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Well, I'm not the kind to live in the past
The years run too short and the days too fast
The things you lean on
Are the things that don't last
Well, it's just now and then
My line gets cast into these
Time passages
There's something back here that you left behind
Oh, time passages

Lyrics by Al Stewart



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Introduction

When visually comparing Queen Street of today, to that of near a half century ago, it would appear as if there has been little change. In fact, structurally, not much has changed in more than a century. Not since the entire commercial core was re-built, following the disastrous fire of 1885.

This is not a history book, it's a nostalgic "look back" trip down memory lane. The contents have been chosen to recall not-so-long ago memories of issues, events and faces that many people in this community will fondly look back on.

For selfish reasons, this flashback begins in September 1963, when my parents, Per and Leila Hvidsten purchased the Port Perry Star from the Samuel Farmer family. The Farmers owned and published the newspaper for close to half a century before the change of ownership.

While under the ownership of our family, archiving the newspapers and photographs was considered extremely important. Thankfully, the photographic negatives used from thousands of events dating back to 1963 were conserved, becoming the base for an amazing pictorial archive of the town's history.

As you turn the pages of this publication, you will find hundreds of pictures, scanned from those original negatives, showcasing the community and events of decades past. Each picture illustrates just how much has changed, and yet how much remains the same.

Over the course of two decades there are literally thousands of pictures and stories to choose from, so although we highlight many of the major issues of the day, there was much which could not be included, due to space constraints.

A second book – *Rewind Scugog: The Eighties and Nineties* is currently in the works and if there appears to be enough interest, will be published next year,

For now, I invite you to enjoy this nostalgic trip down memory lane and relive some of the major stories of decades ago.

Sit back, relax and rewind.

J. Peter Hvidsten

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*For Per Hvidsten
my father... my mentor... my friend.
This one is for you Dad.*

Please Note:

During the two decades of the 1960s and 1970s, of which this book covers, readers will find the term "mentally retarded" used as it was in written publications of that time frame. This was the accepted description of persons with a physical and/or mental disability during this time in history, and we have reproduced a number of articles as they were written during that era.

We understand that description is not accepted in today's society. In fact the idiom has changed many times over the years. As we understand it, "intellectual disability" is the most accepted terminology at present, but that too could change.

Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded was formed during the 1960s and this name was regularly used in the local newspaper articles to describe the new association. After much thought and consultation, it was decided to reprint the articles "as they were published at that time". We fully understand the sensitivity, and hope it does not offend anyone. History can't be changed, but it can be a great learning tool. Thankfully, much has changed in the past 50 years.

SECTION ONE

60's The Sixties

The 1960s presented many exciting changes for the residents of Port Perry and surrounding areas and this book looks back at some of the exciting events and news stories which took place. We begin in the mid-sixties, but also reflect on a few notable happenings earlier in the decade.

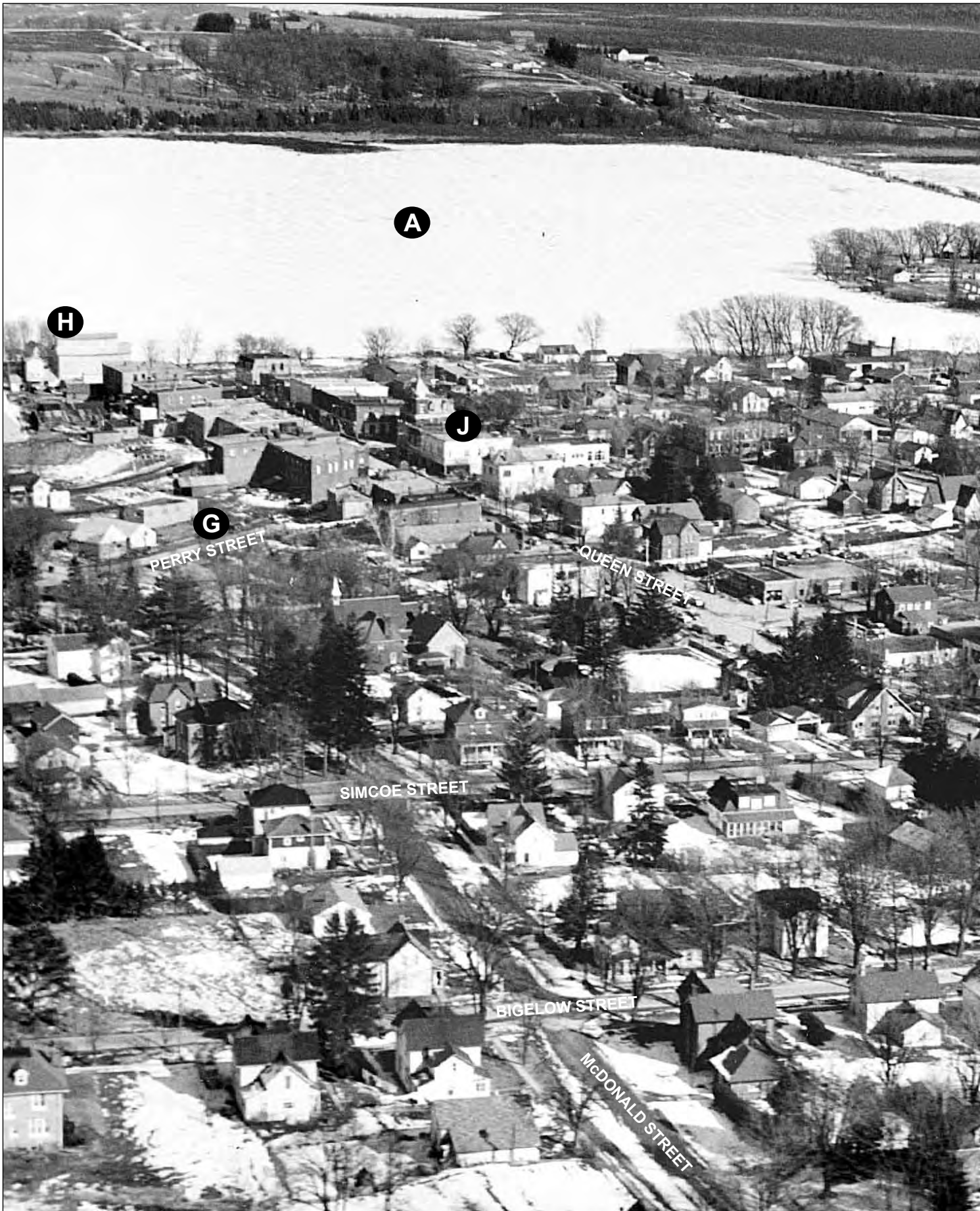
While Port Perry did not experience huge growth during the sixties, it did undergo a modest population increase, expanding from about 2,301 in 1963 to more than 2,827 by the end of the decade.

The most ambitious project undertaken by the community during the decade was the construction of a much-needed hospital. Working from a modest hospital facility opened in 1953 it wasn't long into the next decade before there was talk of the need for a better facility with more rooms and beds. By the mid-1960s talk of a larger hospital was underway and construction began in 1968. About the same time new doctors began arriving in town attracted by the news of a better health facility. Less than a year after construction began, more than 1,500 people attended the official opening of the new Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital.

Another large project to take place during this period was an addition to the Port Perry High School in 1967. The \$2.6 million extension of the existing school provided much needed space and the ability of the school to enrol more than 1,000 students.

Aside from improvements in the town's infrastructure, there were many other things of note. Port Perry fired its police chief and hired the Ontario Provincial Police to take over policing services in the community. Anna Forder and Richard Stephens won the Canadian Figure Skating Championship, and Scugog Island's three elementary schools were closed down.

This is just a sampling of the events and activities of the 1960s, but you will find much more as you flip through the pages and re-live this exciting time in the history of Port Perry and area.





1960

Aerial photograph
of Port Perry and
Lake Scugog
circa 1960.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A - Lake Scugog
- B - The Causeway
- C - Site of Independent Grocery
- D - Old Catholic Church, John St.
- E - United Church
- F - Town Hall 1873
- G - Site of Scugog Township office
- H - Old Grain Elevator
- J - Royal Bank building
- K - Presbyterian Church

1963



Beth Oke owner of the Elizabeth Shoppe, at 187 Queen Street, was elected president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce.



Per Hvidsten, left, new owner of the Port Perry Star, welcomed Bill Harrison back to his home town to take over the position of managing editor of the newspaper in October 1963. Mr. Harrison learned the printing business at "the Star", but spent the past six years working at the Colborne Chronicle.

Port Perry Chamber of Commerce elects Beth Oke as its first lady president

October 24, 1963

Beth Oke was unanimously elected by the Board of Directors to become president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Oke will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Williams, manager of the local LCBO store who was transferred to Peterborough.

Mrs. Oke will be the first lady president of the local chamber and one of the few ladies in Ontario to hold this position. She was one of the early members of the Chamber and has served for the past few years on the Board of Directors. She was serving as first vice-president at the time of her election to president.

Mrs. Oke is the proprietor of "The Elizabeth Shoppe" a women's clothing store at 187 Queen Street.



This picture of the north side of Queen Street, shows the businesses operating along this stretch about 1960. Merchants along this stretch at this time included, from left, a Dominion grocery store, the Elizabeth Shoppe, the Emmerson Motel (upper floor), Lake Scugog Lumber, Jackson's Pastries, Greer, Kelly Law Office and Levinson's clothing store.



The above photograph, taken in March 1976, shows that almost every store had changed, except Levinson clothing store. Operating businesses along this stretch 16 years later included, from left, Mersco 5¢ to \$1 store, the Royal Bank, Emmerson Insurance, Frank Realtor, The Children's Boutique, two stores left vacant by Canadian Tire when they moved to the Port Perry Plaza, and Levinson's store.



The Tease Knitting Mill, operated by Norman Tease, was located in this building on Perry Street from 1951 to 1959, at which time it was sold to the Village of Port Perry. The building was renovated and opened in 1960 as the new town municipal office.

The mill had three large knitting machines, a steamer press, six commercial sewing machines, a bobbin machine and piles of wool skeins. The mill produced a wide range of woollen goods, including sweaters and socks for all the NHL hockey teams.

At right, some of the staff are seen inside the mill before the local plant closed.



Interior of the LCBO outlet on Queen Street, Port Perry in the early 1960s. At this time, buying a bottle of liquor involved filling out a request form and handing it to a server, who would go into the back of the store and bring the purchase out. No self-serve until many years later.

Ambulance service will continue in Port Perry

February 6, 1963

Ambulance service was restored to the residents of Port Perry after Brignall Ambulance discontinued its service a week earlier.

Mr. Brignall, operator of the local ambulance for the past ten years, discontinued his service last week due to losing money on the venture.

At the urging of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, and following a deputation by Dr. John Diamond and Messrs. Jack Hope and Charles H. Brignall, council voted for a \$200 payment, to subsidize the Brignall Ambulance for a period of two months.

Population goes down

February 1963

The population of the Village of Port Perry decreased by 13 persons in the past year. Residents in the village now stand at 2,353, compared to 2,366 at the same time in 1962.



George Stone Men's Wear, about 1962, located on the south side of Queen Street at approximately 180 Queen Street, Port Perry.



Ivan Haugen of Port Perry, opened his popular Haugen's Chicken BBQ, at Manchester, just south of the Hwy. 7A & 12 intersection during the 1950s. This photo taken about 1960, shows the original building. The restaurant was a favourite with both locals and travellers.

1964



Committee members of the Port Perry High School's yearbook, "Hilltop", are seen here preparing copy and pictures for the next edition, in February 1964. From left, back, Pat Holtby and Gail Cottyn. Front left, Gayle Wright, Mary Baker, editor, and Susan Roach.

Two hour parking signs

March 26, 1964

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and downtown merchants, faced with the prospect of parking meters on Queen Street, were happy to see the municipality agree to parking signs.

New "two hour" parking signs have been installed on the street. The regulations come into effect March 31 and local police will do regular two-hour patrols to make sure there are no violators.

The goal is to help eliminate traffic bottle-necks.



Construction of the new Oddfellows Hall, on Simcoe Street south of Port Perry began in 1963. The building was officially opened on June 13, 1964. The building was sold in 2014 to the New Song Church, Port Perry.



The Port Perry Fire Department had three bays when it operated from its original Caleb St. location. This hall was built during 1964 and was officially opened the following summer. A new, large addition was added in October 2000.



New Baptist Church cornerstone

March 2, 1964.

At left, the new Baptist Church church, which is located at the corner of Queen and Rosa Street, where the former church was located.

The architecture is of brick and stone on the exterior, and finished with cedar on the inside. The cost to construct the new church was estimated to be about \$24,000.

Rev. J.H. Brown paid tribute to the volunteers during a ceremony at which Mrs. Frank Martin, unveiled the cornerstone in March.

Firecrackers cause \$32,000 in fire damage to warehouse

May 28, 1964

Youngsters throwing firecrackers was the cause of a fire on Queen Street which completely destroyed a storage warehouse of Crest Hardware and an old blacksmith shop behind the Bank of Commerce.

Several people at the arena used a hose to wet down the inside wall of the arena, that was on fire, while firemen from both Port Perry and Uxbridge worked outside to control the blaze.

Thanks to the efforts of firemen the fire was confined to the immediate area. If it had spread to the stores, only a few feet way, a considerable portion of the shopping area could have been lost in a short time.

Gordon Carnegie of Crest Hardware estimated their loss at approximately \$25,000 or which \$15,000 was stock. Frank Godley, chairman of the Arena Board estimated the arena suffered about \$4,000 damage to the roof and side of the building.

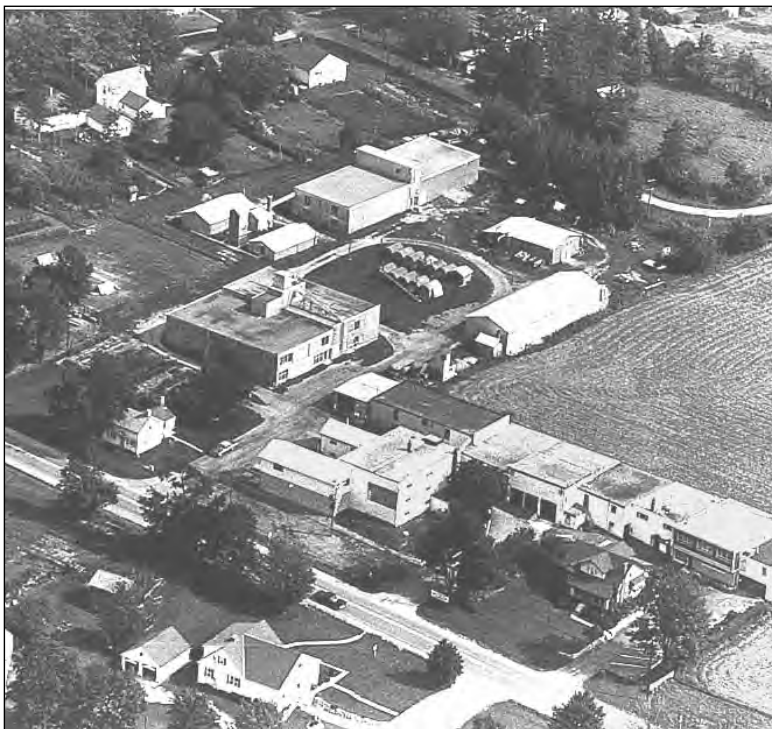
Bill Carnegie, who owned the old blacksmith shop estimated the loss to his building to be about \$1,500.



The Crest Hardware's warehouse, at the rear of their Queen Street store, was completely destroyed by fire in May 1964. Due to its proximity to the Port Perry arena, the arena also sustained some damage from the fire.



Town council presented the Port Perry Police Department with this new 1964 Chevrolet police cruiser in July 1964. Taking part in the hand over are, from left, Constable Robert Roy, Storey Beare of Beare Motors, Councillor Bruce Beare, Reeve J.J. Gibson, and Police Chief R.J. Cameron receiving the keys from Deputy-Reeve John Orde. The two peaked buildings in background were Causley's Machine Shop and McClean's TV and Radio Repair shop, the location of the new municipal office presently under construction.



Aerial view of the Peel's Poultry Farms Ltd., site at the intersection of Queen Street and Hwy. 7A, Port Perry, about 1960. Peels had an extensive operation, selling its famous breed stock in more than 30 countries, on five continents. Peel's Poultry Farm ceased operation in November 1975 and sold all of its holdings.

LCBO and Brewer's Retail to stay open Wednesdays

June 19, 1964

At the request of the Port Perry Council and the Chamber of Commerce, the local Brewer's Retail and LCBO outlets have agreed to stay open on Wednesdays during the summer months starting in June.

It was customary for these stores to be closed every Wednesday, but for the convenience of local residents and the many tourists and cottage owners in the area, they will stay open.

The stores will revert back to regular hours in September.

Spring is here, and so are the annual panhandlers

March 26, 1964

Residents would be well advised to be on the alert against the yearly influx of peddlers and professional beggars who seem to flock into the area the moment spring arrives.

Recently some of the merchants were pestered by persons claiming to be "unemployable", or worse, showing a printed card stating the holder to be a deaf mute. While some of these unfortunates may be genuinely handicapped, the vast majority of these are frauds.

Only last week a family in Manchester discovered to their great shock a "road traveller" sleeping on their closed-in porch. He availed himself of a pillow from the chesterfield and stretched out on the floor right over the heat register.



Pickard's Hardware was a familiar shop on the south side of Queen Street during the 1960s and 1970s. The store, seen above about 1960 was located next to Cawker Bros. Meat Market. Bob Pickard and his wife Kathleen (above) operated the store for 20 years before retiring and selling their business.



Port Perry LCBO manager Al Prentice had a visit from his friend John Lister, in July 1964. Mr. Lister, a salesman for Canadian Park & Tilford Ltd., Toronto took Mr. Prentice for a ride out on Lake Scugog in his bright red Amphicar convertible, turning more than a few heads. The unusual vehicle that operates on both land and water, comes with a manual transmission and soft top. The Amphicar travels about 70 mph on wheels and 7 knots in water.



Rebuilding the causeway

The causeway, as it is best known today, was once little more than a fragile, floating bridge across Lake Scugog. The bridge connected Port Perry to Scugog Island.

Due to extensive damage from ice and wind each spring, the Scugog Bridge had to be rebuilt almost every year.

Finally in 1929 Ontario County widened and raised the road, creating a permanent gravel roadway across the lake.

Despite this work, damage and flooding continued each spring for the next 30 years. One of the worst cases happened in the spring of 1960, when both the Port Perry and Cartwright causeways were flooded with 30 inches of water for close to eight weeks.

One story recounts an incident in April of that year, when water flooding over the causeway, allowed large pieces of ice to float across the road.

A Scugog Island resident on his way to Port Perry was driving his car across the causeway, when it was pushed off the road by wind and floating ice.

Cars making their way across the causeway during flood season before it was rebuilt in the early 1960s.





Photo at left, flooded causeway in the years before reconstruction. Above and below, work underway on widening the causeway in 1960.

Luckily he escaped from his car, but was forced to hold onto a telephone pole in the freezing water for 25 minutes before being rescued.

Less than a month later, heavy and prolonged rainfalls caused the lake level to rise, flooding the causeway with 14 inches of water.

Fortunately no one lost their lives from the flooding, but these incidents finally caught the attention of the provincial government and plans began on rebuilding the causeway.

The work was tendered out in August 1960 and work

began on the large project about three months later.

The two existing causeways, Port Perry and Cartwright, were closed and the adjacent marsh was excavated to a depth of 20 feet. More than 8,100,000 cubic feet of organic material was removed from the marshlands along side the road, and 12,494,574 cubic feet of clean fill was dumped in to stabilize the land.

Construction of the causeways was completed in 1962 at a cost of more than \$1.5 million. This is the same causeway bridge which is still in use today.





Lifetime profession as auctioneer, Ted Jackson conducts 4,000 sales

September 17, 1964

A well known and popular face at auction sales for the past 45 years has been Ted Jackson.

Mr. Jackson joined his father George Jackson in the auction business when he arrived back from Europe after the First World War. They worked together as a team until the death of his father in 1931.

Since 1919, Mr. Jackson has conducted almost 4,000 sales in this area, which is almost an average of 100 per year.

Father and son also operated an implement business during the years after the war, but in 1940 Ted moved to Queen Street, where he has operated a successful appliance store, along with his auction sale business.

He was later joined in the appliance store by his son-in-law, Howard Hall.

Properties destroyed by fire during Hallowe'en weekend

November 5, 1964

Several fires in the area suspected to have been started by Hallowe'en pranksters caused thousands of dollars in damage over the weekend.

A house in Reach Township received \$5,000 damage and a vacant barn near Blackstock was destroyed. Another barn owned by Harvey Graham which held 2,000 bales of hay was lost. Near Epsom 800 bales of hay in a field were set on fire and another 100 bales near Cedar Creek went up in smoke.

In Port Perry, a number of bottles filled with gasoline were broken on Queen Street.

Central School No. 3 at Epsom officially opened

November 19, 1964

The new four-room Epsom Public School was officially opened by the Ontario Minister of Health, Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, on Thursday evening, November 12.

A capacity audience was in attendance and following the opening enjoyed a tour of the building.

An airy, large foyer, offices, washrooms and kitchenette are located in the south end of the building, and the four classrooms are in the north section.



Port Perry's Hospital was constructed from an old munitions factory located in Ajax. The factory was moved by flatbed truck in sections to town and reassembled into a hospital. The hospital operated from 1953 to 1969 when the new Community Memorial Hospital opened. It then served as a seniors living residence, The Port Perry Villa, for about 20 years before being torn down in October 2009.



Port Perry Municipal Office

The new Port Perry municipal office was officially opened in the former Tease Knitting Mill (see page 6), in October 1960. The building was completely renovated into a modern building containing a court room, town office, police department and hydro office. The architect and contractor was Ted Griffen of Lake Scugog Lumber.



The Port Perry council chambers were not elaborate, but functional during the 1960s. The wood panelled room consisted of little more than chairs for the mayor and councillors in front of arborite tables and more chairs for residents attending the meetings. Behind the council table was an elevated area at which a judge would sit, when local court proceedings were being held in the building.



Port Perry High School Cadet Inspection

The annual inspection of Port Perry High School Cadet Corps took place at the school every year in May. Male students were known as 'cadets' and female students classified as 'cadettes'. The cadets and cadettes, are seen lower left being inspected by Capt. Patrick, from the Eastern Ontario District, accompanied by Cadette Lt. Sharon Sweetman and Cadet Major William Bionia in 1967. Above and lower right, the cadet corps marches through downtown Port Perry in June 1964, accompanied by the cadet band.



1965



Anna Forder and Richard Stephens of Port Perry placed third in the Canadian Junior Pair Championship in Calgary in February 1965. They are seen here out on Lake Scugog days before heading west for the competition. During their skating careers, this popular couple became Canadian Senior Pairs Champions and also competed at the Olymics in Grenoble, France in February 1968.

Patient occupancy was 88.5% at Port Perry hospital during 1964



*Harry Phoenix
Hospital Board member.*

February 18, 1965

At the monthly meeting of the Community Memorial Hospital Board on February 9, 1965 letters were received advising as to the 1965 appointments to the Hospital Board.

The hospital directors are: Port Perry, Charles Reesor; Township of Reach, Harry Phoenix; Township of Scugog, Joseph Dowson; Township of Cartwright, Merrill Van Camp; County of Ontario and Irving Boyd.

Superintendent Kathleen Hook advised the board there was an average of 88.5 percent occupancy on the general ward during 1964. She also reported the hospital now has the services of a full-time registered male nurse on the staff, in the person of Robert Brinkman, of Port Perry.



*Kathleen Hook
Hospital Superintendent.*



Horse teams on show in front of the old grandstand at the Blackstock Fair in August 1965. In the background is the armoury building and the arena. The grandstand was destroyed by fire in November 1996.



Cost estimates for addition to Port Perry High School

March 11, 1965

Port Perry High School is at its maximum capacity and starting the next school year will have to use several substandard areas, such as the lunch room, store room, stage and cafeteria to accommodate the expected enrollment.

William Gilfillan, of Central Ontario County District High School Board, informed the local board that the estimated cost of the proposed addition to the high school would be in excess of \$1.5 million dollars.

The planned addition would include an art room, library, two typing rooms, business machine room, two laboratories, a drafting room, auto shop, machine shop, two boys occupational shops, one girls occupational shop, a new cafeteria, new administration and guidance centre and a 54'x70' gymnasium.

Addition and renovations to arena is Centennial project

March 18, 1965

Phil Stone, a government Centennial "field representative", attended the regular meeting of Port Perry council to hear the communities proposal for a Centennial project.

Councillor Bruce Beare told Mr. Stone that pending grants, the Village would like to upgrade the community arena. The project would include a new front entrance, new washrooms, refreshment concession and a heated community room.

Mr. Stone said the proposed Centennial project seemed acceptable and the Village should be able to obtain a grant of \$2,400 from both the federal and provincial governments to accomplish their efforts.

Warden J.J. Gibson receives standing ovation

June 1965

Well over 150 friends and guests paid J.J. Gibson, Reeve of Port Perry and Warden of Ontario County a well deserved tribute last week.

The occasion was a Testimonial Dinner in his honour sponsored by the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce. Much credit should be given the Chamber of Commerce for the excellent evening. Organizing members were president Grant McDermott, Storey Beare, Merle Dowson, Beth Oak and Mary Lou Lowcock.

Head table guests were introduced by the president, and included Lyman Gifford, mayor of Oshawa, William Manning, clerk-treasurer of Ontario County, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Manning, Mr. Harry Peel, Hon. J. Wilfred Spooner, MPP, Hon. M.B. Dymond and A. Walker, M.P.P.

An inscribed plaque was presented to Warden J.J. Gibson by former 1955 Warden Harry Peel. The plaque was inscribed as follows: "A testimonial of sincere appreciation to J.J. Gibson, Reeve of Port Perry and Warden of Ontario County, in recognition of distinguished service to the citizens of Port Perry and people of Ontario County".



J.J. Gibson
Warden of Ontario County.

Swimming pool project approved by United Church congregation

July 22, 1965

The board of the Port Perry United Church presented their plans for a Christian Education expansion at a special meeting to discuss plans for a new building. The meeting was held following the morning worship service

The United Church members decided to approve

the design for a extension to the building, proposed by Ted Griffen, which would include a swimming pool in the basement. The new addition was also to have 14 classrooms, choir room, and a parlour.

Much more work is to be done regarding planning and financing before approval can be received from the United Church of Canada.



Above: Bob Carnegie, left, and Gord Carnegie, of Crest Hardware are pictured here with appliances in the warehouse centre behind the main Queen St. store.

Left: This new building was built after a fire destroyed the Crest Hardware warehouse at the rear of their store. The warehouse building was used as a furniture and appliance showroom.



Five nurses from Community Memorial Hospital received service pins from hospital board chairman Harry Phoenix, in September 1965. Seated is Mrs. Kathleen Hook, hospital superintendent, and standing, from left, are Louise Elsner, Mrs. E. Mackie, Mrs. W. Watson and Mrs. Jean Gray, all who have given 10 years or more service to the hospital.

Hospital expansion is needed

March 25, 1965

Members of the board of Community Memorial Hospital are stressing the need for more rooms and beds. Patient days have increased by 1,213 over the previous year, and considering there are only 14 rooms, by utilizing every inch of space possible, as many as 30 patients have been accommodated.

Classed as a 27 bed hospital, by the Ontario Hospital Commission, Port Perry's Hospital Board and staff have been functioning for years with the handicap of limited space. In the "children's ward", there are five beds where there should be only three, and the two beds at the ends of the hallway are 6" short of regulation length.

With the aid of folding doors these two spaces have been made to accommodate two extra patients. In addition to lack of proper space for the sick, the Operating Room and Case Room are also very small. Storage space is far from adequate and the waiting room in the foyer accommodates only four visitors.

Plans are under consideration and it is hoped that when approval is received from the Ontario Hospital Commission Board a substantial new addition will come into being for Port Perry's Community Hospital.



Sweetman's Motors, located on the southwest corner of Water and Casimir St., as it looked in 1957. Mr. Stuart Sweetman was the authorized Chrysler dealer for the area from 1963 until his retirement in November 1969, when he sold the business to Lorne Scanlon.

Sites for lagoon sewage ponds are discussed by Port Perry council

April 8, 1965

Port Perry council applied for a loan in the amount of \$152,000 under the Municipal Works Assistance Act, the money to be used in connection with the proposed sewage works project in the village.

Chuck Kretch, an industry advisor discussed possible sites for the lagoon and explained that it is proposed to use a gravity system as much as possible.

While the further away the lagoon is from the village centre, the greater the cost, he said the site should not be too close to residential properties.

At least one resident was concerned about the possibility of objectionable smells from the lagoon.

Mr. Kretch said that a lagoon is only noticeable for a possible two weeks of the year, this being in the spring when the ice covered ponds break up.



The Scugog Ramettes were winners of the of the Port Perry Girls Softball League championship. They are seen with the trophy in September 1965. Team members are, front row left, Nancy Crozier, Kay Demers, Pat Aldred (captain), Heather Demara, Sylvia Fralick. Back row, left, Grace Pogue, Ruth Aldred, Anne Carter, Marie Slute, Virginia Eden, Daniela Galante, Beverley Aldred, Beverley Eden. At back are Don Ashbridge, coach and manager and Tom Eden, coach.



This Port Perry Legion team won the All-Ontario "Squirt Softball Championship" in September 1965. Team members are, front left, Ron Redman, John Bourgeois (bat boy), Ken Nightingale (captain), Phil Cochrane (bat boy), Dave Bourgeois. Second row, left, Steve Cochrane, Ricky Short, Ricky Evans, Cal Cochrane, Bill Jeffery. Third row left, Roland Skinner, Brent Heard, Gary Waller, Laurie Williams, Bob Young. Back row, left, Ed Mulholland (President Port Perry Legion), Jim Irvine (coach), Vin Walker (manager), Gary Evans (coach), Bill Taylor (Legion sports officer).

Here & Gone . . .

