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The way we were, 125 years ago

By Sylvia Bakker, EQUITY Editor

In a few days, we'll begin the celebration of Shawville's 125th anniversary. It was 1873 when Shawville was incorporated as a municipality. But the town's history goes back much farther than just the last 125 years.

To quote from *The Shawville Historical Walking Tour*: "The earliest history of the Shawville area remains shrouded in the mists of time. The region as a whole was occupied by Algonquin hunting peoples. For millennia they roamed the vast forests of the region, setting out occasionally on the great river we now call the Ottawa to trade with tribes farther in the interior of the continent or eastward to those on the St. Lawrence."

The Ottawa River continued to be a major source of transportation when the area now known as Clarendon and Shawville was settled by European immigrants in the early 1800s.

Many of these immigrants were Irish, eager to escape the religious turmoil and later the famines of their homeland.

The huge stands of tall, straight pines growing along the Ottawa River, west of Bytown (now Ottawa) was especially inviting to immigrants, who saw the timber as a means of survival.

The British-French wars were nearing a climax, and Britain was in bad need of a new source of timber for His Majesty's ships for its all-important naval power. Clarendon was the heart of that forest.

But life wasn't easy for these early pioneers. If they survived the 11-week ocean crossing, they were faced with a lack of food, an abundance of flies in the summer and bitterly cold weather in the long winters, not to mention they were thousands of miles across the ocean from friends and family.

Child deaths were not uncommon in those days. There was a constant dread of black diphtheria, whooping cough, and tuberculosis.

First pioneers

Two of the first pioneers who did survive those hardships were John Dale and "Tipperary Tom" Hodgins. They paddled up the Ottawa River, blazed a trail into the virgin bush of Clarendon and found a fresh flowing spring where they decided to homestead around 1821. This later became Shawville.

As the township of Clarendon grew, lots 6 to 12 on range six became known as Clarendon Centre.

The Shawville Historical

Walking Tour says: "By the 1840s, Clarendon Centre had become a small, but thriving, village. As the farms grew and prospered, so did the village."

The split into two municipalities because of a dispute over road labor, says the Shawville '73 booklet printed for the town's centennial.

From the '73 booklet: "Roads were built and maintained by a road labor system. Difficulties were engendered by the fact that road divisions were very large, and within these, the annual labor was assigned to location determined by the councillors and pathmasters."

"The Clarendon Centre people would sometimes be required to do their work a couple of miles east or west of the village...."

"This difference of opinion incited the residents of Shawville, led by James Shaw, to agitate for the formation of a separate municipality."

Dagville?

In 1869, a majority vote at Clarendon Council agreed to the formation of a separate municipality for Clarendon Centre.

But because the residents could not decide whether to name the town after the Shaw family or the Dagg family, the municipality wasn't incorporated until 1873.

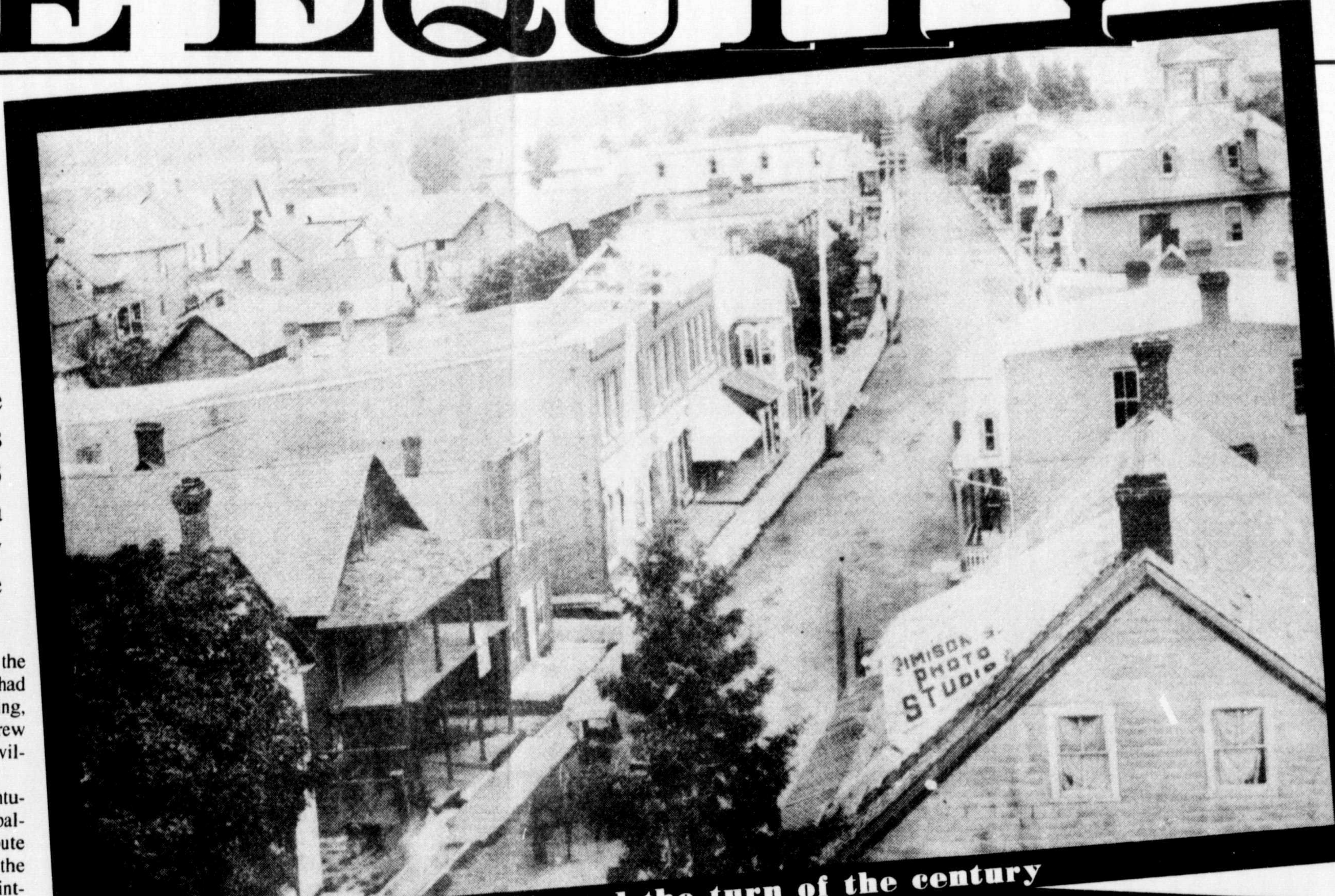
The deciding factor, it is said, was when James Shaw donated a plot of land to be used for the construction of a Town Hall.

At that time, the population of the village numbered just over 300. John Dale, Jr. was elected mayor.

The first Shawville Valuation roll, in 1874, shows there were a variety of tradesmen living in the village: There was James Whelan, the cabinet maker; William Somerville, a sleigh maker; James Kelly, a shoe maker; and G. Hynes, a carpenter.

William Hodgins and Calvin Morrison are listed as

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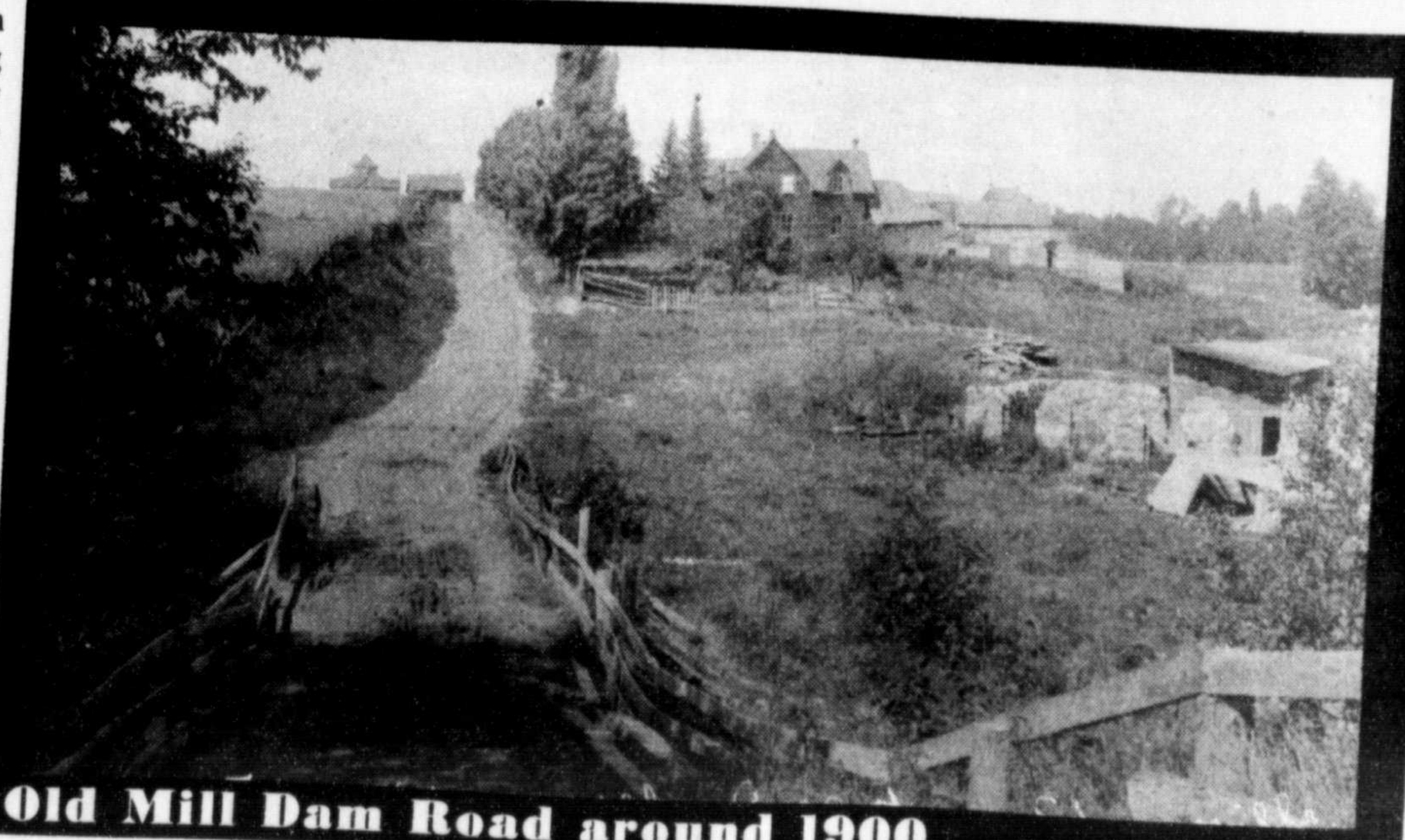
Main Street looking east around the turn of the century



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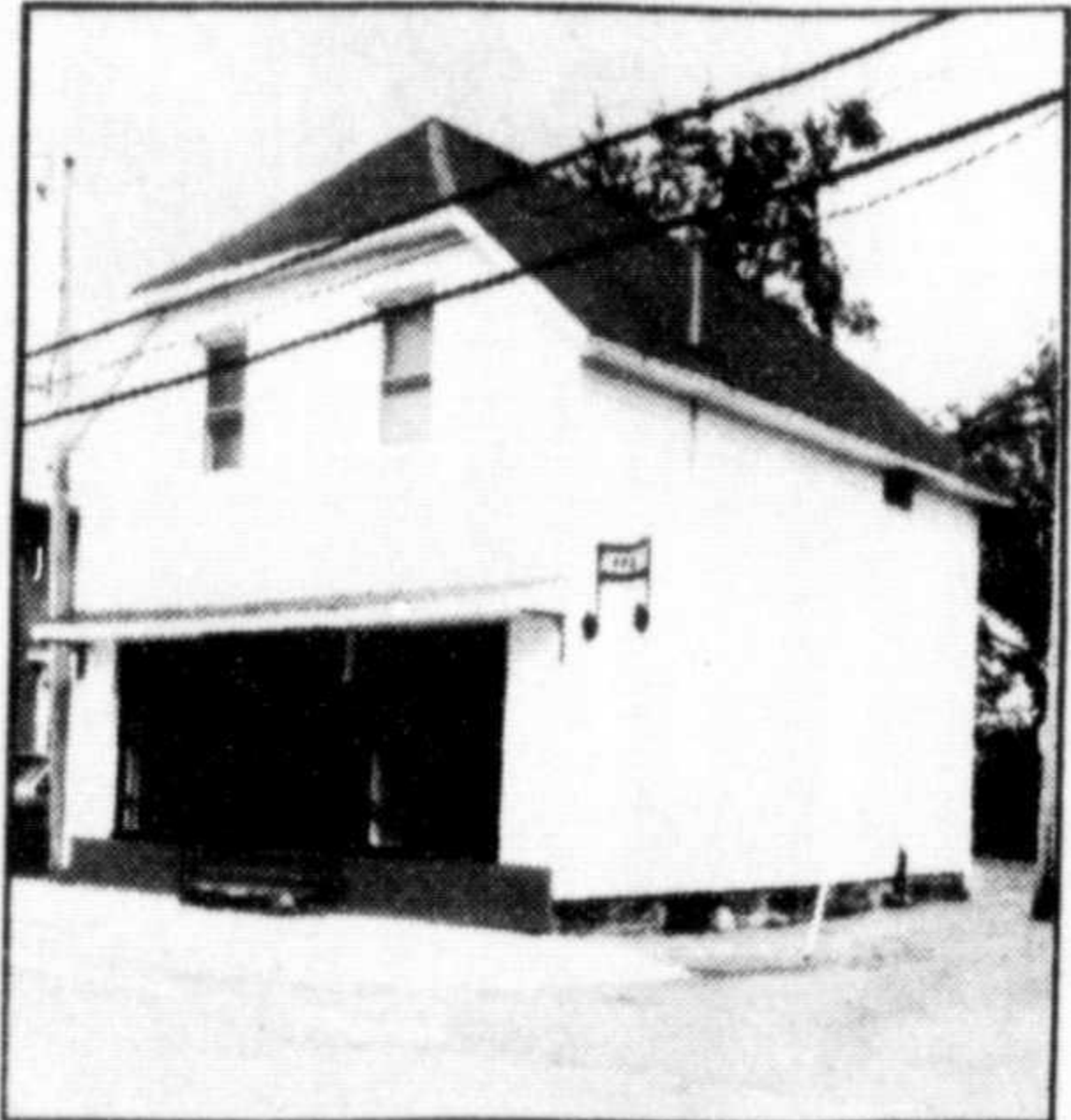
Old Mill Dam Road around 1900



Today

Shawville's 125th Anniversary

K & L Dairy Products



The first K&L Dairy, 1979-1991, operated by Keith and Lorraine Harris and employees Todd and Gary Harris.

In October, 1979, when Keith Harris was Shawville's town foreman, he and his wife Lorraine discussed opening a small business of some kind.

They had been approached by Milk Board members Melvin and Bob Younge who suggested they open a dairy outlet. The idea and timing seemed appropriate.

