

Normandale store celebrates 100th

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Mr. Post. "When I was a kid, people would come from up about the front road almost to St. Williams, and from the Fishers Glen Roads almost to Port Ryerse."

"Now there are more cottages around Normandale than there used to be," he said. "I imagine it was more prosperous when the mill was here but I can't remember that."

Mr. Dey Post owned and operated the Normandale Store from the time he built it until 1901 when it was sold to Nina E. Molby. She operated the store until 1903 when she

sold to John Helmer, who didn't operate the store himself, but rented it to John Van Wagner.

Ernest Post recounted that Mr. Van Wagner was the first man that he remembered operating the store.

The store was later rented to Richard Ferris who was store keeper and postmaster for some time in Normandale.

In 1934 the store went to Raymond Ferris and Viola. Raymond Ferris is the brother of Glenn Ferris who operated the general store in Turkey Point.

They ran the general store until May 12, 1958 when it was sold to William H. Abbey of Simcoe. It was handled for a time by his son Edward Vern Abbey, until it was later taken over by Marlette and Velma Gee.

On July 8, 1965 W. H. Abbey sold the store to William and Paula McGuinness who owned and operated the store until Aug. 6, 1969, when the present owners Sam and Marjorie Kozak bought it.

The present proprietors of the store, Sam and Marjorie Kozak, haven't always been retailers. For two years after

they were married they lived and worked on a dairy farm in between Tillsonburg and Ingersoll.

Later they moved and worked on John Coopers fruit farm near Walsh. They also grew tobacco near Vittoria for a couple of years and Mr. Kozak worked in a factory for about five years.

"We've done a little bit of everything," said Mrs. Kozak. "But we decided that we wanted something of our own."

"We couldn't afford a farm, and this store happened to be for sale. We wanted something that would involve the children."

The Kozaks have three children, Mark, who is 19, Roger 17, and Louise 14.

"The children have all helped and we wouldn't have been able to manage without them, with the way wages are going and the amount of hours we are open," said Mrs. Kozak.

"We have also hired a girl to work at the store during the summer," said Mrs. Kozak. "I think there are more young people in Normandale now than when we moved here. It used to be mostly retired people."

When asked if she would do it again Mrs. Kozak answered that she was not sure

if she would or not.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the people who come into the store are nice and this is a very friendly village," she said. "The store seems to be the centre of Normandale. I anybody wants anything, soup to nuts this is where they come. They even ask if here they want a load of gravel or hay."

The store is open from about 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the summer and until 8 p.m. in the winter.

Besides operating the store Sam Kozak works for Larry Lefler building houses, and Marjorie sells real estate for him.

News correspondent in Ottawa

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Most Canadians are cynical when a political leader speaks about his life and his thoughts. We have been conditioned to believe that the prime function of a politician is to be re-elected at any costs.

This cannot be said of retiring New Democratic Party leader, David Lewis,

during the past week. Mr. Lewis spoke to 1,500 party supporters in Winnipeg during the NDP leadership convention to relate the happiness and difficulties of his life.

Unlike most politicians Mr. Lewis was not attempting to win votes in an election. He decided to step down as a leader of the party several months ago and consequently spoke for the party's future, not his own. Mr. Lewis came to Canada when he was 12-years-old, the son of a Polish leather

worker. He attended McGill University and later graduated as a Rhodes scholar from Oxford University in England. He is currently back in the academic community, teaching at Ottawa's Carleton University.

The political life of Mr. Lewis stemmed from his father's concern with people's rights. During his final speech to the party, Mr. Lewis said his first taste of freedom came when his father was nearly killed by

Soviet police for his political work, had it not been for the insistence of the many neighboring citizens who pleaded for his life to be spared.

In later years Mr. Lewis left a promising law career in Montreal to work without pay for two years with the CCF until he took over as national secretary in 1938. He held the post until 1950 when he became national president. In 1971 he replaced T.C. Douglas as national leader.

In his last speech to the party Saturday evening Mr. Lewis echoed his familiar plea to the supporters of the current socialist movement in Canada.

"We must fight for an effective transfer of power from the corporations to the people. It is the goal of our party; it is the reason for its existence."

With his family on stage behind him, Mr. Lewis spoke of the bitter years of frustration in attempting to reach the working Canadian. He spoke of the sacrifices his wife, Sophie, had to endure in the early years of the party and the periods of election fever. The 66-year-old grandfather turned to look at the tears trickling from his wife's face and felt proud of his children and their lives.

We too often dismiss politicians as being calloused bitter people who employ corrupt means to achieve their ends. But we must remember they too have personal lives which, see many joys and sorrows brought on in the competitive world of politics.

The game of politics is not an easy one. Perhaps we should be cynical of what politicians tell us when they're looking for votes.