The bricks and mortar along Queen Street have remained much the same over the past half century, but the names and faces of the businesses have changed multiple times. This list of businesses that operated along Queen Street during 1963, reveals that not many of those here 50+ years ago businesses remain today. But despite the change in business names, the Queen Street of today still look very much as it did then.



Master Feeds in the old grain elevator.



Sebert House (145 Queen St.)



Crest Hardware (175 Queen St.) and Levinson Dry Goods (177 Queen St.)



Canadian Tire (183 Queen St.)

BUSINESSES ON NORTH SIDE OF QUEEN STREET

Heading west from Water Street

- Master Feeds
- Sebert House Hotel
- Jessie's Smoke Shop
- Bill Carnegie Real Estate
- Carl's Barber shop
- The Dell Restaurant
- Middleton Meats
- Eleanor's Flowers
- CIBC (Bank of Commerce)
- Crest Hardware
- Levinson Dry Goods
- Greer, Kelly Law Office
- Canadian Tire Store
- Hank's Bake Shop
- Elizabeth Shoppe
- Emmerson Insurance
- I. R. Bentley Jewellers
- Royal Bank
- Mersco 5¢ to \$1 Store
- W. H. Peel Hardware
- A.M. Lawrence Drug Store
- Mulligan's Barber shop

Queen St. Second Block

Heading west from Perry Street

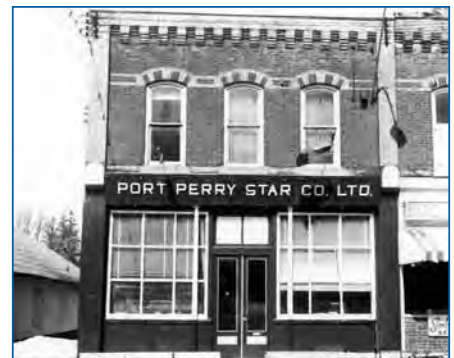
- Ross McLean TV Service
- Sweetman's Taxi
- Flamingo Restaurant
- Barry Beare Barber Shop
- LaSalle Coffee Shop
- Port Perry Star
- Ted Jackson Appliances
- Herb Toombs Insurance
- Phoebe's Beauty Salon
- Western Tire Store
- Helen's Beauty Salon
- Kayvan's Ladies Wear
- Sears Order Office
- Port Perry Public Library



Royal Bank (197 Queen St.)



Mersco Department Store (207 Queen St.)



Port Perry Star (235 Queen St.)



Toombs Insurance (239 Queen St.)



St. Charles Hotel (144 Queen St.).



Dowson's Red & White (158 Queen St.).



Pickard's Hardware (182 Queen St.)

BUSINESSES ON SOUTH SIDE OF QUEEN STREET

Heading west from Water Street

- St. Charles Hotel
- Old Movie Theatre (closed)
- Glennette's Beauty Salon
- Brook's Feed store
- Dowson's Red and White
- John's Shoe Hospital
- Port Perry Hydro
- Port Perry Police Department (at rear of building)
- A.W. Brock Department Store
- Harris, Harris Law Office
- Reesor Fuel & Lumber
- Cawker Brothers Food Market
- Pickard Hardware
- Albert's Barber Shop
- Don Carnegie Men's Wear
- Post Office
- Bruton's Drug Store
- Wentworth Bakery
- LCBO Store



Brock Department Store (168 Queen St.)



Don Carnegie Men's Wear (186 Queen St.)



Liquor Control Board (210 Queen St.)

SOME OTHER NOTABLE BUSINESSES OPERATING IN 1963

- Harry Peel Rambler - Perry St.
- Bob Archer Motors - Water St.
- G.M. Williams Motors - 7A Hwy.
- Manchester Garage (Ford Dealer)
- Reesor Fuel and Lumber - 7A Hwy.
- Sweetman's Service Station
- Lake Scugog Lumber - Water St.
- Carload Food Market - Prince Albert
- Chalet Farms - Prince Albert
- John Ballard Lumber - Casimir St.
- Port Perry Beverages - Perry St.
- Van Camp Contracting
- Peel's Poultry Farms - 7A Hwy.
- Ballard & Burnfield Plumbing
- Morrow Farm Equipment - Perry St.
- Port Perry Florist - Water St.
- Gord Lewis BA Garage - Water St.
- Ideal Dairy Bar - Water St.
- H.W. Gossard Co. - Town Hall 1873
- Wes Lane Plumbing & Heating
- Earl Wallace Roofing
- Gillson & McPhadden Insurance
- Ted Jackson, Auctioneer
- Ken P. Murray Electric
- Stan Causely's Machine Shop
- Causeway Bowling Lanes - 7A Hwy.
- Gordon A. Prentice Fuels - 7A Hwy.
- Werner's Service Centre - Manchester
- Brignall's Taxi & Ambulance - Mary St.
- Margaret Ballard Real Estate

Queen St. Second Block

Heading west from Perry Street

- McDermott - Panabaker Funeral Home
- Port Perry Medical Centre
- Beare Motors
- Hopes IGA Food Market



Phoebe's Beauty Salon (251 Queen St.)



Beare Motors Chevrolet-Oldsmobile (268 Queen St.)



Palmer Park, Lake Scugog summer fun in 1965

Not unlike today, Lake Scugog and Palmer Park have always been a magnet for residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the warm days of summer, swimming, boating or just a leisurely stroll through the beautiful lakeside park.

The pictures on this page show large crowds and plenty of activity during an event along the lakefront during the summer of 1965.

Although the boats of today are larger and sleeker, there was certainly no shortage of watercraft at the local marina and public docks.

Possibly the most noticeable change, seen in the top picture, is the location of the boat launch at the foot of Queen Street. Of course today it is north of this site.



1966

Anna and Richard Canadian Figure Skating Champs

February 17, 1966

After placing third in the Canadian Junior mixed title in 1965, Anna Forder and Richard Stephens took top honours by winning the 1966 Championship on February 10 in Peterborough.

The win is more noteworthy considering Anna, 14, and Richard, 17, have only skated together for three years.

The skaters are the children Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forder and Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens.

Next year Anna and Richard will move into the senior class where competition will be a great deal keener. Competitions will be many and laurels more difficult to win. The aim will first be to win the Canadian Senior Championships, then North American title, World title and last but not least go to the 1968 Olympics.

High school addition will cost over \$2.5 million

March 1966

Four tenders were received for the Vocational Addition to Port Perry High School, with the tender of H.M. Brooks of Oshawa being accepted. The Books' tender was for \$2,312,536 and was within the 10 percent of the estimated cost by the Department of Education.

The addition will provide accommodation for an additional 550 pupils and will include 18 general and special classrooms, nine technical teaching areas, library, cafeteria, single gymnasium, two science laboratories, administration, guidance and service areas.

Three Scugog Island schools will be closed and students will attend public school in Port Perry

February 24, 1966

Ninety seven Scugog Island pupils will be going to school in Port Perry, leaving three one-room schools at the end of the school year.

The closure of the small Island schools was ordered by the Department of Education because all three schools average attendance fell below the 100 pupil mark required.

Reeve Victor Aldred said, that after reading the school act, "we have no choice but to accept the provisions.

The Port Perry School Board will now be preparing their public school to accommodate the heavy influx of new pupils. As many as six new classrooms may have to be built.



The "Foot" school is one of three Scugog Island schools to be closed at the end of the school year. The school was built about 1886 by William Aldred, grandfather of Scugog Township Reeve Victor Aldred. The other two schools closing were built later, and are brick structures.

R.H. Cornish honoured and entertained by the Port Perry Public School Board

June 9, 1966

A memorable and unprecedented event took place at Conway Gardens in Port Perry on Wednesday evening to honour Roy H. Cornish.

The Port Perry Public School Board hosted a banquet for the guests of honour Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cornish.

The event took place on the eve of his retirement as principal of Port Perry Public School, a position he has held for more than three decades.

Board chairman Mr. Gordon Goode welcomed the 50 guests and presented a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Cornish.

Mr. Sam Cawker, vice-principal and longtime friend of Mr. Cornish spoke of the principal's forty years of teaching, five of which were spent in a rural school and 35 in Port Perry of which he has been principal for 34 years.



In June 1966 the Port Perry School Board honoured former principal, Roy H. Cornish (left) on the occasion of his retirement. He is seen here receiving an architect's sketch of the school from Gordon Goode, chairman of the Port Perry Public School Board. The school will become known as R.H. Cornish Public School.

Delay in addition to public school in Port Perry will hamper closure of two Scugog Island schools

May 12, 1966

Many students from Scugog Island schools will not be going to school in Port Perry next term, due to delays in completing an addition to the public school.

To accommodate all the school pupils from Scugog Island is not possible, so the school board have decided to only transfer kindergarten children, plus seniors from Grades five to eight this year. They will be transported by bus to Port Perry.

Children in Grades 1-4 will continue attending SS #1 and SS#2 on the Island until early 1967, when the school addition is completed.

New dance hall on Scugog Island

May 25, 1966.

Phil and Anne Goreski announced the opening of the most modern dance hall in the County of Ontario, on Scugog Island effective Saturday, May 28.

"Club Annrene", located near Lakeside Beach on the Scugog Island has been under construction throughout the winter months, and is now ready to open to the public.

It will operate every Saturday during the summer months providing live music for both adults and teens.

The first band to provide entertainment for the adults is the Bill Blackwell Combo. Admission for the events is \$3.00 per couple.



Goreski's Club Annrene dance and banquet hall on Scugog Island can accommodate up to 400 people for special occasions and dances.



"Bulldozers" first Port Perry team to capture OHA title

May 5, 1966

For the first time in the history of the Ontario Hockey Association, a Port Perry team has succeeded in going all the way to capture the coveted OHA title. The crowd at the arena went wild after the final whistle blew, with the Tripp Bulldogs defeating Port Elgin in the sixth game of the series.

Members of the Tripp Bulldogs are: front left, Bob Parry, Ron Bryant, Barry Oke, Jim Topping, Chic Carnegie (captain), Ken Roberts, Doug McMillan.

Centre row left, Bill Harrison (mgr.), Dave Ballingall, Clare Watts, Dale McNenley, Mac McMillan, Don Hurst (coach), Walt Sandison, Charlie Williams.

Back row left, Jack Cook, Meridith McKee, Andy Matthews, Jim Burnett, Garry Geer, Lyn Middleton, Don Cochrane, Wayne Venning.



Don Carnegie's Men's Wear, 186 Queen St., the former location of Gordon McKee grocery store.



Dan Madsen

New owner takes over Port Perry IGA store

September 1966

Mr. Dan Madsen is the new owner of the Port Perry IGA store, taking over on August 29th. He arrives in town with his wife Doris, daughter Mamie, 7, and son Jayson, 13.



Jack Hope

Jack Hope the former owner is a native of Port Perry but started his business career with the Loblaw Company. He returned to Port Perry in 1953 and purchased the grocery business of Gordon McKee. The store was then located at 186 Queen St.

Mr. Hope joined the IGA chain in 1950 and moved to the present location a year later.

Arena roof requires repairs

June 1966

A report from a structural firm shows that the arena roof is in poor condition and will cost as much as \$22,000 to strengthen and repair it from the ridge to the hip. Arena board spokesman Frank Godley requested council to pick up half the cost of the project.

Brignalls open service station

September 1966

The recently vacated Texaco service station on the northeast corner of Hwy. 7A and Union Ave., by Charles Reesor, has been taken over by a father and son team.

Charles Brignall Jr. and his father, also Charles, have moved into the station and will operate it as a partnership.

Charles Jr. also operates the Port Perry ambulance service and the local taxi service.

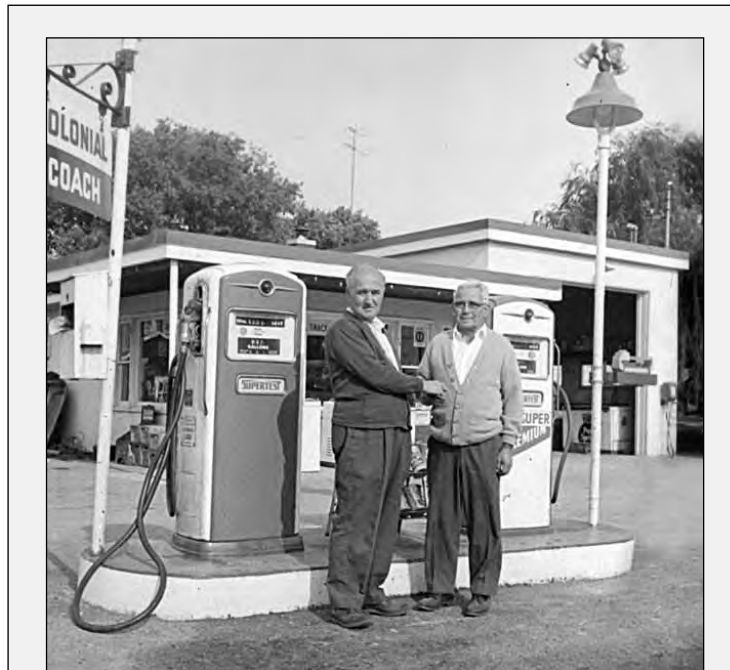
Car wash and coin wash laundromat opens

November 23, 1966

Construction has been underway for the past two months on Hwy. 7A, near the causeway for a laundromat and car wash. The building and equipment will be ready for an opening on November 26.

The new facility is owned by William Tripp, and on opening day, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., he is providing either washing laundry or a vehicle absolutely free.

Mr. Tripp will also provide free doughnuts, coffee and free gifts for the first 50 ladies using the laundromat.



This Supertest gas station was located on the property now occupied by Pioneer Gas on the north-west corner of Wilbur Street and 7A Highway. That's Charlie Reesor, left and Irwin Tripp standing in front of the pumps in this 1966 picture.

New owner takes over service station

September 19, 1966

Irwin Tripp retired after 33 years in business.

As a young man, in 1934, he opened a service station on Water St. beside the dairy building where he carried on a thriving business for 22 years.

After selling that business in 1956, Mr. Tripp and his wife opened a new service station at the corner of Union Ave. and 7A Hwy. Here, with the help of family members, they operated a Supertest gas station for the next ten years.

The Tripps sold their Supertest station to Charlie Reesor in September 1966.



Port Perry's first car wash and laundromat was opened by Bill Tripp in November 1966. This picture from a later date, shows when the laundromat was operated by Bob McFadden and his family.

Master Feeds officially opens new office space

September 1966

The new addition to the Master Feeds Port Perry branch was officially opened on September 30, 1967.

The building has been modernized with large windows and a clean looking front, making a great improvement to the corner of Queen and Water St.

The expanded store and office space is designed to make work easier and service better for its customers.

Master Feeds started its Port Perry operation in 1949 when the company purchased the Hogg & Lytle grain elevator. Harvey Mahaffy, the present manager, was employed by the former firm and continued as a truck driver for Master Feeds. He was promoted to manager in 1955.

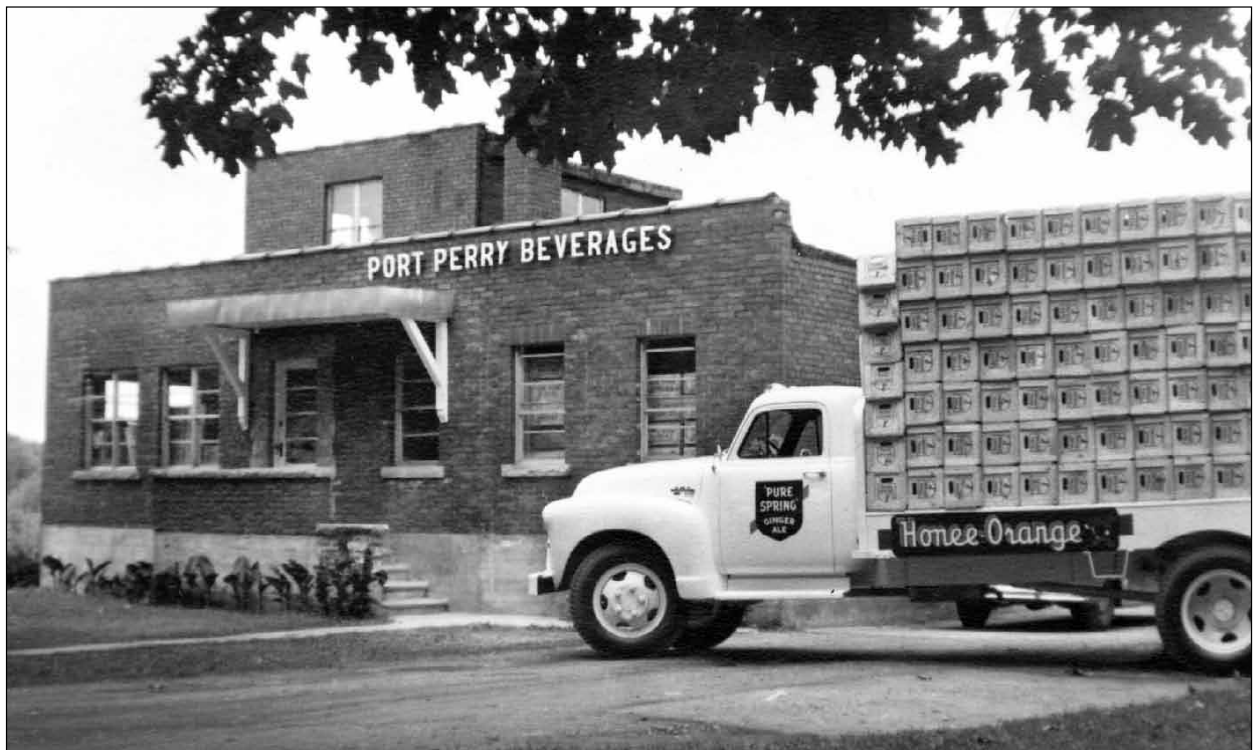
Port Perry populations goes up

November 1966

Port Perry increased by 141 people during the past 12 months, bringing the total population figure to 2,502. Of these infants aged 1-3 years accounted for 10, and senior citizens age 70 years and over were 20. The remainder were between 20-49 years of age.



Three women were elected to serve Scugog Township during the 1966 municipal election. Re-elected to Scugog Island council for a second term are Mrs. June Crozier, left, and Mrs. Grace Love. Mrs. Helen Redman, right, was elected to the Public School Board.



The red brick Port Perry Beverages plant was located on Perry Street, north, in this 1956 picture. The company became the bottler of Pure Spring beverages in 1951 and was operated by Murell and Gordon Goode. The plant was later sold and ceased operations in July 1977. A reproduction Victorian home now sits on the property.

Patients line the halls, new hospital badly needed

December 15, 1966

It is quite evident from the pictures show here, taken one week ago, that Port Perry needs a new hospital.

The pictures show three patients in one of the halls of the present hospital, and overcrowding in the administrative section. This is not comfortable, neither is it pleasant. Fortunately none of the patients were seriously ill, but when a person is in bed, whether in hospital or even at home, privacy is most essential.

The present situation is equally uncomfortable for doctors, nurses and staff who administer to the patients.

At the time the picture was taken there were 30 patients in the hospital, the absolute maximum for the hospital to handle and care for.

Since the Community Memorial Hospital was opened in January 1953 the population of Port Perry has increased from 1,963 to an all time high of 2,623.

If the number of residents in Reach, Scugog and Cartwright have increased equally, this could relate into a total increase of population between 2,000-3,000 people since the hospital opened.

As the population increases, the lack of space will become even more acute.



Local auctioneer Ted Jackson, operated an appliance store in this building (237 Queen St.) during the early 1960s. The business was sold to his son-in-law Howard Hall who later changed the name to House of Howard. The building was then enlarged and renovated.

1967



The Brunton Farms Hatchery building was owned by Arthur Brunton until June 1956 when it was sold to the Brewer's Retail. In June 1958, following an extensive renovation, the building was opened as a Brewer's Retail outlet at the west end of the village. They operated from this building for 10 years before tearing it down in September 1966. Brewer's Retail re-opened in a new building on the same site, later becoming the Beer Store which still operates on this site.

Cy Wilson Ford Dealer

February 1967

The Ford Motor Co. appointed Cy Wilson as its dealer for the Port Perry area. Cy Wilson Ford Sales held its grand opening at its Manchester site at the corner of Hwy. 7A & 12., on February 17.

Gossard renews lease

March 1967

H.W. Gossard tells council it has outgrown its space in the old Town Hall. Council offered to provide additional space in the basement without an increase in their \$150 monthly rent.



The Honourable Matthew B. Dymond officially opened the renovated and historical St. Agnes Church in Greenbank, on June 16, 1967. The century old church will now become the Greenbank Centennial Hall.



Construction was well underway on Peel's Poultry Farm's new hatchery in September 1966. The building is 190' x 94' and the trusses for the roof system are 94' long and weight approximately one ton each. Each truss was built in three sections at the Lake Scugog Lumber plant and assembled on site before being lifted into place by a large crane.

Peel's will produce 150,000 chicks weekly in new hatchery

January 19, 1967

The official opening of Peel's Poultry Farm Ltd. latest expansion just west of town, took place on Tuesday, January 24.

The new 190'x94' hatchery is one of the largest and most modern in Canada and was constructed by employees of Lake Scugog Lumber Co. Ltd. Each of the large 94' wide trusses weighed one ton and are the second largest ever built at the local plant.

Three hundred guests were on hand for the opening ceremony and invitations were extended to the residents of Port Perry. Among the invited guests were Dr. M.B. Dymond, Minister of Health and John Mores, a former manager of Master Feeds, Port Perry and reeves of the local townships.

Dr. John Price in his address outlined the history and growth of the Peel's Poultry Farm and paid warm tribute to the late Ronald A. Peel and his wife Janet, who established the company in 1927. He also praised the staff, which now counts 75, for the success of Peel's Poultry Farm Limited.

Among the interesting facts, he said that the production in 1966 was double that of 1965, this due to increased exports to more than 30 countries.



Guests lined the stage set up in the new hatchery for the official opening.



Mrs. Janet Peel was presented with flowers at the official opening of the new hatchery.

Scugog Island children will be transferred to Port Perry

April 13, 1967

The end of a long school tradition on Scugog Island came about on April 10 when the remaining 64 pupils from two schools, S.S. 1 and S.S. 2, were transferred to R.H. Cornish School in Port Perry. Along with the students came their teachers, Mrs. E. Beckett and Mrs. D. Measures.

Kindergarten classes and Grades 5 to 8 were

enrolled when the new school year started in September. The total enrolment from Scugog Island is now well over 100, which bring the overall total at R.H. Cornish to an all time high of 675.

With the six additional rooms now filled, principal Wm. Bradford was delighted with the new rooms, resource centre and library, which still has empty shelves, but the room is occupied daily.

Grandstand completely destroyed by fire

May 26, 1967

The use of firecrackers appears to have caused the destruction of the Port Perry fairgrounds grandstand on Monday night.

Firemen received a call at 9 p.m., but despite a quick response, by the time they arrived the fire had spread from end to end and nothing could be done to save it. Fire Chief Harvey Mahaffy received burns from hot water splashing off the burning building.

A brisk north wind was fanning the flames and spreading embers towards the plant of Chalet Farms Ltd. and the home of Reeve J.J. Gibson, so firemen poured all available water they had on the two buildings to save them.

The heat from the fire was intense and residents in the area used garden hoses to pour water on their houses, in an effort to avoid the fire from spreading further.



Work on the new grandstand at the fairgrounds was progressing smoothly by July 1967. The fair board expects the construction will be completed in time for the fall fair. Mel-Ron Construction was awarded the contract and when it is completed, the grandstand will seat about 600 people.



This picture of the Port Perry Grandstand, circa 1960, shows the old covered stand filled with fairgoers. The building was completely destroyed by fire in May 1967.



Port Perry abandoned local policing and hired the O.P.P. to patrol beginning in September 1967. The first officers stationed to the town are, from left: William Muldoon, senior officer Tom Timleck, and John D. Ross.

O.P.P officers are now on duty in Port Perry

October 1967

Port Perry council's decision to have officers of the O.P.P. Whitby Detachment assume policing in the village is being received favourably. Port Perry residents report they are pleased with the fine looking and well dressed officers.

The three officers stationed here are Tom Timleck, 32, senior official, John D. Ross, 26, and William Muldoon, 27.

All three officers have a solid background of police training and are graduates of the Ontario Police Academy.



Police Chief R.J. Cameron

Council want O.P.P. to police town

June 27, 1968

Police Chief R.J. Cameron will not resign his position he told council at a meeting last week.

"I am leaving on my own accord as I fear that there may be animosity in the police department, but I hold no grudge against the council.

Council was puzzled why Mr. Cameron said he was 48 years old when he was hired, but now claims he's 64 years, after only eight years on the force.

Council discharged him from his duties as Police Chief effective June 13, citing he was negligent in his duties of not reporting a loss of funds and that he could not effectively carry out his duties as police chief and requested a written resignation.

Ambulance service owner requires new vehicle and equipment

June 26, 1967

Charles Brignall, Jr., informed council that his ambulance has become obsolete due to the fact parts cannot be purchased. A new ambulance will cost \$3,900 and the cost of new equipment would be \$2,000.

Mr. Brignall requested an increase in his subsidy and a proposed 50¢ per capita from the Village of Port Perry. The population of the village at the time is 1,300, which would make the subsidy \$1,300.

Council assured Mr. Brignall they would pay their share and suggested that he contact the other municipalities to make similar arrangements.



Brignall's ambulance service receives its new vehicle in August 1968.



George Emmerson and his mother Aileen, celebrated 50 years of business at Emmerson Insurance Agency Limited in September 1967. The business was started by Mr. Emmerson's father Harold in 1917.

Scugog approves liquor sales

April 1967

With a slim majority of only one vote, residents of Scugog Island township approved sale of liquor under a dining room licence for the consumption with meals on licensed premises.

Turnout was the heaviest in the history of the township with 88.85 percent of eligible voters casting a ballot.

Reach Township sells three schools

June 1967

The sale of three old schools and a vacant lot in Reach Township by public auction was a huge success, with \$10,550 bid for the four properties.

The schools at Utica, Manchester went for \$3,000 each, the Prospect school for \$2,550 and the vacant lot at Chalk Lake sold for \$2,000.

Ted Jackson and Ted Spencely conducted the successful auction sale.

New Catholic Church underway

July 1967

Construction got underway on a new 260 seat Roman Catholic Church on the south side of Hwy. 7A. The old church on John St is too small for the present congregation.

Rev. Father A. Lee told the congregation they should be able to hold Christmas services in the new church.



DeNure Bus Lines operated this sleek 'art-deco' style bus, with round windows, during the 1950s and 1960s. The company operated in Port Perry from its office/garage at 180 Mary Street.

Left, Fred DeNure, seated, and his son Mervin, got together for this picture on the 25th Anniversary of DeNure Bus Lines in June 1967.



High school addition opens, 1,000 attend and tour the new educational facilities

December 21, 1967

About 1,000 persons from Port Perry and area attended the opening of the \$2,675,000 addition to the local high school on December 13.

Dr. M. B. Dymond was the guest speaker and comments were heard from local, county and provincial representatives.

Following the official opening, the public was invited for a tour of the school, students providing excellent guides as they took the visitors through the entire new section of the school.

From comments heard, it appears that everyone is proud and agree that the school is an asset to both teachers and students.

The school's current enrollment is 630 pupils, but with the large, new addition the school is capable of handling well over 1,000 students.



The cornerstone for the new addition to the Port Perry High School was laid in October 1967 by Mr. Cy Richardson, chairman of the Central Ontario District High School Board. Assisting him are Bert Ford representing the architects and Mr. N. Birch, technical director of the school.



Above, Myrtle and Gordon Prentice, left, and Dr. Matthew B. Dymond with his wife Jeanne, look over one of the new pieces of equipment in the woodworking shop.

Left, Deputy-reeve Bruce Beare and councillor Phil Orde inspect some of the work from the wood-working class.

50 strikers and supporters show up for public indignation meeting

November 9, 1967

"That it should be necessary to call a 'public indignation meeting' in this quiet small town, is deplorable and shameful," was the opening remarks of Mr. J.W. Kitt, the man in charge of organizing a union for workers at H.W. Gossard Co. Limited.

About 50 persons attended the meeting, held in the Legion Hall, in support of striking employees.

In February, Mr. Kitts said the Union presented a proposal of \$1.25 per hour minimum, all statutory holidays, two weeks vacation with pay and sick benefits.

The Conciliation Board appointed by the Ontario government suggested that the minimum should be \$1.25 in 1967 and \$1.50 in 1968 but the company refused to pay more than \$1.00 per hour.



The first strike ever held in Port Perry took place in October 1967 when union organizer J. W. Kitt and women employees went on strike, picketing in front of Canadian H.W. Gossard for higher wages.

Association for mentally retarded children formed

November 2, 1967

Fifty citizens from the area met to organize the formation of a local association for mentally retarded children of this vicinity.

Chaired by Mrs. M.B. Dymond, the meeting included residents from Cartwright, Port Perry, Reach and Uxbridge.

The newly formed association will be known as The Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded Children, which comprises the seven surrounding townships.

The association plans to organize and begin classes as early as 1968, in suitable vacant schools or halls.

The elected executive are: Mrs. Jeanne Dymond, president; Mrs. C.W. Badour, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Yvonne Christie, 2nd vice-president; Rev. Reg Rose, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Doreen Kendall, recording secretary, Mrs. Joseph Franssen, treasurer. Directors, Mrs. J.K. Lawrence, Mr. William Bradford and Mrs. George St. Pierre.

Forty eight members joined the association the first night.



Clowns make their way along Queen Street in this December 1967 photograph. Of interest are the stores along this block. From left, LaSalle Restaurant, James & Beare barber shop, Sweetman Taxi, Rio Restaurant and The Wedge wallpaper shop.

Sixties



Susan Roach, left, was chosen Port Perry High School Queen and Gail Forder, Princess at the annual "At Home" held in the high school auditorium in 1965.



Port Perry High School students selected Gail Forder as its Centennial "At Home Queen" in January 1967, and Janice Williams, right, was selected as Princess.