The Harrises began by buying a

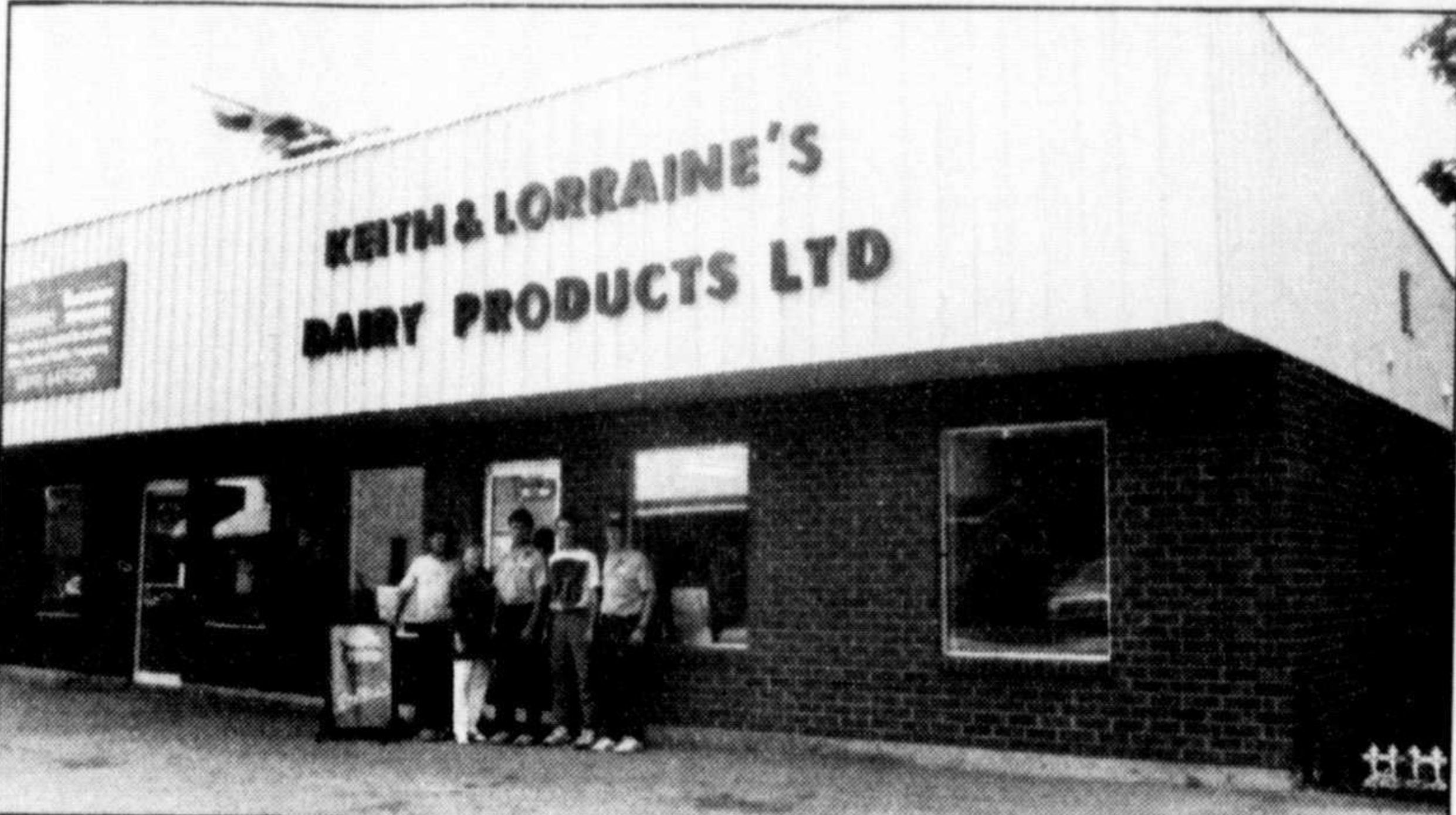
small Borden refrigerated truck, as well as purchasing Milk Route 81. Silverwood Dairies had recently bought out Borden's Dairy and these companies have now been amalgamated by Ault Foods Limited.

Keith and Lorraine opened their store as a family business. Their son Todd worked with them for two years. Keith's brother Gary is employed at the business, and their son Jeff worked with Gary when he

was not attending school.

From '79 to '91, the business grew, forcing the Harrises to expand their premises to a new larger store at 185 Centre Street. In July, '92, Jeff began working full time for the family business, and in '95, Ted Leach was hired. Eddie Kelly has worked during the summers of '97 and '98.

Today, the Harrises and their staff continue to serve the entire Pontiac on a daily basis.



Present day staff, from left, owners Keith and Lorraine Harris, Ted Leach, Jeff Harris and Gary Harris.



H.I. Hobbs & Son feed mill, operated by H. I. and son Sterling, as it looked in 1946.

H.I. Hobbs & Sons Limited

H.I. Hobbs & Sons Ltd. was founded in October, 1943. Along with feed,

and tractors until after the war. The mill burned in the spring of 1959.

Present employees are Sterling, Marian, Jill, Bob and Bill Hobbs, Ron Telford, Richard Richard-

son, Claude Kingdon, Cedric Judd and Jim Newton.

Pontiac Community Hospital

The first hospital in Shawville was set up in the 1920s on the third floor of Dr. Powles' house at the corner of Victoria and Lang Streets, the house now owned by Ernest Gregory.

In the late early 1930s, a building on Main Street served as the hospital. It was near the present office of Drs. MacLellan, Lamarche Wootton and Talko. This hospital was staffed by Drs. Powles, McDowell and MacPherson.

From '38 to '47, the large home at the corner of Victoria and Railroad Streets, now owned by Bruce Hodgins, was used

as the hospital. This 16-bed hospital was staffed by Drs. Powles, McDowell, Horner, Cowley and Judd.

With the completion of the 52-bed Pontiac Community Hospital in 1948, this old hospital was converted to a nurses' residence. In 1992, an addition to PCH was completed, giving a total of 94 beds.

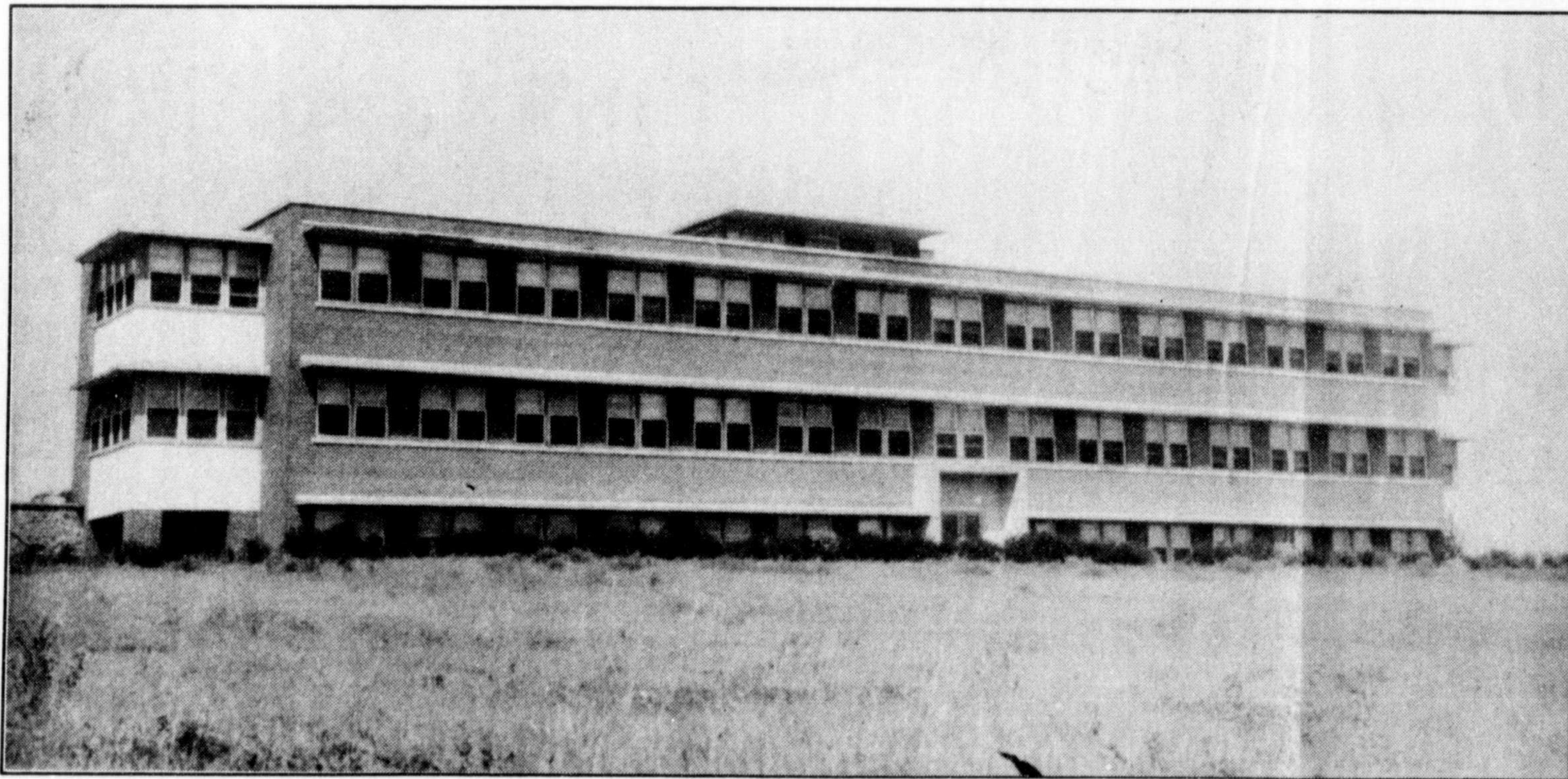
Today, the hospital is staffed with 13 general practitioners and various specialists. There is state of the art equipment comparable - and sometimes surpassing - many urban hospitals.



Pictured at right: The home at the corner of Victoria and Lang Streets was built for Dr. McNaughton. It later was occupied by Dr. Lippiatt and then Dr. Powles, who established Shawville's first hospital there.

Pictured below: Pontiac Community Hospital as completed in 1948.

Pictured at bottom: The Pontiac Community Hospital with its addition that was built in 1992.



Powell's Auto Service staff from left, Rick Atkinson, Tim Hobbs, Les Atkinson, Brian Bruce and Cyril Gilpin.

Powell's Auto Service

Service is the trademark of Powell's Auto Service in Shawville and store manager Cyril Gilpin is very proud of their reputation.

The store has served Shawville and area since it was purchased in 1968 from Clifford Garrison. Owner Ned Rafuse, of Renfrew, fondly remembers going to see Mickey Hodgins, owner of the building that the business operates out of, to obtain a rental lease in 1968. Rafuse was promptly told that in Shawville all you needed

was a handshake, and it has remained that way ever since.

Radio Shack was added to the business in 1976 and was removed in '95.

In '83, large new windows, along with inner store modifications were carried out to make the store more modern and efficient. Video tape rentals were also added to the business.

A few years ago, Shawville Powell's joined Best Auto Group Canada Wide, which allows the

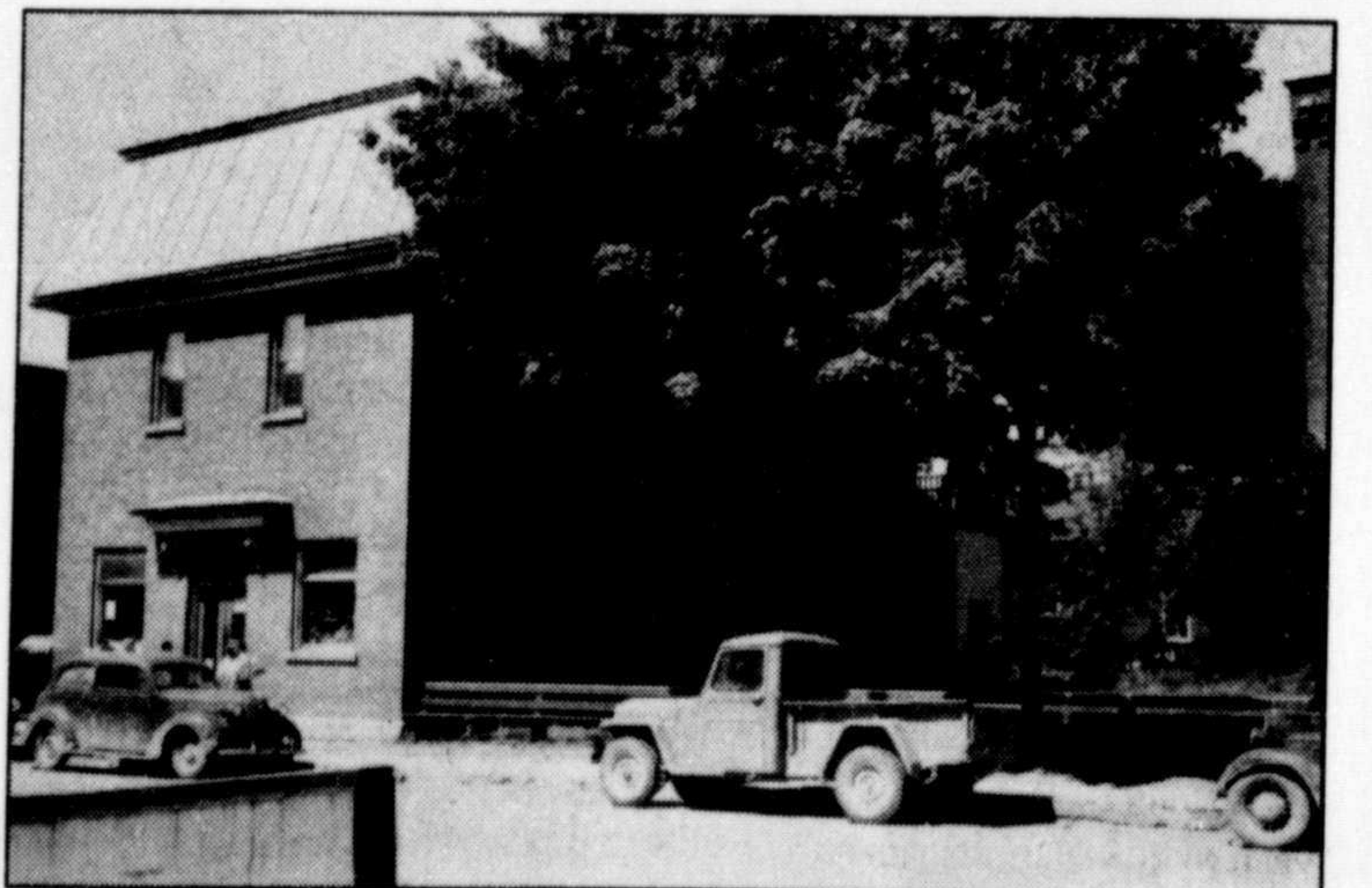
business to get competitive rates on parts.

Other local garages affiliated with Best Auto are Garage du Rac, CPM Ltd., Shawville Auto Service, Bean's Service, Maxsom's Auto and Bristol Auto Body.

In addition to Cyril, current employees at Powell's are Les Atkinson, Tim Hobbs, Brian Bruce and Rick Atkinson. Pride and service are important to all employees and the Shawville store excels in both.

Royal Bank of Canada

From THE EQUITY, 1961: "An indication of the Royal Bank of Canada's confidence in the future development of Shawville and District is seen in the announcement by the bank that on or about July 1, it will open a new branch here to be situated in the



The green bench next to the Royal Bank was a popular gathering spot.

Argue building on the northeast corner of Main and Centre streets. Plans are underway to convert the existing premises on the corner site into a smart, modern banking office, fully equipped to provide all normal banking services."

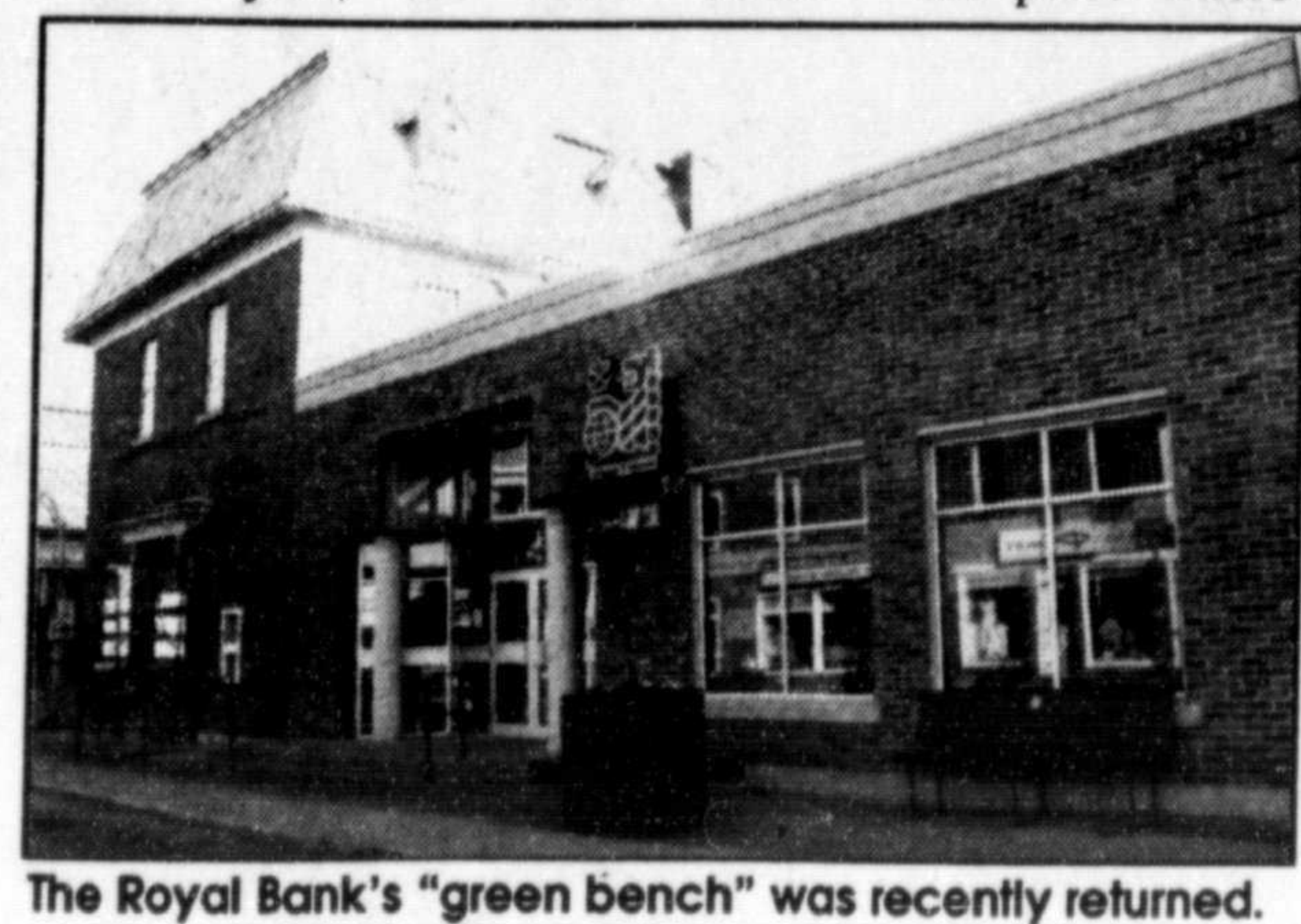
That year, the bank

opened with a staff of four. Nearly 20 years later, the bank expanded to utilize the second floor of the building.

