plum trees in the present park.

Caswell's livery barn, where the Elliott and Stevens block now stands.

The old Toronto construction barns where Mrs. C. E. Stevens' garden now is . . . the Robinson Livery Stable behind the public library . . . Woon's Livery Stable and litter carrier that ran across the river.

Do you remember the iron fence around Dr. J. A. Harvie's property? The John Gray home, later the Coldwater House and now George Webb's property . . . When Wm. Beach's property . . .

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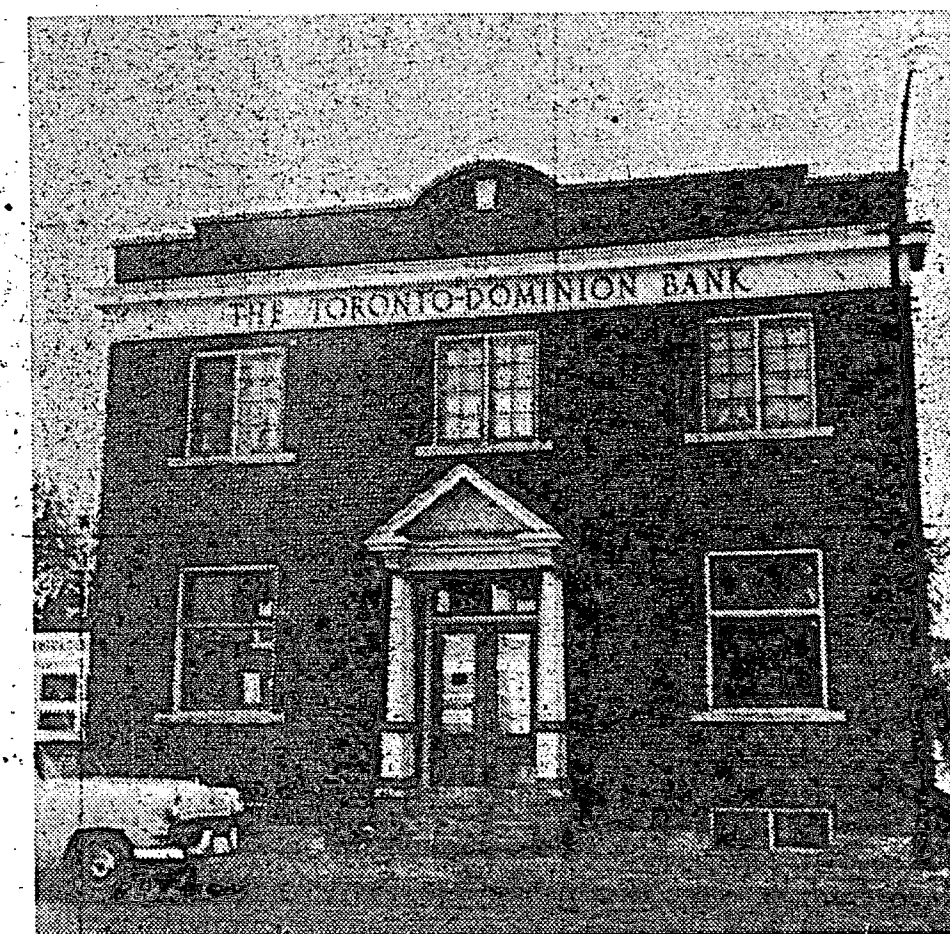
Coldwater but contacts are made at gift shows in Atlantic City, Detroit, New York, Chicago, Toronto and many other major cities.

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Twists trouble's tail

by JOHN L. TIPPING

In the late summer of 1938, Bruce Malcolm, district representative of Lions International, called on businessmen of Coldwater and Waubashene to arouse interest in forming a Lions Club in Coldwater.

Seventeen men consented to become members, and plans went ahead for a big charter night, Oct. 3.

The gala affair was held in the United Church basement, and attended by members, wives, sweethearts and visiting clubs. The Orillia Lions Club sponsored the new club, and Mr. Malcolm acted as chairman. The Ladies' Aid catered.

Lions clubs of the district presented such birthday gifts as a bell and gavel, flags and a framed code of ethics.

Fred W. Brown was charter president.

Other officers were first vice-president Fred Hodges, second vice-president George Kingsborough, third vice-president James Poppleton, treasurer Chester Martin, secretary Foster Russell and tall twister Alfred Peat.