Cartwright High School chose its Centennial royalty in April 1967 picking Linda Gray as its 'At Home' Queen. She is seen here receiving her crown from last year's Queen Nancy Frew. Her two princesses are, left, Carol Wotten and, right, Judi Swain.



Debbie Griffen was chosen Port Perry's Centennial Queen during Canada Day celebrations in July 1967.

Royalty

high schools, organizations or special events, providing a special memory in their young lives.

The pictures featured here represent just a few of the many teens who were selected by their peers to represent their group during this era.

No doubt, a crowning moment in their lives.



Carol Wotten was chosen Queen at the Cartwright High School "At Home" held in April 1968. She is seen here being crowned by last year's Queen Linda Gray. Princesses are, left, Valerie Frew and Sheila Sharp.



Port Perry High School students held a Winter Carnival in February 1969 and chose Nancy Dowson as the school's Snow Queen.



Pat Hunter, R.R.2, Seagrave, the Ontario County Dairy Princess in 1968, was chosen to compete for Dairy Queen at the C.N.E.



Melody Wilson, left, was selected Port Perry High School Queen at the annual "At Home" in February 1969. Donna Ballard was chosen as her Princess.



Linda Mountjoy was selected as Queen at the annual "At Home" held for the students of Cartwright High School in May 1969. Lorrie Turner, left, and Dianne Taylor, were chosen as Princesses.

1968



Anna Forder and Richard Stephens left for Grenoble, France in February 1968 to represent Canada in pair figure skating in Olympic competitions.

Out one day, back the next

January 25, 1968

A walk-out of Reach Township workmen lasted only one day when the Council met for an emergency meeting in the Township Hall, Manchester that night to settle a wage dispute.

The reason for the walk-out was an offer made by Council did not meet with the approval of the employees.

The original proposal of \$2.25 for maintenance operators, truck drivers \$1.95 and casual labour \$1.70 per hour was accepted by the workmen when an additional offer of time and one half for overtime after nine hours was proposed.

Gordon Sweetman new By-law Officer

January 25, 1968

Port Perry appointed Mr. Gordon Sweetman, By-law Enforcement Officer. Mr. Sweetman has been a resident of this area all of his life, living the past 20 years in Seagrave.

Mr. Sweetman operated a garage and service station on Queen St., dealing in Chrysler cars and trucks from 1929 to 1938.

Mr. Sweetman replaced Rob Roy, who resigned from the position after only three months.



Gordon Sweetman



Mrs. Betty Fowler

Six pupils attend Central Seven school opening

March 28, 1968

Mrs. Betty Fowler became the first permanent teacher at Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded school, which opened on March 25.

Six pupils were enrolled when the school opened in the Sunday School rooms of St. John's Presbyterian Church. The accommodation, however, is only temporary until the Head School on Scugog Island is ready for occupancy.

Present at the opening were Mrs. Fowler, who is a registered nurse and has considerable experience with children. Also Mrs. Margaret Johns, a retired teacher for the mentally handicapped who has volunteered to help.

Representing the Central Seven Association were Mrs. M.B. Dymond, president, and Arnold Roach, chairman of the Scugog Children's Authority.

Please Note: A number of articles within this book uses the term "mentally retarded". Today the proper term is "intellectual disability", but during the period this book features, it was the accepted description for those with physical and/or mental disabilities. Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded was formed during the 1960s, and we have reprinted the articles in the context of showing how much has changed in the past 50 years.



Firefighters from Port Perry and Uxbridge fight San-Man motel fire

March 21, 1968

A three alarm fire on March 15 destroyed the living quarters of the San-Man Motel at Manchester and badly damaged all the remaining units in the motel.

The fire started as a result of a blow torch blowing up and fire quickly spreading throughout the entire living quarters of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Santer.

Both Port Perry and Uxbridge fire departments responded, and Brooklin fire department sent a water tanker.

Lack of water and dense smoke hampered the firemen from saving the living quarters, but firemen stopped the progress of the fire by cutting through both sides of the building with a chain saw.

They managed to save the remaining units of the motel, but large portion of the motel itself was also badly damaged.



A view looking west towards Mary Street, from the lakefront. On the left, a red-brick home at 136 Water Street, and on the north west corner at 150 Water Street was Bob Archer Motors, the local Pontiac-Buick dealer in 1969.



The Scugog Centre School became the new school for retarded children from Port Perry and area in March 1968. The inaugural meeting of the Scugog Retarded Children's Education Authority held last week chose Arnold Roach as chairman. Other members of the board, Robert Robertson, Jeanne Dymond, Lillian Midgley, Nancy McMillan and Donald Crosier.



The Reach Township "yellow schoolhouse" was sold for \$7,000 by public auction on Saturday, March 9th. It was later converted into a home.

New hospital administrator hired

February 8, 1968

At a special meeting held Tuesday last week, the Community Memorial Hospital Board accepted the application of Mr. Benedict A. Bohan, of North Bay, for the position of administrator of the new Port Perry hospital. Mr. Bohan was one of 14 applicants and one of three persons interviewed for the position. He commenced his duties at the hospital on March 18th.



Mrs. Betty Fowler, right, was hired to become the first permanent teacher at the new Central Seven Association School for Retarded Children. Miss Margaret Johns, left, a retired teacher, volunteered to assist in the teaching of the children.



Howard Hall put his name forward in November 1968 to become a trustee for the Ontario County Division Board of Education, which took in East Whitby, Port Perry and Scugog Township. Mr. Hall was listed as a 39 year old businessman, father of three children and a tireless community worker.

He was listed as a former director of the Port Perry Minor Hockey Association, Minor Softball Association, Figure Skating Club, Arena Board and a Scout/Cub leader for 15 years.

Mr. Hall came in second to Gordon Goode, of Port Perry, who was elected to serve on the Education Board.



Traffic congestion is not a new thing along 7A Highway, as this Sunday, July 20, 1968 picture shows. Traffic at 8 p.m., on that summer evening, was backed up from Manchester almost back to Port Perry. With no traffic lights at the 7A/Hwy. 12 corner, O.P.P. constables were on duty most weekends directing traffic as it came to the intersection.



J.J. Lambert Real Estate office, not long after opening in May 1968.

Real estate firm opens new office on Queen St.

May 2, 1968

For quite a number of years the corner building on the northwest side of Queen and Perry St. has been quite an eyesore. A complete change of the premises is now in progress by John Ballard Lumber.

When the new tenant, J.J. Lambert Real Estate Ltd. moves in, the corner will be a great asset to Queen Street.

J.J. Lambert, with its head office in Toronto, has been in business since 1952 and specializes in land sales in Metro Toronto. The firm went into the rural real estate field a couple of years ago.

The Port Perry office is the first of several planned in this part of Ontario and will be staffed by the present representative, Mrs. Marjorie Tripp and Mr. Bruce Taylor.

One way on Queen Street opposed by local merchants

July 11, 1968

A proposal by Gordon Sweetman, By-Law Enforcement Officer, to make Queen St. a one way thoroughfare from John to Water St., does not please most of the streets merchants.

Mr. Sweetman explained to council that by making the street one-way and eliminating the "U" turn, and have traffic return on either Mary or North St., would reduce some of the heavy traffic in the downtown.

Chamber of Commerce president Eleanor Wood said she was personally against the change, as were most other business people along the street.

Merle Dowson, proprietor of the Red & White store said, "Nothing doing. If traffic is too heavy, I would suggest parallel parking on both sides to make traffic move faster."

George Pentland, owner of Pentland Jewellers emphatically protested the idea saying, "There is no rhyme or reason for changing traffic on Queen Street."



The new Roman Catholic Immaculate Conception Church under construction in June 1968.

First of several doctors opens medical practice in village

September 12, 1968

With the new Port Perry hospital anticipated to open in January 1969, the first of several new doctors expected to open practice arrived in the village.

Dr. William J. Cohoon and his wife Whitney, recently moved into a home on North Street. Dr. Cohoon has set up an office in the home and is now ready to serve residents of the area.

Plans are to erect a new building on a lot across from the hospital to accommodate three or four general practitioners. The clinic is expected to be completed by Christmas and will be initially occupied by Dr. Cohoon and Dr. Ralph Price, under the name of Medical Associates, Port Perry.



The sod was turned the end of September 1968 for the new Medical Associates clinic being built on Paxton Street, across from the new Community Memorial Hospital. Dr. Wm. J. Cohoon lifts the first piece of sod for the project, while his partner, Dr. Ralph M. Price looks on. The clinic opened in January 1969.

Sewage works will cost \$1,342,570

August 22, 1968

Estimates for the cost of the proposed construction of a sewage system for Port Perry have been estimated at \$1,342,570. The system will be paid for, and be owned by, the Province of Ontario.

For the average householder, with a frontage of 66 feet, the total cost annually will be \$126.94.

Port Perry could be a city of 50,000 by the turn of the century

October 24, 1968

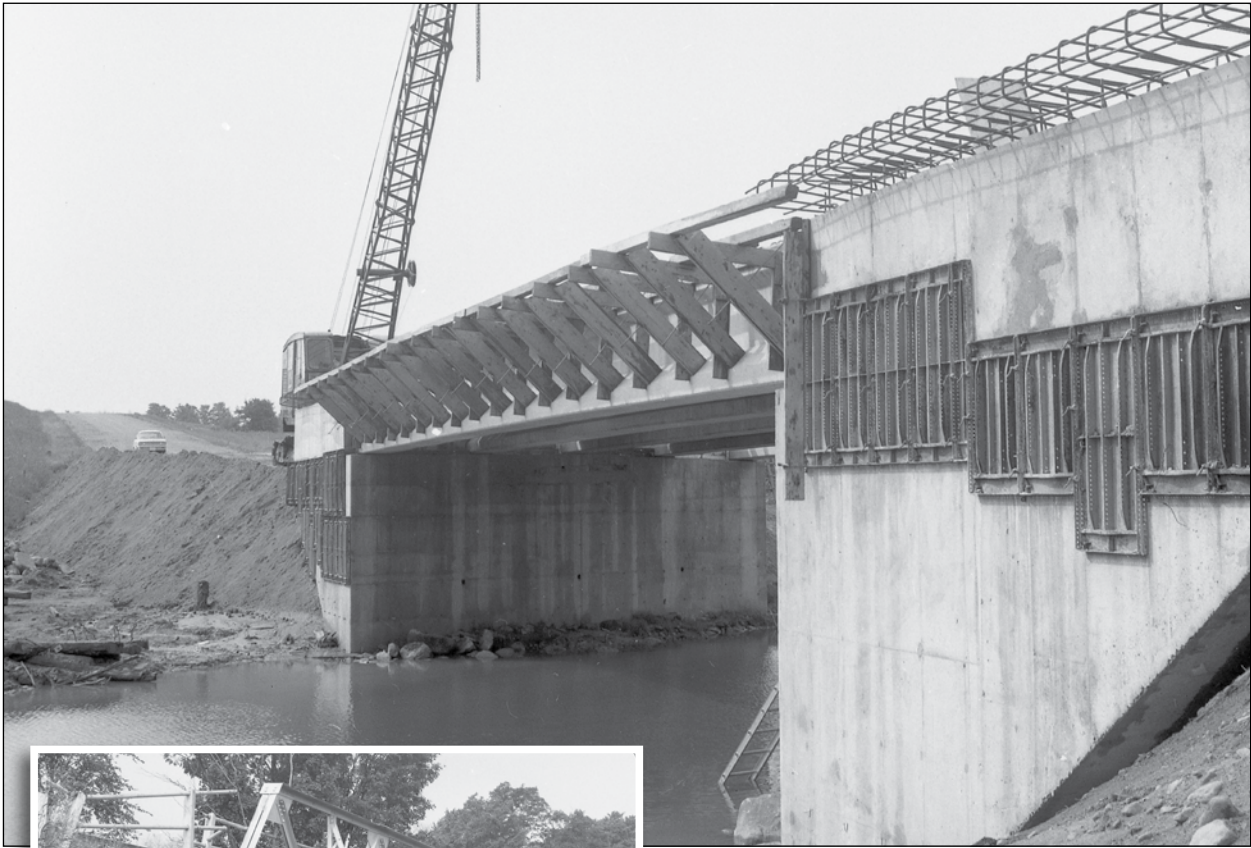
To the average resident in the Port Perry area it is difficult to comprehend that this small, quiet town could reach a population of 50,000 within the next 30 years.

According to a well represented group from the Central Ontario Regional Development Council this is a distinct possibility. Well founded on intensive studies, statistics and charts theoretically proved to be interesting and almost "frightening" in aspect.

Present at the meeting outlining the findings, at the municipal building last week were Reeve J.J. Gibson, members of Port Perry council, Reeve Victor Aldred and members of Scugog Council.



Construction on the new Port Perry Hospital in May 1968. With men, machinery and materials all on site, the contractor was pleased with the progress being made. Completion of the new health facility was completed by the summer of 1969.



Motorists were happy to see construction on a new bridge over the Nonquon River, nearing completion in August 1969. The bridge is located on Simcoe Street, between the south and north entrances of the village. Cost of the new structure was \$56,000. Additional grading and landscaping on both sides of the new bridge cost another \$30,000. The old bridge, inset, was removed and the new bridge opened in mid-September.



The new Blackstock Post Office building was opened in October 1968. Mrs. C. G. Venning was the postmaster .

1969



Port Perry's new council was sworn into office on January 13, 1969. Members of the 1969-70 council are, back left, councillor Ken Jackson, clerk-treasurer John Raines, councillor Joe Podres, weith Rev. William Black. Front left, councillor Phil Orde, Reeve Robert Kenny and Deputy-Reeve Bruce Beare.

Council offers to purchase government wharf at the foot of Queen Street for a nominal fee of one dollar

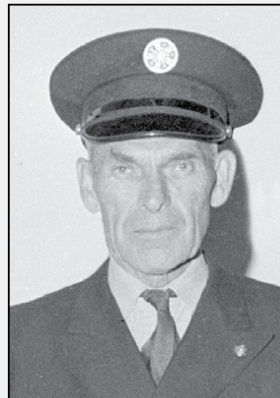
January 16, 1969

The wharf at the foot of Queen St., owned by the Ontario government has been offered for sale to the Village of Port Perry.

A letter received by council explains that the wharf is erected on land owned by the province who is now prepared to sell it to the Village for an amount which represents the current market value of the structure. It also stipulates that the Village must keep the structure intact.

Council passed a motion which they forwarded to the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation explaining "this wharf is the centre of a park that is used by citizens and the Village is anxious to have a boat launching ramp adjacent to the wharf. There is no intention to dispose or dismantle the wharf as it is needed".

Council suggested they did not feel they should purchase the wharf for any more than a nominal fee of \$1.



Fire Chief Guy Raines



Fire Chief Harvey Mahaffy

Guy Raines resigns after 35 years, Harvey Mahaffy selected new chief

January 9, 1969

After faithful service for 35 years on the Port Perry Fire Department, 20 of them as chief, Guy Raines has decided to retire. His decision was made at a meeting at the fire hall.

Firefighters at the hall held an election and deputy-chief Harvey Mahaffy was elected Chief, and Jack Cook selected as the new deputy chief. Charles Lown and Mervin DeNure were selected as captains.

Mr. Mahaffy has been a member of the department since 1946, when he came to Port Perry to work for Hogg and Lytle and Master Feeds in the grain elevator. He was promoted to manager 13 years ago.



Ed (Sam) Oyler

Ed Oyler elected 1969 Warden of Ontario County

January 23, 1969

Possibly the closest and most exciting vote in the history of Ontario County elected Ed (Sam) Oyler reeve of Reach Township, Warden for 1969.

It took five ballots to decide the winner and even then it was a tie between the two remaining candidates in the race. John Howden, East Whitby, and Ed Oyler, Reach Township, both received 22 votes and according to reports this is the first time a tie had to be broken in an election for Warden of Ontario County.

It became the duty of reeve John Williams, Pickering, the township with the largest assessment to break the tie. Mr. Williams had been voting for Mr. Oyler on all five ballots and it was expected he would do so again, which he did.

Future fire protection for area of Reach, Scugog, Port Perry will be amalgamated

March 27, 1969

The future operation of the local fire department will be jointly shared among Reach, Scugog and Port Perry and the expenses shared based on equalized assessment.

This decision was reached at a joint meeting of the three municipalities, following a demand by the Port Perry Fire Department for the two rural communities to purchase a 1,500 gallon tank truck.

A tentative agreement was reached by the three municipalities which would assess Port Perry and Reach 40 percent each of the cost, and Scugog Township would pick up the remaining 20 percent.

A Fire Commission was appointed, with members to finalize the agreement. Members appointed from Port Perry Bruce Beare to act as chairman, Joe Podres, Reach Twp., and Al Bertrand, Scugog Twp.

Fire Department threatens to withdraw fire service

April 1969

Port Perry council learns that only the purchase of a new tank truck by Reach and Scugog Townships could avoid fire service being discontinued to the two townships.

Port Perry Fire Department has demanded the two townships purchase a new 1,500 gallon tank truck to assist with fire protection by April 1, or protective service would be discontinued.

The issue was resolved in June, and council passed a motion to name the fire brigade the, "Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Fire Department.



Mrs. Wesley St. John proudly cuddles her little daughter, the first baby born in Port Perry's new Community Memorial Hospital. She was born on Sunday, April 27, at 10:38 p.m. weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. Hospital chairman Harry Phoenix presented Mrs. St. John with a silver cup for the special occasion.



Port Perry's clerk-treasurer John Raines, seated, is seen here with his new assistant John Doble, who was hired to help with the workload in July 1969.



Scugog Aviation on Lake Scugog

July 17, 1969

Another sign of expansion and progress in Port Perry is the increased activity on Lake Scugog and in the air.

Scugog Aviation, a company operated by Ted Griffen, right, and Jim Pengelly was recently awarded a federal license and are fully qualified to operate a passenger service from the company's base in Port Perry.

Scugog Aviation operates four planes, the largest a five passenger Cessna 185 and three smaller one passenger aircraft. Other services the company offers are aerial photo flying, recreational flying, aerial inspection, reconnaissance and aerial advertising.

Picture above shows Scugog Aviation air base, located on the lakefront property of Lake Scugog Lumber just off Water St.

Bill Brock elected first Historical president

May 22, 1969

About 70 people attended a meeting at the Greenbank Centennial Hall to elect an executive for the Historical Society.

Elected as the society's first executive are: William Brock, president; Jean Dodwell, Wilmot Phair and Helen Redman, vice-presidents; Miriam Labanovich, treasurer.

Canoe the Nonquon a great success for Historical Society

June 19, 1969

The Port Perry Historical Society established only a few months ago held a successful Canoe the Nonquon '69'. More than 30 canoes took part in the first race and excursion and except for one overturned canoe, and a couple of drenched paddlers, no serious mishaps occurred.

The event attracted people from all ages - from as young as 14 years to 40 years and all completed the 19 mile course.

The canoe-a-thon event encouraged participants to raise funds by sponsorship, and the Historical Society raised \$2,100 from the event.

New owners of San-Man Motel

June 26, 1969

After 11 years of ownership, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Santer have sold their San-Man Motel on Highway 12, just south of Manchester.

The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. F. Belanter from Whitby and they are now operating the business.



The Carload Food Market in Prince Albert, Ontario about 1969, when it was owned and operated by Marg and Ross Sweetman.

Portable classroom at R.H. Cornish

August 21, 1969

Due to a higher enrolment of pupils at R.H. Cornish Public School this fall and consequently overcrowding of classrooms, a portable classroom is under construction at the school.

In June, 701 pupils were registered at the school, but more are expected by the time school opens. Grades five and six will be taught in the portable room and the teacher will be Don Postill.

Also, to help overcrowding, children attending Kindergarten from Scugog Island will now attend classes at Reach No. 1 school in Prince Albert.

Mary Sweetman expands taxi business

September 11, 1969

It's doubtful if any lady taxi drivers can match Mary Sweetman's service to the public.

Mary Sweetman shows no sign of slowing down after 21 years driving taxi for Sweetman's Taxi. In fact, Mrs. Sweetman is expanding her business, purchasing the taxi business of Charles Brignall and promises 24 hour service for her customers.

Consumers Gas coming to Port Perry

September 11, 1969

Port Perry council learned from Consumers Gas Co. Ltd. that it hopes to install natural gas to the community by next summer.

G.M. Milburn, manager of the East Central District explained the company would enter into a franchise agreement with council and installation of the pipelines would take approximately two months to complete.

Council decided to speak with the Village solicitor for his study.



Emiel's Place Restaurant and dining lounge, Queen St., July 1969.

Fire destroys Peel's Poultry breeder house

October 13, 1969

The breeder house of Peel's Poultry Farm Limited was totally destroyed during an early morning fire.

The 15,000 sq. ft. building holds as many as 5,500 birds at times, but fortunately it was empty when the fire started. Workers had just cleaned and disinfected the building and were waiting for the arrival of a new flock of breeders.

The loss is estimated in the range of \$100,000.

Head Church, Scugog to be museum site

October 9, 1969

The Historical Society and UCW of Head Church, Scugog Island, agreed that the historical 1860 church building will be the site of a proposed historical museum. The two organizations intend to share the building as both a church and a museum.

A separate museum will eventually be erected on the site and the interior of the church restored to its original appearance.

Cornerstone officially laid for Community Memorial Hospital

December 4, 1969

Dr. M. B. Dymond, MPP, laid the cornerstone of the new Community Memorial Hospital and served as the guest speaker for the official opening of the community's new hospital.

Harry Phoenix reported during the ceremony, that the 1,000th patient had been admitted to the hospital earlier that day. The hospital had been in operation for seven months, and he noted that total admissions the previous year was only 1,063.

A small crowd of about 60 area residents attended the well conducted ceremony at which Storey Beare was the MC.

Pointed out during the brief ceremony was the fact that the first hospital, on Lilla St., was built at a cost of \$150,000 while the modern new facility cost more than \$1.25 million.

Following his address, Dr. Dymond placed a sealed container in the cornerstone and placed it with some difficulty into the wall. "Now I declare this cornerstone very poorly laid, but none the less securely laid," he quipped.



Dr. M.B. Dymond speaks at the hospital opening. Behind him are, from left, Port Perry deputy-reeve Bruce Beare, Reach reeve Sam Oyler, hospital chairman Storey Beare and at far right administrator Ben Bohan.



Hospital administrator Ben Bohan gets a look at the nursing station, while a crowd looks on during the hospital tour.

Archbishop blesses Catholic Church

September 25, 1969

His Grace Philip Pocock, Co-Adjutor Archbishop of Toronto conducted the solemn blessing of the new Catholic Church in Port Perry on September 21. He subsequently offered Mass in honour of the Immaculate Conception.

During a short address by pastor of the church, Rev. Adrian Lee, he expressed appreciation to all who worked so hard in providing for the new church.

Following the service guests moved to the old church on John St., which is being used as a Catholic Community Centre, for a reception.



Stewart Sweetman, right, of Sweetman Motors Limited sold his business to Mr. Lorne Scanlon of Toronto in November 1969. Mr. Sweetman had been in business 17 years at the Water St. location and was the authorized dealer for Chrysler since 1963. The dealership will become known as Scanlon Motors.



Andy M. Lawrence, owner of Lawrence Pharmacy on Queen Street, Port Perry, retired in November 1969. Mr. Lawrence is seen here with the new owner, Gordon F. Parkin.



An attractive new bulletin board was built in September 1966 for the front of the post office. Unfortunately, on Hallowe'en night, three years later it was destroyed by vandals.



A Hallowe'en of senseless destruction in Port Perry

November 6, 1969

An estimated 500 people mingled on Queen Street on Hallowe'en night, some of the intent on vandalism, but the majority, no doubt only spectators to ugly and unbelievably poor behaviour of some residents.

Willful property damage to several business establishments occurred only for the reason of destruction, which included smashed windows at the LCBO store, Bruton's IDA store, Royal Bank and the Post Office.

The whole mess started with groups of young people gathering in groups on Queen Street, becoming larger and noisier as the night progressed. During the height of the fracas, firefighters used two powerful water hoses to disperse some of the crowd.

The bulletin board in front of the post office was completely demolished, two police cruisers were smeared with paint, eggs were hurled at cars, store windows and police officers.

Several charges have been laid but police are still investigating.

SECTION TWO

70'S

The
Seventies

1970



Becker's Milk was located on Queen Street in 1970, along with long-time businesses - Dowson's Red & White, Brock's and Dominion Hardware.



Joanne Prentice was crowned "Snow Queen" during Port Perry's second annual Winter Carnival in February 1970. She is seen here being crowned by Snow Queen, Nancy Dowson from 1969.

Snowmobiles allowed on town streets

January 19, 1970

Despite many complaints about noise from snowmobiles using the roads in town, council decided against passing a by-law to prohibit operation on its streets.

Councillor Ken Jackson termed the idea of banning snowmobiles on streets a "dictatorship" and "taking away a privilege from a great many responsible people to satisfy a few".

January, 1970

Eighty-two babies were born at the Community Memorial Hospital during 1969. Forty-three were boys and 39 were girls, an increase of 15% over 1968.

Fire protection for Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Township will cost \$35,320.

March 1970

The estimated cost of fire protection for the combined municipalities of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Island for 1970 will be \$35,320.74.

The largest single amount of this year is the purchase of a new fire truck in the amount of \$18,800.

Remunerations to firemen are estimated at \$6,000 and new supplies required by the fire department \$4,585.



Members of Reach Township Council were present at the Inaugural Meeting held at the Township Municipal Office in Manchester in January 1970. Seated from left, Alex Johns, clerk-treasurer, Ed (Sam) Oyler, reeve, Rev. Reg. C. Rose, who addressed council and Lucille Gray, deputy-reeve. Standing from left, Armour McMillan, Fred Christie and Arthur Catton, councillors.

Port Perry residents vote 'yes' for alcoholic drinks for consumption with meals

March 1970

It took three attempts, but residents of Port Perry went to the polls on Wednesday, March 18, 1970 and approved the following ballot question. "Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge license for the consumption with meals on licenced premises?"

Of a possible 1,616 eligible voters, 642 cast their ballots, with 443 ballots in favour of the question and 199 opposing.

In comparison to two previous liquor votes held in Port Perry the campaigning this time was hardly noticeable. Whatever the "for and against" did in promoting the vote was certainly done quietly. The turnout to the polls was light, with only 39.9 percent voting compared to 89.9 percent in November 1957, when Port Perry residents approved the establishment of stores for the sale of beer and liquor.

In April 1961 when the question of a dining lounge licence was voted on, 75.9 percent of Port Perry residents went to the polls and defeated that question with a large majority.

February 1970

Bell Telephone installed 175 telephones in Port Perry during 1969, bringing the total number of phones in town to 2,715.



Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, right, displayed a sense of humour while taking a break from his tour of Port Perry High School to speak with school principal Grant MacDonald, centre, and his long-time friend Joel Aldred of Port Perry. Mr. Diefenbaker spoke to the students of the local high school during a visit in March 1970.



Bright sunlight and moderate temperatures the first weekend of February 1970 brought hundreds of people to the lakefront. More than 50 snowmobiles, of every shape, colour and size were out on Lake Scugog, including these kids seen enjoying a ride on a sleigh behind the family Ski-Doo snowmobile.

New store owners confident in the future of Port Perry

May 1970

Four years after CTC and Red & White moved to the Port Perry Plaza, all the stores are filled again.

New businesses opening in the past month in the old block Pearse Jewellery, operated by Cheryl and Jim Pearse; Top Drawers, owned by Jill Bradley and Kathy Parker, and Clark's Fine Foods, owned and operated by Danielle Clark.

Settlement House, experiencing retail growing pains has expanded into another unit of the building, taking over half of the former CTC store space.



The office of Herb Toombs Insurance Agency, was located at 241 Queen St., beside Ted Jackson appliances in 1971.



Phil Goreski, owner of Club Annrene, has been busy during the winter erecting two large covered boat slips. The buildings will be two of the largest of their type to be built on a man-made canal and will hold about 62 boats. The slips are designed by Mr. Goreski, with the largest measuring 410'x28' and the other 390'x24'. Photo taken April 1970.



Sewers for Queen St.

Construction on the long awaited installation of sewers in Port Perry were unexpectedly slowed in January 1970.

Council was faced with the delay in the start of construction due to concerns by local merchants, who preferred the lines to be laid across the back of their properties, rather than along Queen Street.

By March 5, all the problems had been resolved and 23 contractors arrived in town to witness the digging of test holes for the new sewer project. Eight contractors submitted tenders, which town officials opened on March 18. They were then forwarded to the Ontario Water Resources Commission for final selection.

Of the eight tenders received, only one was higher than the consultants \$1,800,000 estimate. Clarkson Construction of Oakville was awarded the contract with their tender for \$1,497,329.

Construction of the sewer line through the business section began on November 2 at the Water and Queen Street intersection. It was anticipated, depending on weather, the laying of pipes as far as Lilla (Simcoe) Street would be completed within two or three weeks.

Brock's Department store advertised lots of free parking at the rear of their store during construction.





The Port Perry Centennial Committee, elected in May 1970, was made up of, front left, Marjorie Jackson, Terry Hodgins, chairman, Norma Cornish. Back left, Bert Stulen, Art Panabaker and Peter Hvidsten.

Task force urges cottage closings

June 25, 1970

Cottage owners on Lake Scugog with defective or inadequate sewage disposal systems could have their premises closed if the government adopts a recommendation by a task force on pollution.

A task force asked the Province to set standards for cottage sewage disposal systems and that the Health Department be given power to close cottages failing to meet provincially set sewage disposal standards.

It also suggested that health inspectors be given specific authority by law, to enter a premises.



The Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Fire Department received the long awaited new fire truck on April 9, 1970. The truck has a 1,200 gallon water tank, but also a 550 gpm pump for use on hydrants. John Majcher, centre, of Majcher Pontiac-Buick is seen presenting the keys to Port Perry deputy-reeve Bruce Beare, right and deputy-chief Jack Cook, representing Chief Harvey Mahaffy.

Proposal for Queen Street shopping mall

July 2, 1970

Port Perry may have a shopping mall along Queen Street if an idea proposed by Ted Griffen, president of the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce, proves feasible.

Mr. Griffen suggested to town council Monday that a stretch of Queen St. for two or three blocks might be closed to create a pedestrian shopping mall.