In 1991, with a staff of 14, a new 1,600-square foot wing and a generous parking lot were added. Regrettably, the green bench - the place where

the men gathered to swap stories - was removed to make way for the addition. Also, at that time, an ATM machine was installed for 24-hour client convenience. These additions were a sign that the Shawville Royal Bank continued to play an important role in the economic development of the region. The new wing and ATM machine provided added value for the bank's clients.

In 1998, the Royal Bank and its staff of 15 - who have a total of 308 years of experience - continue to be strong supporters of this community in numerous benevolent programs. Many thanks to the 125th committee organizers for returning our "green bench" (now brown).



The Royal Bank's "green bench" was recently returned.

Décor Sylvia

Sylvia Poisson Hodgins' first taste of retail was 42 years ago, when, at the age of 17, she first worked for her father, J.C. Poisson, at the General Store in Bryson.

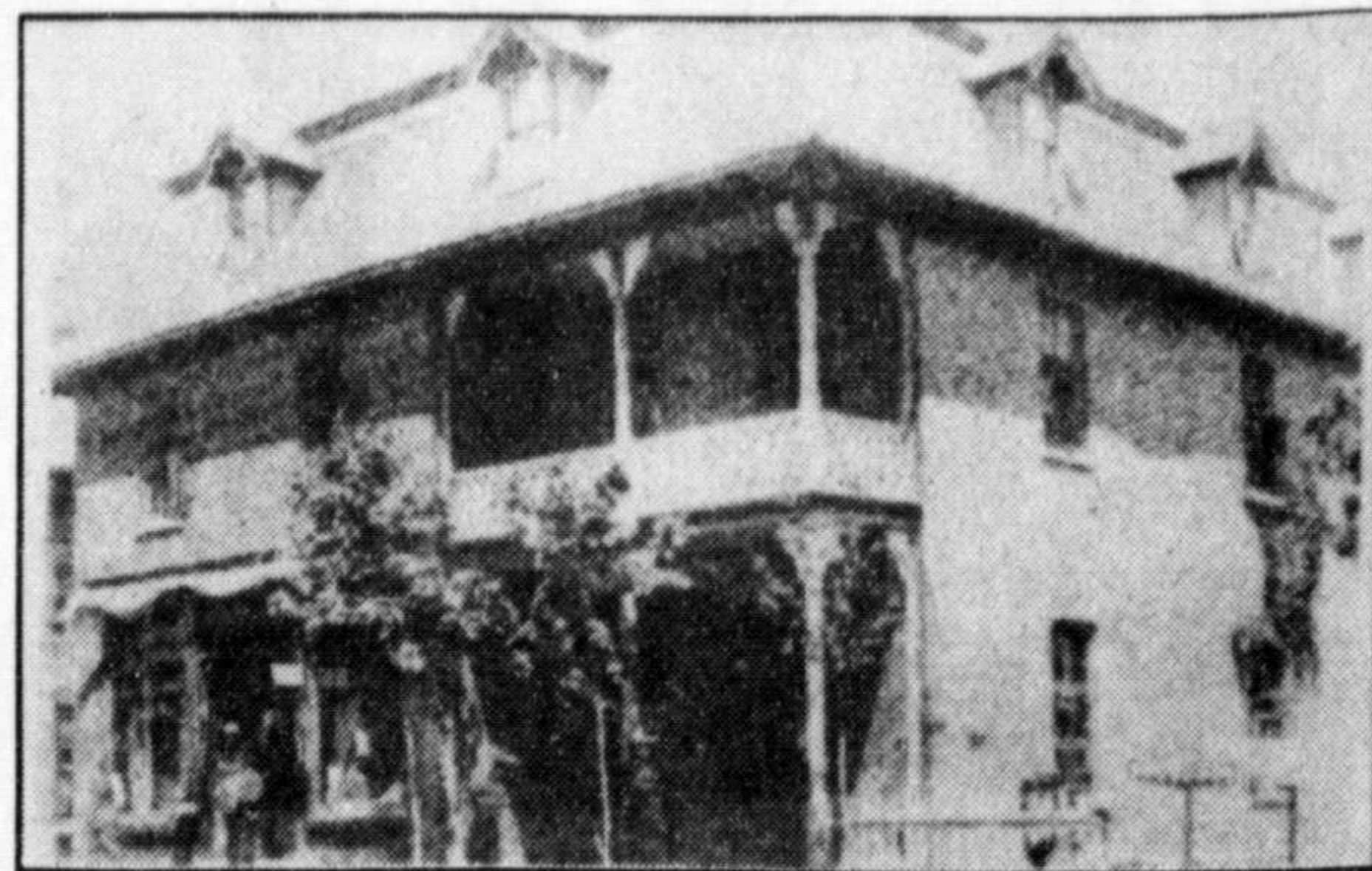
On July 1, 1961, Sylvia began working for Morley Hodgins Inc. in Shawville. There she spent 28 years in the retail lumber, hardware and decorating business. After a four-year stint at Scheel Windows in Arnprior, Sylvia opened

Décor Sylvia on Nov. 4, 1994, the only full decorating centre in Pontiac.

Today, Sylvia continues to offer extensive consultations on interior/exterior decorating, and she sells top quality SICO paints, Sunworthy wall coverings, window coverings, accessories, and much more at her present location (the former Morley Hodgins Inc. store) at 443 Main Street, Shawville.



Forty-two years in retail business.



The store in 1890 ...



... and today.

1857 - W.A. Hodgins Store - 1998

Edward Hodgins had a vision of building a small business in Clarendon village. In 1857, before Shawville even existed, Edward floated his merchandise up the Ottawa River and then carted it by pack horse to his store. In 1890, he moved his business to a new building located where the hardware store is today.

William Alexander, Edward's son, took over

his father's business in 1906, expanding the grocery counter and adding clothes, shoes and dry goods to his inventory. This was the creation of "W.A.'s," known as "the finest store in the Pontiac."

W.A.'s two sons, Arthur and Edgar, took over their father's business in 1936. Arthur expanded the grocery section into a food store, while Edgar built a clothing department for

men, women and children. Mickey, Edgar's son, entered the business in 1947, running the hardware business. Upstairs, china, dry goods and clothing were sold. In 1966, Mickey built an addition to the grocery store, and in 1973, a shopping mall adjacent to the grocery store was erected. In 1980, Mickey sold the grocery store, and he and son, Ronnie, renovated the hardware and ladies'

departments. Today, they run a business which sells lumber, building supplies, hardware, giftware, dry goods and cards.

Through 141 years of progress and six generations of the Hodgins family, one thing has remained steadfast: friendly and knowledgeable staff who are always eager to help as soon as you walk through the front door of the Main Street store.

Langford's Grocery

Langford's Grocery was born under tragic circumstances in 1923. John Langford's grandfather, Stanley Langford, died in the flu epidemic, leaving his wife, Mabel, with no means of support for their five young children. Faced with the threat of having her children taken away from her, Mabel borrowed \$1,000 from a man in Shawville and began selling groceries out of the living room of her modest, brown, stucco home beside Shawville Milling. She continued to sell groceries for 25 years.

Shortly after Mabel's store closed, her son, Seldon - or Selly as everyone called him - opened his own grocery store in the H. I. Hobbs building. Langford's Grocery then moved next to Finnigan's Hotel. About 20 years ago, Selly and son John built the present-day location.



Selly Langford and his son, Hugh, at Langford's Grocery in 1950. At the back door is Emmerson Hotel. Finnigan's Hotel can be seen through the window.

In 1996, John sold the business - which had been the livelihood of three generations of Langfords - to Donna Presley, who continues to offer her customers the convenience and friendly service of a small-town grocery store.

Municipality of Shawville

The earliest meetings of Clarendon township were held in Robin McDowell's tavern at the far western edge of the village that would become Shawville. Refreshing themselves with strong grog often led to a failure of decorum among the councillors. Disagreements became brawls that - to put it mildly - interfered with the normal process of governments. The councillors decided they might improve the situation by building a town hall a mile east of the tavern. The hall stood where Memorial Park is now and served admirably for decades.

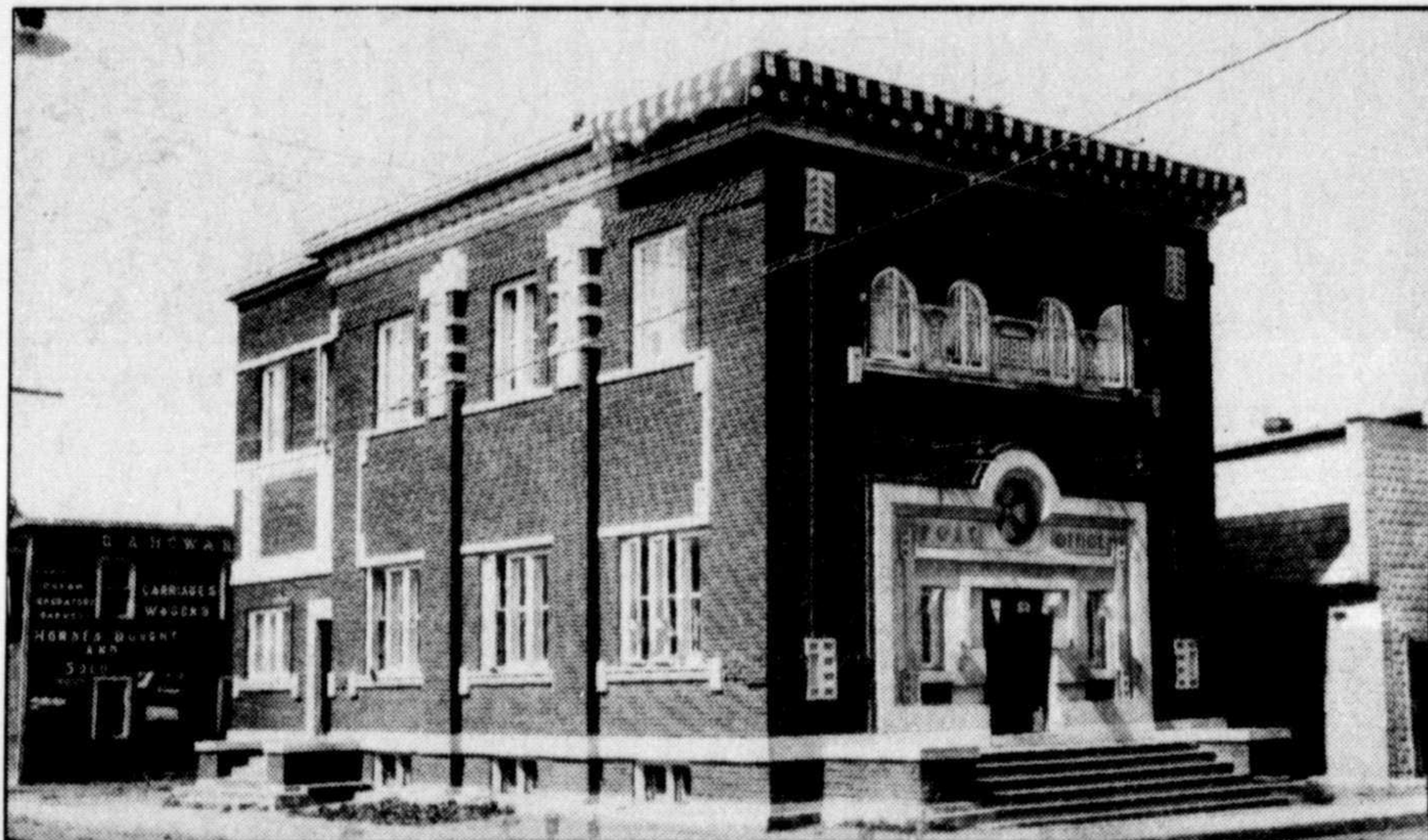
The present Shawville Town Hall was built in 1927 and served as the village post office from 1927 to 1972, with Ernest Dean being the last postmaster to serve in the old location.

Prior to Ernest, the postmaster was Clifford Woodley.

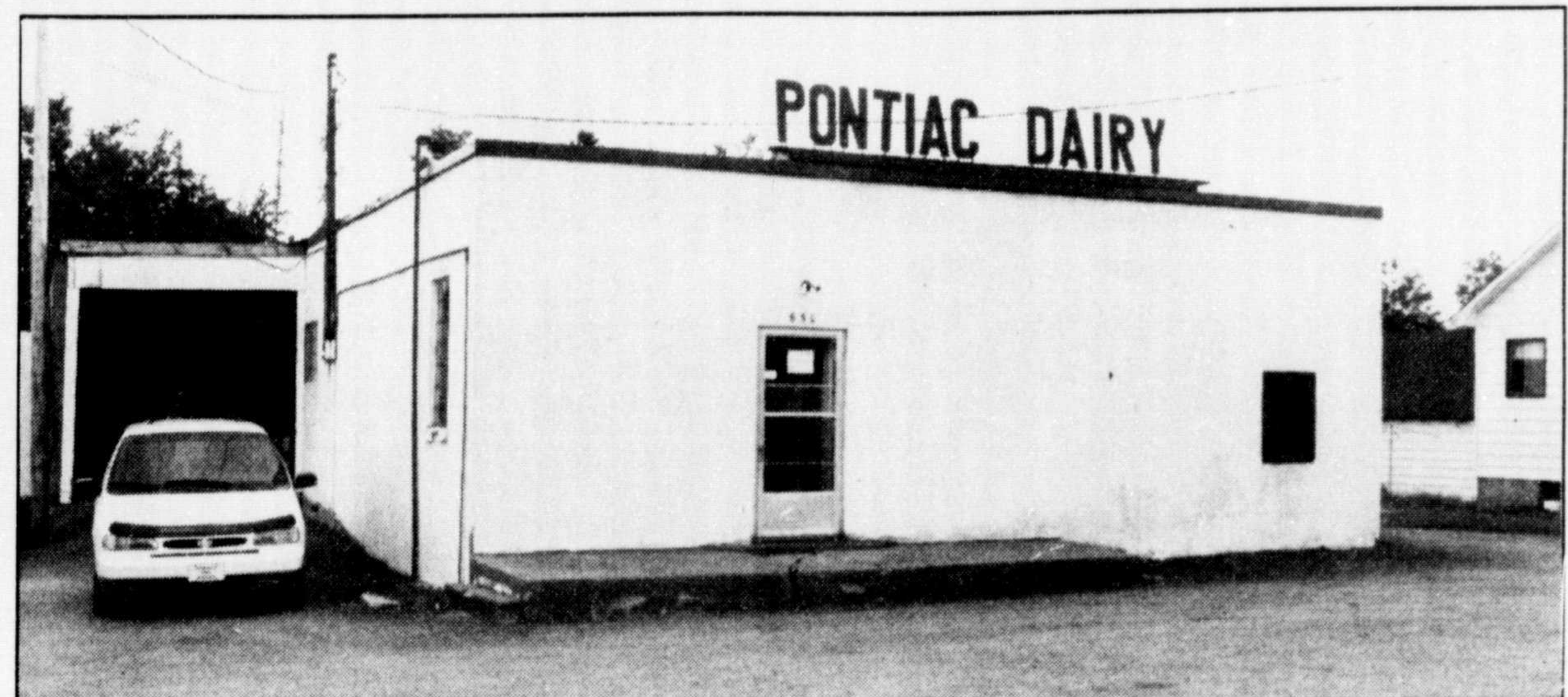
In 1972, the town acquired the building from the Federal Government. After interior renovations in 1973, the old post office became the new town hall and the

home of our council and business administration. It is a rather unique structure conveying an impression of solidity and permanence. The exterior structure of the building remains unchanged and structurally solid. Since

1972, five different mayors have held office in this old post office and present town hall building. The basement of the town hall is home to the Shawville-Clarendon Library.