Directors were Dr. George Hall, Jack Tipping, Harry Cowan and Rev. Arthur Harden. Committee chairmen were Charles Stevens, Keith Robinson, Ernest Miller, R. C. McLean, Herbert Gray and Charles Rawson.

Early meetings were held both in the Anglican parish hall in Coldwater and at the Waubashene. The Women's Guild of St. Matthias' Church catered to supper meetings once a month.

In 1943 the Ontario Hydro moved its regional office from Waubashene to Barrie, depleting the membership from the neighboring community, and the club became known as the Coldwater Lions Club.

With the end of the war and the return of many young men, a membership drive brought the roster up to 50.

Many worthwhile things have been accomplished in the club's 19 years of existence. Two hospital beds are owned, and loaned to anyone in need of them. Swings and playground equipment were provided for the public school.

An open air rink was made for a number of years at the public school, and members have also helped the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements.

Other projects included chest clinics, the annual Santa Claus parade, sponsoring minor hockey, running the rink for several years. Welfare work in aiding the less fortunate was supplemented by donations to many worthy charities.

The club was awarded a handsome brass shield for winning first place in District A3 1945-46 for getting the most members in an international membership contest.

At time of writing the club holds the inter-club visiting banner.

The club has a record of 19 years of growth and achievement in the service of those in need and the promotion of safety, civic improvements and health-giving activities. It may well prove to be inspiration for greater and finer things in the years to come.

First telegram cost 27 cents

Sam Eplett, father of the late Milt Eplett, took the first telegram that ever came through Coldwater.

Dated June 16, 1869, it was addressed to H. L. Lovering. There were 12 words, costing 27 cents. The minimum — 10 words for 25 cents.



At
the fair

C. H. EPLETT, Jim Lazonby and Harry Martin are all veteran supporters of the Coldwater fair, where they were pictured this fall. Mr. Eplett and Mr. Martin have both received certificates of merit from the Department of Agriculture. — Photo by Cyril Martin.

M. S. Millard

Heads active Cemetery Board

by DORIS E. COOKE

Coldwater citizens are proud of the village's beautiful cemetery, and the group responsible for its care; the Coldwater Cemetery Board.

The first cemetery board was formed April 27, 1948, after ratepayers' meetings had been held appointing a committee to look into the matter of forming such a board. The following

were appointed: Norman Durnford (for Medonte Twp.), Leslie Borrow (Matchedash Twp.), W. J. Gleadall (Tay Twp.), Keith Robinson (Presbyterian Church), W. J. Sheppard (St. Matthias' Church).

Mord Millard, representing the United Church, was chairman.

Secretary-treasurer was Doris E. Porch and Ernest Miller was

appointed caretaker.

The Cemetery general funds bank account was opened with donations of \$10 from the Township of Matchedash and \$100 from the Village of Coldwater. For the first year a member of the board paid the caretaker's wages.

During the early years of the board, many interested citizens of Coldwater made donations

to the general fund as well as paying the Perpetual Care charge on their plots. This helped in making it possible for the board to start general improvements.

During the 10 years of operations, the board has been helped by local and township citizens who have given time and machinery for work in the cemetery. Through the generosity of one local citizen, bulldozing, drawing fill and levelling have been done to the amount of \$1,000.

Norman Durnford was appointed caretaker when Ernest Miller resigned, and is doing excellent work.

The Perpetual Care fund has \$6,500 invested in bonds and \$1,000 in the bank, which will be invested in due course.

Every year a Decoration Service is held in the cemetery and many people attend from out of town. The collection from this service, the bond interest and the \$100 allotted by the village make up the total income for general administration and improvement of the cemetery each year.

Cost of supplies and labor keeps getting higher, and the board is not able to have very much work done each year because of lack of funds.

It is hoped some day that a new vault can be built farther back on the hill, to provide for storage and a small room on the main floor for service.



Chas. Stevens' Store Many
Years Ago

Then



Charles' son Herb, right, with staff members Russ Hawkins on the left and Miss Jessie Addison

AND
Now

Right here, in the same location on Coldwater's main street, the Stevens family has operated a grocery business for thirty-seven years.

Back in 1921 Chas. Stevens bought the grocery store owned by Tipp Orton and Otto Rawson. Mr. Stevens operated this business as a sole proprietor until 1945 when his son Herb who had served in the RCAF during the war became a full partner. In 1949 Herb took over the complete operation of the business.

In 1955 Stevens joined the Red and White chain grocery store organization of independent owners and operators. Through cooperative buying with hundreds of other stores, Stevens are now able to offer their customers quality food products at lowest prices.