He said the idea had originated at a chamber meeting and he had been asked to approach council to see if funds are available for a study.

Councillor Ken Jackson said a mall of the same type had been installed in Peterborough with little success. He admitted, however, that shopping centres may have been the reason for the failure.

Reeve Robert Kenny said the main problem would be parking. And regarding a study Reeve Kenny said it would cost \$2,000 for a consultant to tell them what parking is needed.

July 9, 1970

More than 200 people attended the official opening of the Scugog Shores Historical Museum, the climax of two years of work by the Lake Scugog Historical Society.

Port Perry's Centennial flag unveiled

July 23, 1970

Port Perry's Centennial flag was unveiled at a meeting of the Centennial Committee at the municipal office on July 20th.

The design, created by Ross Carter, a grade 12 student at Port Perry High School was readily accepted by the committee. The bright blue flag, with white lettering shows Port Perry transposed over top of a large "100", with the dates 1871-1971 beneath.

There are four different flag sizes which range from \$5.50 for an 54"x36" to 45¢ for a 6"x10"

Water Street parking meters ready to start gobbling change

July 4, 1970

Get your nickels and quarters ready - the town's new parking meters are getting hungry. Starting this weekend, they will start gobbling up your change at the rate of five cents per half hour.

The meters strategic location along Water St., and one block east along Queen St., is aimed mainly at Sunday boaters who launch their crafts and then park for long periods. But it will also affect ball fans turning out for games along the lakefront as well as those who stop for milk at the dairy bar.

The meters are designed for parking up to 10 hours at a stretch and will be on duty seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Revenues from the meters, according to councillor Phil Orde, will be used to help upkeep in Palmer Park.

Gayle Stapley, right, is seen checking out the new meters along Water Street.



Conway Gardens restaurant, located on Hwy. 7A near the causeway, opened in July 1970 under the management of Jack Brickstock. The restaurant featured a dining room, meeting room and coffee shop.

Inquest set into death in sewer trench accident

July 30, 1970

An inquest was ordered into the death of Gordon Van Egmond, 25, who was killed by suffocation last week in a construction accident, while working on sewer installation in Port Perry.

Mr. Van Egmond died when a sewer trench he was inspecting on North St. suddenly caved in on him. Efforts to free him failed, until it was too late.

Ten names from a juror's list have been selected for the five-man coroner's inquest.



The 'Sofspra' Carwash and Laundromat, owned by Bill Tripp, was located on the north side of 7A Hwy., just east of Water Street in 1970.

Clerk-treasurer charges council broke promise, forcing his retirement

September 1970

After 36 years of serving Port Perry, John Raines is being led out to pasture. And the 67 year old clerk-treasurer isn't at all happy about the forced retirement.

The "bombshell" was dropped on Mr. Raines at a council meeting last Monday at which village fathers promoted John Doble clerk-treasurer from assistant clerk-treasurer and boosted Mr. Raines to the position of clerk-treasurer emeritus.

The switch in roles is to take place January 1, 1971. At that time, Mr. Doble will take over the reins and Mr. Doble will be kept on in an "advisory capacity" for the

next two years at his present salary.

What Mr. Raines is objecting to is a "promise" given to him by council in 1969, when they hired Mr. Doble as his assistant, that he would keep his job until he reached his 70th birthday - two years from now.

"The subject came up like a flash of lightning" said Mr. Raines, who has only missed one council meeting in the past 34 years, because of the flu.

"I was shocked because I had their (councils) word of honour."

Mr. Raines said he didn't get the promise in writing because he felt he was dealing with men who, when they gave their word, would keep it.

Port Perry fire chief resigns, Reach clerk-treasurer retires

October 1970

Jack Cook was chosen Chief of the Port Perry, Reach, Scugog Fire Department on October 5, 1970. A former deputy-chief, he succeeds Harvey Mahaffy, who resigned.

Alex Johns, clerk-treasurer of Reach Township, stepped down in October 1970 after 11 years of service. He was succeeded by Victor Malcolm.

Dredging begins for new ball park

August 27, 1970

Council moved a step forward for the creation of a new ball park at the lakefront.

Ira Carr Construction has been hired to drag the lake in front of the proposed new ball field, just south of the existing field on Water St.

The land reclaiming project is now underway with the cost of the dragging work estimated at \$2,000.

The dragline operation will remove lake bottom mud and silt to an estimated depth of four feet, and to a distance of about 50 feet from the shore. The excavated material will be dried out and used as fill in the reclaiming project.



Ted Griffen of Lake Scugog Lumber, standing left, and Glen Van Camp of Van Camp Contracting, right, introduced a new way to buy concrete in April 1970, with their Custom Concrete-Mobile Service. The Lake Scugog Mobile Concrete truck mixes concrete on site in any quantity required. Doug Metcalf, standing on truck, is the driver-operator of the new service.

Medical facilities during the 1970s



Dr. George Rennie started practice in Port Perry in 1929 and served the Scugog community for almost 50 years.



Port Perry Medical Centre at 238 Queen Street in the early 1970s. The medical centre closed in May 1982 and it was purchased by dentists, Drs. J. Cottrell and J. Hardy.



Dr. Matthew B. Dymond began his career as a physician in Port Perry in 1945 and retired in 1975.



Dr. S. Russel Martin moved to Port Perry in 1970. He died as the result of a car accident in September 1979.



Dr. Tom Millar, joined the Medical Centre in 1972 working there until 1976.



Dr. Robert McNab, dentist, ran his practice at the Medical Centre from 1955 until the 1980s.



Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital occupied this building on Simcoe Street, near the present day nursing home from 1958 until 1970. It became a seniors residence for many years, before being demolished in 2009 to build the new Port Perry Villa.

1971



Lawrence Pharmacy, was operated by Andy M. Lawrence, at the corner of Queen and Perry Street until he retired and sold his business to Gordon F. Parkin in November 1970. A variety store operated from the space now occupied by Luke's Country Store.



Thousands of people crammed Queen Street for the Port Perry Centennial Celebrations in June 1971.

Council in turmoil as two municipal employees quit

January 6, 1971

Port Perry council was confronted with a most surprising and rather untimely problem to settle at the last meeting in December 1970.

One of the last items on the agenda was two letters of resignation, from two municipal clerks, Miss Janet Cannon and Mrs. Linda Bright.

Both letters stated that they had found the work interesting and had enjoyed working with the clerk-treasurer, John Raines.

Councillor Ken Jackson asked the

clerk-treasurer, "What reasons have been given?"

Mr. Raines suggested the reason may have been some dissatisfaction with the "shake-up" at the beginning of the year.

Following a discussion council agreed to accept the resignations, although they were at a loss to understand the unreasonable short notice given.

It was agreed the two employees had filled their positions well and planned to interview the women.

January, 1971

Joy Thompson was hired for administrative work to replace one of the two employees who resigned from the town office unexpectedly last week.

The position of clerk-typists was filled by Greta Vanderby with a weekly salary of \$80.

Offers to sell lakefront property to municipality

February 10, 1971

Lake Scugog Lumber owner Ted Griffen approached Port Perry council with an offer to sell his lakeshore property and buildings to the municipality for \$130,000. The company is planning to move south of town, and Mr. Griffen felt it only fair that the corporation should be given the first chance of acquiring the property and buildings.

He suggested the site would fit well with Village plans to control as much of the lakefront as possible, for park and recreational purposes. He told council that he would have to sell the property before moving ahead with his new location and said the offer would be open until March 1, 1971.

Village council decided not to purchase the site at a meeting two weeks later. "There is no way the Village can spend that kind of money," Reeve Robert Kenny remarked, in rejecting the offer.



Anne and Phil Goreski



Centennial Restaurant was opened on Water Street in May 1971 by owners Phil and Anne Goreski. Since then the business has operated under numerous names. Some of these include The Port Tavern, Crandell's Riverboat, C.W. Coops, Jude's Sportsbar and Grill, and Colonel Mustard's Grill.

Scugog Island named potential site for new international airport

March 24, 1971

Persistent rumours about the possible construction of an International Airport, east of Yonge St., is worrying residents of Scugog Island. Particularly it has become serious to the residents when the "Island" has actually been quoted as a possible site.

During an interview, the Premier of Ontario is quoted as saying he will strive to convince the Minister of Transport to locate the new airport in the Port Perry region.

When the original disclosure of the possible sites was released, it stated 5,000-10,000 acres would be needed for the airport with an additional 55,000 acres to be used as a buffer zone.

Scugog Island residents say that although the decision to locate the airport on the "Island" has not yet been made, they should be ready to oppose it, if it becomes necessary.



More than 75 snowmobile enthusiasts attended a meeting at the Oddfellows Hall on January 17, 1970 with the intention of forming a snowmobile club. The new Port Perry Snowmobile Club was formed with these men as its charter executive members: front row left, Charlie Lown, vice-president, John Majcher, president and Jim Burnett, secretary. Back left, Pat Donnelly, director, Larry Henderson, director, Larry Davidson, treasurer and Walter Sanderson, director.



Dr. Bill Cohoon

Dr. William Cohoon elected Chamber of Commerce president

January 27, 1970

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at Conway Gardens with more than 40 people attending.

Dr. Wm. Cohoon, sporting a promising looking "Centennial beard", was elected president for the next two years.

Howard Hall, on behalf of the members, thanked outgoing president Ted Griffen for his dedicated work with the organization for many years.

"He has been a member since its inception and has held the position of president on a couple of occasions," he said.



Crowds are seen here waiting for the Santa Claus Parade in front of Bruton's IDA Drug Store, Hank's Pastries and the Liquor Control Board store, in November 1972. A sign above the LBCO shows auctioneer William A. Collins had an office in the building.



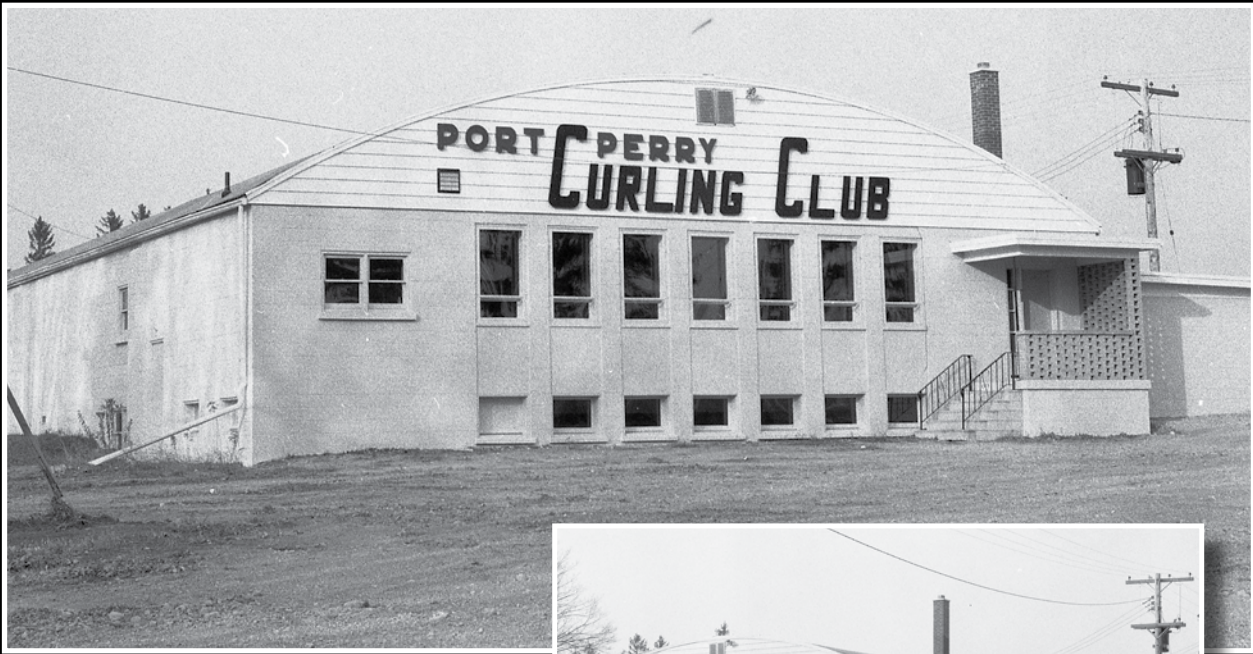
Lake Scugog Lumber Company was located for many years along the Lake Scugog waterfront. These 1971 pictures show the building which served as the company's office and showroom, and their truck for hauling trusses to its customers.

Owned by Ted Griffen and his family, Lake Scugog Lumber moved their entire operation south of town to Vanedward Drive in 1975.

In 1971 the former lumber company property was offered to the municipality for \$130,000, but was turned down. It is now the location of the Scugog Memorial Public Library.



Reesor Fuel and Lumber was located at the corner of Water Street and 7A Hwy. for many years, but it was torn down in October 1973 to make room for the Lakeview Plaza. This picture was taken during Port Perry's Centennial in 1971.



The Port Perry Curling Club was opened in December 1958 and has served the community for more than 50 years. The curling arena cost about \$45,000 to build and it has undergone many changes since that time, but still serves the curling community to this day.



Airplanes docked along the lakefront in 1971, near the present day boat launch. In the background are old boathouses, which were located along the old railway right-of-way.



This government architect's rendering of the proposed new, single level Port Perry Post Office, was released to council in July 1971.

Government unveils plan for new one-storey post office building

July 21, 1971

A new post office for Port Perry is expected to be in operation by the end of March 1972. This was disclosed at a meeting of council July 13, when representation from Canada Department of Public Works attended the meeting.

The new post office will be constructed on the

same site as the present, but will only be a one-storey structure, replacing the old three storey building.

Department official discussed the proposed plans and architectural drawings with council. The building will be erected about 25 ft. from the street, leaving a 'greenbelt' in front.



Bear Motors Chevrolet-Oldsmobile opened a new "OK Used Cars" lot in May 1971, on the west side of John St., across from their dealership. This piece of property is now the parking lot for Foodland. The white house to the left of the lot, was removed years later.



This is a sight you won't see anymore. Dozens of hockey players and their coaches driving around town in the middle of the night to celebrate an Ontario Midget Championship. The Mustangs Midget C team won the crown in Dresden and were met by hockey enthusiasts when they returned home at 3:30 in the morning to a celebration.

Mustangs bring home All-Ontario Championship

April 14, 1971

After losing their first game in Dresden by a score of 12-2, the Port Perry Mustang (Midgets) came back strongly and won the next three games to capture the All-Ontario Midget Championship.

On learning the news, the fire department was called and agreed to meet the winners on their return from Dresden. It was a little after 3:30 a.m. when the last carload of players returned to the arena. Immediately, the players, coaches and manager climbed aboard the fire truck and were driven through the village with sirens blaring and about 25 cars following the truck, blowing their horns in celebration.

On return to the arena, everyone gathered, cheering and celebrating while pictures were taken and a lunch provided.

Propose 42 unit apartment building at lake

April 21, 1971

Ted Griffen, manager of Lake Scugog Lumber Co. Ltd., laid out a proposal for a 42 unit apartment building on the Port Perry waterfront, at a meeting of council.

Mr. Griffen told council, he has a developer interested in purchasing three of the five acres owned by the company. This is the same property that the council turned down earlier this year when he gave them the first opportunity to purchase the land \$ 130,000.

At a joint meeting between council and the planning board the request for a zoning change was approved in principle.

May 19, 1971

R.H. Cornish Public School received a phone call saying "a big bang" would go off about 1 p.m. Classrooms were emptied and police called in but no bomb was found.



The Port Perry Kinsmen Club received their Charter at the Legion Hall on Saturday, February 20, 1971. These young men were elected to the executive. From left, Fred Canning, Bob Bradbury, Barry Fisher, treasurer, David Langille, secretary, Larry Kendall, president, Jack Dowson, vice-president, Hudson Isherwood, Raymond Hillier.

Chalet Farms of Prince Albert closes plant, lays off employees

July 21, 1971

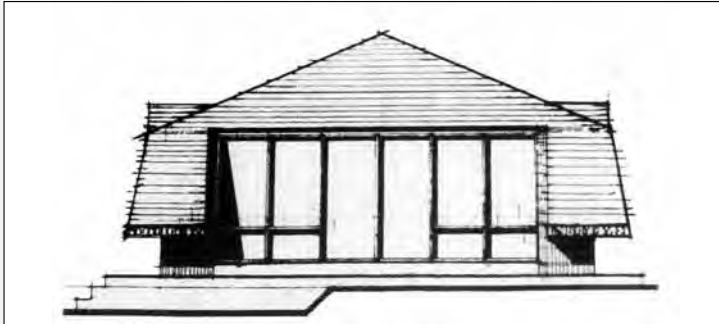
Declining prices in the poultry and egg business are the main reason for the shut-down of Chalet Farms Limited on Union Avenue, Prince Albert.

Glenn Moase, manager of Chalet Farms, announced the last day of operation at the plant would be July 9 and he could see no hope of the plant opening again as a poultry processing plant. "The plant is here

and could certainly be leased for some other type of manufacturing," Mr. Moase said.

At top production, over 50 persons were employed. "This dropped to about 30 when we were forced to lay off 20 employees in March," he explained.

An estimated 150 people were directly and indirectly affected by the shutdown and Mr. Moase said he was certainly sorry to see this had to happen.



Two new buildings planned for lakefront

November 24, 1971

Plans unveiled for two new buildings - one at the new baseball diamond on the lakefront and the other at Birdseye Centre pool. Cost of the two buildings is estimated at about \$30,000. They will provide modern wash and change room facilities, as well as a snack bar and refreshment area.

The buildings are just a part of an imaginative plan for the long range development of the waterfront into a recreational and leisure area. They will be about 1,200 sq. ft. in area and have rustic asphalt or wood shingles. The front of the snack bar will have glass with a concrete area for a patio with chairs and umbrellas outside.

The new structures, designed by Ted Griffen, of Lake Scugog Lumber, received approval from council on November 15.

Two year deadline set for hookup to sewers

September 1, 1971

Port Perry council has set July 23, 1971 as the starting date for the two-year period in which ratepayers have to hook onto the new sewer system.

According to the sewer by-law, residents don't have to hook onto the system, but if they don't by July 23, 1973, they will be assessed the same charges as if they hooked on to the new sewer system.

Plan for 21 lot subdivision

September 22, 1971

A 21 lot subdivision is being planned on the Karel Nottingham property just south of Hwy. 7A, opposite Water St.

Plans for the subdivision have been revised several times since its conception.

Council had no immediate objection to the plan but will study it further with the planning board.

Dymond gets fifth term

October 27, 1971

Conservative candidate Dr. M.B. Dymond was returned for his fifth term in office, with more votes than his opponents combined. Of 20,978 ballots cast, Dr. Dymond took 10,981, while Liberal Robert Timbers received 5,623 and the NDP took 4,392.



Mary Sweetman is a familiar face around Port Perry. She began driving for money even before she got her license during the last war when gasoline was rationed. Now 22 years later she owns Sweetman's Taxi and two years ago purchased Brignall's Taxi. She says she has no intention of slowing down.



Taylor's 5¢ to \$1.00 store, located at about 199 Queen Street, was purchased by Mr. E.J. Bowers and his son Jim in July 1961 who renamed it Mersco Department Store. The store operated from this location until it moved in January 1985 to a new site in the west block, at approximately 239 Queen Street.



The former Currie Grain Elevator was the home of Master Feeds at the time this picture was taken in the summer of 1971.



Doreen Van Camp

Doreen Van Camp appointed new clerk-treasurer for Cartwright Twp.

November 10, 1971

Miss Doreen Van Camp took over the duties of Clerk-Treasurer for Cartwright Township on November 1. She was one of 12 applicants for the job and after being notified, she worked with retiring clerk Earl Fowler.

Until recently the positions of clerk-treasurer have been predominantly held by men. But Miss Van Camp feels that a woman can hold any position she wants, and if she doesn't have the chance, then it's her fault.

"Women are really better suited to a job like mine," she says with a smile, "because they're better organized and a man would really need a good secretary."

October 13, 1971

Construction of the new \$588,000 addition to R. H. Cornish Public School got underway with completion expected in time for the opening of school in September 1972. When completed the school will accommodate 1,000 students and all Grades 7, 8 from the district.

Post office is coming down?

November 24, 1971

It is not official yet, but the "unofficial official" word is that demolition of the Port Perry Post Office building will begin early in the new year.

Demolition was originally slated to start Nov. 1, but this was postponed until the possibilities of saving the old building could be examined.

Howard Hall, who has had recent discussions with the Department says that if the Post Office could have been retained in a manner satisfactory to all parties involved, this would have been done. So, the old building will see its last Christmas rush this year, before the wreckers move in.

Clerk-treasurer resigns

November 17, 1971

A year after becoming Port Perry's clerk-treasurer, John Doble submitted his resignation to council, effective December 31.

Mr. Doble said that although he had enjoyed the job, he found the work-load "distressing" and he had not been able to spend enough time with his family.

Mr. Doble started to work for the Village in July 1969 on a part-time basis. He assumed the clerk-treasurer responsibilities on a full-time basis on November 15, 1970.

Mabel Van Camp becomes first woman appointed to Ontario Supreme Court

Former Blackstock resident Mabel Van Camp was officially sworn to the Ontario Supreme Court on December 17, 1971. She became the first woman ever appointed to the Supreme Court, a position she held for 25 years.

Mabel Van Camp was born and raised in Cartwright Township and was a graduate of Blackstock Public School and Cartwright High School.

She was a graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, later became a successful lawyer and partner, and in 1965 was appointed Queen's counsel.

She was honoured as a 'judicial pioneer' in the Hall of Honour at the Canadian Judicial Conference in 1995 and was awarded the prestigious Order of Ontario in 2003.



1972

Cartwright High School to be closed by June 1973

February 2, 1972

Canada's smallest high school, Cartwright High School, is scheduled to be closed by June 1973.

Representatives of the Northumberland-Durham Board of Education relayed the information during a public meeting, attended by 200 people at the Recreation Centre in Blackstock.

Board director Frank Thom told the gathering, "we must seriously question the future of the school." He added "the school is not in condition to keep pace with the way educational trends are moving today."

He said the prime reason for closing the school is that Cartwright principal Gordon Paisley does not have the necessary principal's certificate, a requirement of all secondary school principals. He explained that Mr. Paisley has held his position by a special "letter of permission" granted by the Department of Education.

When Cartwright High School closes, students will go to either Port Perry or Bowmanville.



In February 1972, Chamber of Commerce president, Dr. William Cohoon, left, received a \$14,000 cheque from Terry Hodgins, president of the Port Perry Centennial Committee. The cheque is the proceeds of last year's Centennial celebrations and will be used for construction of a recreation area plan, including tennis courts, for the waterfront.

Meters customized for Port Perry

January 19, 1972

Council is working with the parking meter supplier, to get rid of parking meters due to them not realizing anticipated revenues. The meter company does not want the meters back as they were "custom made for Port Perry" and they are not in the used meter business. The company suggested that the village pay off the remainder owing in a lump sum.

Perryview Plaza proceeding

July 1972

Initial steps have been taken in the construction of Perryview Plaza and Marina. Test piles have been driven into the ground and depths to solid ground has ranged from 15' to 40'. Loads of fill are also being dumped on the property.

A large sign has been erected on the property, located in the bay just west of Birdseye Centre Park, announcing the project will open in the spring of 1973.

Kent Estate subdivision given green light from village council

February 9, 1972

A subdivision agreement between VanEdwards Investments Ltd. and the Village of Port Perry was signed at a meeting of council on February 1.

The subdivision, to be called Kent Estates, will be built on nine acres of land behind the Community Nursing Home in the north east corner of Port Perry.

Mr. Ted Griffen, who is treasurer of VanEdwards Investment, signed the agreement and explained

there will be 28 single unit dwellings, to be built in two stages over a period of a couple of years.

The subdivision will have paved streets, sanitary and storm sewers and treed lots. The original plans for the subdivision were made over four years ago and hinged on the Port Perry sanitary sewer system.

Along with Mr. Griffen, Glen Van Camp, Grant MacDonald, Howard Forder and Dr. Robert McNab are the members of VanEdwards.



Flamingo Pastries Limited, manufacturer of Ken Jackson's famous butter tarts, on Old Simcoe Rd., Port Perry. Mr. Jackson installed a large sign, to celebrate the town's Centennial year in front of the large plant in 1971.



Downtown Port Perry has seen a lot of business changes over the past half century, as this 1972 picture would suggest. Not one of the above businesses remains in business. From left, Irwin Smith Music, Strawberry Threads women's wear, Dor-Jeans Fashions, Settlement House, Country Classics and Levinson's clothing store.

Scugog Island spared – new international airport will be in Pickering

March 22, 1972

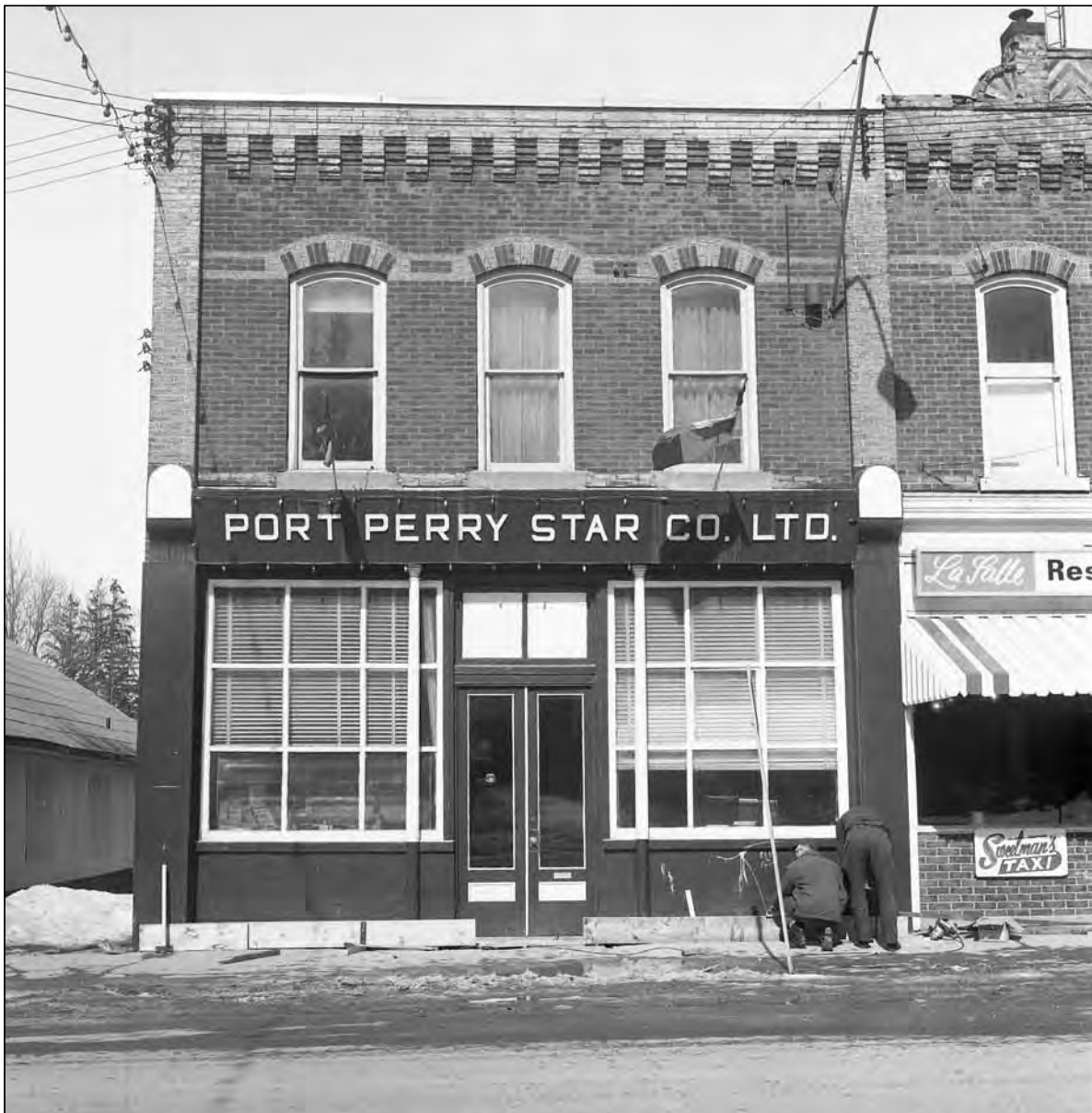
The site of the new super jet and airport has been identified for Pickering Township, some 20 miles southwest of town. The announcement was made by Transport Minister Donald Jamieson and Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeogh on Thursday, March 2, halting rumours that it could be built near Port Perry.

Many people in Port Perry breathed a sigh of relief since there had been a possibility at one time of the airport being located on Scugog Island. There had also been some recent speculation that a site a few

miles to the south of Port Perry near the border of Reach, Cartwright and Darlington Township was being considered.

Work on the new airport is expected to begin this year with the completion date set for the end of this decade.

The government also announced that a new city called Cedarwood will be created over the next 20 years in the immediate airport area with an eventual population of 150,000.



The Port Perry Star building at 235 Queen Street, with La Salle Restaurant in the building to the right. The restaurant was also the dispatch centre for Sweetman's Taxi during the 1970s.

Dr. M.B. Dymond retires from 30 year medical practice

March 22, 1972

Dr. M.B. Dymond announced that after 30 years in practice he has decided to retire from medical practice.

Except for a very brief period in Toronto, all of Dr. Dymond's years of medical practice have been in Port Perry.

As of April 1, Dr. Thomas Millar joined the Medical Centre and assumed Dr. Dymond's patients.



Dr. Tom Millar and his wife Catherine arrive in Port Perry to join the Queen Street Medical Centre.



Local realtor George Stone held a grand opening for Stone Real Estate in his building at 221 Queen St. on March 3rd and 4th, 1972.

Mr. Stone began his career in real estate as a salesman for H. Keith Limited in 1964 and a few years later became office manager for the district.

Moving into the new office with Mr. Stone were sales representatives Herb Puckrin and Ken Holliday. Beverly Travis is in the front office as receptionist.