Shawville Post Office when it was new, now the Town Hall. Tin building on right was George Wainman's tinshop and the one at the rear was G.A. Howard's business.



Pontiac Dairy as it stands today.

Pontiac Dairy Products

Remember the days when empty glass bottles were left on the back step for the milkman to pick up early the next day? Back in the days of home delivery, the Pontiac Dairy was built on John Dale Road in 1949. The first owners

were Ebert Richardson, Kenny Morrison and Cliff Dale.

In 1953, Ebert sold his share to the two remaining partners. Back then, milk brought in by the farmers was processed here. The

Dairy also produced cultured buttermilk, cottage cheese and chocolate milk. Milk was delivered by horse and wagon, and bottles were returned to be washed and used again.

In 1979, the business was

purchased by Sterling and Weldon Hobbs. Eight years later, in 1987, it was bought by the Klukes. Today, Pontiac Dairy is a wholesaler for Neilson Dairy, Tracey's Ice Cream and St. Albert's Cheese.

Shawville United Church

This year, the congregation of Shawville United Church celebrates its 164th anniversary. The first Methodist Circuit was established in 1834, with John G. Manly the first resident Methodist minister.

In 1840, the first Methodist church was built on Lot 8, Range 7 in Clarendon. In 1852, a new log church, "Clarendon Wesleyan Methodist Church" was built on the site of the present village cemetery in Clarendon Centre (Shawville since 1873).

Area churches were built beginning in the 1860s. Zion Methodist Church, built in 1864, has associated with the Clarendon Centre or Shawville charge. Austin Church, built in 1882, is now amalgamated with the Shawville Church.

Although churches were built earlier in most of these districts, a separate Clarendon Circuit was established in 1902 with the following churches: Wesley (1900); Norman (1904); Radford Ebenezer (1906); St. Matthews (1865, burned and rebuilt



Shawville Methodist Church, now Shawville United Church, of which the cornerstone was laid in 1890.

in 1931); and Yarm (1914). The Rev. Isaac Norman was the first to minister on this circuit.

In 1890, a new Methodist church was built at the site of the present United Church in Shawville. It burned in 1906, was rebuilt and dedicated in 1908. This

building was built similar to the original one except for the church tower and large north window. Special memorial windows were installed. The original oak pulpit was saved from the fire and is used in the present church. The church bell, although damaged in

the fire, was used for some time until it was replaced by a bell from a Methodist church in Renfrew. The Christian Education Building was erected beside the church by 1962.

In 1965, many area churches were closed and many congregations joined with the central Shawville Church. Thus the area classes, congregations, and charges which had decentralized from the original church of 1834 of Clarendon Centre are, once again, centralized in one regional church - the Shawville United Church.

Many ministers and lay persons have served these congregations during these 164 years. The famous Fokes Decades were the years 1931-1952 when the Rev. Dr. A.F. Fokes served faithfully. The present minister is the Rev. Mark Fearnall.

Note: A history of the Shawville United Church and area churches may be found in the book *By Water and the Word*, by Mayfred Horner Dods.



Shawville United Church as it stands in 1998.



The funeral of Jane Horner on May 2, 1918. W.J. Hayes is standing second from left. With him is the minister (unknown).

W.J. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home

William James Hayes started the undertaking business on the corner of Main and Centre Streets where the corner store currently stands. He had previously worked as a mason and plasterer and continued that vocation on the side as the funeral business slowly grew.

The first funeral was conducted on Aug. 2, 1915.

The original corner building was destroyed in the fire of 1921 and subsequently rebuilt at its current location in 1922.

Many additions have been built on since then. Joining W.J. in the business were his sons, Arthur in 1943 and Mahlon (Mac) in 1946.

Upon returning from his war duties in the navy, Mahlon had opened a funeral establishment in Renfrew. After one year of operations, he returned to work with his father in Shawville.

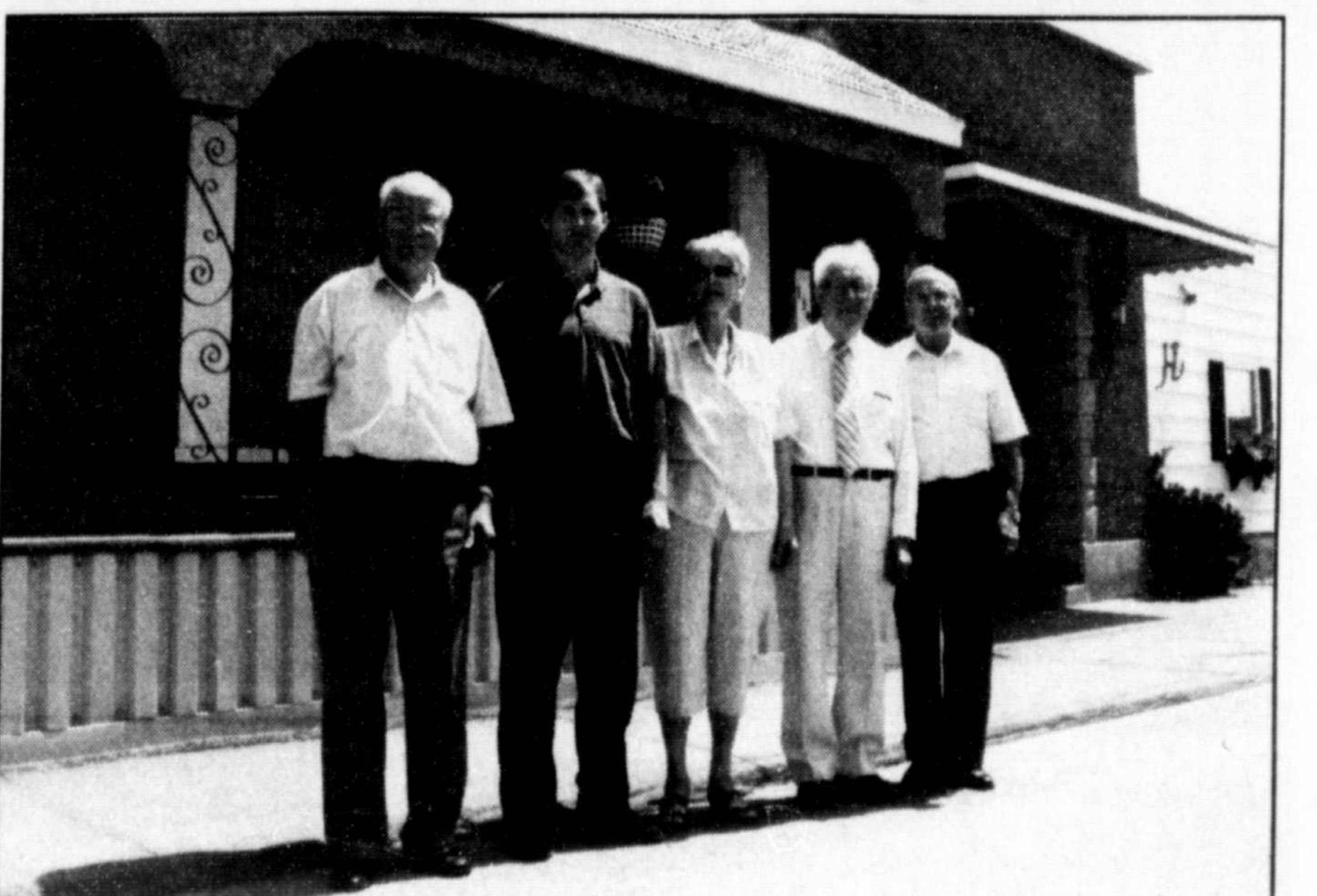
W.J. died in 1955. Mac and Art ran the business jointly until Art's death in

1977. The ambulance service was another responsibility of the funeral home. The "invalid coach" service, as it was known, was operated until 1978. By this time the third generation of Hayes', Mac's sons, Ted and Bruce, had begun work in the family business.

Ted worked at the funeral home as well as the paper mill until his death in 1971. Bruce began driving ambulance in 1963 at the age of 15 and has been here ever since. Mac ran the business from 1977 until his death in 1996.

The fourth generation, Bruce's son, Greg, returned to join the company in 1997.

Currently, the company consists of Gwen Hayes, owner, Bruce, Greg, Willard Sparling, and Glenn Hodgins. Art Carson helps on a part-time basis.



From left, Willard Sparling, Greg Hayes, Gwen Hayes, Glenn Hodgins and Art Carson.

125 years ago

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hotel keepers. Wagon makers were Duncan Ross and Malcolm McRae.

David Ross and Robert Armstrong were blacksmiths. James Shaw and R.R. Armstrong are listed as the town's merchants.

Farmers in the village limits included Walker Fletcher, John Greer, Robert Dagg, Samuel Armstrong and William

Armstrong.

Dr. Lyon was the doctor at the time.

From *The Shawville Historical Walking Tour*: "Samuel Armstrong's brickyard in the east end of town and Ralph Hodgins' similar establishment on the Heath Road provided bricks for a growing town in the late 19th century. The coming of the railway in the 1880s sparked a period

of prosperity in town that was reflected in a surge of building with brick. The east end of town illustrates the wealth of the merchants and professionals of the area."

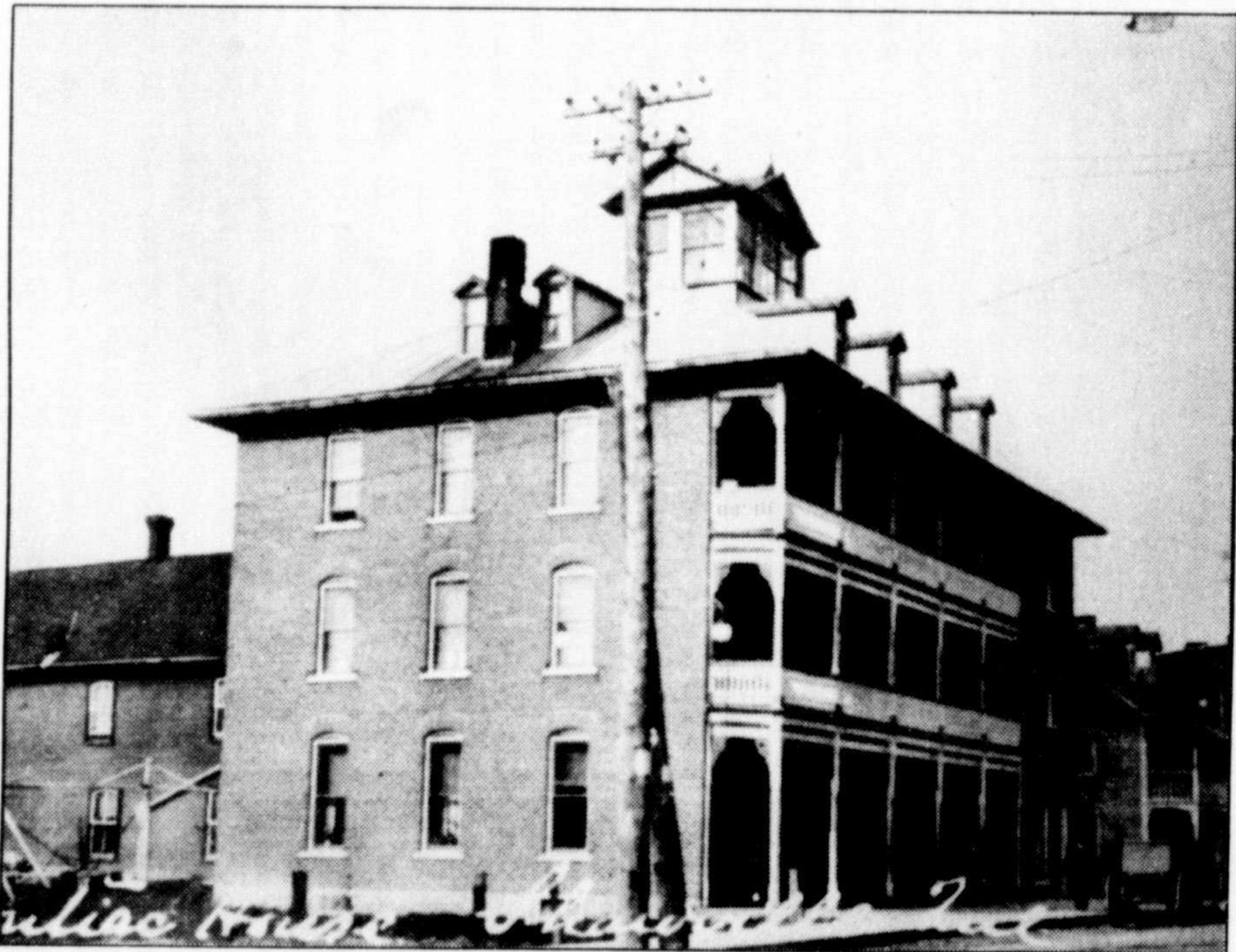
This week, we remember these pioneers, and the thousands who came both before and afterward to make Shawville what it is today.



The Shawville Hockey team early 1900s.



Shawville Methodist Church, now United, after the fire of 1906.

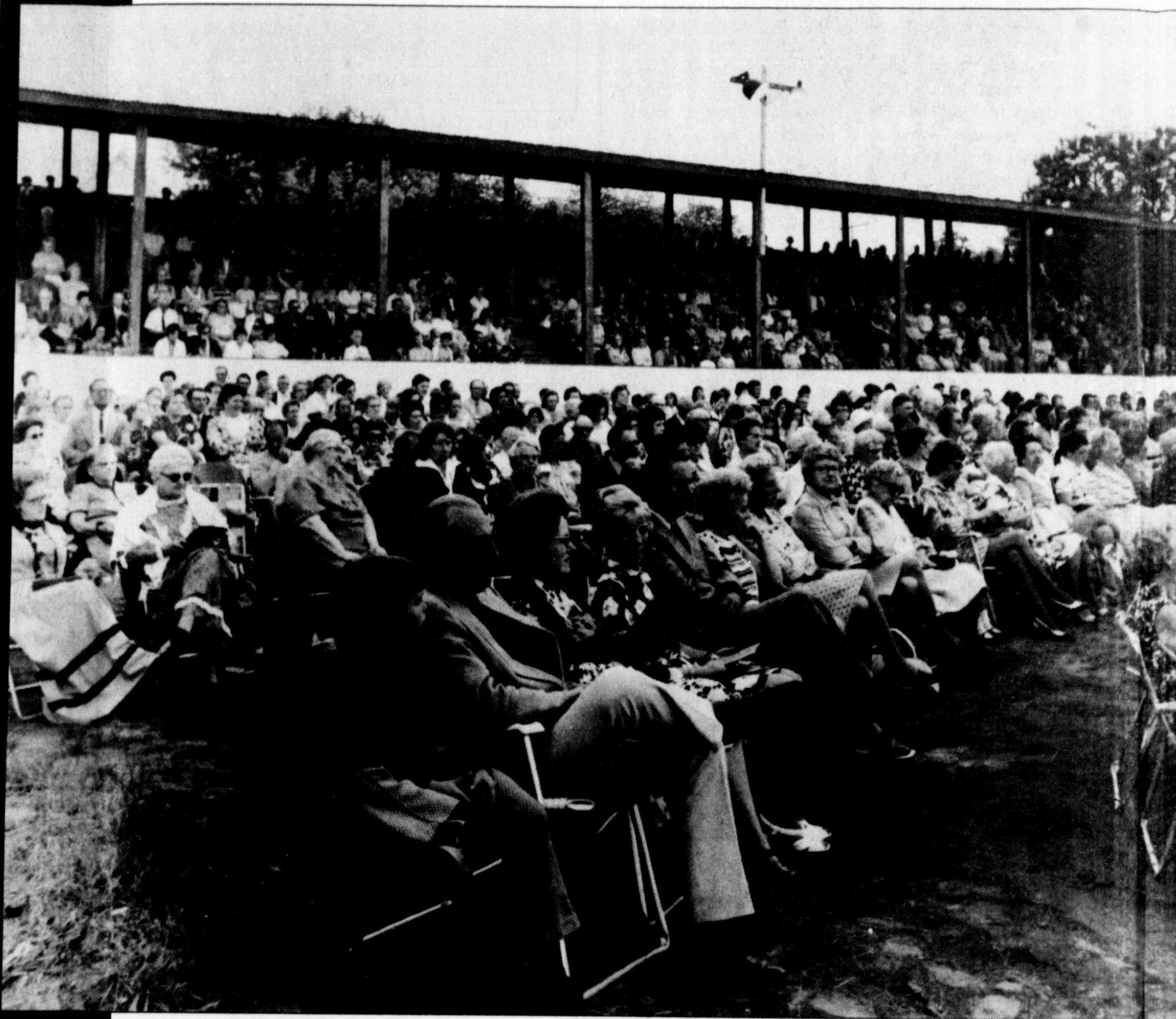


The Pontiac House before its fire.