HERB STEVENS
Proprietor

STEVENS
RED AND WHITE FOOD STORE

TEN REEVES SINCE INCORPORATION

Coldwater was made a police village in November, 1879, and incorporated in 1908. The first village council, headed by Reeve C. G. Millard, included W. H. Manning, G. T. Tipping, W. J. Elliott and A. W. Robinson.

In 1913, the year sidewalks

were installed, Mr. Millard was still reeve. Councillors were R. A. Brown, J. A. Lovering, F. M. Gray and A. W. Robinson.

C. H. Eplett was reeve when the Continuation School was built in 1923, the same year as the council chambers. His Councillors were Chris Cooke, A. W.

Robinson, Dr. Horace Harvie and Fred W. Brown.

The village streets were paved in 1928. C. E. Stevens was reeve that year, assisted by A. C. Robins, Jas. Kitchen, W. C. Wyllie and H. R. Manning.

Coldwater boasts two living ex-wardens of Simcoe County—C. H. Eplett, who served in the county's highest office in 1923; and Ernest Miller, who was warden in 1946.

Following is a list of Coldwater's reeves since the incorporation of the village:

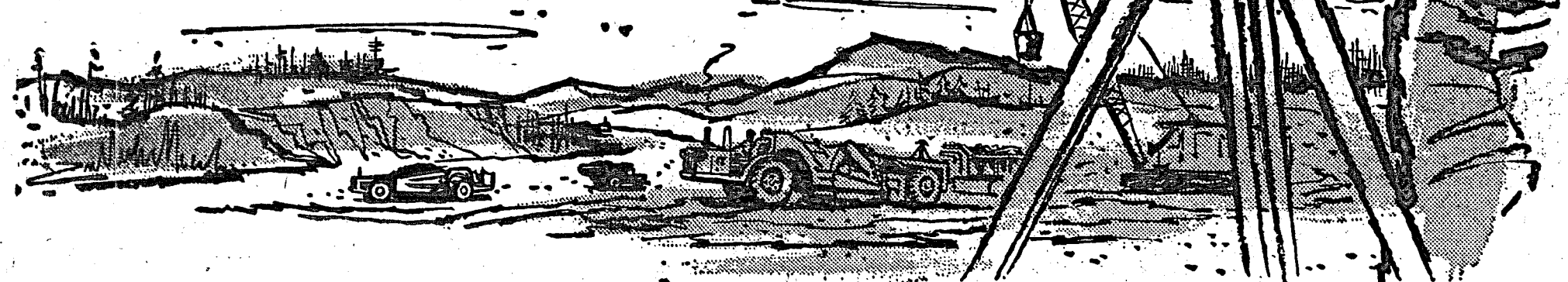
1908-13—Charles G. Millard
1914-16—William H. Manning
1917-18—Ambrose W. Robinson
1919 —W. H. Manning
1919-24—C. H. Eplett
1925-26—A. W. Robinson
1927 —C. G. Millard
1928-29—Charles E. Stevens
1930-32—Aulden C. Robins
1933 —C. E. Stevens

1934 —A. W. Robinson
1935-36—Lloyd Letherby
1937-38—C. E. Stevens
1939-50—Ernest Miller
1951-55—Andrew Dunlop
1956-58—Lawrence Devine

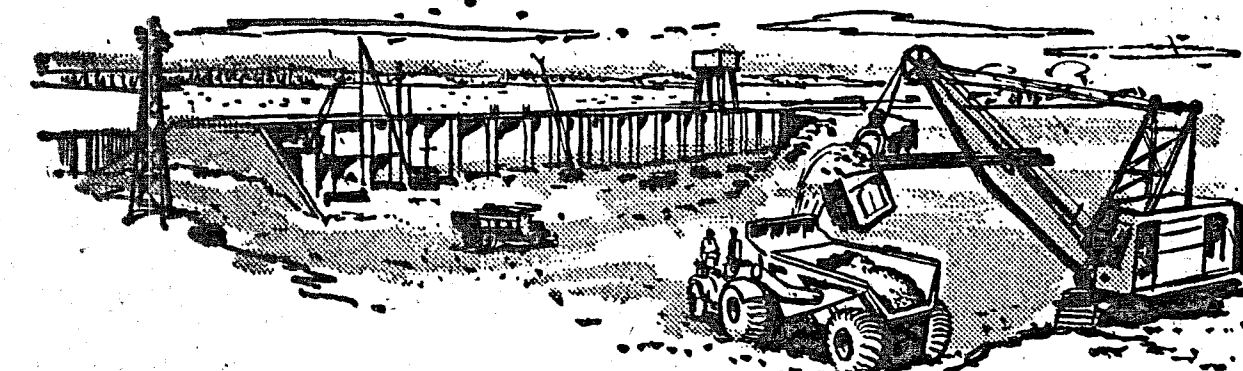
Village clerks in the order they served are J. R. Russell, Howard Chester, A. A. Manchester, Murray Chester (son of Howard), R. A. Elliott, G. J. Jenkins, Chester Martin (since 1945).