J. Neil Brodie commenced duties as Port Perry's new clerk-treasurer on January 31, taking over from John Doble who resigned the end of December 1971.



Entrance to Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital in June 1972.



Port Perry High School - June 1972.



Port Perry High School crowned it's Queen and Princess at the school's annual "At Home" on March 25, 1972. Anna Croxall, right, was crowned Queen and Jane Anne Stone was selected as Princess.

Consumers' Gas pipeline a go

May 24, 1972

Construction by the Consumers' Gas Company is to get underway May 31 on a pipeline that will bring natural gas to Port Perry and area.

The service will take in Prince Albert, the business and commercial section of Port Perry and all major residential streets in the village.

John Graham, the project engineer, said the plans call for the installation of a 4 inch high pressure steel line starting at the Trans Canada Pipeline system just north of Brooklin. The line will run north on Hwy. 12 to Manchester and along County Rd. 1A to a pressure reduction station in Prince Albert. The line will then run along Simcoe St. to Queen St.

Western Days summer festival hoped to be an annual event

July 25, 1972

Following up on the successful Centennial Celebration last summer, Port Perry is gearing up for the start of a summer festival which will be known as Western Days. The three day event will be held on August 11, 12, 13.

The Port Perry Chamber of Commerce events committee, Richard Drew, Chic Carnegie, Ralph Ballard and Ken Dowson, have lined up three great days of events and activities, including a midway. Two streets in the downtown area will be blocked to traffic for the duration of the festival. The areas are Queen Street from John Street to the lakefront, and Water Street from the old arena to Mary Street.



Janet Carnegie, left, and Lynne MacGregor help promote Western Days.

Reach turns down liquor with meals by .2%

June 6, 1972

Reach Township residents went to the polls in June to vote 'for' or 'against' the sale of liquor in the township.

Residents voted in favour of government outlets for the sale of alcoholic beverages and in favour of serving alcohol with a meal in a licensed establishment.

The issue of establishments being able to serve alcohol beverages without a meal, was in dispute, but appeared to be lost by a decimal point.

A total of 612 ballots were cast on this issue, with 367 in favour and 245 against. Requiring 60 percent of the vote to pass, the 612 votes works out to 367.2 which missed the mark by .2 percent.

May 10, 1972

Construction began on the large new K.R. Coulter Company Ltd. plant on Simcoe St., south of Port Perry. The company produces automotive parts, and the industrial site will be named the Dr. Matthew B. Dymond Industrial Park.

Auction for cabins at Birdseye Centre Park

September 13, 1972

The cabins, in the municipality owned Birdseye Centre park, have a date with the auctioneer sometime later this fall.

Port Perry acquired the cabins when it purchased the Birdseye Centre Park in 1969 from Eddie Michell. Mr. Michell had the cabins in operation for several years prior to that.

Council has two reasons for getting rid of the cabins. They haven't been showing much of a profit in the last couple of years and they do not conform with an official park plan which is now being prepared.

Port Perry council's plans for Birdseye Park are to expand camping and picnic facilities and get rid of the cabins.



At one time there were 30 cabins around the shoreline of Birdseye Centre, rented out during the summer months.



Flamingo expands

October 25, 1972

When Ken Jackson opened his Flamingo Pastries plant on Simcoe Street, Port Perry, he had no idea of how successful his new venture would be.

After closing his Flamingo Restaurant on Queen Street, Port Perry, he moved into his one-car garage to bake and sell the popular butter tarts he served at the restaurant.

Since its beginnings in the converted 20'x11' garage, he and his wife Marjorie, grew the company from 400 dozen tarts a week to more than 3,000 dozen.

In October 1968 he opened his large new factory where output leaped to its current production of 75,000 dozen tarts per week. Mr. Jackson said that his highest output was 86,000 tarts, but with the latest addition to the plant they will be able to boost that to more than 100,000 tarts per week.

Mr. Jackson officially opened the new 11,000 sq. ft. addition to the Flamingo Pastries plant in October 1972, with about 200 invited guests attending.

Joel Aldred, a long-time friend of the Jacksons, acted as MC during the ceremony before leading them on a conducted tour through the new building. The interior is bright and well illuminated and the new machinery, especially designed and custom built in England, fascinated those attending.





Port Perry's old storage and hydro building, located on the lakefront was demolished in 1972 to make way for a new community centre.

Arthur Latcham to finance construction of a new community centre for Port Perry residents on lakefront property

October 11, 1972

Council learned that Stouffville resident Arthur Latcham has agreed to build a community centre on Port Perry's waterfront, at no charge to the village. The centre will be constructed where a former building, which housed storage for the hydro commission and the village dog pound, has recently been demolished.

The community centre is a one storey building 45'x90'. The interior will have kitchen facilities, a stage and washrooms, with doors from the inside as well as outside which can be used by park visitors when the centre is closed to the public.

Cost of the construction is estimated at \$40,000 and is expected to get underway immediately.



Construction on the new Latcham Centre at the Lake Scugog waterfront was well underway by November 1972. The hall was a gift to the residents of the Village of Port Perry, by Arthur Latcham.

February 1973

About 50 persons attended a meeting to form a Ratepayers Association for Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright. Paul Arculus was elected president.



Port Perry High School held its annual "At Home" ceremony in February 1973 and the three girls above were chosen for Queen and Princesses. From left, Carol Wilton, Princess; Gayle Blakley, Queen and Shelley Olsen, Princess.



Janice Dorell was chosen Queen of Cartwright High School during the school's annual "At Home" on April 27, 1973.

1973

January 1973

Lake Scugog Historical Society launches campaign to save the post office. By the end of the month nearly 1,000 signatures had been obtained to forward to M.P. Norm Cafik's office. A 'stop work' order was issued until the issue is settled.



Queen Street looked a little bleak on January 1, 1973. Not a car or person was out at the time this picture was snapped.

Plans for a plaza, hotel complex, and marina on lakefront scuttled

January 4 1973

Plans by Tony Caesaroni, to build a shopping plaza, marina and 40 room hotel complex beside the lake called Lakeview Plaza came to an end.

The project, first brought to council in the summer of 1972, was scuttled when hard-hearted conservation and treasury officials nixed the project about two months ago. They protested, "too much traffic, too much congestion and too little green space."

An appeal by a delegation headed by MPP Matthew B. Dymond and Reeve Robert Kenny left

the group feeling optimistic, however government officials shattered all hopes. In a communication to the Village, officials said "although this plaza may well be an asset to the downtown commercial area of the village, it would appear the proposed plan would create serious traffic problems."

The big loser of this proposal stands to be Tony Caesaroni who has sunk untold dollars into the swampy muck of Lake Scugog, having supplied heavy equipment to reclaim acres of swampland and driven hundreds of piles into the site.



Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital - June 1972.

Protestors still have hope that 'baby wing' can be saved

February 14, 1973

Residents of Port Perry protested the proposed closing of the Obstetrical Wing of the Community Memorial Hospital on February 7. An estimated crowd of 700 women, children and men demonstrated in front of the hospital in an attempt to save the wing.

The protest made the news across Canada last week when Canadian Press carried a story about area mothers who demonstrated in front of the hospital carrying protest signs painted on diapers.

Queen's Park announced its intention to trim about \$8,000 a year from its health budget by amalgamating obstetrical services in Port Perry last fall, but since that time public opinion has become so strong the local health planning council has been asked for a recommendation.

When the regional health planning board executive arrived for an inspection tour of the wing, they drove through the demonstration and entered the hospital through a rear door.

Hospital administrator Jim Van Camp met with the demonstrators and said, "I think the demonstration exemplifies the concern of the people of this area," but later said that he is not sure it would accomplish anything.



Hospital administrator Jim Van Camp talks with demonstrators Doreen Kendall (with sign) and Marilyn Beacock, during a protest against the proposal to close the obstetrical wing.



Gordon Goode elected as Trustee for Ontario County Board of Education.



Elizabeth Fulford elected President of the Central Seven Association .

Call for post office renovations

February 21, 1973

Norman Cafik, MP met with officials of the post office in Ottawa and officially requested that they prepare an estimate on the cost of renovating Port Perry's present post office.

Mr. Cafik's plan called for complete renovation of the front and roof of the present building, so that the part which faces the street would not change in appearance.

One side and the back would be removed and a portion built on to take care of the need for more room. The interior would be completely renovated into modern facilities.

Government officials will determine if the plan is feasible and come up with an estimate.

Here & Gone

Remembering Stores from the 1970s

Aldred's Corner	Scugog Island
Analda Garden Centre	Blackstock
Arcade Pools	Prince Albert
Ballard Lumber	Hwy. 7A, Port Perry
Beare Motors	268 Queen St.
Bruton's IDA Drugs	200 Queen St.
Canadian Women	207 Queen St.
Carl The Butcher	178 Queen St.
Carline Muffler Centre	54 Water St.
Cawker's Butcher Shop	182 Queen St.
Centennial Lanes	150 Scugog St.
Club Annrene	Scugog Island
Conway Gardens	Hwy. 7A, Port Perry
Country Village	64 Water St.
Crest Hardware	175 Queen St.
Den's Paper House	227 Queen St.
Dominion Hardware	180 Queen St.
Dowson's Red & White	Port Perry Plaza
Durham Carpet	60 Water St.
Durham Electronics	145 Queen St.
Early Bird Bargain Centre	184 Casimir St.
Eleanor's Flowers	163 Queen St.
Emiel's Place Restaurant	155 Queen St.
Flamingo Pastries	140 Simcoe St. N.
Frank Real Estate	189 Queen St.
Fred's Hobby Shop	233 Queen St.
G.M. Williams Motors	Hwy. 7, Port Perry
G&S Discount Variety	Port Perry Plaza
Gord Lewis Motors	94 Water St.
Gregory's Men's Wear	149 Scugog St.
Homestead Furniture & Appliances	2 Scugog St.
House of Howard	241 Queen St.
Howard Forder Realtor	647 Scugog St.
Ives' Florist	16 Water St.
Jim Heayn Used Cars	158 Casimir St.
Kellett's Bargain Variety	145 Queen St.
Kendall's Shoe Tree	Port Perry Plaza
Lawrence Pharmacy	209 Queen St.
Levinson's Dry Goods	177 Queen St.
Luke's Country Store	207 Queen St.
Mar-Laine Handcraft Boutique	161 Queen St.
Marj Tripp Real Estate	286 Queen St.
Master Feeds	139 Queen St.
Mersco 5¢ to \$1.00 Store	209 Queen St.
Modern Textiles	227 Queen St.
Monte Carlo	108 Water St.



Nonquon Travel	12 Water St.
North Brock Motor Sales	Hwy. 12
Pentland Jewellery	174 Queen St.
Philp Pontiac-Buick	150 Water St.
Pickard's Dominion Hardware	180 Queen St.
Port Cleaners	255 Queen St.
Port Perry Chrysler	Manchester
Port Perry Cycle	159 Casimir St.
Port Perry Dairy Bar	158 Water St.
Port Perry IGA	278 Queen St.
Port Perry Rent-All	159 Casimir St.
Port Perry Stereo	16 Water St.
Port Tavern	15 Water St.
Porto Pizza	150 Queen St.
Prince Albert Auto Body	Prince Albert
Richard's Beauty Studio	148 Queen St.
Scala Bros. Auto Parts	RR4, Port Perry
Scugog Motorcycles Ltd.	80 Water St.
Scugog Real Estate	144 Queen St.



Shop'n Bag	158 Water St.
Sportsland	68 Water St.
Star Stationery & Office Supply	191 Queen St.
Stedman's	Port Perry Plaza
Stone Real Estate	223 Queen St.
Subby's Submarine	Lakeview Plaza
Sweetman's Taxi	229 Queen St.
Tawco Cleaning Centre	Port Perry Plaza
Taylor's Texaco	Union & 7A Hwy.
The Children's Boutique	186 Queen St.
The Dairy Bar	158 Water St.
The Gate Restaurant	Port Perry Plaza
The Hair Centre	Port Perry Plaza
The Hair Shoppe	176 Perry St.
The Men's Shoppe	72 Water St.
The Pink Dot Fashions	261 Queen St.
Toombs Insurance Agency	254 Queen St.
Tran's General Store	Prince Albert
Village Van Works	52 Water St.
Young Dominion Hardware	180 Queen St.
Zering Pontiac-Buick	150 Water Street



Stores along the north side of Queen Street in 1973 included, Modern Textiles, Mar-Laine Hand Craft Boutique, David Chows Restaurant and George Stone Real Estate.



In 1951 Port Perry's old town hall was leased to The Canadian H.W. Gossard Co., as a factory to manufacture women's undergarments. Gossard's lease terminated in January 1974.



Valerie Menzies, seen here with her son, Scott, who was born on March 27, could have been the last baby born in Port Perry had the maternity wing been closed.

Obstetrical wing will stay open

April 4, 1973

“Community Memorial Hospital will retain the obstetrical wing! The Ontario Durham District Health Council recommended that both obstetrical units in Port Perry and Uxbridge be allowed to remain operational, provided both hospitals effect a dollar saving in 1973”.

Long before Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital administrator James Van Camp issued that statement, word had spread like wildfire throughout Port Perry area. We won! The government changed its mind! Our baby wing can stay open!

Valerie Menzies was in the maternity wing with a baby boy, Scott Allan, when the decision was made. Had the decision been made to close the wing, he could have been the last baby born in Port Perry.



Grant MacDonald

June 1973

Grant MacDonald, principal of Port Perry High School retired after a 38 year teaching career, 27 of them at the local high school.

About 500 people gathered in the school auditorium to pay tribute to Mr. MacDonald.



George Proctor, standing, retired from his position as manager of the Royal Bank in Port Perry on May 1, 1973. Mr. Proctor was replaced by William (Bill) English.

Peel’s Poultry Farm sold to Canadian investors group

May 2, 1973

Dr. John Price announced that Peel’s Poultry Farm has been sold to the shareholders of a group of investors headed by Ted Hoover. Peel’s Poultry Farm was a major poultry breeding company with business throughout Canada and abroad. The company employs 75 people on its 300 acre facilities on the west edge of town. The facilities include the main offices, research and breeding units and the most modern hatcheries in Canada, capable of producing 150,000 chicks per week.

Peel’s stock is distributed in more than 30 countries though its export division, Interag Exports of Canada.



Dr. John Price

OMB ruling breathes new life into marina

August 22, 1973

The Ontario Municipal Board has given Tony Ceasaroni and Port Perry Developments Ltd, the okay to go ahead and apply for the necessary zoning changes in order to build a waterfront marina and apartment complex on a triangle of land near Birdseye Centre Park.

Historical Society President William Brock was the only person to object to the developers application. Mr. Brock objected to using the waterfront "recreation area" for apartments, but he had no objection to the marina.

The possible marina-apartment site is on the same property an application to erect a shopping centre was earlier rejected.

October 1973

Ken Jackson, president of Flamingo Pastries Limited, turned the sod for a new plant to produce individual meat pies. When Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens Limited opens it will employ 70 people. Mr. Jackson expects the new enterprise to produce one million meat pies weekly.



This picture, taken from the top of Port Perry historic grain elevator, shows people waiting at the Lake Scugog waterfront for the start of the Western Weekend regatta and water acrobatics show in August 1973.

Port Perry reeve, council fed up with Chamber of Commerce

August 22, 1973

Reeve Robert Kenny has referred to the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce as "a pressure group" and advised the new council, which will be elected in October, to refuse any more Chamber gifts with strings attached.

The C of C gave the Village about \$15,000 last year and stipulated the things it was to be used for. The first three of four stipulated projects went way over budget. Now the Chamber members are saying that the Village owes about \$3,400 for tennis court work which was not done.

Reeve Kenny said, "you've got sort of a pressure group here. What they should do is get off their respective ends and run for council and do the job themselves."



Joe Fowler

August 1973

A good friend of hundreds of boys in the Port Perry area, Joe Fowler passed away on Saturday, July 28, 1973.

Whether it was the sport of softball, baseball or hockey, Joe always had the time to spend with local young men.



Work was progressing quickly on the long awaited new ball diamond, located on the lakefront at the south end of Palmer Park in July 1973. The new building which will house washrooms and a snack bar is almost completed, and excavations for sewer and water lines are under construction.



People wander the main street in August 1973 at the start of the Chamber of Commerce "Western Weekend" activities. This was the second year for the event, which closed Queen St. to traffic for two days.

September 1973

Cawker's Food Market closed its retail operation September 1, bringing to an end one of the oldest retail businesses in Port Perry. The business was founded in 1868 by Samuel T. Cawker.

Council considers shopping centres and housing proposals

September 26, 1973.

Council approved re-zoning of the Reesor Lumber yard and adjoining land to make way for proposed shopping centres by two different developers.

The shopping centres would include a motor hotel and would cover a large part of the block from Shanly St. to Hwy. 7A. and along Water St.

Council also discussed proposals on the Poplar Park property where High Chaparel Developments proposes two housing subdivisions.

Drs. Ralph Price and Bill Cohoon presented plans for 32 semi-detached units near Paxton and MacDonald St., and also a plan to build a three-storey, 36 unit apartment building near the waterfront behind Port Tavern.



In October 1973, the buildings and warehouses of Reesor Fuel & Lumber were dismantled to make way for a new commercial plaza at the corner of 7A and Water Street.

Yacht club preparing move to new site

October 10, 1973

The Port Perry Yacht Club informed council that it is proceeding with plans to move to a new site north of Birdseye Centre by spring.

The club is presently located in the middle of Palmer Park and had originally planned to be moved in time for the past season. Last winter council gave the club a one year extension.

Club officials said they are having a site plan drawn up which will include dredging, construction of a retaining wall, marine railways and washrooms. They hope to begin work on dredging this fall.

The land in question is on the old railway right-of-way which is owned by the Village and would be leased by the yacht club.



Port Perry Yacht Club, located at the south edge of Palmer Park, 1974.



October 1973

The Port Perry Chamber of Commerce changed its name to the 'Scugog Chamber of Commerce' at a general meeting held at Conway Gardens in Port Perry.



Arthur Latcham with his wife Elaine at a banquet held by the Senior Citizens of Port Perry in October 1973. The Latchams were honoured for providing the seniors with the new Latcham Centre at the lakefront.

Work on the future home of Ballard Lumber Building Centre was well underway by November 1972.

Ballard Lumber new showroom

Ballard Lumber Home Building Centre held its Grand Opening on October 25, 1973. The opening came some 27 years after John and Joy Ballard started their business in 1948, in a 100 sq. ft. office showroom on Casimir St.

In 1954, their business expanded to include retail lumber sales and a few years later began a construction branch. The Ballard's son, Ralph, joined the firm in 1966 and the business grew from two employees to 24 over the years.

Their new building centre and yard are located on Hwy. 7A, just east of Water St. and occupies five acres and boasts a showroom and floor space of 6,500 sq. ft.



John Ballard, left, with his son Ralph.

The new Township of Scugog elects its first council

In October 1973 residents of the new Township of Scugog, which consisted of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright Twps., elected its first council with Lawrence Malcolm becoming the township's first Mayor.

The new council, which was elected for a three year term beginning in 1974, consisted of the following men: front left, Reg Rose, Regional Councillor; Lawrence Malcolm, Mayor, and Robert Kenny Area Councillor.

Back left, Donald Frew, Ward 4 (Cartwright), Neil Hunter, Ward 1 (Reach), Jerry Taylor, Ward 3 (Scugog Island) and Robert Brinkman, Port Perry (Ward 2).



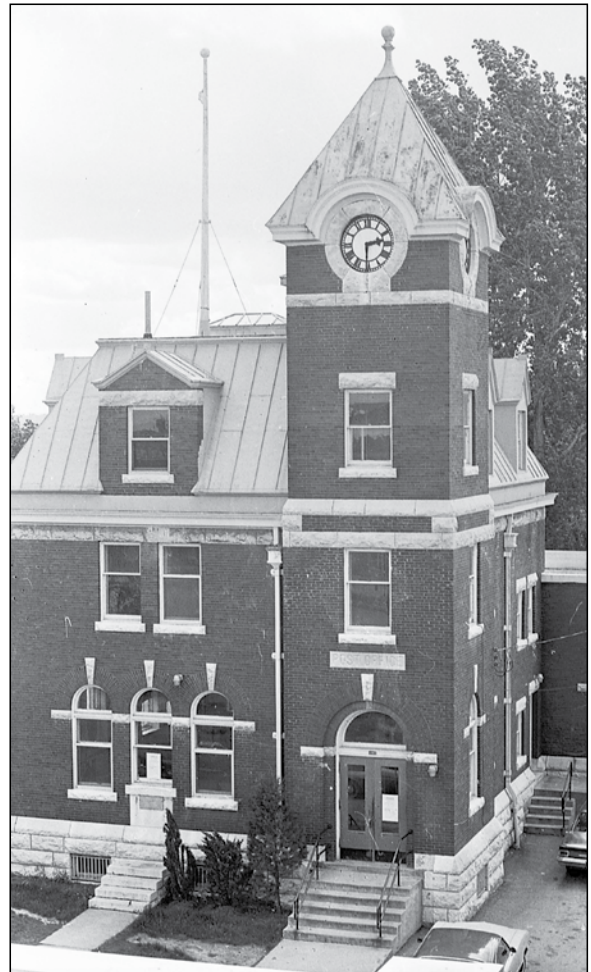
1974

January 1974

The municipalities of Port Perry, Reach, Scugog and Cartwright slipped out of existence at the stroke of midnight on January 1, and according to the OPP, the new Township of Scugog arrived with “no incidents”.



Interior of the post office, with postmaster Bruce Hull in 1970.



Port Perry Post Office in June 1974, before renovations which included a walkway across the front of the building. Renovations began in November and the building was officially opened to the public again on May 29, 1975.



Fire destroys Manchester Ford dealership

April 3, 1974

Fire swept through the premises of Cy Wilson Ford Sales during the early hours of April 1, completely destroying the landmark at the corner of 7A and 12 Highways.

Estimates of the damage ranged into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, one estimate going as high as \$300,000.

Firemen from Port Perry answered the call at 12:45 a.m. after an OPP officer turned in the call. They quickly summoned help from Caesarea, Whitby and Uxbridge fire departments. At one point five trucks were racing to and from the scene drawing water to the fire.

Two trucks from Brian's Towing were kept busy towing cars away from the side of the building, some of them already damaged severely.

At least 20 cars and trucks were completely destroyed. Among those was an antique Ford in the showroom of the building.



This Ford dealership, in the Manchester Garage circa 1955, later became Cy Wilson Ford. It is the same building (above), destroyed by fire in April 1974.

Lilla St. widening debated over fears of increased traffic flow on street

February 27, 1974

The proposed reconstruction of Lilla Street to a four lane street (two lanes for driving and two for parking) came up for discussion at Scugog council.

The local ratepayers association provided opposition saying that there are already 2,500 cars per day running on the street and they had fears that four lanes would invite more excessive speeds.

Councillor Robert Kenny spoke strongly in favour of the widening saying, "If people in this community want to keep the two lanes street, I could care less, but I don't think the Region is prepared to build a Port Perry by-pass".

In Mr. Kenny's opinion, the advantages of the widening of the street far outweigh the disadvantages.

Lilla Street residents Dave Muir and Dr. Ralph Price, armed with an 800 signature petition, maps and facts, asked council for their support at the Region to keep the street two lanes.



Cy Wilson
Owner of Cy Wilson Ford dealership.

Councillors double own wages

May 8, 1974

Councillors doubled their salaries at Monday night's council meeting. They will now get \$3,500 a year instead of the present \$1,500 and the Mayor will get \$4,000 a year instead of the present \$2,000. Salary raises are retroactive from January 1 this year.

Councillor Kenny introduced the motion saying the new salaries will still be considerably under those in several other municipalities. The mayor in Uxbridge Township receives \$7,000, while councillors get \$5,000.

Mayor Malcolm said he was not greedy for money but he "didn't see many people running for the job of Mayor the way it sits now."



After 28 years in the pharmacy business in Port Perry, Stanley Bruton retires from Bruton's Drug Store. The new owner is Jim Lawrence of Bowmanville.



David Brown

February 1974

David Brown, 32, began his duties as the new administrator of the Community Memorial Hospital. He replaces Jim Van Camp who left for Toronto.



The Royal Bank of Canada and G.W. Pentland Jewellers were two of the businesses located on the north side of Queen Street in 1974.

Cartwright High School will remain open

April 24, 1974

The long and arduous "fight" to keep Cartwright High School open for Blackstock and area youth has finally met with success.

A delegation of about 25 people met with the Durham Board of Education on Monday and presented their reasons for wanting the school to remain open and to continue to educate their children.

Following a brief session, in "committee of the whole", the Board decided that Cartwright High School would remain in operation for the future.

April 1974

Council passed a by-law requiring privately owned outdoor swimming pools to install fences around them, and to establish the location of outdoor pools in the township.



Port Perry Lions Club installed their new executive for 1974-75 in April 1974. Members are, back left, Per Hvidsten, John Zaporozan, Gord Prentice, Don Carnegie, Bill Sharpe. Front left, Len Clarke, Morley Bruce, president, Cecil King and Bill Barr.

April 1974

Phil and Anne Goreski announced the sale of the Club Annrene dance hall on Scugog Island to four local men, Bob Allin, Bill Cohoon, Jerry Jackman and Peter Hvidsten.

Town Hall committee asks for lease



Dr. John Hammett
Co-chair Town Hall.

May 8, 1974

Drs. Ralph Price and John Hammett, co-chairmen of the Town Hall 1873 committee met with council to inform them that \$15,000 has been raised towards restoration of the hall and asked council to lease the building to the committee.



Dr. Ralph Price
Co-chair Town Hall.



Dowson's Red & White food store, which has operated at the same location on Queen St since 1949, celebrated its 25th year in business. Merlin Dowson and his wife Dora are seen here with their son Kenneth, left, May 1, 1974.



Nestleton Community Centre opens

Allan Lawrence, campaigning for re-election in Northumberland-Durham Riding was given the honour of cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Nestleton Community Centre on June 12, 1974. The happy group assisting him are, from left, Merrill Van Camp, former reeve of Cartwright Township, Don Frew, Scugog councillor, Lawrence Malcolm, Scugog Mayor and Alex Carruthers, MPP.

Twin-pad arena pitched

June 1974

Representatives for eight organizations met with Scugog council and appealed for support to build a new twin-pad arena. The group said in a written brief, "the present arena has reached the end of the road and to put any more money into it would be a great waste". They pointed out that a single pad arena would eliminate the danger in the old arena, but it would not meet the projected needs of the community in the future.



One of the most attractive buildings in Port Perry, the old "Blong Block" didn't look so great back in 1974 when this picture was taken. The building was spanned by a dirty and faded yellow awning, hiding much of the architectural beauty of the building. Businesses along this stretch included Emmerson Insurance, Frank Real Estate, The Children's Boutique and Canadian Tire.

Howard Hall heads committee to study feasibility of new arena

June 26, 1974

A five man committee, headed by Howard Hall of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce was formed to explore the location and feasibility of a new arena.

The committee was formed at a meeting called by the Arena Board. In addition to Mr. Hall they appointed Stan Glass, Don Crosier, Jean Kennedy and Richard Drew to the committee.

Mr. Hall said "Our minds are completely open. The committee will come up with a report only after an exhaustive study."

The committee was assigned to report on, the need for a new arena; a single or twin pad; location; financial implications.

Several proposals have already been aired by different groups with suggestions for a twin pad, two separate single arenas, huge recreational complex with a twin pad arena and an indoor swimming pool.

Mr. Hall anticipated the committee would submit its first report in about three months.

June 1974

Port Perry Yacht Club is given another one year extension to move from the lakefront since they have not received final permission for dredging from the Department of Indian and Northern affairs.

Post Office renovations

June 1974

A \$270,000 renovation of the old Post Office got underway, which will provide the 58 year old building with a facelift without destroying the historical and architectural character of the building.

Contractor Gerry Gerrits informed council that there is a shortage of steel, so there would be a delay in the completion of the contract.

Renovations include a public lobby, mail lobby, work space, loading platform and a 3,600 sq. ft. addition to the rear and side.



View of Queen Street east looking towards Lake Scugog in early 1973. Stores along the street include Crest Hardware and the Bank of Commerce.

October 1974

The Port Perry Agricultural Society, which leases the fairgrounds, passed a resolution that it was willing to cooperate in any way to relocate the fairgrounds and to improve its facilities. President Don Crozier said the Society recognized there is a need for a new arena.

Council leaving strikers out in the cold weather

October 9, 1974

Scugog council decided to leave striking Flamingo Pastries workers out in the cold, by turning down a request by the employees to park a trailer on Township property in front of the plant during the strike.

"I think we have a situation where we are dammed if we do and dammed if we don't," said councillor Bob Kenny.

Councillor Don Frew agreed, saying that if they granted the strikers request it would look like council was siding against management.

Port Perry Yacht Club may be relocated to Nonquon

October 9, 1974

Faced with having to vacate its present site on the Water St. lakefront, the Port Perry Yacht Club will purchase a three-acre piece of property, if the club can get approval to relocate there.

The property, near the mouth of the Nonquon River is located in Mariposa Township and Deputy Reeve Jack Coulson said that some of the residents of the area are upset at the prospects of having a club in their neighbourhood.

One resident, who wished not to be identified, said that she and her neighbours would do everything they could to prevent the club from relocating to the area.

October 1974

The federal government rejected plans by the Port Perry Yacht Club to relocate north of Birdseye Centre Park. The club asked council if they could remain on the lakefront.



Preliminary work underway for widening of Lilla Street

September 5, 1974

It has been quite some time since any talk of the widening of Lilla Street, to four lanes to allow more traffic to flow through the Port Perry. One would imagine that after the petitions by local ratepayers and much discussion, that the Region had given up on the idea and the street would remain as it has been for years.

Then, about a month ago, a tender was advertised for the tearing down of a house at the corner of Lilla Street and 7A Hwy.

The photograph above, taken from the centre of the Oshawa Road, shows Lilla Street to the left, and the house being dismantled in preparation for street widening.

Regional Council approves Lilla Street widening to three lanes

October 23, 1974

A plan to widen Lilla Street to three lanes received approval in principle at regional council. Mayor Lawrence Malcolm said "that although it may cause quite a stink, he supports the plan to add a parking lane to the street."