An early exhibition at the Shawville Fair.

1973, Shawville



It was a packed house for the worship service 25 years ago.



Mayor Ora Young, MP Tom Lefebvre and MNA Jean-Guy Lariviere raise the flags.



From left, Young, Lefebvre, Mrs. Lariviere, Lariviere, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lefebvre celebrate 100 years.

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Shawville's 100th

We've reprinted photos of Shawville's Centennial celebrations of 25 years ago to get people in the spirit of celebrating our 125th anniversary next week.



Jennifer Davies, sitting on Mom Muriel's lap (at right), was named the Centennial baby.



Shawville Municipal Council in 1973 included (from left), Edgar Schwartz, "Bud" Rowat, Allen McKay, Mayor Orla Young, Allan Black, Carson Hodgins and Keith Bean.

All photos of the Centennial celebrations are by Eva Andai.

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Shawville's Centennial Crest

For Shawville's centennial, a crest was designed by Orla E. Mee. Today, this crest is still an integral part of Shawville. The following is the legend of the crest.

Circumference and outer band: Green - As the Quebec coat of arms bears three maple leaves and the Canadian flag one, their appearance here bears the timely message that we wish to retain the status quo within Quebec, and Quebec within Canada.



Large V, V for Victory: 1. The hundred years of Shawville. 2. The cross being the V means that the V also stands for the Christian faith of the citizens, evidenced by the many churches. "And this is the story that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4b. 3. The two paths, one on each side of the cross, tell that the V also means the citizens who fought and those who gave their lives in two World Wars.

Green area with tree: Symbolic of the forests.

Gold area with sheaf: Symbolic of the golden grain fields.

White area: Symbolic of the part winter has played in pioneer days and in sports.

Blue areas: Symbolic of the part the lakes and rivers have played in pioneer days, also in sports and tourism.

Wavy line separating green and gold from blue area: Symbolic of rolling contour of the land.

Axe and scythe: Emblems of pioneer days



Orla Mee accepts a gift from Rev. Ron Ellis.



Valerie Clarke (with flowers) was named Centennial Queen.

Thank you

A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this special 125th Souvenir edition. In particular, we'd like to recognize the Pontiac Archives, which were a wealth of information. If you've never been to the archives in Campbell's Bay, we suggest you go. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Special thanks to Elsie Sparrow who was most helpful. And thanks to everyone who dug up old photos and retold great stories to make this edition complete. We hope you enjoy it.



Next year, bed races will replace the bathtub races of 25 years ago. For those watching on television, remember to bring your spaghetti and tomatoes.



Organizers hope this year's Miss Shawville-Clarendon Peach will come close to the entertainment value of the show 25 years ago.

Shawville Wesleyan Church

The year 1904 marked the beginning of the Ministry of the Wesleyan



This photo taken outside of the front entrance shortly after the church relocation to Shawville. Front row, Hubert Hamilton, Herbie Wilson and Mervyn Dale. In the back are Inez Wilson, Jennie Harris and Myrtle Wilson.

Church in Shawville and the surrounding communities under the leadership of Rev. George Comerford. Over the past 94 years of ministry, there have been many individuals who have contributed in a rich way to the community in general and specifically the community of faith at Shawville Wesleyan Church. For both pastor and lay people we are grateful for the rich inheritance of faith we have received from each one who has gone before us.

One of the many highlights of the church's existence has been the relocation of the church building from Radford to its present location on James Street in Shawville. The process was a long one as they attached chains to the old building and drew it into town with horses, using logs beneath, to literally roll it along the old highway. This was quite an undertaking for the people in 1926 and their pastor, Rev. Daniel Summers.

Although the building has undergone many renovations over the years, and many pastors and lay people have served together in leadership, the mission of the church continues to be the same. Shawville

Wesleyan Church is a body of people committed to being disciples of Christ. Our goal is to build people of faith and inspire individuals to leave a rich heritage of faith behind for people to witness in other times of celebrations.



The Shawville Wesleyan Church today.

Lavallée's house

When George F. Hodgins lost his bid to become the area's federal representative in 1896, he decided to build a house to impress his voters, so the story goes.

On May 5, 1897, construction of his massive brick home began.

Apparently, his constituents were impressed, and Hodgins was elected in 1900.

Hodgins was a wealthy

businessman who helped build Shawville. His name can still be seen above the Stedman's sign.

Today, Donald and Louise Lavallée call the stately brick house home.

Although the house is 101 years old, little has changed since it was built. The intricate woodwork with Hodgins' initials carved into it is still present. The fireplace and mirror are original.

Outside, the autographs of a young William McDowell (who later became Rev. McDowell) can be found on the brick walls. In 1920, William's father, Dr. S.E. McDowell moved in. For some years, part of the house was used as his operating room.

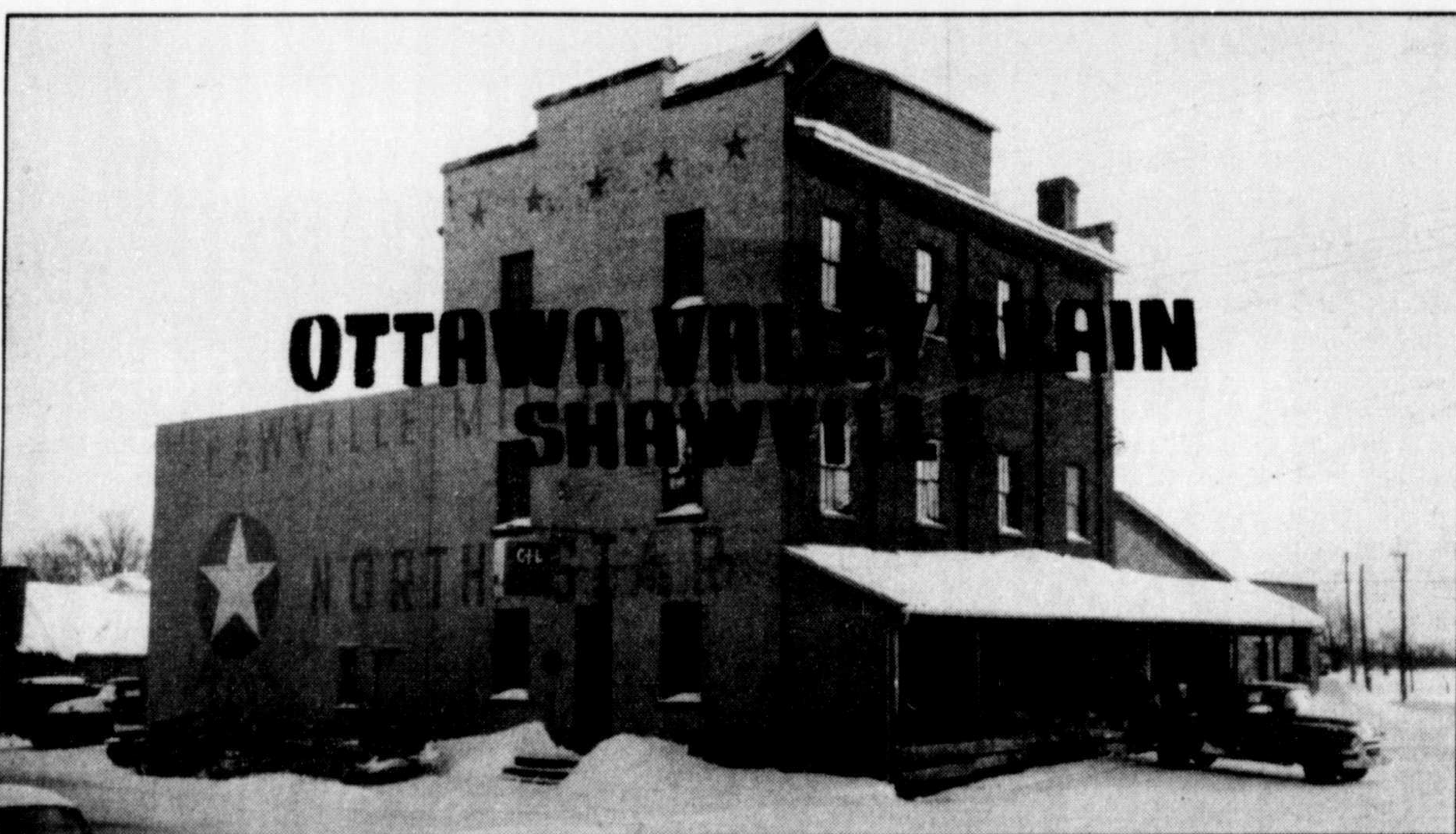
In the late '40's, Larry Hynes and his family moved into the second floor and operated their funeral parlor on the first floor. Apparently, competition between the Hynes and the Hayes' Funeral Home was stiff. If Hayes was having a funeral, residents used to tease Hynes: "Lost another one to Hayes, did you?"

In 1972, Larry Hynes was the last one to be waked in the original Hodgins home. The Lavallées moved in in 1974.



The Lavallée's home remains very much like it was when it was first built.

Shawville Milling Company



Shawville Milling in the early 1960's.

The Shawville Milling building at 476 Main Street was built in the early 1900s by Jim Eades. It was then sold to a Mr. Noel who was the proprietor until after the Second World War. In 1946, it was purchased by Nathaniel Lindsay, the original owner of the present day Ottawa Valley Grain Products. Nathaniel built the grain elevator in the late '40s. Coal sales and delivery were part of the operation at that time.

In 1950, a new warehouse was built. The grand opening was a major social event, with music by CFRA's Happy Wanderers.

In the spring of 1954, the fuel business with Shell gas and oil began. It was joined with a hardware and farm

supply store which are still in operation today. The operation of the feed mill was discontinued in 1991.

In 1994, a significant investment was made in the community when a new above ground bulk fuel plant was installed - the only one in Pontiac.

Today, Shawville Milling is still under its original ownership: Ottawa Valley Grain Products. However, a few long-time employees have retired from the mill recently.

After 45 years of service, Bill Orr retired as manager. He was replaced by Andy Crozier, a long-time employee of Ottawa Valley Grain.

Will Lang retired from the accounting department

after 22 years of employment. He was replaced by Jennifer Cameron.

After 37 years of service, Clayton Hodgins retired from the furnace service department. Lyons Lucas has taken over Clayton's job.

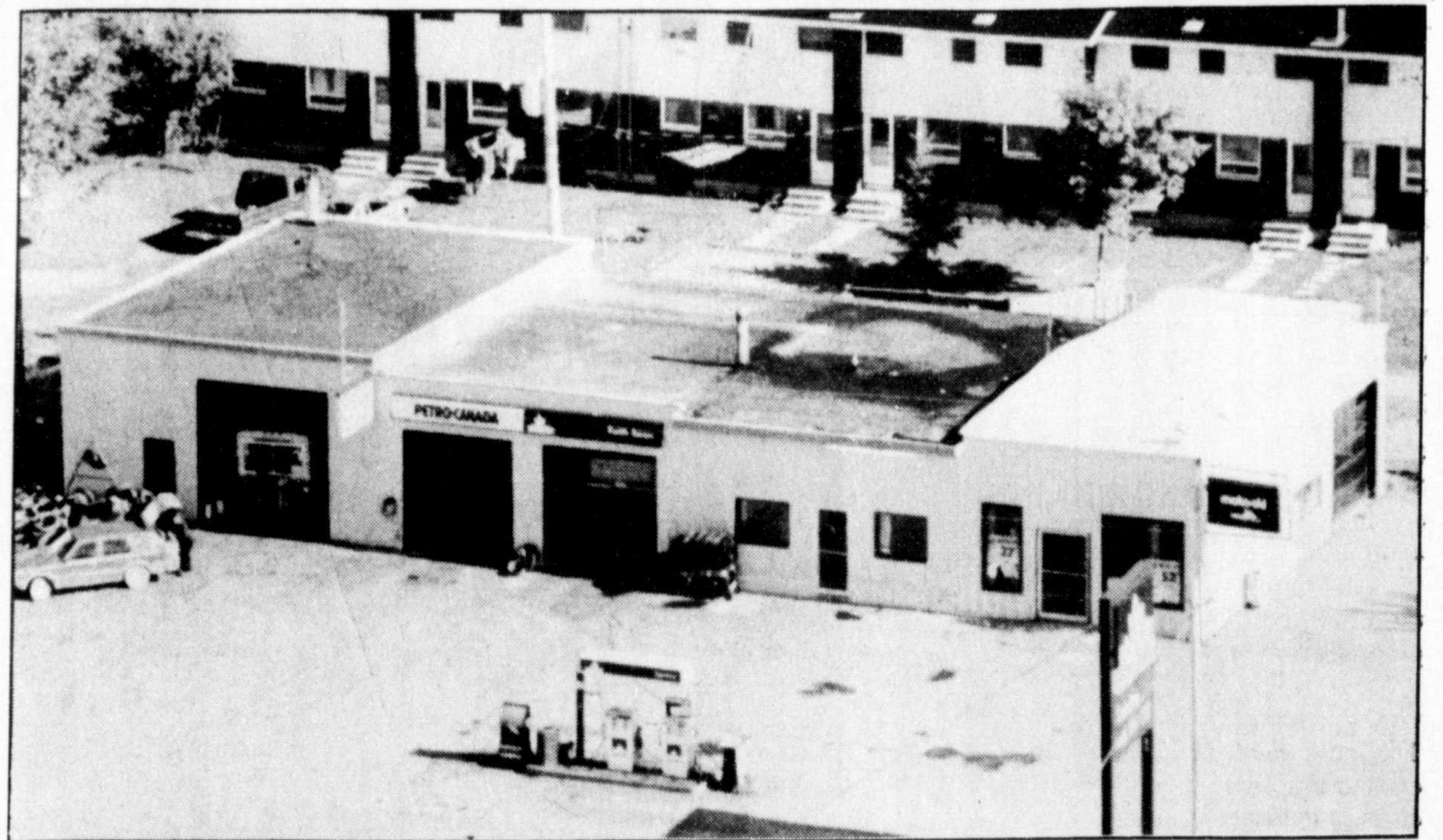
Bob Thomas, who is currently fuel delivery truck

driver, has worked in all facets of the company since 1963.

We, at Shawville Milling, are proud to have been a part of Shawville's heritage for the past 50 years, and we look forward to the next 50.



Bob Thomas (left), Jennifer Cameron and Andy Crozier keep Shawville Milling running smoothly.



Keeping with the old name of Bean's, the station has expanded to its present look today.

Bean's Service Station

Keith Bean rented Bean's Service Station from Fina Company in 1965. Prior to that, Fina owned the gas station for about 10 years. Other former owners include Bill McGregor, Bob Hodgins and a Mr. Hobbs.

In 1967, Keith bought the service station and proceeded to own it for the next 21 years. Gas, back then was about 27 cents a gallon.

Murray Richardson was the first employee Keith hired. Murray pumped gas at Bean's for about 15 years.

Other employees at the service station were Francis Trudeau and Bert Sheppard.

Keith celebrated his one-year anniversary in a big - and unique - way. A street dance was held and the band played on the roof of Bean's Service Station.