LOOKING AHEAD IN ONTARIO

to a period of tremendous growth and development as vast public projects add new muscles to industry—open up new markets

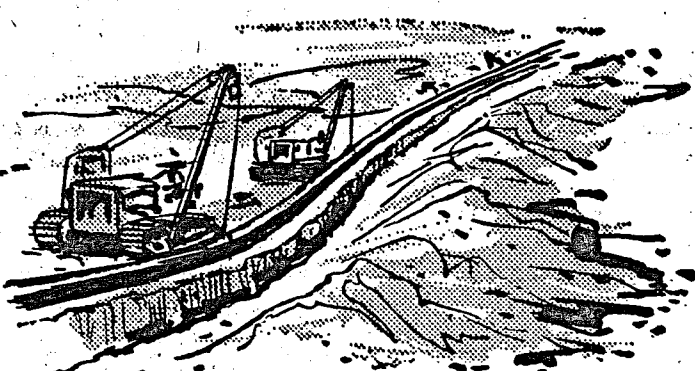


HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT \$3 billion dollars will be spent on new highways and on improvements to old ones over the next twenty years, in order to keep in pace with the increased industrial and private traffic that is expected to develop.



ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND POWER PROJECT This mighty construction feat is due to be completed in 1959. It will provide cheaper trans-

portation, more electric power, a gateway to the sea and international markets—attract new industries to Ontario.



TRANS-CANADA NATURAL GAS PIPELINES Natural gas, brought all the way from the Prairie Provinces to provide cheap power for industrial and home use. It's already sparking multi-million dollar expansion in Ontario's petro-chemical industry.



NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMME Atomic energy turned to peaceful use. This pilot plant, started late in 1956—the first in Canada—will provide the pattern for others that may be erected in the Province.



ONTARIO = PEOPLE

Alongside industrial progress marches social progress—the care of the sick, the education of the young, the preservation of Ontario's natural playgrounds.

The Ontario Hospital Plan, scheduled to start in January, 1959, will provide a wide variety of diagnostic and treatment benefits at the lowest possible cost... ensuring that Ontario families will not be threatened by financial difficulties caused through accident or ill health.

Increased grants to assist hospitals in meeting their capital construction costs, providing more accommodation linked with the Ontario Hospital Insurance programme, also become effective January 1, 1959. In most categories, capital construction grants to hospitals will be doubled.

Educational facilities are being expanded to give Ontario's youth an excellent opportunity at every level.

Constant conservation and forestation policies are being pursued, in order that the people of Ontario may continue to enjoy their heritage of vast natural playgrounds.

CONSERVATION Ontario's conservation policies touch every phase of farming and forestry. They will be actively pursued to ensure that Ontario retains its place as one of the world's biggest suppliers of natural produce.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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Minister—Department of Travel & Publicity

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DO YOU REMEMBER ?

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Do you remember the CPR "peanut train" from Port McNicoll to Havelock, noon and afternoon? The spring mud on Main Street and the huge banks of snow in the winter... the open horse sheds beside the Dennison House, behind Brown's three church sheds, the old Methodist church shed... the odd runaway.

The circus that came to town... half the school met the train and were punished for being late.

When Wyllie's express dray met all the trains... the station platform lighted by oil lamps encased in glass... the two blacksmith shops and carriage works of Leatherdale and Robinson.

The years prior to motor cars, when so many had motorboats... when Bob Shields' "Magnolia" ran excursions... the picnics in Lovering Grove, cow pasture and all.

Do you remember the big Twelfth of July celebration, and the church ladies who worked so hard to feed everyone? The spring floods—wooden sidewalks that floated and made rafts.

The swimming hole government ditch and the river Lovering Grove... the school out houses, now a hen house... the hockey matches, when large crowds came by special trains.

The dances by invitation, Abbott's and Manning's Hall "hostesses"... Jackman's Tin Shop between Mike Lovering's and Russell's.