"This is a reasonable compromise when you look at all sides," the mayor said.

The Scugog Ratepayers' Association is on record as being opposed to the plan as are many residents of the town and homeowners along Lilla Street.

Regional Councillor Reg Rose voted against approval of the plan stating he would like some assurances of an intent to provide some type of bypass of Port Perry in the future.



This picture, facing north, was taken in September 1974 from the centre of the Oshawa Road (Simcoe Street) and shows how the road split just before intersecting with 7A Highway. Lilla Street traffic merged left to continue on Simcoe Street, while traffic heading for Wilbur Street would turn right.

The house, at right, is the building seen being torn down in the centre of the upper photograph, as preparations were being made to widen the road.



Lilla Street (now Simcoe Street), looking towards Queen Street from just north of 7A Hwy. This stretch of road was two-lanes, lined by open ditches in October 1974. The street, despite much controversy and objections, was widened to three lanes the following year.



The Port Perry High School football team gets lots of support from these young ladies, who cheer along the sidelines during games at the local high school. The cheerleaders pictured here in October 1974 are, from left, Kelly Thompson, Debbie Menzies, Jennifer Carriere, Joanne Wilson, Julie Brignall, Laural Price, Debbie Freeman and Janet Houthuys.



In October 1974, work was underway on the third floor of the new \$700,000 Community Memorial Nursing Home in Port Perry. Officials expect it to be completed by March 1975. The home will have 75 beds and greatly expanded support facilities.

Arena committee recommends building a single pad arena

October 2, 1974

A new single-pad arena located on new Port Perry fairgrounds is the major recommendation of an arena committee.

In a report presented to council, the committee recommended the present fairgrounds be sold and a new site purchased. If this is done, the committee estimated the new single pad arena could be built for \$600,000.

The report said the present fairgrounds could be sold for about \$500,000 and a new site bought for \$150,000. They estimated that \$200,000 would build the new fairground facilities and \$750,000 would construct a new arena.

An alternative plan, for an arena on a piece of property not connected to the fairgrounds would cost about \$825,000 according to the report.

Council voted to receive the report.

Work begins on motel-hotel site

November 13, 1974

Work got underway on a 16 unit \$250,000 motel complex near the corner of Water St. and Hwy. 7A, the first phase of the project. The motel is expected to be finished by next spring.

If all goes well with the motel phase, general contractor Mike Wade told council they have plans to build a three-storey hotel attached to the motel.

The name being considered for the hotel, since it is located on the former railway line, will be the Railroad House Hotel.



Ongoing flooding at the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club, located on Queen Street, prompted members to ask for council's help in cleaning out the creek which runs along side the property, to avoid floods in the future. Top photo shows action underway on the bowling green during the summer of 1974. Photo below, shows the bowling green covered with water during an early spring flood.



Rebirth of Town Hall 1873

1974

Port Perry's Town Hall 1873 has undergone many changes over the past century, but possibly one of the most dramatic changes took place in 1951 when the decorative bell tower on top of the hall's two-storey brick edifice was removed.

The aging wooden tower had been deemed unsafe for a number of years. In fact, as early as 1939 it had been slated for removal, but it was more than a decade later when council ordered it to be taken down.

The bell tower was finally removed from the hall in October 1951 by local contractor Ed Storry, who replaced it with an unimpressive squat peak (bottom left). For the next 24 years, this important municipal building sat crowned with its unimpressive cap.

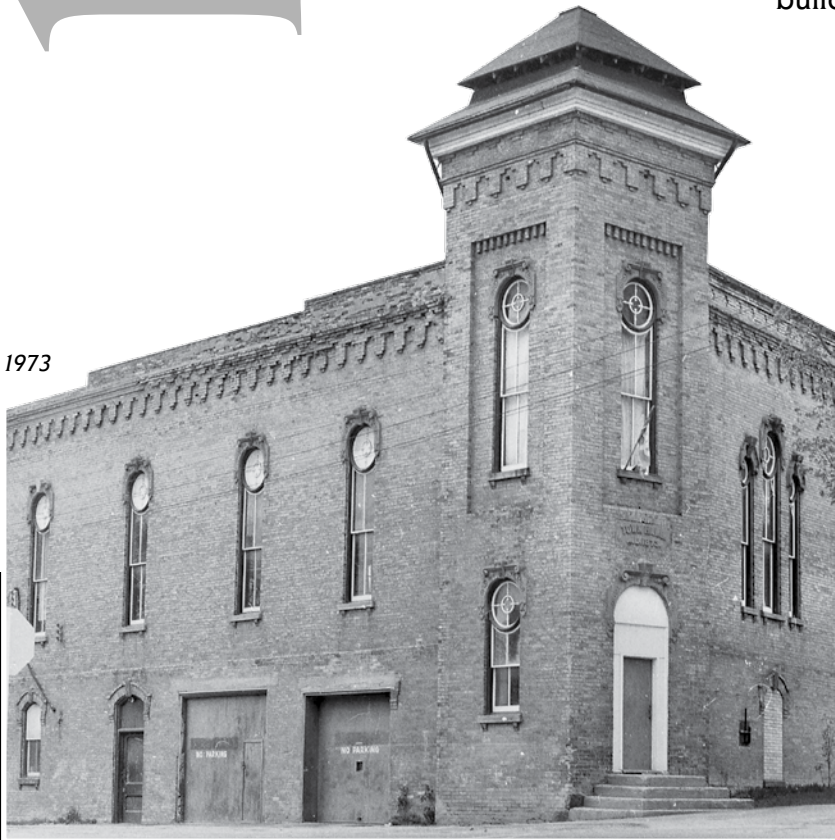
In 1951 the hall was leased by the H.W. Gossard Co. as a factory for manufacturing women's undergarments. When Gossard's lease terminated in January 1974, the town council voted against spending the money to restore the building, and it was slated for demolition.

Reaction to council's decision was immediate and by October 1974 a

"There is no way we are going to justify spending \$45,000 to restore an old building this year."

*Councillor Bob Kenny
February 1974*

1973





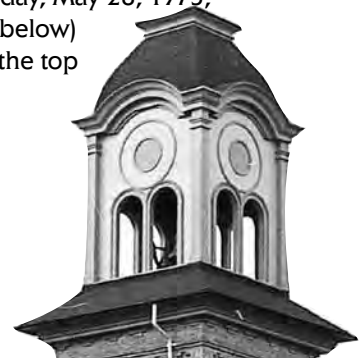
committee was formed to save the aging hall from destruction. The Town Hall 1873 group began a campaign to raise funds to renovate the historic town hall. Some members are pictured, left, in the old hall. From left, Dianne Lackie, Mina Mina, Jane Litt, Bill Brock, Per Hvidsten, Les Rogers, Dr. John Hammett, Nigel Harvey and Jim Catty.

Mayor Lawrence Malcolm handed the keys over to co-chair Dr. Ralph Price (below left) on September 1, 1974, along with a 99 year lease.

Work began immediately on both interior and exterior renovations of the hall, with one of the projects being the replacement of the original tower.

Mrs. Marjorie Letcher, wife of Merlin Letcher who was Port Perry's Reeve for 13 years, donated \$10,000 towards the construction and replacement of an identical replica of the tower. She was among a small group of enthusiastic Town Hall supporters who watched, on Wednesday, May 28, 1975,

as the new tower (below) was lifted back to the top of the historic hall.





Mayor Lawrence Malcolm received the township's new chain of office in October 1974. Scugog Mayor Lawrence Malcolm, centre, is seen here receiving the chain from former reeves, from left, Bob Kenny, (Port Perry), Art Catton, (Reach Twp.), Merrill Van Camp, (Cartwright) and Cliff Crowell, (Scugog Island).

Scugog approves joint Uxbridge dog control

December 18, 1974

Scugog council approved a plan for a joint dog control program with the Township of Uxbridge for the next year.

Under the program, worked out by members of both councils, Uxbridge dog control officer will serve both townships and will use the pound that is now existing at Goodwood.

The agreement will cost Scugog Twp. about \$10,000 over the next year, but some of that is expected to be recovered by the sale of dog tags.



The new 30 unit Senior Citizens building, located on Kellett Street was nearing completion and began accepting applications for occupancy in September 1974.

November 1974

Doreen Van Camp is the new Clerk-Treasurer for Scugog Township, following the resignation of Neil Brodie, who resigned suddenly two weeks ago. Victor Malcolm takes over duties as Deputy-Clerk and Alex D. Thomson becomes the new Treasurer.

Plans for a provincial park on Scugog Island would have 250-300 campsites

December 11, 1974

Development of a provincial park on Scugog Island should be underway by spring according to an official from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Ministry has owned the 450 acre site at the tip of the Island for about six years but hasn't been developed because the province had given other projects higher priority.

The official said, "now Scugog Island is one of the top priorities in the Lindsay District and work on a master plan for the new park is underway. The current projection for the park calls for 250-300 campsites and about 600 parking spaces".



Van Camp Construction moved its 34' x 50' garage from its former location at the north end of Bigelow Street, to its new location on Vaneward Drive, just off of the Oshawa Rd, south of town in November 1974. It took 3 hours to move the garage, which they felt was worth saving.



Shea Real Estate, April 11, 1973, was located on this small lot between the Port Perry IGA and the United Church, on Queen Street. The company was managed by Marjorie Tripp until July 1975 when she took over the building and changed the name to Marjorie Tripp Real Estate Ltd.

1975

Lilla St. widening deferred until 1976

January 1975

Durham Regional Works committee is reviewing the planned Lilla Street expansion, but decided to defer the widening until 1976. Local residents are dubious about the Region's motives for additional parking lane, feeling it would become another travel lane. The lane, think the residents, would only be a way to ensure future expansion, probably to a fourth lane.

Ministry recommends no waterfront development

January 15, 1975

Guidelines from the Ministry of Natural Resources, for future development on Lake Scugog, reports that the ministry believes the capacity for shoreline cottages has been reached, despite a previous study anticipating a capacity of 1,987 cottages.

According to a 1971 aerial photo, there are 1,400 shoreline cottages, but that number, coupled with increasing Trent Canal traffic using the lake, extensive back lot and urban development at Port Perry, Caesarea and other shorelines has increased the load.

The report calls for only back lot developments or redevelopment of existing resort area. "No new shoreline subdivision should be created, either by plan or by individual consents," the report states.



Aerial view of the new Port Perry Plaza on Scugog Street (7A Hwy.) taken in February 1976. The plaza was opened in December 1975 with Dowson's Valu-Mart, Stedmans Department Store and Canadian Tire. Across the highway is Conway Gardens restaurant.

Home of champions

February 5, 1975

Four national champion skaters from Port Perry in the past few years seems impossible, but that's just what has happened.

David Porter and Dennis Johnston's victories at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships last week, as well as Anna Forder and Richard Stephens who competed in the Olympics in 1968 make this a remarkable accomplishment.

David Porter and his partner Barbara Berezowski captured a first place at the Nationals while Dennis Johnston with his partner Christine McBeth captured a third place standing.



Approve new arena

March 12, 1975

Scugog township council approved the building of a single-pad arena at the 47 acre landfill site on the 7th concession (Reach St.) just west of Port Perry.

Arena committee chairman Howard Hall outlined a report to councillors, which included five alternate financing schemes with which to fit the \$750,000 goal.

The accepted proposal calls for the raising of \$200,000 by public donations, \$250,000 through a five-year debenture and additional funds through taxes.



Richard Drew elected Scugog Chamber of Commerce president.

More than 125 members and guests of the Port Perry Snowmobile Club attended a dance at the Latcham Centre. The dances theme, "Graffiti" enabled members to listen and dance to the sounds of the 50s and 60s. Prize winners during the evening are, from left, Bonnie Payne, winner of the bubble gum blowing contest; Dave Gray, best dressed guy; Don and Marilyn Beacock, best dressed couple and Barbara Milton, best dressed chick.



Construction was well underway in January 1975 for the new home of Lake Scugog Lumber. When finished the site will contain a 220'x50' truss plant, three storage sheds, a 6,000 sq. ft. showroom and warehouse area.



Port Perry High School held its annual formal dance in April 1975, with a change in the name of the popular event. Formerly known as the "At Home", the events name will now be known as the "Spring Prom". The election of this year's school royalty are, Prom Queen Bev Pascoe, seated, and from left standing, Jennifer Sweetman, Princess runner-up; Suzie Bigglestone, Princess and Jessie Oosterloo, Queen runner-up.

April 1975

Werner's Service Centre, Manchester, closes business in April, 1974. The garage was purchased by Bob Kuipers, who opened Port Perry Chrysler.

Council decides who builds under new Scugog development policy

March 5, 1975

Scugog council assigned subdivision unit allotments to six developers under a Port Perry development staging policy. The allotments come as a result of an earlier decision to lift building restriction and allow 350 units to be built over the next three and a half years.

The units were divided as follows: Vanedward Investments Ltd., 46; Carlan Enterprises, 73; Bertrand Developments 27, Ribcor Holdings, 150, Athika Enterprises 35 and William Cohoon 19.

One hundred units were held for a future date.

New Senior Citizens residence opened

May 7, 1975

About 50 invited guests joined with the residents of the new senior citizens complex on Kellett St. for the occasion of the official opening of the facility.

Mayor Malcolm welcomed everyone and praised those responsible for the initial work prior to the construction. He said that the need for homes of this kind were in great demand and hoped that he would see new proposals for seniors' residences come before council.

There were a number of guests from different levels of government, with the honour of cutting the ribbon being carried out by Dr. M.B. Dymond, representing the provincial government, Walter Beath, Durham Region chairman; Lawrence Malcolm, Scugog mayor and Norman Cafik, of the federal government.



Walter Beath
Durham Region
Chairman



The Port Perry Catholic Church, which was built in 1880s, was torn down in March 1975. The church was located at the intersection of John and Casimir Street, has been replaced by the new Immaculate Conception Church on the south side of Hwy. 7A in Port Perry.





Town Hall 1873 renovations inside and out

Left: Members of the Borelians theatre group got a close-up look at the inside of the old Town Hall in April. Nigel Harvey, far right, shows Dianne Lackie, left, and Judy McColl some of the intricate window designs of the century old building, which is undergoing extensive renovations

Right: While progress has been steady inside the Town Hall, the exterior work had to wait for spring. Last week Martens Masonry commenced the brick-work, by replacing old broken bricks on the parapet.



Renovated post office is officially opened

May 24, 1975

A short but pleasant ceremony, attended by officials of different levels of government, as well as the public, officially celebrated the opening of the newly renovated post office in Port Perry on May 19, 1975.

Mayor Malcolm thanked both the federal government and the local residents who got behind the project, saying that the federal building such as this one has a tendency to "set the pattern" for other construction.

The brief ceremony ended with the traditional cutting of the ribbon to mark the official opening of the newly renovated post office building.

It was due to pressure from local citizens and groups that rather than tear down the building, the government changed its mind and renovated the century old building.



Renovations in the new lobby area of the Port Perry post office were well underway in March. The post office moved from its temporary location in the basement of the Masonic Temple and opened for business in the renovated post office, (below) on Monday, April 12. The post office was officially opened on Saturday, May 12, 1975.

June 1975

The first phase of the Kent Estates subdivision was completed, with homes selling from \$68,700 for a three bedroom bungalow, to \$82,400 for a four bedroom home.





Larry Taylor stands by the door of his Taylor's Texaco station, at the corner of Wilbur St. and Hwy. 7A (now PetroCan), in 1975. The garage was operated by Larry and Fran Taylor until 1980 when they moved to a larger premises just west of town, in the former Ford dealership of Murray and John Williams and Colin Ball Motors.



This counter with a built-in history will become part of the fixtures at the told town hall. The unique drug store counter was donated by A.M. Lawrence to the town hall renovation project in February 1975. Checking blueprints are, from left, David Litt, Randy Jobin and project supervisor Dale Proconier.

June 1975

Twenty four years after the tower was removed from the old town hall, a new tower was lifted back into place, through a generous donation from Mrs. M. Letcher of Port Perry.

Port Perry area viewers to get cable television this fall

Thursday, May 22, 1975

Port Perry and area television viewers wishing to hook into a cable system will be able to do so this fall.

Ron Compton, of Compton Cable Television, received word from the CRTC that his application has been accepted. Compton TV is already operating in Uxbridge where they have about 800 subscribers.

Mr. Compton said they can work off the existing tower, but the installation of the cable and electronic signal booster equipment will take some time.

"We should have people on the system in Port Perry by October", Mr. Compton said. He is hoping for at least 700 customers in the area over the next two or three years.



Scugog firefighters from Port Perry station, pictured in front of one of the department's truck in October 1975. From left back, Ray Penny, Jack Cook, Charlie Lown, Dave Ballingall, Irvine Gibson, Ben Pickard, Leo Donnelly, Pete Caudle, Doug Metcalf, Clive Boyd. Front left, Bill Harrison, Keith Mark, Don Raby, Roy Hope, Gabriel Grabowski.

Modern truss fabrication plant officially opened

June 24, 1975

Lake Scugog Lumber's modern new truss plant was officially opened on Tuesday, June 17, 1975.

The new 12,000 sq. ft. plant with more than \$100,000 of truss construction equipment is now capable of producing up to 250 trusses in an eight hour shift.

Ted Griffen recalled that when they first starting building trusses, all that was used was a hammer,

nails and wooden plates.

During the opening ceremony, Mr. Griffen explained the company now supplies trusses to more than 40 dealers as well as making them for individual contractors.

"To date the largest truss we have ever constructed was for Peel's Poultry Farm and these measured 96 feet," he said.



Bert and Gertrude Wanamaker, owners of Wanamaker's General Store in Seagrave are seen here on the steps of the store they operated for 14 years. The store was sold to Dorothy Massel and George Giles in July 1975.

1976 aerial view of the Lake Scugog Lumber property, and surrounding buildings.



A - Water Street; B - Griffen home; C - Lake Scugog Lumber sheds; D - Lake Scugog Lumber showrooms; E - private homes; F - grain elevator;



G - Latcham Centre.

Penitentiary offered to Scugog Township

June 11, 1975

The Canadian Penitentiary Service has proposed a regional reception centre for the township. In a letter from the federal service, it was explained that the proposed institution is part of plans to construct a number of small penitentiaries in various locations within the region.

"In this regard," the letter states, "we wish to locate one of these institutions in your township", but it did not give a specific location for the 100 acre site which would be required.

Benefits to the township include a capital cost of between \$8-\$10 million and a staff employment of between 150-180 persons. It would have an annual budget of about \$3 million.

John Bennett, Deputy Regional Director of the service said that if Scugog approves the site, inmates could be arriving at a regional reception centre here in about two and a half years.

Mr. Bennett stressed if the local council didn't approve of such a development, they would just "pack up and go away." "We will not impose such an institution on people that do not want it," he said.

Councillor Bob Kenny said that it was worth further investigation, considering the employment opportunities and revenue it would bring to the community.

Work on 50,000 sq. ft. plaza underway

August 7, 1975

Work is well underway on a new 50,000 sq. ft. plaza for Port Perry along Scugog Street at the east end of town. The \$1,500,000 plaza will have parking for 300 cars.

Harding Gate Development reported the project was on schedule and leases have been signed for three tenants. They include a 12,500 sq. ft. Canadian Tire store; 10,000 sq. ft. National Grocers, and 6,500 sq. ft. Stedmans Department Store.

Negotiations are underway for a restaurant, drug store, bank and variety store.

After more than 25 years of involvement in the local music scene, Mrs. Grace Hastings retired as a music consultant for the Durham Board of Education. A reception was held for Mrs. Hastings at the Port Perry High School where more than 100 people came to honour her. At right, Mrs. Hastings with her husband Frank.

Nursing Home opens

November 1975

Dr. M. B. Dymond officially opened the new Port Perry Community Nursing Home. He shared a great deal of the responsibility in bringing nursing homes into proper legislation during his period as Health Minister in Ontario.

Five tenders for arena

November 1975

Five tenders for the new Scugog arena were opened at a special meeting. Three of the tenders came in below the \$750,000 estimate by the committee, the lowest being \$629,289 and the highest \$790,000.



Lake Scugog is dirtiest

November 19, 1975

Lake Scugog is the "least clean" of the three area lakes that are described by a Victoria County planner as being "in bad shape".

William Power says a Ministry of Environment report said the Kawarthas are very shallow lakes and in the middle of good agricultural land. There are a lot of pollutants entering the lakes, including fertilizers and insecticides which run off into the lake.

The planner said Scugog, Sturgeon and Pigeon Lakes are in "bad shape" and Lake Scugog appears to be the "least clean" of them all.



The Railroad House Motel, located on Scugog Street, was officially opened Thursday, August 7, 1975. The \$350,000 hotel features 38 rooms, of which 18 of them opened immediately and the remainder will be phased in.

November 1975

Port Perry Plaza held a Grand Opening sale for its first tenants. Stedmans Department Store, Red & White Food Store, Canadian Tire and Kendall's Shoe Tree officially opened for business on November 26, 1975.



House of Howard furniture store, the Port Perry Star and Modern Textiles were among the businesses along this stretch of Queen Street, Port Perry, in 1975.

No sewer - no industry, could lose 300 jobs

December 3, 1975

Servicing problems may mean the loss of some 300 potential jobs in the area.

Lipman Brothers Ltd, who are phasing-out its sliver-plating factory in Toronto, want to re-locate to Scugog Twp., on a two-acre site located immediately south of the K.R. Coulter plant on Simcoe St.

The company wants to construct a 50,000 sq. ft. factory, however, only if water and sewer service to the factory can be provided by June 1976.

Durham Regional works department estimate it would cost about \$870,000 to extend and connect both services to the site.

Charles Santos, owner of the industrial site on Simcoe St., south of town, blamed the region for moving too slowly in approving and providing the services.



The St. Charles Hotel, 1975, was home to an automotive parts business and Richard's Beauty Studio. The building has since been fully refurbished and is now the home of Re/Max Real Estate.

1976

Women accuse Caesarea Fire Chief Len Scott with employment discrimination

January 28, 1976

A charge of discrimination was levelled at the Caesarea Fire Department in a letter to council by Caesarea resident Donna Gould, who claims that she applied for a job with the department but wasn't considered because of her sex.

"I was third on the list of applicants", she writes, "and there were five girls names that followed mine, then some men".

The women claim that Chief Len Scott thinks they are not strong enough and unsuitable, since they would have to drive the new fire truck.

"It is clear-cut, out-and-out discrimination, — sex against sex", said Mrs. John McMillan another applicant overlooked.

Mrs. Gould received a letter from the department stating that the department's membership indicated that they would resign if women were allowed to join the department.

Mayor Lawrence Malcolm said that Chief Scott had "full authority" to hire as he sees fit and council would have to go along with the wishes of the department, or lose their entire department.



Town Hall 1873 stands proudly at the corner of Lilla Street (Simcoe) in this 1976 photograph, with the Masonic Lodge to the right. The hall is one of the oldest and most historical buildings in Port Perry and was saved from demolition in 1974.

Development grinds to a halt...

Wednesday, March 17, 1976

Developer Ted Griffen was stunned last week by a report released by the Region that limits Port Perry's growth to 3,100 people. Mr. Griffen and partners own 350 or more than 1,100 lots waiting to be developed.

The disappointing report reflects the capacity of the Nonquon River to carry off the treated waste from Port Perry's sewage lagoons, north of the community.

Mr. Griffen does not blame the local council or Durham Region. "They have nothing to do with this. It is the province that keeps changing the rules. How can we keep up with them if they keep changing them?" he asked.

Mr. Griffen says, "the confusion is worth some extra consideration at Queen's Park. They got us into this mess and they should give us the money and help to get us out."



Wayne and Carolyn Luke opened Luke's Country Store, in a small store located at 207 Queen St., Port Perry in March 1976. They later opened the Victorian Card Shop in the adjacent building.

Vern Asselstine new councillor

March 24, 1976

Former councillor and deputy-reeve, Vernon Asselstine was appointed the new member of council, replacing Bob Kenny who resigned in order to take on the new job of Chief Building Inspector and By-law Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Asselstine was the unanimous choice of council, who considered his extensive municipal experience.

Mr. Asselstine lost in the last municipal election for area councillor by less than 100 votes.

Bob Kenny resigns, appointed Chief Building Inspector

March 24, 1976

With more than 20 years of municipal experience under his belt, Councillor Bob Kenny resigned from his seat on council to become the township's new Chief Building Inspector.

The resignation was a must before he could be appointed to the township position and in view of his application before council, he tendered his resignation and left the council chambers when the job application was discussed.

The township required a new inspector to replace retiring Graham Fish.

Vernon Asselstine, former councillor and deputy-reeve was elected by acclamation to replace Mr. Kenny.



Port Perry Presbyterian Church, 1976.



Home of Port Perry Auto Glass & Trim in 1976.



In the spring of 1976, the white house to the right, located at 250 Queen St., Port Perry, was occupied by Dr. Stephen Kendall and has since become an accounting office. The house to the left, was owned by Gerry McTavish, who later had the building extended to the street to make two retail stores with apartments above.

April 1976

Mayor Lawrence Malcolm signs a contract for construction of Scugog Township's new arena. Work is to get underway immediately, with completion expect by October 1976.

Employee charges discrimination after being passed over for job

March 31, 1976

Councillor Bob Kenny resigned his seat on council, ending 20 years of public service to the community. Mr. Kenny took over the position of Chief Building Inspector and Bylaw Enforcement Officer following the retirement of Graham Fish.

Joe Podres, who has been a building inspector for Port Perry and the new Scugog Township for the past four years, complained of being passed over for the job and accused council of outright discrimination.

"I can't seen any reason why they passed over my application, except that my names isn't Bob Kenny." When explained they needed a man with engineering, building and some planning experience, Mr. Podres said, "Mr. Kenny doesn't have any of that experience and all those years on council doesn't make him an expert on bylaws or building."



The future of the Port Perry War Memorial Library became a contentious issue throughout 1976 . Many residents of the area were not in favour of abandoning the old library, or the building of a new library facility.

April 1976

Dr. D.C. (Cam) MacMaster, Scugog's well-known and loved veterinarian retired after 34 years of service to the farming community. More than two hundred people gathered to honour him on April 20, 1976 at a special Appreciation Night.



Dr. D.C. MacMaster

New to business . . .



Ron Compton, owner of Compton Cable Television, opened an office in the old creamery building on Water St. in March 1976. The building is owned by Hudson Isherwood.



Chic Carnegie, left, and Ralph Ballard celebrated the opening of Homestead Furniture on April 8, 1976. Mayor Lawrence Malcolm made it official by cutting a ribbon.



Gregory Heffering celebrated the first anniversary of his store, Gregory's Men's Wear in May 1976.

Scugog's tax increase will be over 16%

May 12, 1976

Scugog Township council attempted to hold the line on spending, but there is no need to get overjoyed, since the overall rate shows a tax increase of more than 16 per cent. Regional, elementary and secondary school rates are all up substantially.

Mayor Malcolm credits council's careful war on the purse strings and a \$54,000 surplus last year as a major reason for the municipal reduction in taxes - a reduction that brings the overall tax increase down two percentage points, from 18 percent to 16 percent.

The mayor explained that while they have managed to hold the line on spending, Scugog's assessment has increased. When asked what the average taxpayer would be facing, he said, "My taxes will go up about \$180, while others might only go up \$20 or \$30."



Per Hvidsten, owner of the Port Perry Star resigned after a 50 year career in the publishing and printing business. His son Peter took over as publisher in January 1976.



Grant Menzies Motors opened, in November 1976, at the corner of 7A at Lilla Street. The site was formerly occupied by Brian's Towing. Mr. Menzies is the authorized dealer for American Motors and Jeep, British Leyland and serves XL gasoline.



A lot has changed since this aerial photograph was taken during the Port Perry Fair in September 1976. Still to be constructed are: (A) Canterbury Common subdivision; (B) Cawker's Creek subdivision; (C) Central Seven Workshop; (D) Tim Horton's plaza; (E) The Emmanuel Church, and (F) The construction site for Kenny Court is well underway with excavations for basements visible.

June 1976

Paula Lishman took part in the official opening of the C.N. Tower on June 25, by helping switch on the lights that flooded the world's largest free-standing structure. Paula, 6'3" was part of a public relations plan to have the tallest free standing male and female from the Toronto area take part in the opening.

Decision on penitentiary slow

June 9, 1976

A year after the Canadian Penitentiary Service dropped a "bomb" on Scugog Twp., offering a \$10 million Reception Centre, nothing has been decided.

The centre promised to give employment to local workers, and a much needed economic boost.

Since then groups "for" and "against" the centre have been formed; council decided against the penitentiary; then rescinded that decision and voted in favour of the reception centre.

Over the months harsh words and bad feelings among friends and neighbours developed throughout Scugog Township.

Three months ago (March 1976), Scugog and Uxbridge councils met with members of the Penitentiary Services and Norman Cafik, M.P., in an effort to straighten out the situation. This resulted in a promise of location within a month.

That was two months ago.



In May 1976, fed up with continually having to replace the "stop sign" at the corner of Queen and Water St., a new sign was erected, mounted on a steel "I-Beam" imbedded in solid concrete. Roads superintendant Ron MacDonald smiled, saying, "at least this way if they hit it, they'll stick around long enough for us to talk to them".



February 1976 aerial photo of a section of downtown near Queen and Perry Street, looking north past the old Scugog Township office.



Some of the streets and a couple of buildings have been identified: 'A' - Scugog Twp. office. 'B' - Wagg Funeral Home.



The dirty, faded yellow fibreglass awning, strung across this section of town, was just being removed in August 1976 after Canadian Tire had moved to its new location in the Port Perry Plaza. Businesses along this strip at that time included Star Stationery and Office Supply, Frank Realtor, Levinson's Dry Goods and Crest Hardware. Hank's Pastries had already moved across the street.



Large plate glass windows allowed easy window shopping at McDermott-Panabaker's furniture showroom at the corner of Queen and Perry St. in 1976. This section of the Wagg Funeral Home building has now been bricked. The showroom was added in October 1960.