It didn't take long for Keith to expand the business.

He began by building a truck bay; the next year, he added an office, and the

following year, he built the addition for snowmobiles.

But in 1968, the snowmobile business was disastrous for Keith, selling only six Fox Tracs, a machine which turned out to be the lemon of snowmobiles.

The next year, Keith began selling Moto-Ski snowmobiles.

During the winter of '72-'73, Keith sold 96 Moto-Skis, which ranged in price

from \$500 to \$900. In 1974, Skidoo bought out Moto-Ski.

The business was expanded to sell ice cream in 1972. A large cone was 25 cents, a small, 15 cents.

In 1974, Bean's also started selling Columbia lawn tractors.

In May, 1987, Keith sold Bean's to Bill McCleary and Lee Laframboise, who had worked for Keith since

he was 12 years old. The duo still use the name Bean's and employ the following people full time: Nelda Bretzlaff, who has been at the service station for 16 years, Frank Frost (10 years), Cory Leach (nine years) and John Bruce (six years). Numerous part-timers also help to make Bean's a thriving business.



The original building only encompassed the middle section as it is known today.

Bank of Montreal

In 1918, the Bank of Montreal took possession of this original brick structure, which from 1898 to 1917, housed the Merchants' Bank of Canada. The building still stands unchanged today.

The recently renovated branch interior provides for an exciting contrast between old and new.

And as in the past... the exceptional quality of service continues to be unparalleled.

Jadis connue sous le nom de The Merchants Bank of Canada, de 1898 à 1917, la Banque de Montréal prit possession, en 1918, de l'édifice qui abrite encore aujourd'hui la succursale de Shawville.

Tout en conservant la structure de brique originale, l'intérieur de cette succursale fut rénové pour offrir à la clientèle un bureau tout à fait à la page.

Comme autrefois... le service y est hors pair.



The original bank housed the Merchants' Bank of Canada.



With the name change on the outside, the Bank of Montreal's building outwardly has changed very little over the years, although interior renovations have been done.

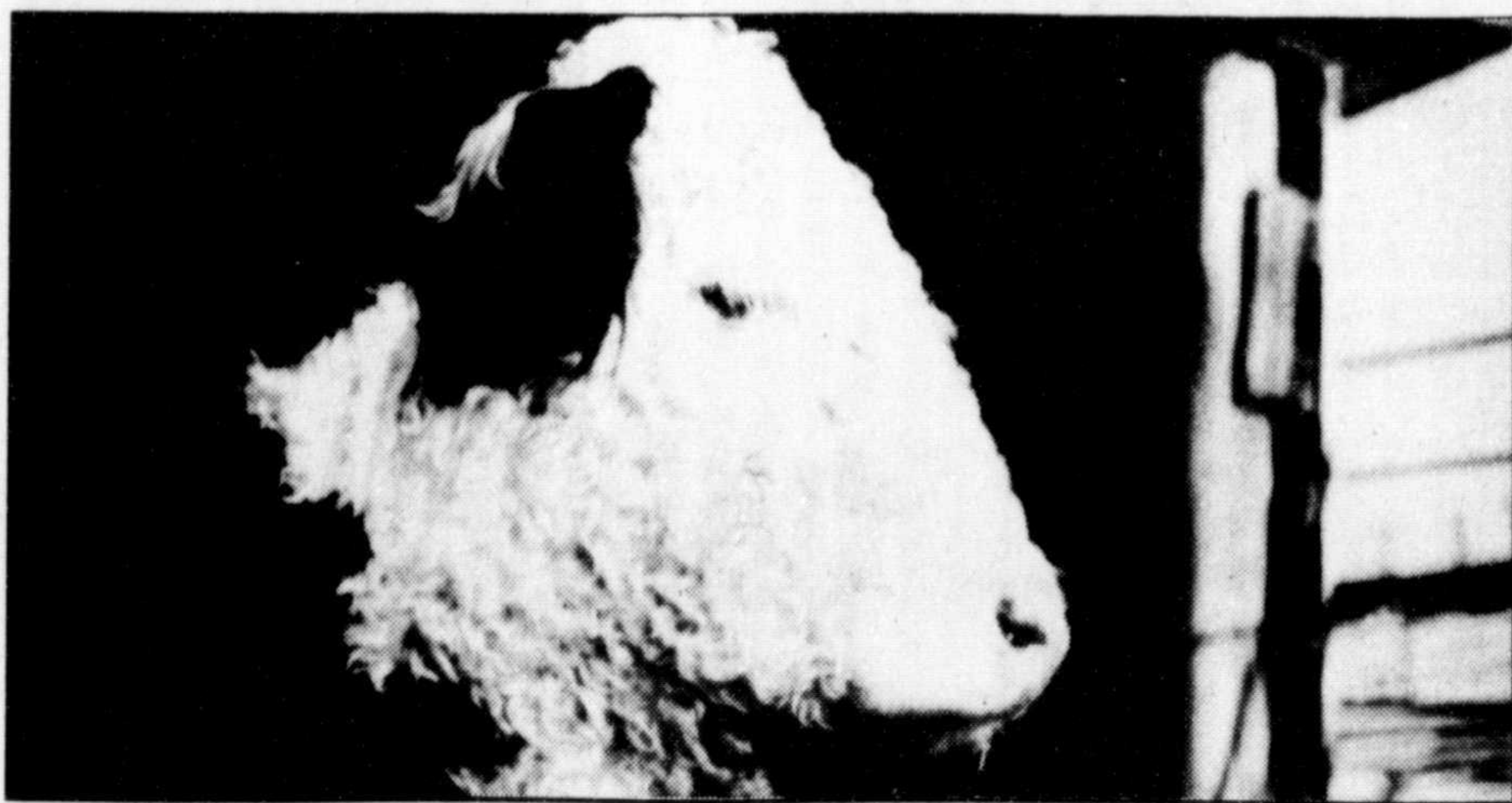
Rolling Acres Farms

Rolling Acres Farms is a family owned, third generation Polled Hereford beef operation.

The farm began with Westburn and Gladys (Sturgeon) Hamilton on the John A. Sturgeon farm. Their son Laird and Mary (Curry) and grandson Stephen and Paula (Barber) continue the farming operation today.

The Hamilton farming roots in Clarendon total six generations.

The first purebred cow was purchased in 1945. The cow herd has been expanded to more than 100 cows, with more than half the herd tracing back to the original cow. Herd bulls over the years have been purchased from Quebec,



Polled Herefords have always been a mainstay of Rolling Acres Farms.

Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Washington and Texas. Through the use of artificial insemination, bloodlines from around the world have been introduced into our breed-

ing program. Our main objective is to supply good quality breeding stock to our customers. Our broad genetic base has allowed us to provide herd bulls of different blood-

lines to many repeat customers. Thank you to each one who has made a cattle purchase and to all our friends, through supporting and helping each other we keep our community alive.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of Shawville, St. Paul's Anglican Church has a special connection to this event, since the present church was erected in October, 1873, and it is the oldest church building in Shawville.

The beginning of the Anglican Church in Clarendon took place much earlier, dating from the arrival of the first resident clergyman, the Rev. Daniel Falloon in 1841. The Anglicans were relatively late in establishing an organized ministry, but many of the original residents were Anglican and the "United Church of England and Ireland," as the Anglican Church was then called, had the legal right to baptize, marry and bury.

Rev. Falloon found a loyal, eager and thankful people waiting for him and a church building being erected. For the first year he held services in the recently-built schoolhouse at "The Centre" as the town was then called, and the first building was opened in August 1841, in the present-day site of the cemetery.

The generosity of those early settlers should be remembered, since times were hard and there was little money in circulation. This church served until 1878.

It is interesting to note that the baptismal font was obtained by the Rev. James

Samuel Sykes in 1855 from Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. It had been saved from a fire in that church.

The first rectory was built of logs on land bought from John Dale. In 1866 the congregation raised enough money for a 500-pound church bell which is still in use.

A proposal for a new church was made in 1869 and work began in 1873. However, an economic downturn forced the work to be stopped. The arrival of the Rev. W.H. Naylor in 1876 saw a new beginning and the present church was opened on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, 1878. The Bishop came by train to Sand Point and crossed the river to attend. It was a Friday and the attendance at the morning service was 400 persons.

The present rectory was built in 1889. Rev. Naylor left Shawville in 1907 and he is buried in the Village Cemetery. His family and friends gave the clock tower in his memory. This is the reason for the change in the appearance of the



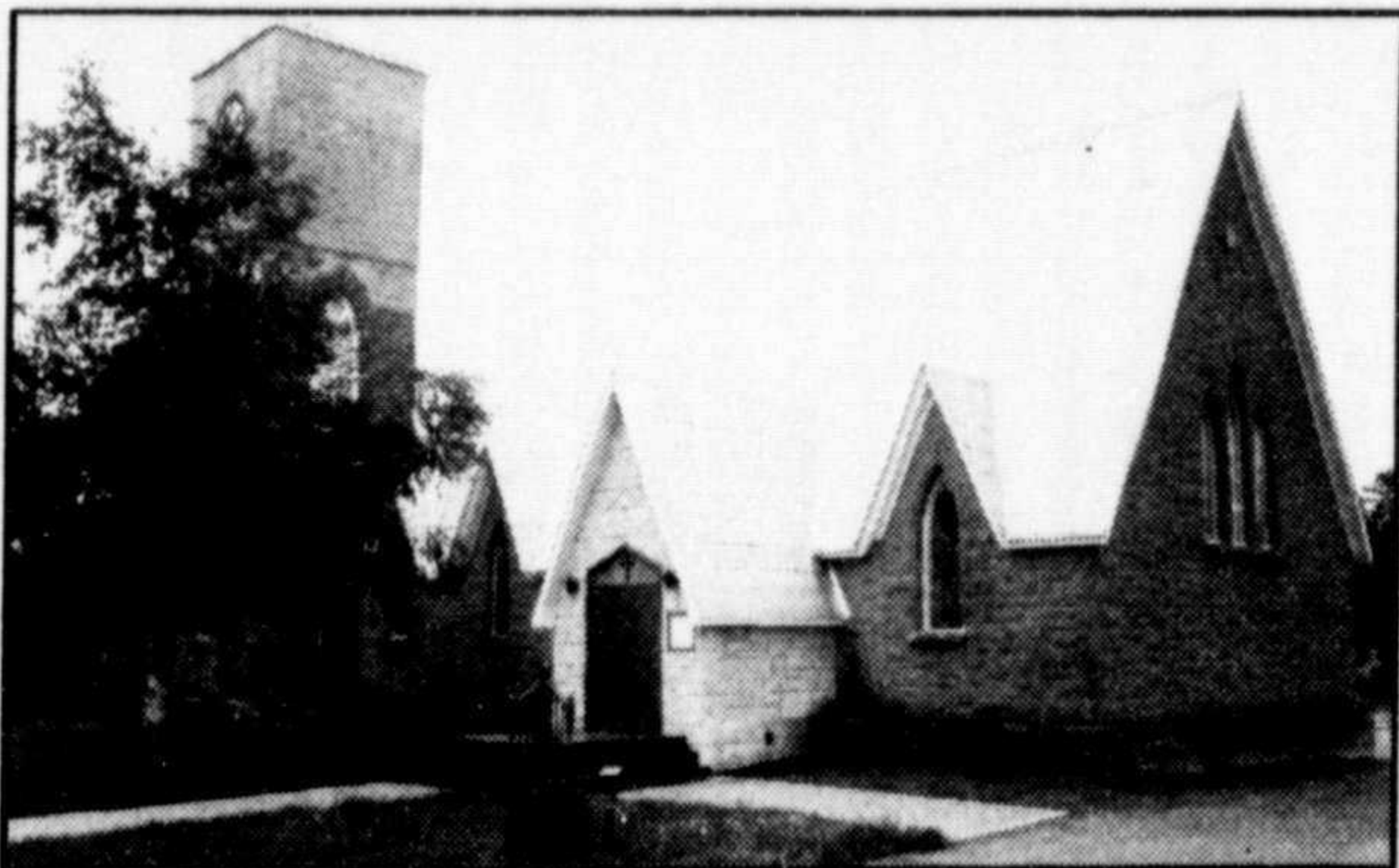
St. Paul's Anglican Church, of which the foundation was laid in 1873. The tower was later reconstructed to support the weight of the bell.

church tower.

As we celebrate 125 years of community life in Shawville, we also celebrate 125 years of faithfulness and dedication to God's work over the years by so many people. We are thankful for their work and commitment as they cared

for their families, homes and community, building a foundation for those who follow in the present day.

May this 125th Anniversary give us the same sense of service and concern for others as we look with hope to the future.



St. Paul's stands solid today.



The Standard Church in Shawville was established by Ralph C. Horner.

Standard Church in Shawville

Founded by a Canadian, and identified within the Methodist theological tradition of the Christian faith, the Standard Church was established by Ralph C. Horner, a "local boy" from Radford. Ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Church, Rev. Horner eventually went out on his own. His fervent evangelistic proclamation of the Gospel captured the attention of large crowds wherever he held meetings in tents or rented halls throughout the Ottawa Valley and Eastern Ontario regions.

The Shawville congregation of the Standard Church organized in 1918. Pioneer families included the Mees, Moffatts, Richardsons, and

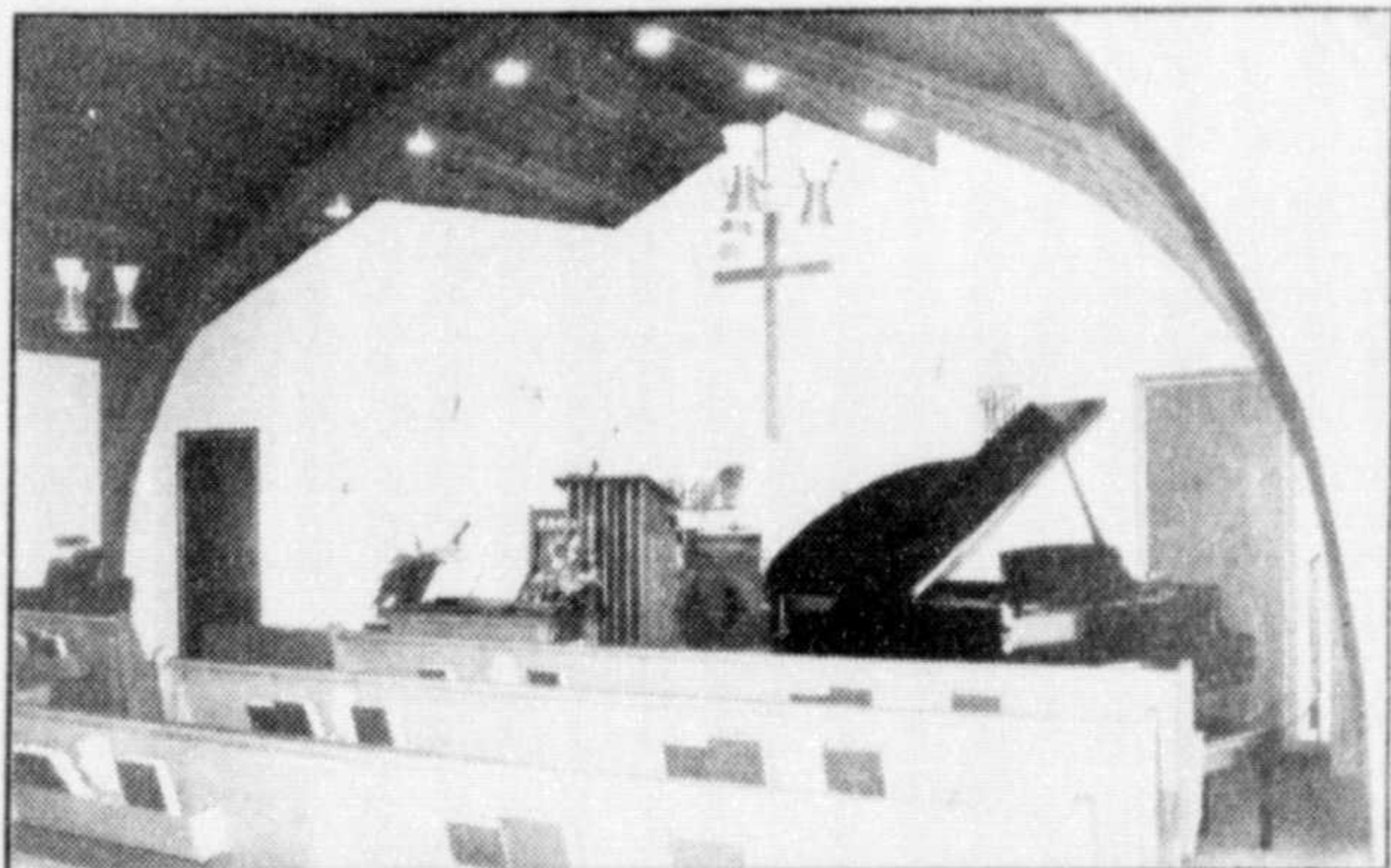
of course, Horners. For almost 50 years, worshippers gathered in a simple white clapboard structure on Main Street, adjacent to the lot now rented by Barber's Farm Equipment. Horse stables were located behind the church off Lang Street.