One of the first radios... Ted Haskell gave a concert in Abbott's Hall one Sunday night, to hear St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto... mostly static.

The Friday night picture shows in Abbott's Hall... with local piano music... the time Ed Haskell's was broken into and the fire alarm rang... when hanging on sleighs was a popular Saturday afternoon sport.

When the bell on the Leatherdale's Blacksmith Shop rang at 7 a.m., 12 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m. and for all fires... when the water had to be carried and everyone burned wood... the skating rink was on Bush Street, later an open air rink behind Graymore.

Do you remember the sheds at the hotel, which had a barber shop in front and band rooms over the sheds? When a company of the 15th Battalion trained in Coldwater, using the old Methodist Church as barracks and drilling in the schoolyard.

The old crib that formed an island in the river named Joose T. Island... Lovering's Lumber Mill opposite the CNR station... when the river was dredged.

When it was fashionable to meet the passenger trains... when you took your pail and collected the daily milk.

Do you remember when all country people carried in baskets of butter and eggs and people had their own butter and egg woman? When cows and horses roamed the street and we had a village pound... when most gardens had one or more apple trees... when the odd road show would play a night in Coldwater.

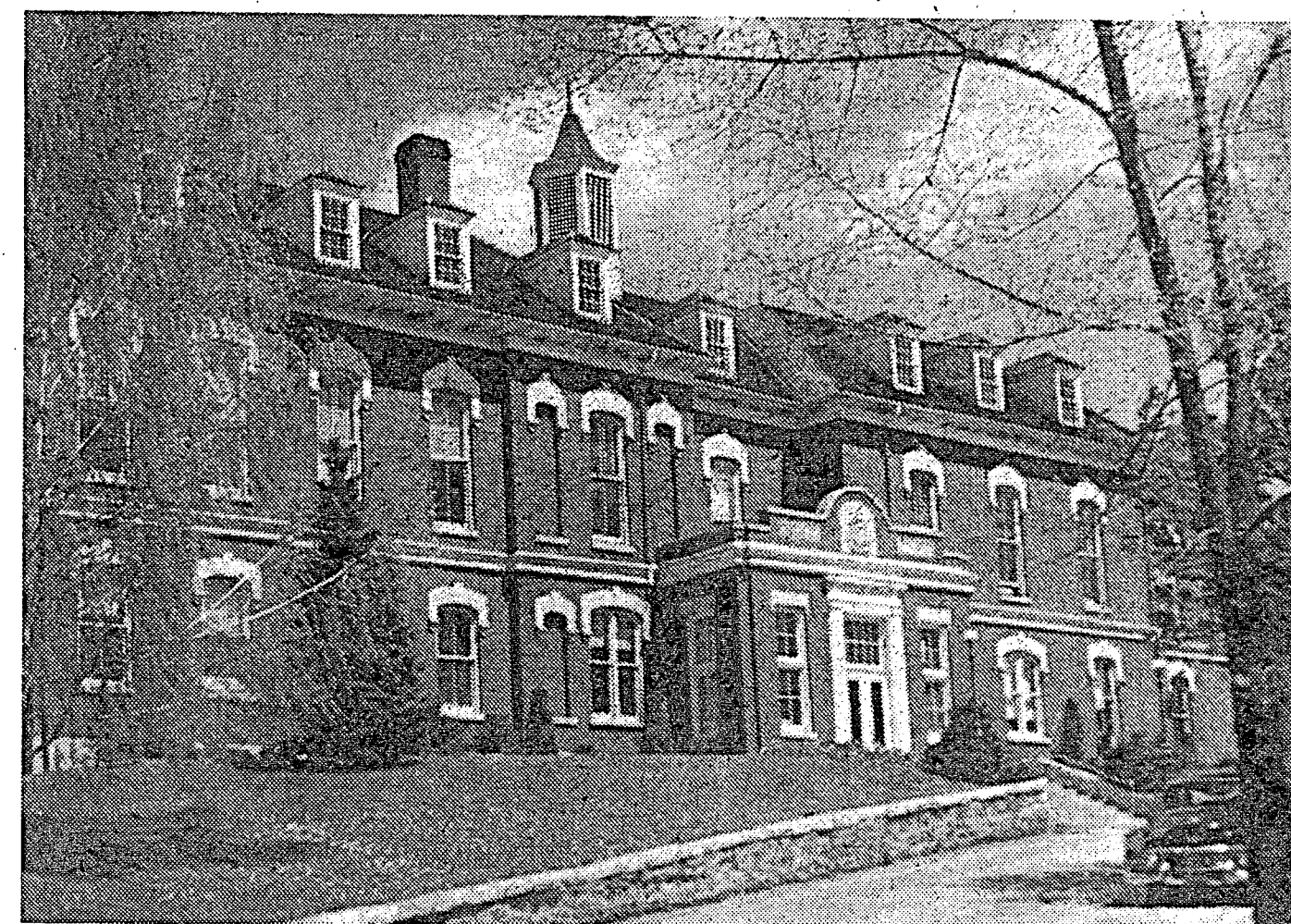
The gang of Italians that dug the way for the water pipes... the sinking of CPR track west of Coldwater... during construction a man was killed.