Three women hired for Caesarea fire department

July 1976

In an unanimous vote by Scugog Council, three women were accepted along with three male applicants as members of the Scugog Township Fire Department, overcoming what the women described as "sex discrimination" by Fire Chief Scott.

With a threat of "mass resignations" if women were allowed to join the department, Councillor Reg Rose exclaimed that "council is damned if they do, and damned if they don't," since the Caesarea women have threatened legal action of "discriminatory" practices if they are allowed to continue.

April 1976

The Big Brothers Association of Scugog, headed by Dr. John Stewart, announced the committee is now ready to begin accepting applications from boys and volunteers.

Port Perry Villa opens retirement home

New concept in seniors' housing

June 23, 1976

A new concept in accommodation for senior citizens has been made available in the community, with the opening of Port Perry Villa, a 30 unit retirement home that will allow seniors privacy, independence, freedom of movement, yet provide them with a level of limited care.

A "housemother" will live on the premises to provide "the assistance that often comes between total independence, or complete dependence on others.

The facility is located at the site of the new Community Nursing Home on Lilla Street. In fact, the building was the nursing home until a year ago, when residents moved to the brand new home.

A government built munitions factory during the last war, the building was brought to Port Perry after the war to serve as Port Perry's first hospital.

You would be hard-pressed to see its drab but functional past now. Only the shell was left when workmen rebuilt the facility into the carpeted, well-lit and spacious living quarters.

The \$150,000 renovation included new plumbing and wiring. Only the walls, floors and ceilings are left from before. Everything else is new.

The Villa is separate from the nearby nursing home and serves a totally different purpose. It will provide meals, including special diets, laundry and housekeeping, but other than that the residents are completely free to do and go as they want.

The layout is such that each resident will have his or her private room with washroom. Large and small living rooms, dining room, game room, lounges will give ample opportunities for socialization.

All dietary requirements will be met by a qualified dietician and her staff, and attendants will be on duty around the clock to assure the comfort and security of the residents.

Port Perry Villa was the first of this type of seniors facility opened in Durham Region.



Large dining area where meals are served to residents.



Comfortable lounge for residents to visit or entertain.



Brightly lit hallway leads to the 30 individual rooms.

Lilla Street widening project



Attractive tree-lined Lilla Street.

“This is total insanity – we have not learned a damn thing from the examples of Detroit”

June 2, 1976

Lilla Street residents woke to the roar of the chain saw last week as work crews sliced through tree after tree, undoing in a matter of minutes what nature took over a century to accomplish.

Durham Region’s \$890,000 street-widening has begun and most residents are taking it with a kind of shock, blunted only by the months of battle they’ve given the Region over the project.

About 40 trees that have made Lilla Street one of the most attractive in the community, will be removed in a project which area residents claim will create a three-lane drag strip through the community and split the community east and west.

Concerned citizens held some hope in that Scugog Township council asked Durham Region to consider two lanes and a reversed paved shoulder. Regrettably the Region decided against accepting the recommendation.

Either accept the three-lanes, or face the possibility of losing the improvement project altogether, local council was told. According to council, road and drainage improvements along Lilla Street were badly needed.

Workmen at the site report little, if any, trouble from local residents despite the heated debate over the project.

Home owners along the street were seen last week staring sullenly at their new landscape. “It’s totally insanity,” said one resident. We have not learned a damn thing from the examples of Detroit.”

*Note:
Lilla Street was changed to Simcoe Street.*



Work crews cut down more than 40 trees to widen street to three lanes.



North end of Lilla Street, while under construction during summer of 1976.





In June 1976 the Liquor Control Board operated their alcohol dispensing business from this store on the corner of Queen and Perry Street. Beside the LCBO is Hank's Pastries Coffee Shop, and the former Bruton's IDA Drug Store.

Candidates by the dozens vie for municipal office

November 17, 1976

There will be a hot time in the township for the 1976 municipal elections.

By the time the last candidate declared on Monday, 25 names were on the list, trying for the seven council and two education seats.

Ward 4 (Cartwright) Drew the largest number of competitors with four challengers - William Ringham, John Wolters, John Goss and Neil Malcolm.

There are four candidates for the Area Councillor seat as well. They are Howard Hall, Vernon Asselstine, Joe Podres and Neil Hunter.

Ward 3 (Scugog Island) has two contesting the seat, incumbent Jerry Taylor and Cliff Redman.

Ward 2 (Port Perry) has Paul Arculus and Richard Drew facing off.

In Ward 1, Don Crosier, Frank Harris and Cliff Robb will attempt to fill the Reach seat.

There are three potential running for the Regional Councillor seat. Councillor Reg Rose, Arthur Catton and possibly Neil Hunter.

For Mayor, Jerry Jackman will take on incumbent Mayor Lawrence Malcolm.

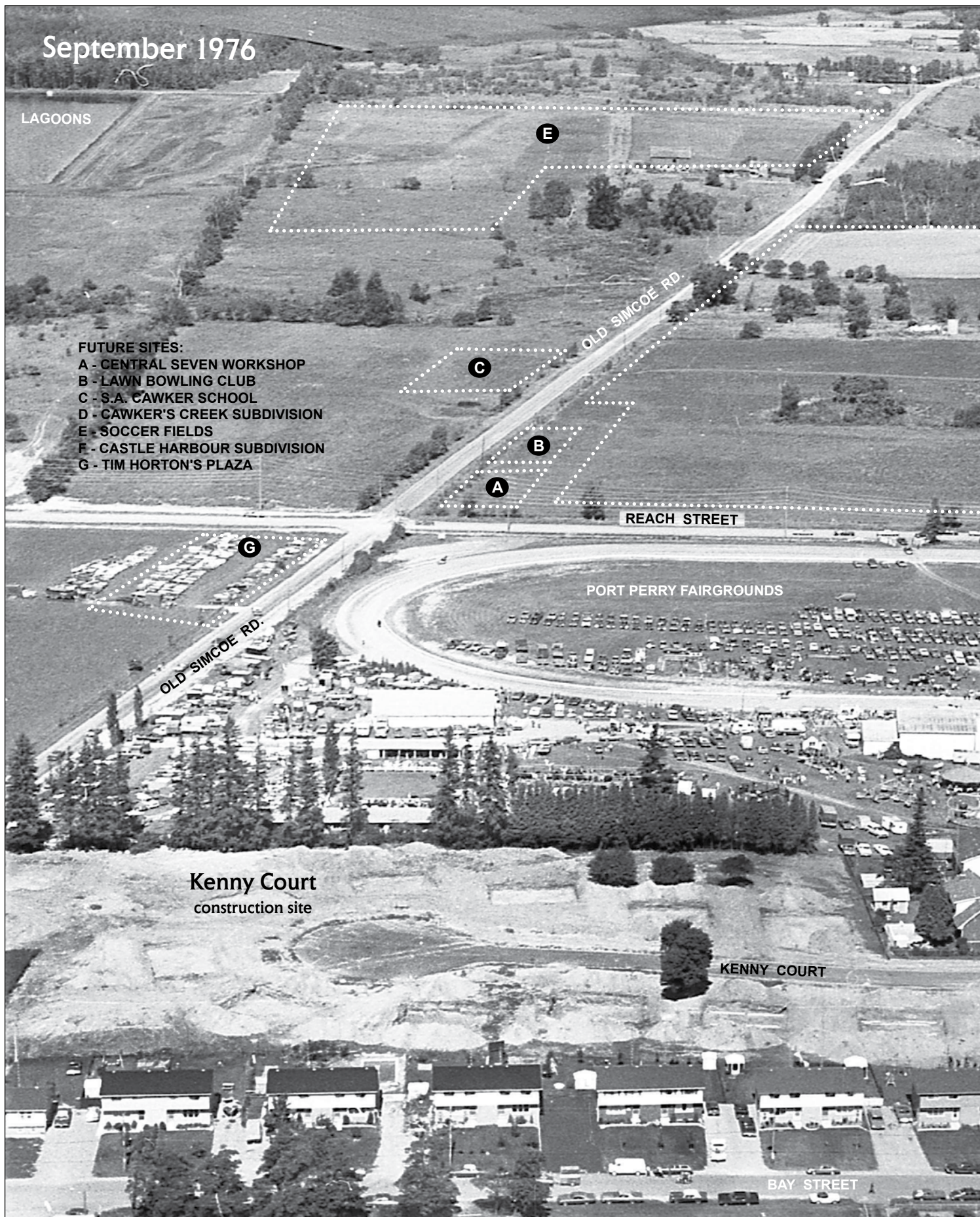


The Bank of Commerce, Eleanor's Flowers, Middleton Meats and Emiel's Place were the businesses along this stretch of Queen St. in March 1976.

November 1976

Vanedwards Investments were given the 'green light' for their Westport subdivison, with approval to an extension of piped water to the site. The subdivision, located just off Old Simcoe Rd., south of Hwy. 7A, was first approved by Reach Township council in June 1970.

September 1976



LAGOONS

FUTURE SITES:

- A - CENTRAL SEVEN WORKSHOP
- B - LAWN BOWLING CLUB
- C - S.A. CAWKER SCHOOL
- D - CAWKER'S CREEK SUBDIVISION
- E - SOCCER FIELDS
- F - CASTLE HARBOUR SUBDIVISION
- G - TIM HORTON'S PLAZA

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A

G

REACH STREET

PORT PERRY FAIRGROUNDS

OLD SIMCOE RD.

Kenny Court
construction site

Kenny Court

BAY STREET





Except for the names of the businesses located along Queen Street in the summer 1976, downtown Port Perry looks very similar to the way it looks today. Absent from this picture is the Chinese food restaurant, George Stone Real Estate and the Royal Bank, which is now located on the south side of the street.



This BP service station had yet to become known simply as "Flieler's" when this picture was taken in July 1976. Owner Paul Flieler had recently taken over the business located on Lilla Street (Simcoe), at the north end of Port Perry.

Sue brings home a "world judo title"



Sue Gribben

November 3, 1976

Sue Gribben, a 16 year-old Port Perry High School student recently returned from London, England where she captured the "World Title" in judo competition in her category. Quite an accomplishment when it meant a no-loss situation in 15 fights on a single day.

Twenty-three countries were represented in the competition, and with the latest win, Sue now has her eyes focused on going to the Olympics.



Lawrence Malcolm gets a peck on the cheek from his wife Gwen following his victory for Scugog Mayor in the 1976 municipal election.

1976 election returns Malcolm as mayor

December 8, 1976

One of the most exciting elections in many years returned Mayor Lawrence Malcolm and three councillors, Reg Rose, Vernon Asselstine and Jerry Taylor to their council seats for the coming year.

Close to 200 people jammed the municipal office to watch the returns in the hotly contested election, as they were tabulated on a large board in front of spectators in the council chambers

Twenty-five candidates registered for the seven council and two education board seats by the time nominations closed, the largest number of contenders in recent memory.

Vying for election were the following: Mayor - Lawrence Malcolm, Jerry Jackman; Area Councillor - Howard Hall, Vernon Asselstine, Joe Podres; Ward 1 - Cliff Robb, Frank Harris, Don Crosier; Ward 2 - Richard Drew, Paul Arculus; Ward 3 - Jerry Taylor, Cliff Redman; and Ward 4 - Neil McLaughlin, Bill Ringham, John Goss and John Wolters.

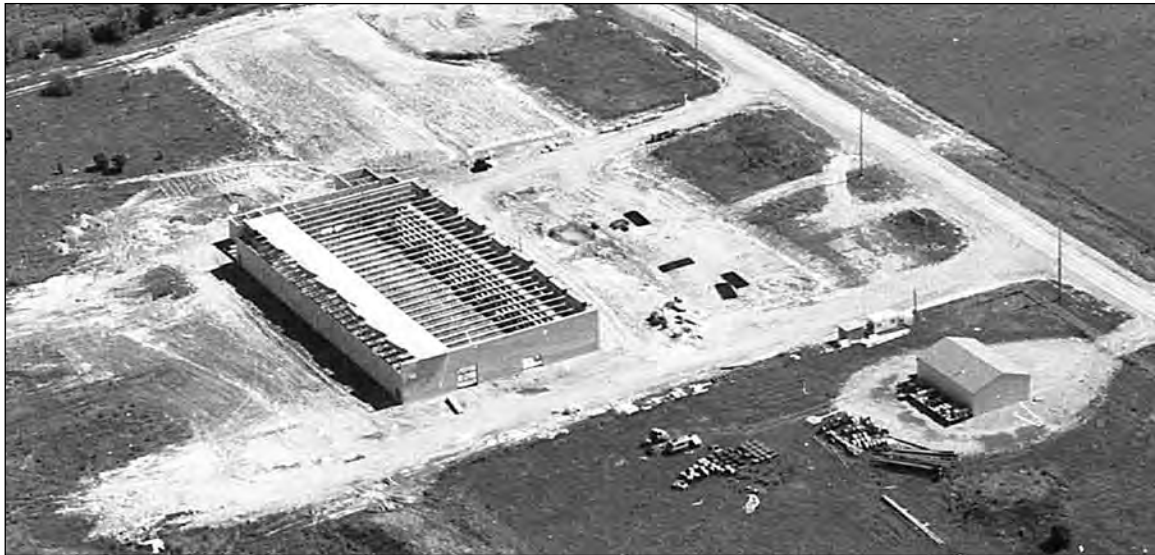
In the fight for mayor, Jerry Jackman was defeated by Lawrence Malcolm by 311 votes. The three new faces on council will be Richard Drew (Ward 2), Don Crosier (Ward 1) and Neil McLaughlin (Ward 4).

October 1976

Howard Hall was selected the Scugog's first "Citizen of the Year" for his work as chairman of both the Community Memorial Hospital and also the New Scugog Arena Board.



Officers from Whitby O.P.P. blocked traffic on 7A Highway, at the east end of the causeway after a Travelways Bus Lines received a bomb threat to one of their buses in August 1976. Traffic was backed up for over two hours, while members of the Toronto bomb squad searched the interior and compartments of the bus. When it was determined there was no bomb, the bus continued on to Lindsay.



An aerial view of the new arena shows the arena property and work on the roof underway in early September 1976.



Work on the new Scugog Community Memorial Arena was well underway with the block wall being laid in August 1976.

Scugog's new arena rises from an empty lot just west of town

It took more than 2 1/2 years from the time the Scugog community decided a new arena was needed, before it was officially opened to the public.

A committee headed by Howard Hall was appointed in June 1974 to investigate locations and cost to construct a new facility and the final go-ahead for a single-pad facility, was given in October 1974.

Scugog's new arena became a reality with the opening of the doors on January 3rd, 1977.



The new Scugog Community Arena was nearing the final stages of construction by October 1976.

1977



The new Scugog Memorial Arena prior to opening, and below, during the opening ceremonies.

Scugog's new arena opens and it's a beauty!

January 5, 1977

On Monday, January 3, 1977 a dream became a reality with the opening of the new Scugog Community Memorial Centre and the subsequent doubling of ice time available to users.

Large crowds of people took advantage of the free public skating on Friday evening, and more than 400 took part in the Skate-a-thon Saturday and Sunday.

It was two years ago that a committee was appointed by the Arena Board to report to council on the need for a new arena to meet the area's growing demand.

Mayor Lawrence Malcolm greeted the residents who filled the stands while dignitaries lined-up on the ice surface for a brief ceremony.

Howard Hall, who headed up the committee to build a new arena for the community, ceremoniously handed over the keys to arena board chairman Stan Glass. Mayor Malcolm presented Mr. Glass with a Canadian flag.

Following the official opening, the Port Perry Flamingo's Jr. "C" team completed the weekend's official opening ceremonies with a 4-2 victory against Lindsay.



Local ambulance service ready to deal with any emergency

March 14, 1977

Brignall's Ambulance Service recently moved into its new headquarters, south of Manchester.

Brignall's have provided service to the area for about 25 years and is one of 80 privately-operated ambulance services funded by provincial health authorities.

It covers an area of about 300 miles, possible only because of a province-wide mutual aid scheme that provides for stand-by service.

The number of calls answered by the service is growing rapidly. In fact, according to Charles Brignall, the number of calls every year have just about doubled. Last year the service responded to more than 800 calls.



Brignall's Ambulance vehicle in front of the Manchester headquarters.

Chimo youth centre opposition causes withdrawal of application

March 14, 1977

Scugog Township council passed a bylaw approving the rezoning of the "Murray House" property, across from the IGA, to accommodate a Chimo Youth Services home, for up to six emotionally disturbed youth.

But the approval came with ominous warnings from many of those opposed.

Councillor Neil McLaughlin commented that he wanted nothing to do with such an establishment. He

agreed with a ratepayer who suggested one rotten apple can spoil the entire barrel. "We don't need it here," he said.

Councillor Richard Drew said he opposed the motion because he felt the downtown location wasn't suitable. "I'm not against it," he said, "I just think they could find a more suitable spot."

About one month later Chimo Youth Services withdrew its application for the home for disturbed youth, due to opposition from the community.



After more than 30 years in business, operating a Ford-Mercury dealership in Port Perry, Murray Williams and his son John sold the business on May 2nd to Colin Ball.



Rolly McClean, attending a 'Cabaret' at Town Hall 1873 in April 1977, enjoyed being attended to by pretty Lisa Barry, one of the 'Cabaret' girls serving refreshments to the patrons.

Recreation committee threatens mass resignation

June 29, 1977

Under threat of mass resignation from the Scugog Recreation Committee, council agreed to study a restructuring of the committee, giving it broader responsibilities.

Committee chairman Bill Ringham told council that the organization at present has little purpose for remaining in existence, stating that duties such as hiring life-guards at Birdseye pool, and staff for summer playground, could be handled by council itself.

Chuck Preston, a member of the committee, said some members of the nine-man committee have already resigned out of frustration.

Council expressed some reservations about a plan set out by the committee, saying, "we must move carefully, not to solve one big problem by creating two smaller ones."

The committee agreed to withhold the mass resignation until council could explore the matter further, but stated that "drastic action" is needed.



A rink of Port Perry High School students capped an exciting season, winning the All-Ontario Curling Championship in the Federation of Secondary School Athletic Association competitions held in Barrie, Ontario. Members of the team are, front left, Alison McNab, second; Lee Howsam, skip and Vicky Fairman, lead. Back left is coach Reg Phillip and Elaine Elliott, vice-skip.

New tenants in old block

After being vacant and run down for the past year and a half, the old Emmerson Block is getting new tenants. Kendall's Shoe Tree and Country Classics are opened in the block in May 1977.

Big Brother bed race

The Scugog Big Brothers held their first bed race in May 1977, with more than 30 teams taking part, racing the length of Queen St. A crowd estimated at more than 2,000 lined the street to take in the event.

June 1977

Council was not happy with tenders for repairs to the old arena. The lowest bid was more than \$31,000 – about double their engineer's estimate. Councillor Rose suggested, "If there is not enough money coming in, then it might warrant tearing the old building down."



The "Scu-Der" bed race team members, from left, Keith Puckrin, Ralph Fairman, Morley Bruce, Bob Howsam, Guy Latreille, Howard Forder and Roy Robertson.



Don Forder Insurance Agency opened a temporary office, in May 1977, at the corner of Water Street and 7A Hwy. until Mr. Forder's new offices at 20 Water Street is ready. The business later merged with Taylor Insurance to become Taylor-Forder Insurance.



The official opening of the new Royal Bank took place in July 1977. Staff members welcoming guests to an open house are, from left, Joanne Blanchard, Diny DeJong, Bill English branch manager, and Twyla Lovering.

Power boat racing

Power boat racing, featuring some of the best drivers from Ontario, New York and Michigan took place on Lake Scugog. In August 1977, thousands of people lined the street and lake to see the powerful machines, many which reached speeds of close to 100 mph on the straightaways.

Apartment building

Work got underway on a 60 unit apartment building in Port Perry in September 1977.

The L-shaped building, being constructed by Carlan Homes, is a \$1.7 million project at the corner of Regional Rd. 8 (Reach Rd.) with the entrance facing onto Bigelow St.

Sewage runs to marina

In December 1977, a break in the main sewer line in front of the pumping station on Water Street resulted in liquid sewage running down the slope, through the Port Perry Marina and into Lake Scugog. At one point it was four inches deep in the machine shop and it caused the building to come off its supports on the lake side.



Harry Imperial, left, and his partner Jerry Stone of Mini Theatres Ltd. have opened a movie theatre in Port Perry. This is the first theatre in about 20 years. The Mini-Cine theatre has a capacity of 150 seats and is located at the rear of the Royal Bank building, with an entrance off Perry Street. The grand opening was on July 15, 1977.

November 1976

Tony Ceasaroni unveiled his plans for a \$250,000 commercial plaza at Reach Rd., and Old Simcoe Rd. The building will have eight 2,500 sq. ft. units for lease when completed



Construction of houses in Apple Valley subdivision were well underway in July 1977, with the first occupants expected to be able to move in during August. Phase One calls for 14 single units. Altogether 80 homes will be built in three phases over the next three years.



The old Sebert House, right, is no longer part of the downtown streetscape, and feed trucks don't rumble up to the old grain elevator, but other than that, and numerous tenant changes, the Port Perry of today looks much like it did back in the summer of 1977.



Emmerson Insurance was celebrating its 60th year of service to the community in September 1977. Back left, George Emmerson, Coleen Smith, Jack Dowson, Larry Emmerson. Front left, Louanne Brown, Linda Morrow, Jennifer Sweetman and Isabelle Vernon.

Port Perry Beverages closes plant after 60 years in business

July 27, 1977

One of Port Perry's oldest businesses ceased operation July 8, putting six employees out of work.

Hobbs Beverages, formerly Port Perry Beverages, stopped the soft drink bottling production and put its assets up for sale. Mr. Keith Hobbs said it was unlikely that a buyer for the complete plant would be found, so it will be sold off in "bits and pieces".

He cited rising operating expenses and a sluggish economy as part of the reason for the closing, but also felt that "the day of the small bottler may be over".

The Port Perry plant was the smallest of four bottlers of "Crush" products competing in the area, and their contract had been terminated.

The bottling plant on Perry St. had been in operation for more than 60 years. It was operated by the Goode family until January 1975, when Hobbs Beverages purchased the plant.



Spectators and boats crowd the launching area along Queen Street in August 1977, where race boats were on display during the Canadian Boating Federation power boat races on Lake Scugog. Perfect weather allowed for an excellent day of racing.

Youths break into Prince Albert school, vandalize rooms, supplies

August 4, 1977

Vandals caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to classrooms, supplies, and furniture at Prince Albert Public School. Most of the damage was in the main hallway, library and washrooms.

In the library, shelves and filing cabinets had been upturned, books, papers, desk drawers and chairs were strewn on the floor, fluorescent light had been ripped from the fixtures and shades smashed.

There was extensive damage to two classrooms. In one, bottles of paint had been opened and splattered on the floor, blackboards and walls. Almost every desk was damaged with green paint.

Police suspected three juveniles were responsible for the damage.



Dr. Dr. Matthew B. Dymond and his wife Jeanne were elected to be honorary co-chairs of the Central Seven Association's fundraising campaign.

November 1977

The Nonquon Environmental Education Area, north of town, was officially opened with Board of Education chairman Yvonne Christie cutting the ribbon. The area has 87 acres of bush and marshland and will be used to educate Durham students on the environment.

Council, Scugog Chamber of Commerce make plans for Queen Street revitalization

November 16, 1977

Council met with members of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce steering committee and agreed to pay half of the costs of a preliminary report, to spell out what downtown Port Perry needs and how it should be done.

Council agreed to help pay for the report up to a maximum of \$1,500, with the balance to be paid by the Chamber of Commerce.

However there was some opposition to the plan. Councillor Vern Asselstine said he could not support the request for money. "We are not just Port Perry," he said. "We are all of Scugog Township".

Mayor Malcolm voiced similar sentiments saying he could not agree with the idea of taking taxpayer money to prepare a proposal that the Chamber of Commerce will use to try and convince the merchants that some restoration work is necessary.

But the motion carried easily, with only Councillor Asselstine voting against the request for money.



Work crews finished off the final topping of asphalt on the contentious Lilla Street widening project, paving from Hwy. 7A to the north limits of town. They are seen here doing a section near the intersection with Kent Street.

Closed circuit cameras were installed at the two Port Perry Beckers stores in October 1977, due to a rash of robberies. But even that didn't deter the thieves.

Two weeks later, wearing bags over their heads, two men entered the Queen St. Beckers Store, and at knife point, demanded money from the cashier.

1978



Plaza on Hwy 7A, at the Water St. intersection with Becker's Milk, Subby's Submarine and Ive's Florist.



Barbershop and Becker's Jug Milk store on Queen Street in 1978.

Township workers to join CUPE

January 4, 1978

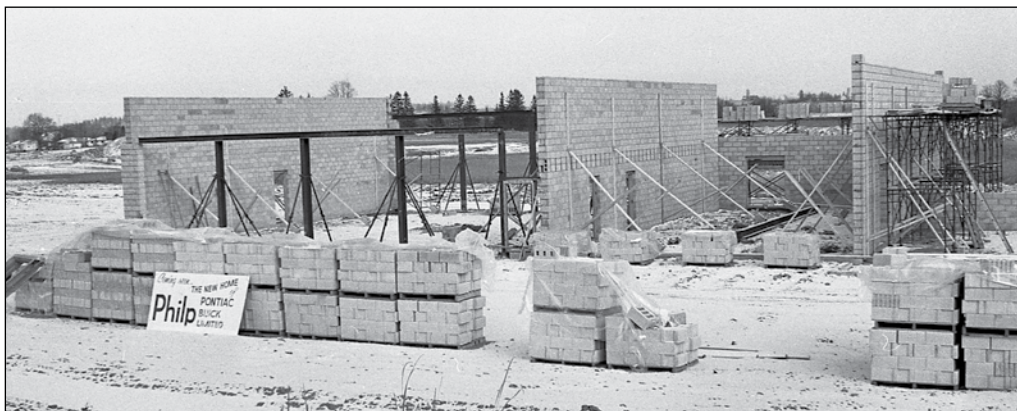
Scugog Township outside workers voted in favour of joining the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and a representative of the union will apply for certification on behalf of the workers in Toronto.

The decision to join CUPE was made at a meeting attended by 12 of the 16 employees, with those present voting unanimously in favour.

At a meeting of council on December 28, the hourly rated employees were granted a 45 cent per hour increase. This represented an increase of 8.2 percent for employees at the top of the wage scale and 12 percent for those on the low end of the scale.

January 1978

On orders from the LCBO head office, the local outlet will be closed on Wednesdays. The move is part of a province-wide plan to cut operating costs at more than 100 Ontario stores.



Work on the new home for Philp Pontiac-Buick was well underway in January 1978.



Violent storm strands hundreds in Scugog

February 1, 1978

It came up suddenly and with little warning. By noon on Thursday, January 25, Scugog Township was in the grip of the most violent winter storm in living memory. Before it was over, the vicious winds and driving snow had caused death, injury, massive property damage, power failure and a huge traffic jam.

A 64 year old woman lost her life when struck by a tractor trailer. She was standing by the side of the road in white-out conditions at the time.

An accident in front of the Oddfellows Hall created a massive traffic jam on the Oshawa Rd., stranding motorists inside their cars. Many waited for hours before being rescued by snowmobiles, while others made their way on foot to the Oddfellows Hall for shelter.

As many as 400 cars were abandoned between Port Perry and the Ridges, more than 200 of these between the Prince Albert Rd. and the Oddfellows Hall.

Many homes and businesses opened their doors to the stranded motorists to provide shelter. Homeowners on Scugog Island were without power for more than 20 hours and telephone service was also affected.

By Friday morning the Township was faced with the task of digging out. While the major roads were slowly opened, there were hundreds of cars still abandoned along the roadside until late Friday afternoon.





Artist's conceptions of downtown Port Perry.

Merchants approve initial steps to form BIA

February 8, 1978

More than 100 merchants, business people and local politicians jammed into the Port Tavern on Water St. and voted almost unanimously to set the wheels in motion for a BIA in this community.

It was the annual meeting of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and they came to hear an outline of the BIA concept from Dan Nixey, of Anthrogram Planning, a consulting firm, engaged by the Chamber to do preparatory work towards the formation of a BIA.

Mr. Nixey unveiled artist's conceptions of some of the improvements which could be made to Queen Street. These include widening sidewalks, shrubbery, benches, special street lighting and standardized store front signs.

Suggestions were also

made for the refurbishing of the rear of stores and shops to make it more attractive to shoppers. An illustration, showing the back of

Brock's store was one of the artist's concepts of what could be achieved with the cooperation of the merchants.





Five original paintings of Scugog Shores Museum buildings were presented to Lake Scugog Historical Society in May 1978 by talented local artist, Leslie A. Parks. Museum president Helen Redman is seen here accepting the paintings.



The yellow pickerel season opened May 12, 1978 for Lake Scugog and fishermen reported a "hot opening day". Chuck Willes, left and Brian Bray caught this string of pickerel in the morning and landed a few more later that same afternoon.

April 1978

Chamber of Commerce director Howard Hall suggests the directors should resign en-masse, as they do not appear to represent the voice of the majority of downtown merchants.

Land purchased for workshop

March 29, 1978

Central Seven Association announced the purchase of a 1.2 acre parcel of land on the north-east corner of Simcoe St. (Old Simcoe Rd.) and Regional Road 8 (Reach St.) from Ceasaroni Holdings Ltd.

Plans call for a 4,000 sq. ft. building to accommodate 25 trainable mentally challenged adults living in the northern townships of Durham Region.

The organization has been planning for this type of facility for five years, working closely with the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Petition kills downtown BIA proposal

MAY 10, 1978

The business owners of downtown Port Perry turned down the formation of a (BIA) Business Improvement Area.

A petition signed by 30 business people within the designated area was received by Scugog council, asking that the municipality not go ahead with the BIA bylaw. Only 22 signatures, one third of the 66 businesses in the effected area, or one-third of the total business assessment, were needed to stop the formation.

The fact that the BIA was turned down by the business owners means that the concept is dead for two years – the waiting period before another request could be made.



Durham Region installed Port Perry's second set of fully activated traffic signals at the intersection of Lilla and Queen St. in April 1978. The traffic light became necessary due to increased traffic on the street, after it was widened to three lanes a year earlier.