In 1965, the leaders of the church made the strategic decision to relocate further west on Main Street and erect a new worship facility. This visionary step enabled the congregation to more effectively minister to the needs of those families who made this their church home. Later, more property was purchased to enlarge the parking lot. In 1986, a new pastor's residence was erected on King

Street, immediately behind the church.

The story of any congregation is the story of a people inspired by the hope of the Gospel. Shawville Standard is no exception. From one generation to the next, ordinary folk, farmers and teachers, homemakers

and private entrepreneurs, seniors and youth have found meaning for their lives through faith encounters with a living, loving God. Good gospel music and meaningful services inspire the faith of today's worshippers at Shawville Standard Church.



Today, the church houses a baby grand piano.

Shawville Auto Service

In 1946, Irvin Cone built the garage which now houses Shawville Auto Service at 475 Main Street. With the help of Arthur Mayhew, Irvin drew cement blocks in the back of his car to build the garage.

In 1947, Irvin's garage opened for business, with Eryan Beattie as his lone employee. The business sold gas, Austin Healy cars, Rambler cars and American Motors.

In the early '70s, a near-tragedy occurred. A car fell

off the jack and onto Irvin. The men at Shawville Milling heard Irvin's cries for help and managed to get the car off of him. The accident caused Irvin to lose his taste buds.

In 1988, Murray Richardson and Gerald

Monette established their business, Shawville Auto Service, at Brent Barr's. In 1989, Murray and Gerald bought the building from Irvin Cone's estate. In 1997, the business was expanded to sell used cars.

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A building with a lot of history all in the car business. Shawville Auto Service occupies the building today.



Heavy snow forced the Richardson Rink to cave in during the winter of 1972.

The first skating rinks

In his book, *Clarendon and Shawville*, Lloyd Armstrong describes the first skating rink in Shawville as "a walled affair on the Turner property (on the north side of Main Street just west of the present Bank of Montreal). It was a small sheet of ice, without a roof, but many enjoyable evenings were spent there starting in December of 1887."

The first covered rink was built across the street a few years later. Armstrong says: "It was here that the

first hockey was played." That rink was also the training ground of the famous "Silver Seven" hockey team.

The third rink was opened by James Hodgins in 1896 on Princess Street. After several years without a rink, a corrugated steel covered rink was built in the late fall and winter of 1912 at the corner of Lake and Lang Streets under the leadership of Chris Caldwell.

It was the first rink without supporting posts

obstructing the ice.

The rink was sold to the Richardson Bros. in 1947. Back then, adults skated for 25 cents, children, for 15 cents.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays were reserved for skating. Hockey was played Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The school rented the rink Friday afternoons for the students to use. The Rotary Club rented it Saturday afternoons to provide free skating. The Agricultural Society rented it three days

a year to use for the Shawville Fair.

That rink produced four NHL players - Frank Finnigan, Eddy Finnigan, Erwin (Murph) Chamberlain, and Terry Murray. In 1972, heavy snow on the roof forced the rink to cave in. Luckily, no one was in it at the time. Only a week earlier, the snow had been shovelled off the roof. The rink was never rebuilt, and today the lot remains empty. The present Community Centre was built in the '60s.

THE EQUITY

Before THE EQUITY moved into 133 Centre Street, the building was home to a Ford car showroom, a hardware and appliance store and the popular Blue Moon. Peden Wilson built the place sometime in the '40's as a showroom to complement his garage next door. The upstairs was used for public meetings. Wilson sold the building to Kenny Pirie, who used it as a Massey Harris dealership. At that time, the Blue Moon was born upstairs. The Blue Moon was a place you could go in, kick off your shoes and dance up a storm. The next owner, Ed Reinke, was a hardware and appliance merchant. In the mid '50's, the building was sold to David and Rosaleen Dickson, who moved THE EQUITY from its old King Street location.

In its 115-year history, THE EQUITY has gone through only four owners, and today it is one of the few remaining independent weeklies left. Smith and Cowan started the paper in Bryson in 1883. Soon after, Smith left, and the paper moved to the building on King Street. After John A. Cowan died, his children, Bill and Iva, took it over. When Bill died, Iva hired Fred Rogers as managing editor. Story has it Rogers would drink half a gallon of wine and then forget to put a paper out. Jim Gray owned the paper for a brief

two years in the '40's. Bill Kinmond and his wife Chris MacKay, of Chart-eris, owned it for eight

years. David and Rosaleen Dickson bought THE EQUITY in '53 and soon moved it to its current location

Their son Ross and Heather Dickson took it over in 1981 and are the current owners.



THE EQUITY at its former location before moving to 133 Centre Street.

Octagonal Exhibition Hall

More than 100 volunteers came out for a busy and productive day in April, 1898 to build an octagonal exhibition at the south-east corner of the Shawville Fairgrounds.

They followed the two-storey design of Moses Edey, of Wyman, who also was responsible for the Cattle Castle at the Ottawa Exhibition grounds.

"The plan of the building shows a neat structure of octagon shape with a diameter of 60 feet, which, it is estimated, will afford sufficient accommodation for some years to come." THE EQUITY commented in its Mar. 31, 1898 issue.

It was reported that these pioneer volunteers, who left their hard lives of clearing their farms of trees and stumps, managed to get most of the work done on the frame building in one day.

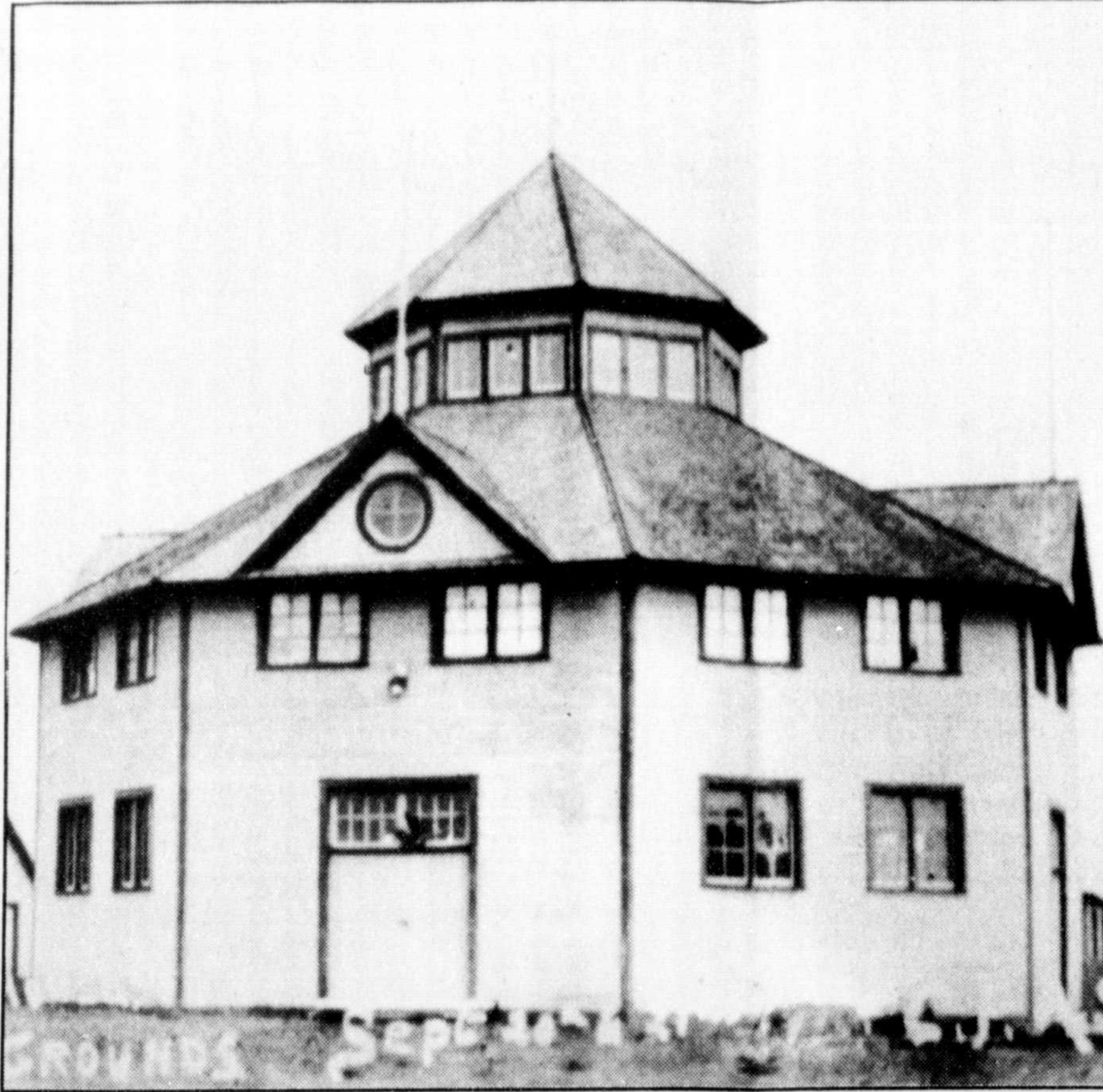
The winning tender of \$1,540 for the erection of the hall, including stone piers for under the corner of the building, was awarded to Thomas McDowell of the 7th Line. Of course, this included glass, glazing and

priming of sashes, etc. The fair directors inspected the timbers chosen for the job before a hammer ever hit a nail.

For 90 years, it was a home for the horticultural, handicraft, baking, field crops and business displays of the Shawville Fair. Upstairs, a fair-goer could sit down for a cup of tea served by the Women's Institute. At one time, meals were served downstairs. The building was heated with a big wood stove, and short agriculture courses were held there during the winter.

The rear portion of the building was converted to a squash court in 1983. A campaign was afoot to have the old hall declared a heritage structure, because of the rarity of the design and how few in number existed. Unfortunately, it was burned on Jan. 6, 1989.

However, similarly to what happened in the century before, volunteers came forward and plans were made to replace the building as well as adding a large one. The site was changed to build the new



The octagonal building as it looked before it burnt to the ground.

octagonal Link building, between the arena and the new large one-storey exhibition hall.

Materials cost considerably more than \$1,500 when the building was opened in phases between 1890 and 1993. The shell of the building was contracted out at a cost of \$126,000 and then some \$80,000 interior fittings were added; with many hours of volunteer labor making this possible.

The new Link building mirrors the memory of the old one, with its 60-foot diameter, eight sides, and a cupola on the roof. The new building is clad in

cement bricks, with a metal roof. Inside the floor is ceramic tile.

It now functions at the Pontiac Agricultural Society office, and houses washrooms for the use of the arena and exhibition hall. It also holds a kitchen and bar facility for the exhibition hall. The open octagon centre of the building is used for meetings and small receptions year-round.

In the early history of the octagon exhibition hall, it was considered an architectural marvel attracting many visitors to Shawville. For the 90 years it served the Pontiac Agricultural

Society as an exhibition hall, its warmth, character and country charm welcomed exhibitors and fairgoers alike into its majestic walls.

Today, although the old exhibition hall is no longer here, the same rural values and attitudes continue. The board of directors strive to honor the foresight and integrity by continuing the tradition of promoting pride in the agricultural community.

Thanks to many faithful volunteers, results of these annual accomplishments were, and still are, proudly displayed in the exhibition halls.



The new link building was designed after the old octagonal building.

Shawville Apartments Incorporated

"The key to progress is the ability to adapt," reads the inscription under a photo of the Victoria Avenue School. In its 85 years of existence, this building has certainly adapted to the times. In 1913, the Shawville High School was officially opened, and soon held elementary and high school students. After serving the youth for 70 years, the building was adapted to the needs of senior citizens. In 1985, the building was renovated into 13 apartments for senior citizens.

After it was first built in the early 1900s, the school was used only by the children living in town; Clarendon children were schooled in the 13 one-room school houses throughout the municipality. But as these country schools closed up, the students came to the Victoria Avenue School.

It wasn't long before the school was bursting with students. In 1952, Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary was being built - but not fast enough. For the first three months of the '52-'53 school year, two Grade 1 classes were forced to use the octagonal building at the fairgrounds because of lack of space at the Victoria Avenue School. Without any heat, the temporary classroom was quite chilly by November. By December, enough of the new school was completed to house the Grade 1 classes.

After the high school students moved into Pontiac Protestant High School, the Victoria Avenue school was used by the English Catholic School Board for several years until John Paul II High School was built in Campbell's Bay. Then the Western Quebec School Board relinquished ownership of the building by selling it for \$1 to the Municipality of Shawville.

On Oct. 17, 1983, the first meeting of a new non-profit group - the Shawville Apartments Committee - was held to see if the stately old build-

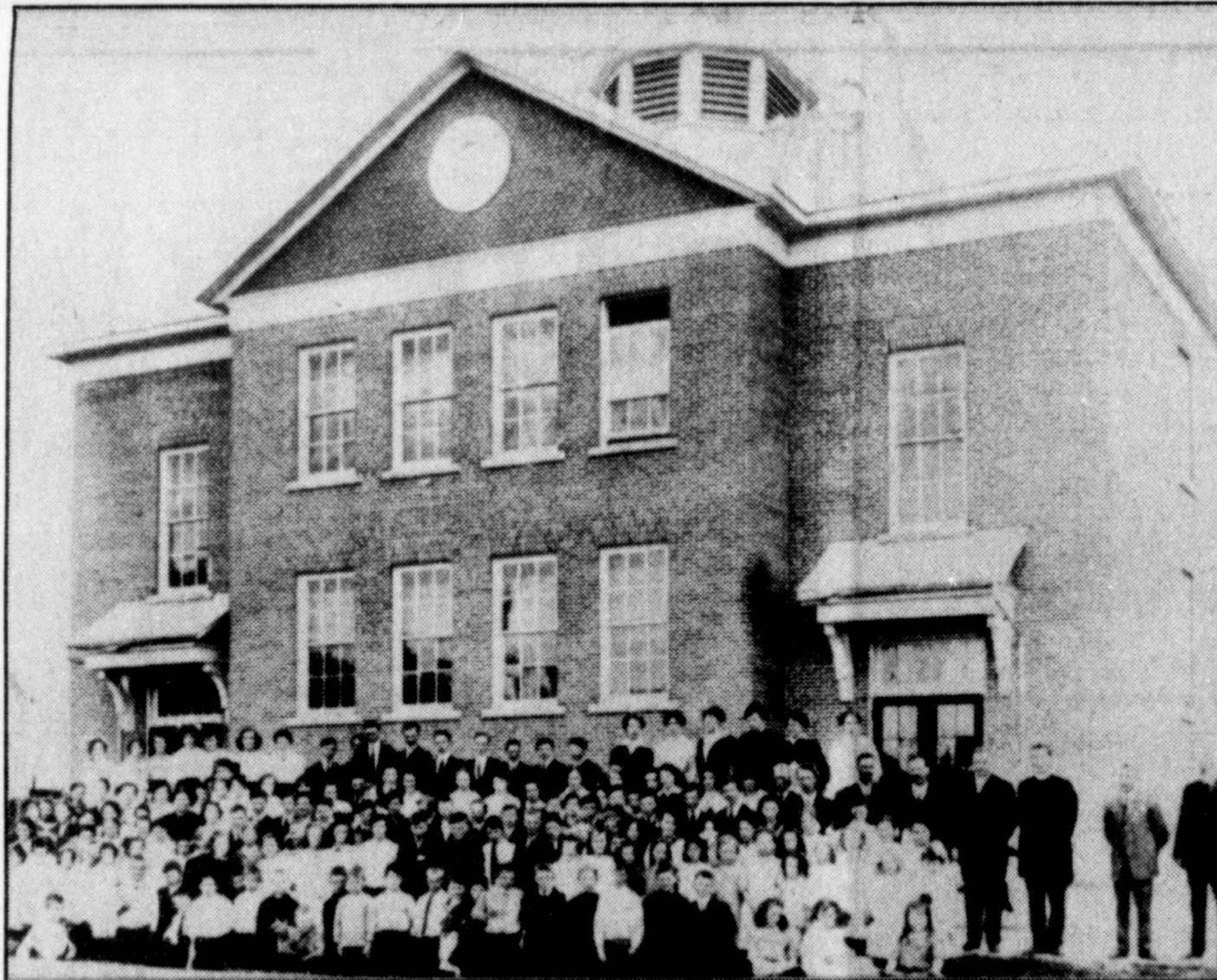
ing could be saved from demolition and renovated into apartments for seniors. This being a municipal endeavor, Mayor Allan Black appointed Councillor Rosaleen Dickson as chairperson of the first board. Former councillors Dale Thomson, Athol Dale, Brent Horner and Russell Judd accepted invitations to be board members, as well as Allan, himself. Nearly all the directors had attended Victoria Avenue School.