The old steam laundry where Wally Abbott's barbershop is now... the Borland sawmill and the entire yard filled with sawed logs... the brick yard and boat building plant operated by W. J. Sheppard.



Western gateway

ENTRANCE TO COLDWATER from Midland is by Highway 12, which skirts the Medonte hills before gently curving into the village. Attractive sign was painted by the late Arthur Penny, who did the work free of charge after being supplied with the materials. — Staff photo.



The County of Simcoe

extends best wishes to the

Village of Coldwater

on its 50th Anniversary of Incorporation

We congratulate you most heartily on 50 years of progress and growth. May the friendly relationship which has existed between the officials and citizens of your village and the County of Simcoe continue throughout the next fifty years and beyond.

Arthur Evans
Warden

Fred Hunter
Clerk

J. R. Coleman
Treasurer

Ferris family made up entire team

Rural Hockey League games in Coldwater have always been vigorous affairs, to put it mildly.

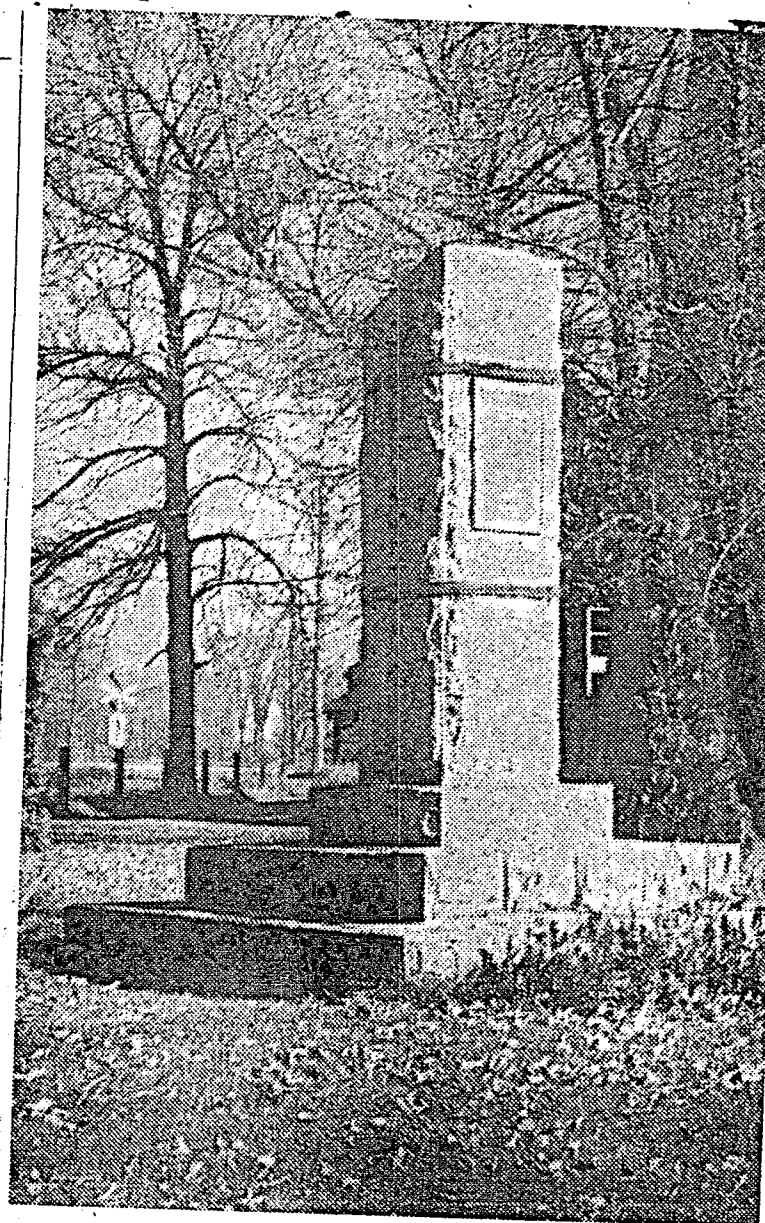
A 1936 copy of the Coldwater News carried the story of one such encounter, between a team from Fesserton and one composed entirely of the Ferris family of Marchmount.