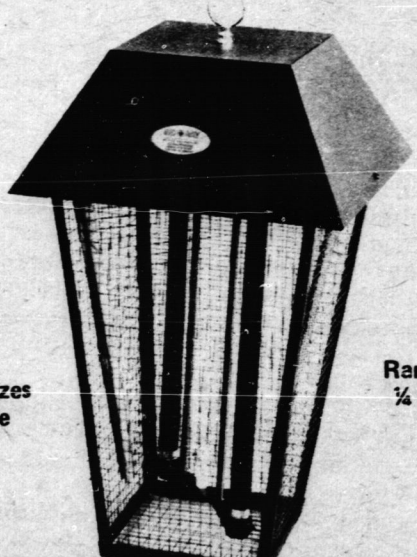
But when they retire and no longer have to count on the voter who doesn't know the issues, we should recognize the sacrifices they have given.

David Lewis may now teach young people in the university courses and use all his wisdom and experience in explaining why the community of politics is so important.

Good-bye Mr. Lewis and thank you. Old politicians never die.

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Norfolk discusses plan

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that all planning responsibilities go to the region.

"However I feel it would be unwise for the region not to listen to the area municipalities, when drafting an official plan," he said.

"We have all experienced one official plan and we know what to expect. Personally, I feel we should reject the ministries, changes if we disagree."

A joint regional - provincial report on the planning - guidelines said the existing plans are found to be inconsistent on a regional level and are quite fragmented in their geographic coverage."

Some councillors were upset because the old official plans were being pushed aside for a new regional plan. "We spent five years and thousands of dollars making an official plan and now they are telling us that it is no good," said Councillor Hec-

tor Verhoeve. "When we various policies for the six sections. "The region has told us that we should have an official plan by 1976," he said. "I told them that this is just a pipe-dream."

"We are going to take a long look at anything before we okay it."

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Port Rowan notes

Several from here attended the Loddie Reunion at the Reforestry Farm Park on Sunday. Thirty-nine were present for a picnic dinner. During the afternoon the young folks enjoyed races and games with the winners receiving prizes.

Guests were present from Vineland, Kitchener, Jordan, Chatham, Simcoe, Port Rowan and surrounding vicinity. Mr. Douglas Parry and son Mathew, Cayuga were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Parry.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parry attended the Elgin Avenue School Awards Night held at Simcoe Composite School on Monday evening, when Mr. Parry presented the Parry Library Award donated by him to honour a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lounsbury had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lounsbury, London; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morris, Norwich; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam LaForge, Norwich were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lounsbury were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lounsbury, R.R. 1 Jarvis; Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Howe, Miss Joan Howe, Brantford; Leo Matikainen, Hamilton; Mrs. Roy Gropp, Tillsonburg and Mrs. Harry Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Gates accompanied by Michele McBride, Tillsonburg were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Sears, St. Thomas on Sunday.

Several from here attended Decoration Day Service at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Walsingham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long had as week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockefeller and family, Harrow; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bilger and family, Sarnia; Mrs. Blaxall, St. Thomas.

Mrs. Harry Franklin accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Franklin, and visited Mr. Harry Franklin in Simcoe General Hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Block and son Leslie; Mr. and Mrs. Len Reimer, Simcoe, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer.

Mrs. Gertrude Eedy, Simcoe, is staying for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown.

Mr. Ted LaCombe, Detroit, was a guest during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown.

Trudy Boulter has returned to her home in London after spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fischer, Long Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Franklin have been recent guests with Mrs. Lillie Gates.

Mrs. Earl Boyd, Walsingham, has been spending the past week with Mrs. Lillie Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lounsbury spent the weekend on a holiday in the Parry Sound District.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Andress entertained at a barbecue on Sunday afternoon. Those from a distance included Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mitchener and Cheryl Mitchener, Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lounsbury and family, Sudbury are staying for a summer holiday at their cottage, Dedrick Mill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boulter, London were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fischer, Long Point.

Mrs. Jacob Reimer visited Mrs. Henry Teigrob and infant twin daughters, Maria Jeanette and Michelle Joy in

Simcoe General Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parry and son Geordi visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parry, Kitchener on Sunday, bringing back Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen and three children and Miss Elizabeth Allen for a week's holiday with them.

Mrs. Lillie Gates and guest Mrs. Earl Boyd attended a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Val gates on Monday evening in honor of Dean Gates birthday.

25th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer entertained 100 guests at a lawn party at their home to honor their 25th wedding anniversary. A social afternoon was enjoyed at five o'clock a luncheon was served cafeteria style with Mrs. John Heinrichs, Mrs. Peter Driedger and Mrs. Jacke Petkau in charge of arranging the food and Mrs. Len Reimer and Mrs. Walter Block, Simcoe pouring tea and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Reimer

received lovely gifts and voice their many thanks.

Personals

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Townsend were Mrs. Goff Henderson, Murray, Janet and Phillip, Cambridge; Mrs. Peter Schwirtlick, John and Beate, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend, and Blair, R.R. 1 Walsingham; Mr. and Mrs. David Townsend, Glen Meyer.

Mr. Whitney Townsend has returned home from a tour to the East Coast having accompanied Douglas and Gage Townsend of R.R. 1 Walsingham.

Mrs. Leo Pretznaw, Miss Joyce Fyke, Howell, Michigan spent three days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Townsend.

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