However, it took about a year to acquire the deed for the school before a sales transaction could be completed since, unbelievably, no records were available of its existence.

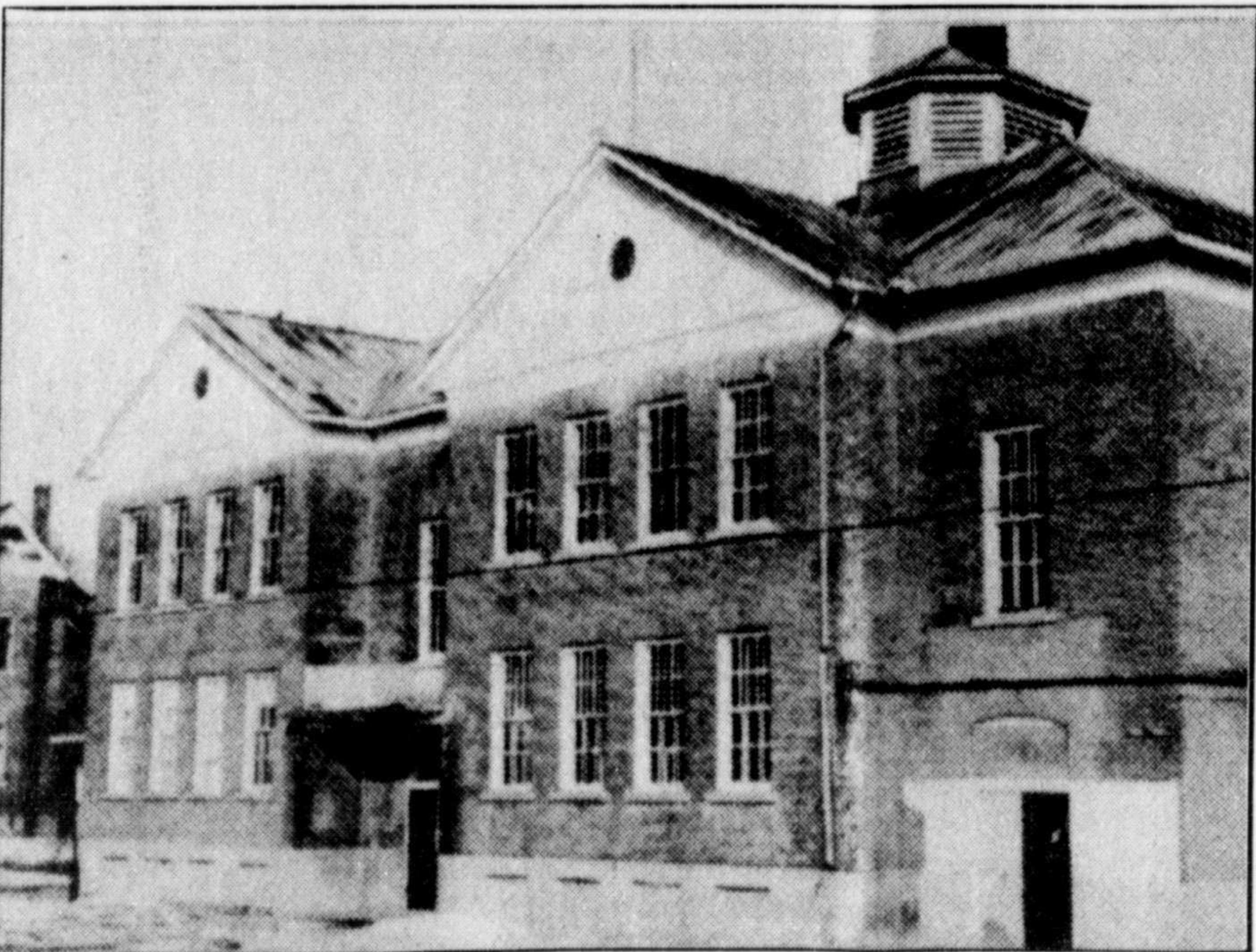
In 1985, with the addition of Donald Lavallée, Douglas McLean and Dr. Earle Potvin, the home was built. But it wasn't without the board taking a risk. Before there was any guarantee of government grants, members of the board personally signed a bank note of \$160,000. The government funding did come through thanks, oddly enough, to the Victoria Avenue School janitor, Norman Smith, who lived in the building for a few years. The grant was conditional on the building being used as a residence at one time.

The next year, in 1986, the Shawville Apartments completed a 10-unit apartment building on Lake Street, behind the Victoria Avenue building, what was once the school's playground and site of the outdoor rink. In '93, an 11-unit building was opened next to the Lake Street building.

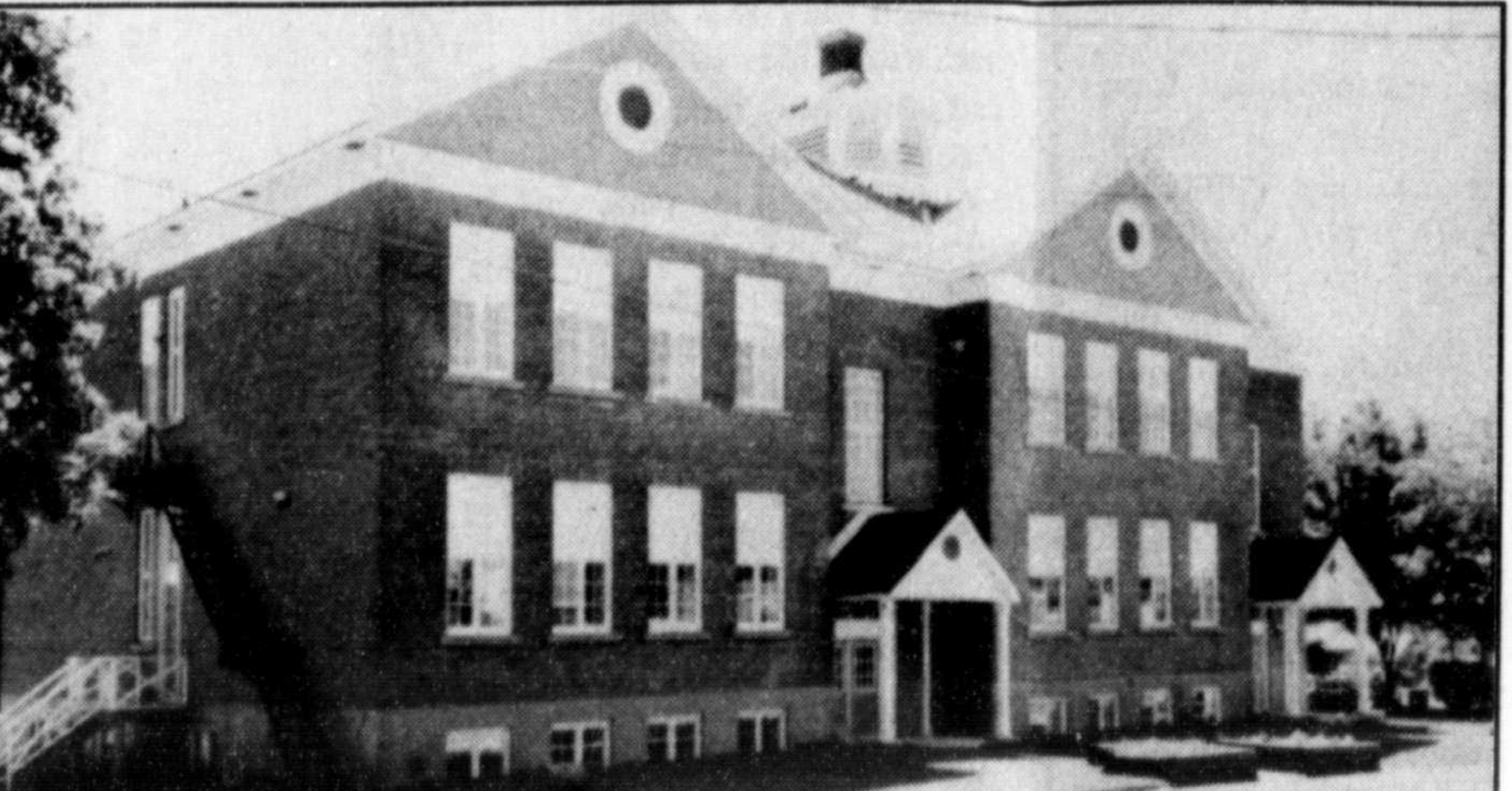
Current directors on the board of the Shawville Apartments include: Dr. Earle Potvin (chairman), Allan Black, Athol Dale, Eason Russell, Douglas McLean, Royce Richardson, and Sylvia Poisson Hodgins. Jack Smith is the superintendent. Today, the board has established the Shawville Apartments Elevator Fund to raise money for an elevator in the Victoria Avenue building.



Shawville High School official opening in 1913.



The school with its new addition.

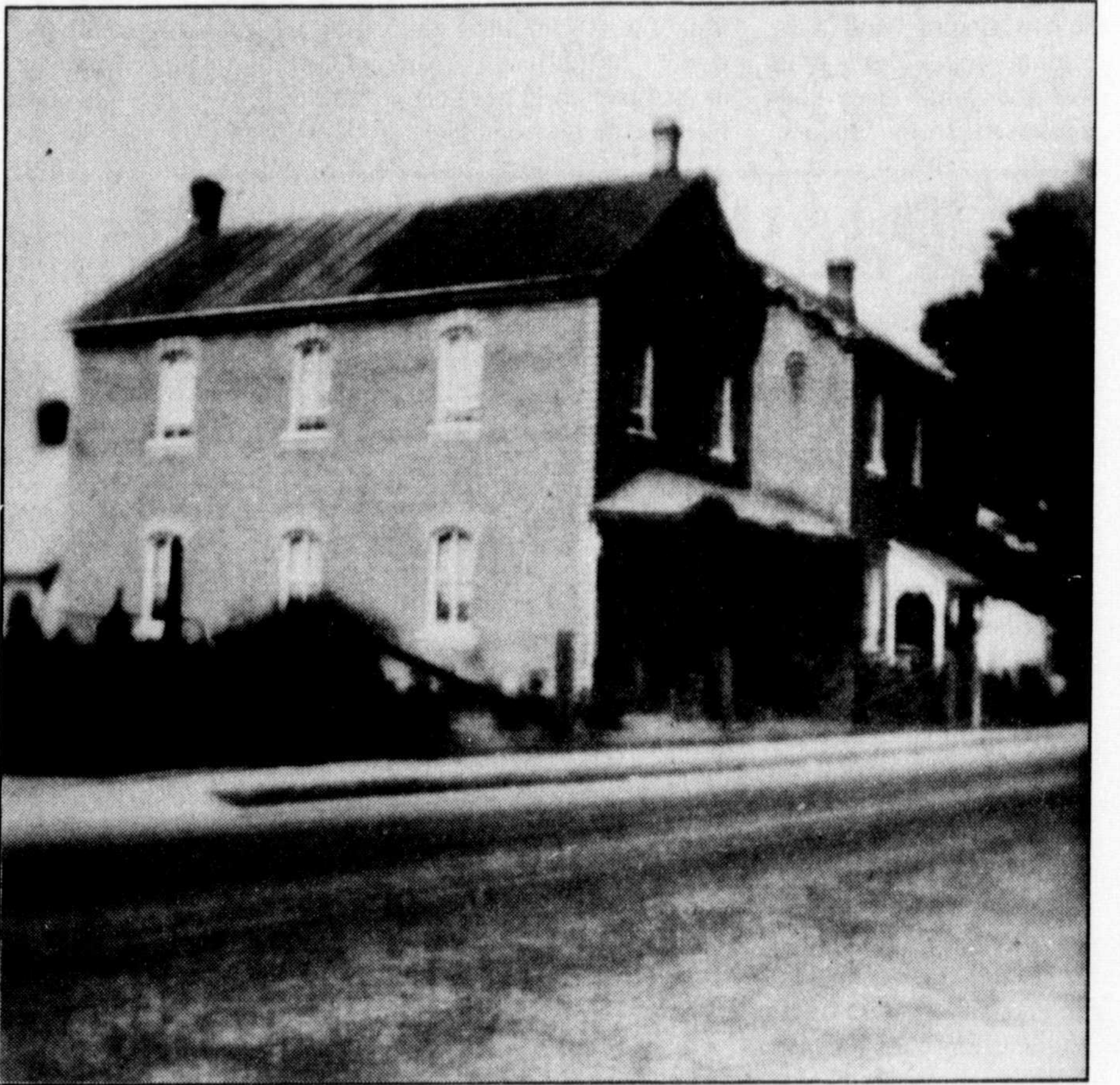


The present day Shawville Apartment building.

Pentecostal Tabernacle



Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle has been a source of ministry in this community since 1925 and is still ministering the Good News of Jesus Christ to all ages. We are proud to be a part of Shawville's 125th anniversary.



Opened in 1880, the Shawville Academy educated many area youngsters.

The Shawville Academy

The year 1969 saw the demise of one of the historic old buildings of Shawville, The Shawville Academy.

The old school was located on Main Street on the property to the west of St. Paul's Anglican Church, across the street from the cemetery.

The building was put up in two sections. The first part was opened in 1880 and continued to be used as a high school until 1913. It housed an elementary school for some years after. Eventually it was sold and became residences.

Jim Stickler and his wife, Selena Harris, purchased this building about 1945 for the handsome sum of \$2,000 from Tom Dale. Jim sold it about 1968 to the Anglican Church. A year later it was torn down.

When Sticklers bought it, it could have been called "a handyman's special." There were great cracks in

the brickwork, the chimneys were broken, only one section had been wired for electricity, and there was no indoor plumbing. Jim tied the bulging walls together with steel cables, which he anchored outside the building with bolts. He maintained that those walls would never move.

When it came time to fix the chimneys the whole family was all pressed into service. Jim mixed up the mortar and did the brickwork, however that roof was just too high for him to keep going up and down continuously, so a human chain was initiated to transport the necessary materials.

The family and many passers-by prayed when Jim finally had to perch on that roof to do the outside part of the chimneys.

There were three apartments. The older section had eight rooms, and the newer wing of the school

had two apartments with six rooms each.

The Stickler family moved into the old wing. As they renovated, they found that the walls were 12 feet high and covered with 12 to 14 layers of wallpaper. They were pleasantly surprised to find that under this paper the plaster was as smooth as glass and covered by the signatures of former students of "The Academy." Selena was delighted when she found the autograph of her uncle and many of the town dignitaries.

Several local families lived in the Old Academy at one time or another, and a small convenience store was operated in one of the front rooms for a few years.

Not much remains of it; however, the date plaque from the front of the building and the old school bell are displayed in the Pontiac Protestant High School.



The Shawville Station with stationmaster W.B. Crawford in the doorway.

Pontiac Pacific Junction

The first train rolled into Shawville on Jan. 13, 1886, and was welcomed by the entire community. Although it was officially called the Pontiac Pacific Junction (PPJ), it was affectionately referred to as the "Push, Pull and Jerk." Mr. E.N. Wright was appointed first station

agent in February of the same year.

Mr. J. H. Shaw shipped the first carload of grain from Shawville on Mar. 13, 1886. To celebrate the arrival of the first train, a banquet was held in Hynes Hall in February.

The original survey for the rail bed did not come

into Shawville, but was located out north by the 7th Line. Before any grading was done, however, a local delegation, headed by J.A. McGuire and George Hynes, waited on the chief engineer, Dale Harris, and managed to have the road changed to the present site for a consideration of \$500.