"The Ferris family from Marchmount made their entrance into the Rural League by staging a hockey game and fight all on the same night. The Fesserton fellows cleaned up on both items, but not until Ferris Bros. extended them to the limit.

"With only one substitute to throw over the boards the Marchmounters were too tired to stand up to the extra 10 rounds of boxing that Hill and his lads would have. Stiff body checking by Jack and Del on defence somewhat riled the Stabtown boys, who dropped their sticks for fear of breaking them. No less than three sticks were broken in this game, but all in hockey and not in the skull raising episode before the game ended.

"Hill, Braithwaite, C. Borland and Tucker were the marksmen for the winners, while Cecil scored once and Merv twice for Marchmount. Andrews played his best game this year in the Fesserton net as Bush and Hill gave him ample protection.

"The whole Marchmount team played heads-up hockey and on several occasions had only Andrews to beat. Their backhands



THE CENOTAPH — Standing alone in the centre of the Coldwater park, it has been the scene of Remembrance Day services commemorating the fallen of two world wars.

—Photo by Ken Jennings.

are a treat to watch as the puck soars up among the birds-nests in the ventilators.

"The teams: Fesserton—Goal, Andrews; defence, Hill and Bush; forwards, C. Borland, F. Borland, Braithwaite; subs, Webb, Tucker.

"Marchmount — whole team composed of the Ferris family:

Goal, Howard; defence, Jack and Del; forwards, Cecil, Merv, Teddy; sub, Gord."

BRITISH TO CORE

In the 1941 census, it was stated that of Coldwater's 549 residents, 548 hailed from the British Isles and one was French.

"Our Wives"

Old play program recalls life upon the wicked stage

Thirty years ago, before the advent of such passive entertainment as television, Coldwater folk produced some pretty elaborate stage plays to amuse themselves and their neighbors.

These were no small-time efforts, either. Jack Tipping has a program for one of the plays, a three-act musical farce called "Our Wives" which featured "125 — COLDWATER PEOPLE — 125."

The play, a benefit for the Women's Institute, was directed by Lloyd Letherby, now MPP for Simcoe East. It was held in Manning's Hall, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 24 and 25, 1927.

An opening chorus, "For the Glory of the Grand Old Flag," was the curtain-raiser. Soloist was Miss Alix Robins, assisted by a chorus of about 75 children.

The synopsis reads: "Act I — Room in the Sea Breeze Hotel, Atlantic City, Morning. Act II — Home of Gilda Deveaux in New York City, Noon. Act III — The Same Night. GRAND SPECTACULAR FINALE."

Dr. W. B. Leatherdale headed the cast as 'Roswell Chandler,' a retired broker while Lloyd Letherby played the broker's son-in-law, Chester Martin, now village clerk-treasurer, was 'Oscar Siebel, a composer.'

C. G. Millard was 'Lloyd Deveaux, a chronic invalid,' Jack Tipping was 'John Stanton, a detective,' and Arthur Thiffault was 'Mallory, a reporter.'

Art Cornell played 'Ford, an expressman' and Mord Millard was his helper. Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale was the wife of De-

veaux, Mrs. C. G. Millard the wife of Roswell and Mrs. A. E. Cox the wife of Chandler's son-in-law.

Mrs. J. J. Robins was 'Julia, a French maid'.

Specialty numbers between the acts included a duet by Art Cornell and Mord Millard, entitled "Where do you work-a, John?" and another by Kathleen Lovering and Mord called "For Love."

Next came "Cynical Owl — Soloists, Margaret Prior and Art Cornell, assisted by six of Coldwater's most beautiful ladies and six of its handsomest young men."

Wilfred Manning did the Charleston, and Mrs. Milton Elett sang "I Wish You Were Jealous of Me". Kathleen Lovering was soloist in "In a Little Spanish Town" — assisted by Margaret Prior, Mord Millard and Art Cornell, with garden scene."

The adult chorus included Muriel McDermid, Patricia Kingsborough, Margaret Robinson, Nellie Taylor, Ruth Lovering, Elsie Woon, Sam Goff, Lorne Quantrell, Fred Woodrow, John Patterson, Reginald Bush and Eric Woon.

A final note on the program said: "If you like the show tell your friends and come again Friday night. Grand Social Dance after the show Friday night. Everybody stay and have a good time."

"The Women's Institute and Mr. Letherby wish to thank the merchants for their advertisements on the programme and all those who have contributed to the success of — 'Our Wives'."



THE LAZONBYS — One of Coldwater's best loved couples is Mr. and Mrs. James Lazony, famed for the wedding anniversary canoe trips they took for almost half a century. Mr. Lazony still sends a weekly weather report to the Free Press Herald, a service he has provided for many years.

GASLIGHTS

Coldwater used to have gas lights. First lamp lighter was P. G. Tipping, who climbed 17 metal light poles from the CNT railway station to Lazony's for \$2.50 a month. On good moonlit nights the lamps weren't light-

I MIND THE TIME

"I mind the time," said the old-timer, "when the village band was going strong, with such fine musicians as Sawyer, Charlie Simmonds, Harry Blaney, Bob Quantrell, Bob Shields and others; under bandmaster Professor Walker."

SOUND PROGRESS

Has been made by Coldwater in the Past 50 Years!

CONGRATULATIONS



Miss Dorothy Laughlin, Arthur Cornell, Miss Edna Walker

CORNELL'S

The Friendly Store

GROCERIES - MEATS - FRUITS

COLDWATER

PHONE 20

Lord, Lady Alexander once visited Coldwater

by LORNE LETHERBY

In July, 1949, Coldwater was honored with an official visit by the Governor-General at that time, Lord Alexander, Lady Alexander and the viceregal party.

The warmth of the reception accorded the distinguished guests was matched by ideal sunny weather. Coldwater's main street was gay with flags and bunting and the Memorial Library and grounds where the reception was held looked particularly attractive.

The reeve of that year, Ernest Miller, now employed in

county service at Barrie, read an address of welcome.

This message, on fine parchment, had been prepared by M. S. Millard and was presented to Lord Alexander. It had an inscription at the top with the name of Coldwater in Indian language, and bore the village seal and other attachments.

In his reply the Governor-General stated he would convey the greetings from Huronia district to the King.

A guard of honor was formed by the Legion and Auxiliary to the Legion. Mrs. Rose Manning, then president of the Auxiliary,

presented Lady Alexander with a bouquet of roses. Her excellency chatted with members of the Auxiliary.

Lorne Polkinghorne, who was Legion president, accompanied Lord Alexander on an inspection of the Legion guard. The Governor-General conversed with Henry Worrell Sr., a veteran of World War I and a veteran of World War II, who was in charge of the military unit, with Herb Stevens who served with the RCAP and others. Lord Alexander also reviewed the ladies' corps, accompanied by Mrs. Manning, and asked Mrs. Devere Worrell about her experiences overseas.

The viceregal party looked about her experiences overseas. The viceregal party looked about her experiences overseas.



SINCE 1902

Tippings Have Served
Coldwater and District

It was a horse and buggy era — the turn of the century — when George T. Tipping came to Coldwater from Orillia and bought Freeman's General Store. At first the business was located in the Abbott Block, then across the street in the premises now occupied by Martin's Variety Store and finally in 1935 the move was made to the present location.

Jack was just an infant when the Tippings came to Coldwater but as he grew up his role in the activities in the store increased until on the death of his father in 1940 he became proprietor. Also associated with the store is the founder's daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Tipping.

At this occasion on Coldwater's 50th Birthday we, at Tippings, pause for a moment to say thank you to our friends and customers whom we have had the privilege to serve throughout the years.



TIPPINGS Dry Goods

Mrs. R. L. Tipping Edna Loney
Jack Tipping, Proprietor

Thank You Coldwater and District



Staff Members of Coldwater IGA (Left to Right) — Alvin Lalonde, Ruth Gratrix, Theo Bernard (Proprietor), Mrs. Theo Bernard, Allan Kirkwood, Lloyd Austin.

Whatever is great in Canada is rooted in neighbourhood institutions, the local church, the local school, the local enterprise. How strong the community's faith, how sound its learning, how serviceable its business. There are your real criteria. For as grows the community, so prospers Canada. Such is the creed to which your IGA grocer subscribes.

On this milestone of Coldwater's history we offer our sincere thanks to our customers and friends for their appreciation of our products and service. We hope to merit your continued confidence.

YOUR COLDWATER IGA