The Sebert House was once described as a modern luxurious hotel, equipped with a large dining room, bar room and 25 bedrooms. When this photo was taken in 1978, Durham TV Service and Kellett Variety were its commercial tenants, with apartments in the upper floors. The old hotel, which was located at the corner of Water and Queen St., was purchased by the Canadian Bank of Commerce and later demolished to make room for a proposed new bank building. The original design, right, was later changed, removing the second storey.



Flamingos junior team requires a new name

June 7, 1978, 1978

The Port Perry Flamingos, Junior C hockey club will have a change of colours and a new name before the next season.

Flamingo Pastries owner Ken Jackson, who has sponsored the team for the past six seasons, recently sold his business, but wanted to continue sponsoring the local junior team.

In June, he announced a contest to come up with a new name for the team, which he will now sponsor through Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens.

Charlie Bourgeois, president of the Port Perry Jr. C Club, left, accepts a sponsorship cheque from Mr. Jackson for the 1978-79 season.

Waterfront property sold to Port Perry businessman

June 21, 1978

Just two weeks after Scugog Township council turned down an offer to purchase the lakefront property of Lake Scugog Lumber, it was sold to local businessman Ken Jackson.

The township was offered the property on several occasions at a price between \$140,000 and \$150,000, but they decided not to make the purchase.

Mr. Jackson said he has no immediate plans for the land, but when he takes possession next spring he will tear down the old mill building and boathouse and sod the entire area down to the water.

He said the property's zoning allows for many things. He suggested a motel, restaurant or marina as some of the possibilities. But Mr. Jackson feels personally the township should have bought the property, feeling it is an important part of the overall plan for the lakefront.

Mr. Griffen was happy that a local businessman saw fit to purchase the property, but felt strongly that it should belong to Scugog, not an outside developer.



Lake Scugog Lumber owner Ted Griffen, left, is seen here with Ken Jackson following Mr. Jackson's purchase of the local lumber company's lakefront property in July 1978.



Building superintendents, Dennis and Cheryl Romeril, are seen standing in front of the entrance of the new 60 suite Carlan Apartment building, which officially opened in June 1978.



Winning entries in the annual Big Brother's Association bed races during June 1978. From left, the Nursing Home Pacemakers, most valiant effort; the Aztecs, 1978 Champions; Port Perry IGA, consolation winners; Scugog No.1 Fire Department, most unique.

Young legs win 1978 bed races in Port Perry

May 25, 1978

Twenty teams pushed their beds up and down Queen St. during the 2nd Annual Big Brother's Association Bed Races.

Race organizers were thrilled with the number of entries and the large crowds which lined both sides of Queen St. for the exciting and humorous heats.

As the afternoon wore on, it became apparent the "young legs" were holding up best under the strain. The Aztecs Ball Hockey team captured first place. Team members are Paul Beare, Terry Henderson, Rob Kroonenberg, Al Faux and Jay Neill.

A close second was Port Perry IGA with their team of Rob Cook, Willy McQuade, Vic Walker, Bob Parker and Leo Donnelly.



Officials keep an eye on the races from a booth atop the Oshawa Radio station mobile.



Seniors apartment get the green light

July 5, 1978

After four weeks of uncertainty, the last objections to a senior citizens apartment building, at the north end of Cochrane St., were dropped, giving the green light for an Ontario Housing Corporation planned project.

With the Ontario Housing Corporations deadline of July 14 looming, Scugog was about to request the Ontario Municipal Board to approve the project, when word came that the final objections had been withdrawn. There had originally been 17 formal objections to the project.

Ontario Housing is planning to build a 38 unit, rent-geared-to-income building, on a one acre parcel of land between Cochrane and Rosa Street.

Vandals strike R.H. Cornish school

October 11, 1978

Vandals struck R. H. Cornish Public School early Saturday morning and left behind a trail of damage estimated by police at \$2,000. Twenty classrooms were ransacked during the vandalism spree.

Entry was gained shortly after midnight by smashing a window at the rear of the school. Desks were ransacked and overturned in about 20 classrooms, ink wells smashed against walls and obscenities smeared on the walls .



A large crane pours tons of concrete into a form which became the 18" walls of a vault for the Bank of Montreal being built in the Port Perry Plaza in April 1978.



Don Harper, right, announced the purchase of Sweetman's Taxi effective July 1978. The Sweetman's had operated Port Perry's taxi service for 30 years. With Don are, far left, Peter Sweetman and taxi driver Wayne Cox.

September 1978

Port Perry hairstylist Richard Drew was named the 1978 Citizen of the Year by residents of the township. Mr. Drew is the past president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of Scugog Township council.

Christian Reformed Church holds first service

July 19, 1978

A group of about 500 people crowded the United Church in Port Perry on Sunday, July 16 to celebrate the inaugural service of the first Christian Reformed Church of Port Perry.

Rev. Fred F. Bakker of the Hebron Christian Reformed Church, Whitby delivered the ceremonial service.

Well wishers and guests included Mayor Lawrence Malcolm and ministers and representatives of neighbouring churches.

June 1978

Hospital staff got their first look at a new emergency evacuation service when an air ambulance made a trial run from Toronto to Port Perry.



Port Perry Legion, Branch 419 Charter Members at the 32nd Anniversary were: Front left, Gord Carnegie, John Sweetman and Bob Carnegie. Back left, Walter Sheridan, Grant McDermott and Allan Carter.

Taylor defeats Malcolm to become Scugog mayor

November 15, 1978

Jerry Taylor is the new mayor of Scugog Township.

The councillor from Ward 3 scored what has to be considered an upset victory knocking off Lawrence Malcolm by 237 votes.

The race was an extremely close one and the issue remained in doubt right down to the final half dozen polls. Mr. Taylor received 2,491 votes to 2,254 for Mr. Malcolm.

Block Parents formed

November 29, 1978

A "Block Parents" organization has been established in Port Perry and applications to become a Block Parent are now being accepted.

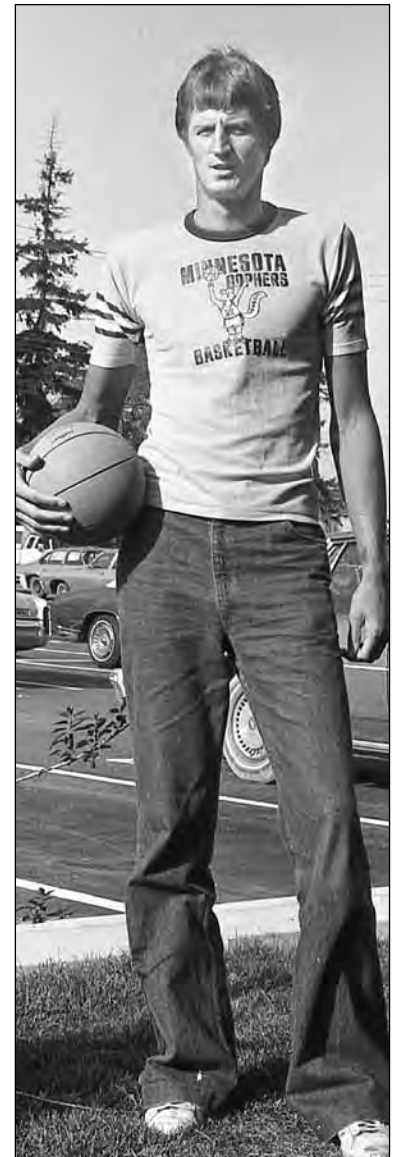
Sharon Dejeet, area representative is hoping to attract 175 parents to sign up for the child safety program.



Branch 419, Royal Canadian Legion, Port Perry celebrated its 32nd Anniversary at the Legion Hall in August 1978. About 150 members and guests were present for a dinner and dance, including nine past presidents who got together for the above picture. Front left, Jim Norton, Reg Moorehead, John Sweetman and John Maw. Back left, Jack Lee, Jack Cook, John Christie, Frank Smith and Ed Mulholland.



Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor accepted the chain of office at a swearing in ceremony on December 4, 1978. To the mayor's right is regional councillor Reg Rose, and on his left, area councillor Jerry Jackman. Back left are, councillors John Williams (Ward 3), John Wolters (Ward 4), Richard Drew (Ward 2) and Don Crosier (Ward 1).



Jim Zoet, Port Perry High School's 7'1" basketball star, signed to play with the Dutch city of Rotterdam.

Controversy after Beath breaks tie vote

December 13, 1978

In an unprecedented move, incumbent Durham Region chairman Walter Beath broke a tie vote to win another two-year term to the top political position in the region.

Mr. Beath voted for himself, breaking a 15-15 deadlock among the 30 members of Regional council. Defeated challenger Allan Pilkey said immediately that he would ask for a court ruling on whether an incumbent chairman is entitled to vote in an election to choose a chairman. Premier William Davis has been asked to make a ruling.

Bruce McArthur, an Oshawa city councillor, called the move a "mockery and miscarriage of justice".

Moments after Mr. Beath broke the tie, he took the oath of office for a new term from Judge Joseph Kelly.



Construction was well underway on the Central Seven workshop for mentally handicapped adults in December 1978.

1979



Durham Regional Police Force took over duties in Scugog Township December 31, 1978, with the opening of a new police office in Port Perry. Attending the opening are, from left, Durham Police Chief Jon Jenkins, Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor, Bill Low and Tom Jermyn of the Durham Police Commission and Durham Regional Chairman Walter Beath.



A meeting was held in March 1979 to determine the future of the century-old Manchester Hall. Council agreed to allow an elected board of directors taking over operation of the building. The Manchester Hall was the former location for meetings of Reach council.



Trucks dumped more than 500 cubic yards of sand on the ice at Port Perry's waterfront in February 1979. The sand would become the base for the new Kinsmen Beach and swimming area after the ice melts and the sand settles to the bottom. The beach is a project of the Port Perry Kinsmen Club.

January 1979

Effective January 1, 1979 the legal drinking age in Ontario was raised from 18 years of age to 19.

Snowmobilers raise a record \$20,000

February 14, 1979

Nearly 300 hardy snowmobilers braved the cold for 100 chilly miles on Sunday and crippled children came out the big winners.

Port Perry Snowarama organizer John Davies says that more than \$20,000 was raised through pledges, almost double the amount from a year earlier.

The ride attracted considerably more participants than last year and even attracting MPP George Ash, Ajax Mayor Clarke Mason and Uxbridge Mayor Gary Herrema.

The riders started leaving the Latcham Centre at 8 a.m. which took them on a wide arc around the north end of Lake Scugog, south through Cartwright and Manvers and back to Port Perry.

January 1978

For the second time in as many months, Scugog council refused to endorse proposals seeking to stop the proliferation of topless bars and restaurants in Ontario.

Frantic search for scuba diver ends in tragedy

January 17, 1979

On January 9, three scuba divers from Newmarket were hired to help salvage two cars that had gone through the ice of Lake Scugog a week earlier near Seven Mile Island.

While working on connecting a line to one of the cars, 26 year-old Glenn Payne failed to come to the surface after his life-line slipped loose.

Immediately after Payne's life-line floated to the surface, men started punching holes in the ice around the larger diving hole. As men on the surface worked desperately to chop and cut as many holes as possible, Payne's diving partner Dorman Coles went down under the ice again and again in an effort to locate his friend.

After half an hour Coles was pulled from the water, exhausted and his tank almost empty. Commercial diver Tom McCollum continued the search in the dark water, but it was too murky for a powerful searchlight to be of any use.

After hours of frantic searching, the search was called off.

The body of Glenn Payne was recovered in early April, close to the spot where he had disappeared in January.



A snowmobiler flies over a drift during the 100 mile Port Perry Snowarama. The event was held in February 1979, raising more than \$20,000 for crippled children.



Mild weather during the first two weeks of March 1979 created many flooding conditions on concession roads around Scugog Township. This picture was taken looking east along Scugog Line 9, just off Old Simcoe Rd.

June 1979

Bell Canada says that it will be 1983, at the earliest, before the company will even consider extending the toll free dialing area for subscribers in Cartwright exchange.



These ladies of the Port Perry Curling Club were the winners of the District 15 SOLCA Tankard held in Peterborough in February 1979. From back left, Donna McNamee, Jan Towns, (skip), Louise Haugen, Phyllis Geer. Front left, Kathryn Gundry, Clara Martyn (skip), Norma Kenny, Judy Latta. This is the third time Port Perry ladies have won this division.



Margaret Hofstee, centre, was crowned Queen at the Port Perry High School "At Home" in May 1979. Placing the crown is last years Queen Anna Robertson, left, and Princess Maureen Bain.

Historic Murray House becomes a quaint, cosy luncheon spot

April 4, 1979

The historic Queen St. home of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray has been sold. The Murrays purchased the house in 1935 and lived in it until August 1978, when Mrs. Murray listed it for sale.

Carol Ann Morrow and her business partner Peter Kyriakeas Kirk are the new owners. The couple met at Seneca College and joined forces with plans to open a tavern in Peter's homeland of Greece.

On their way overseas, they stopped in a quaint tea room in England. They thought the idea might work back home, so when they returned to Canada, they began looking for locations.

During a visit to Carol's mother in Port Perry, they purchased the house, known locally as the "Murray House", and adopted the name, by which it was known, for their new business.

At first, almost all of their customers were women. The first man to sample the new place was Ron Compton, who brought in a number of the men he worked with. From that time on, news of the unique dining spot spread and the business flourished.

Note: This is now the "Jester's Court" at 279 Queen St.



Carol Ann Morrow and Peter Kyriakeas Kirk are the owners of the Murray House in Port Perry. In addition to a tea room, there is a wide variety of cheeses and teas available in the renovated historic home.

Scugog council pays \$155,000 to purchase lakefront property

Wednesday, April 25, 1979

Scugog council voted unanimously, at a special budget meeting April 17, to purchase a 2.4 acre parcel of waterfront property at a cost of \$155,000 from local businessman Ken Jackson.

Ted Griffen, owner of the property, offered to sell the land to the township on two previous occasions, but the councils of the day turned down his offer. Port Perry businessman Ken Jackson, purchased the property and buildings in June 1978.

In voting to buy the land from Mr. Jackson, council passed a resolution to thank him for his "public spirited attitude." Mr. Jackson sold the land to the township for the same price that he paid almost a year earlier.

While there are no definite plans for the site, council's six year capital forecast contains a recommendation that the property would be a good site for a new municipal building, combined with a new library.



Utica Farm equipment, above, while under construction in 1978. Arnold and Gail Kerry with the building plans, opened their new showroom and facilities on March 13, 1979, just west of Port Perry in the village of Utica.





A section of the new Durham Region water tower, located on Silver St., was hoisted into place by a crane in May 1979.

Board agrees on location for library

May 2, 1979

Scugog Public Library is making plans for the construction of a new building on the lakefront property purchased two weeks ago by Scugog Township.

Library Board chairman Chuck Preston said that after speaking with council, the board passed a motion to "accept the idea in principle and will start work on a design for a new 7,500 sq. ft. building. "I'm most pleased first of all that council bought the land," he said, and added, "I can't think of a better location for a new library."

Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon opens museum

May 24, 1979

More than 1,000 people paid admission to take part in the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Scugog Shores Historical Museum.

The highlight of the festivities was a visit from Ontario's first lady, Lieutenant Governor, Mrs. Pauline McGibbon who attended with her husband to officially open the museum's weekend events.

Her Honour arrived at 1:30 p.m. and spent a leisurely afternoon wandering through the many displays and touring the main museum building, the log cabin and Greenbank house. She also chatted with people demonstrating many of the pioneers and arts and crafts.

Museum director, Bill Brock spoke briefly before introducing the Lieutenant Governor, commenting on her pioneering spirit, referring to her "first woman" accomplishments.



A large crowd, many dressed in traditional costume was on hand for the special ceremonies to officially mark the opening of the Scugog Shores Museum and 10th anniversary celebrations. Bill Brock is seen speaking to the enthusiastic crowd attending.



Ralph and Patricia Price hosted a folk art show at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa in May 1979. The show featured three rooms with hundreds of pieces from their extensive collection of folk art.

Township to have buildings removed from lakefront

May 10, 1979

Tenders for the demolition of the former Lake Scugog Lumber buildings on the township's recently purchased lakefront property were received and Charles Cotton, of RR 4, Port Perry, submitted the lowest bid of \$4,750. Council agreed unanimously to accept the bid.

A couple of members of council expressed disappointment that the Township is not able to make some money from the materials salvaged from the buildings. "I was certain there would be some value in those buildings," said councillor Don Crosier.

April 1979

Property owners in Scugog were bracing for a 10 percent hike in their taxes as council's budget showed an 18 percent increase in spending over the last year.

New subdivision is previewing models

June 12, 1979

Twelve "old masters" are on sale in Port Perry's newest residential subdivision, "Perry Glen Estates, located on the north side of Queen St. near the Brewer's Retail.

The subdivision is being built by Picture Homes Development Inc. Houses went on sale in June and so far nine homes have been sold.

The "old masters" are the names given to the 12 different models offered for sale and they include the Rubens, Matisse, Rembrandt, and Picasso. When completed, there will be 99 homes in the new subdivision.

The subdivision offers models ranging in size from 1,585 sq. ft. to 2,253 sq. ft., with prices ranging from \$71,995 to \$79,495.

So far, 32 homes are either complete or in the construction stage and three families have already taken occupancy of their new homes.

Howard Forder Ltd. is the exclusive realtor for the sale of homes in the new subdivision.





This old bridge crossing the Nonquon River, north of Port Perry on Simcoe St., was slated for demolition and replacement during the summer of 1979, along with a second bridge east of North Nestleton. Scugog Township roads superintendent Ron MacDonald estimated the cost of demolition and replacement of the two structures would be about \$160,000. Both bridges will be widened from the present 12 foot width to 28 feet. The winning tender for the bridges came in at \$168,000.

September 1979

One of Port Perry's most popular medical practitioners, Dr. S. Russell Martin, 41, of Port Perry was killed in a tragic head-on collision west of Utica on September 23, 1979.

Pop bottles removed from local stores

July 11, 1979

A nation-wide controversy over "exploding" 1.5 litre of bottles of pop made its way to Scugog Township.

Port Perry retailers announced that 1.5 litre bottles of Pepsi, 7-Up and Canada Dry with the so-called "torpedo shape" have been removed from store shelves on a voluntary basis.

Reports are that about 50 people across Canada have reported to authorities that they have suffered injury from flying glass.

Earl S. Cuddie is Scugog's clerk-administrator

August 8, 1979

Earl S. Cuddie, Scugog Township's new clerk-administrator started work with the municipality on August 7, 1979.

Mr. Cuddie, who has almost 20 years of municipal experience was hired by council last month for the newly created position which carries with it an annual salary of \$24,000.

Mr. Cuddie will assume control over the operation of the treasury, clerk and building departments and handle planning matters at the local level.

Since 1971 he has been clerk-administrator for the Village of Lakefield, Ontario.



Earl S. Cuddie, Clerk-Administrator

Mayor, councillors get a salary hike

April 25, 1979

At a special budget meeting April 10 council voted to hike the salaries paid to councillors Don Crosier, Richard Drew, John Williams, John Wolters and Jerry Jackman from \$5,100 to \$5,500 per year.

The council also set a new salary level for Mayor Jerry Taylor at \$6,300 per year, up \$500 from the previous year.

The pay increases which represent a seven percent increase are almost identical to those paid elected representatives in both Uxbridge and Brock Townships.



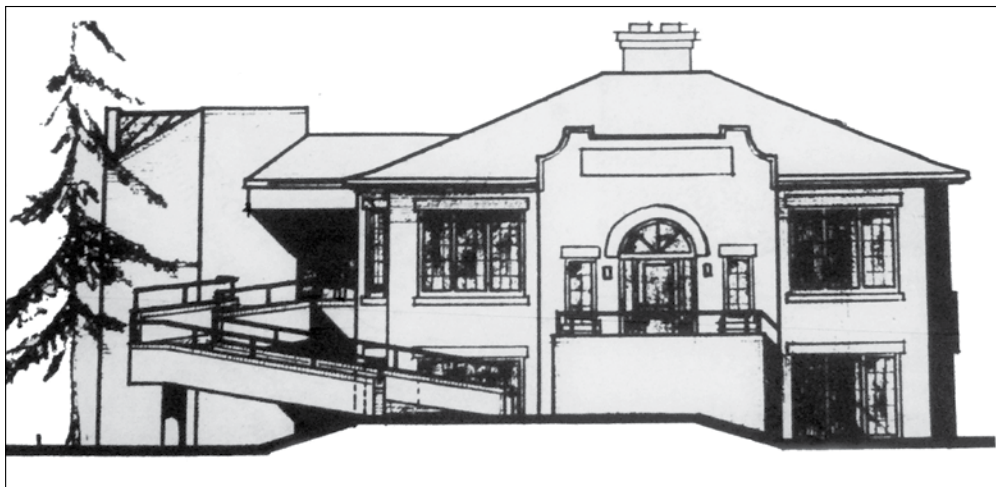
The old docks at Port Perry Marina, stretch out into Lake Scugog in this October 1979 photograph.



Downtown Port Perry from the Lilla Street and Queen Street intersection during the spring of 1979.

Library expansion controversy

1979



This architect's drawing of the Scugog Memorial Library on Queen Street, shows what it could look like with an addition on the west and north sides of the present building, including a wheelchair ramp.

Ratepayers angry with library expansion on the lakefront

June 20, 1979

More than 400 people jammed into the Port Perry High School auditorium to display their anger and send a clear message to members of Scugog Township council that they don't like the proposed plans for an expansion of the library on the lakefront.

The meeting, held by the Scugog Ratepayer's Association, got heated at times as council tried to explain the reasoning behind the proposal. They explained that the Library Board had presented council with an expansion proposal on the current site, but it was determined that the land could not handle the proposed addition and required parking.

Library Board Chairman Chuck Preston said, "We need to do something". The present building, built in 1934, has 2,300 sq. ft. and was built to serve a population of about 2,000 people. The library is currently serving a population close to

13,000 and last year there were more than 2,600 card holding members. In 1978 the number of books in circulation doubled to 50,000.

Council explained they had looked at other options, including a smaller addition, or acquiring adjacent land, which would mean finding a new site for the bowling alley, and also considered a new site near the core area of the town.

Recognizing the Library Board's dilemma, of needing more space to service the community, the board was offered a half-acre of the new acquired Water Street property, which met with approval.

More than one person attending voiced disgust with the disruptions at the meeting. "The pay council receives is certainly not worth the abusive treatment its members were subjected to," one person said. "I was ashamed to witness such an exhibition of intolerance and rudeness".

Board seeks expansion at present site: Abandon plans for library at lakefront

Wednesday, August 29, 1979

The Scugog Public Library Board has abandoned any plans it once had for a new building on lakefront property, and now has asked council to endorse three variances to local by-laws which would allow construction of a 5,000 square foot addition to the existing War Memorial building on Queen Street.

The request of council to endorse the application for the three variances was made Monday afternoon by Library board chairman Chuck Preston, and building committee chairman Dr. Jack Cottrell.

Council has asked Totten, Sims, Hubicki, to prepare a report on the flooding possibility of the creek which runs behind the library property, and the cost of flood control measures.

The council also suggested that the Library board not apply to the local committee of adjustment for the minor variances until the flood study has been completed.

In a discussion among councillors after Mr. Preston and Dr. Cottrell had left the chambers Monday afternoon, members seemed to indicate that the side yard variances do not pose as serious a problem as the lack of parking spaces.

When told of council's decisions later, Mr. Preston suggested that the Board may make the application to the committee of adjustment before any flooding study has been completed by the Township consultants.

Mr. Preston, who personally favoured a new building on the lakefront, told council Monday that the Board's decision to go for an addition came in the face of this public resistance. "Since we would require public funds," he said.

The Township council two years ago pledged support of \$100,000, and the Board is hoping that the remainder can be met through a public fundraising drive and a Wintario grant for up to 1100,000.

Present site has flood potential:

NO SCUGOG LIBRARY EXPANSION

September 12, 1979

Scugog Township council should not permit any expansion of the Library building on the bowling green property.

That is the recommendation made in a report presented to council Monday night from the Township planning consultants which says "substantial flooding in the library-bowling green area" could occur in the event of a major storm.

Last month, council asked the planners to prepare a report on the flooding possibilities of the area which is proposed for a possible expansion of the library.

Ron Patchell, an engineer with Totten, Sims, Hubicki Ltd., told council "it is better not to build at all in the retention and flood plain area."

Council asked for the report last month when members of the Library Board said the

Board had decided to build an addition to the existing building, rather than try to expand the library services in the Township with a new building on another site.

The flooding potential comes from a creek that runs down the west side of the bowling green and along the north end of the library property.

Last month, Library Board chairman Chuck Preston told council that the Board would seek necessary side yard and parking restriction amendments from the local committee of adjustment to allow a 5,000 square foot addition to the existing building.

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor commented Monday night that it was "unfortunate that this report on the flooding potential was not obtained by council several months ago - when the plans to expand the library were first discussed.

Council grants money, site for library

October 10, 1979

In one fell swoop Tuesday evening, Scugog Township council tossed the plans for an expansion of the library right back in the lap of the Library Board.

Council approved a resolution which officially commits the Township to pay one-third of the construction cost of a library expansion up to \$100,000, and gives the Library Board a parcel of land on Water Street, "the exact location to be determined by the Library Board and council."

Council made the formal commitment of money and a site to help enable the Library Board get final approval for a Wintario grant of up to \$100,000 to pay for a proposed expansion of library services in Scugog Township.

The resolution giving the Library the money and the site was not passed unanimously, however, as Ward 4 councillor John Wolters argued that further study should be given to expanding the existing library building on Queen Street.

"It would be a complete waste of money to spend it there. The consultants reports (on the flooding) and a report from the Ministry of Natural Resources were both done by professionals who said we should not expand at the present site," said Mayor Taylor.

Ward 1 councillor Don Crosier, who along with councillor John Wolters has opposed a new library building, was not present at the meeting when the resolution was passed. He had left early, stating he had another meeting to attend.

The resolution that did pass council is very specific in spelling out conditions under which the funds and site will be turned over to the Library Board.

Any new library must be known as the War Memorial Library, and more importantly, the local Legion Branch 419 must approve the location in a new building of the Book of Memory, the plaque, the War Memorial Stone, and any other items that make up the War Memorial aspect of the present library.

New library will go on lake property

October 24, 1979

A new Scugog Library will be built on Township land on the Port Perry waterfront.

After months of delay and uncertainty about where a new proposed library building would be located, Scugog council Monday night agreed to lease a portion of the lakefront land once owned by the Lake Scugog Lumber Company to the Library Board for construction of a 7,500 square foot building.

The decision came during a meeting between council and members of the Library Board and Board chairman Chuck Preston said that all members of the Board were unanimous in their preference for the lakefront property as the site for a new library building.

The decision to lease a parcel 150 ft. deep by 125 ft. wide, was not unanimous however, as Ward 1 councillor Don Crosier and Ward 4 councillor John Wolters both argued and voted against the proposal.

Councillor Crosier said that while he was not opposed to a new library building, he would prefer that the lakefront property be designated parkland, and councillor Wolters maintained his objection to moving the library from the present location on Queen Street.

The Township purchased the Lake Scugog Lumber property on the east side of Water Street earlier this year from Port Perry businessman Ken Jackson at a cost of \$155,000.

Although the Library Board is still working on the final design of the new building, a site plan released to council shows the 7,500 sq. ft. rectangular building running north and south on the property set back about 65 feet from Water Street.

It was pointed out that the design of the building allows about 140 feet of parkland area between the building and the edge of the water.



Bridget Hamilton, is the new Miss Port Perry Fair. Bridget is seen here receiving her crown from 1978 Princess Bridget Spannbauer. Runner up, left, is Lisa Nottingham.

Health unit threatens to "get tough"

September 19, 1979

The Durham Region Health Unit says it plans to "get tough" at functions such as fairs and carnivals where perishable food is prepared and served to the general public.

A list of guidelines were being sent to organizers of events, including the Port Perry and Blackstock Fairs. The new guidelines include that food booths must have a supply of piped, potable water and hand basins with hot and cold running water, and food must be prepared in a completely enclosed structure.

Vietnam "boat people" family settles into new life in Port Perry

October 3, 1979

Almost 12 months after they fled by sea from their native Vietnam, the Sy Poc family is finally settling into their new home in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Poc, their three young children and Mrs. Poc's mother are the first family of Vietnam "boat people" to settle in Port Perry.

The family left the Saigon area aboard an old over-crowded fishing boat with 350 other refugees on board. After eight days on the open sea they put ashore at a refugee camp in Malaysia, which became their home for the next ten months.



Crowds along Queen Street during Port Perry Western Days in July 1979.



Central Seven Industries opened its workshop for disabled adults during September 1979.

Large crowd attends Central Seven workshop opening

September 19, 1979

An impressive ceremony was held Sunday afternoon to mark the official opening of the Central Seven Association workshop for the mentally handicapped just west of Port Perry.

Master of Ceremonies Joe Baxter called the day "a joyous and happy occasion," and the mood of the crowd and honoured guests was as sunny as the weather.

Association president Joan Heintzman outlined the history and planning leading up to the official opening of the workshop, going back several years. In October 1976, the proposal was accepted by the provincial government, but it was not until two years later that the Association received final approval for provincial funds.

Guest speaker for the official opening was provincial community and social services minister Keith Norton, who began his address by saying this was "a celebration of the opening of an important landmark."

Mr. Norton said that the mentally handicapped must be encouraged and assisted to be more involved in the community. Projects such as the workshop represent a first step towards more complete integration into the community.

"We must open our hearts," he said. "The community must be prepared to do more and business must open up their places of work to the handicapped. Many already have done so, with success."



Joan Heintzman

The workshop was completed in the spring of this year, and the first employees began work in June. There are presently 15 handicapped employees working at Central Seven Industries, engaged in woodworking, handicrafts, a printing operation, and thrift and gift shop open weekdays to the general public.

Mrs. Heintzman's concluding message was that the workshop is a first step. "We've only just begun," she said. "You'll be hearing more from us."

The workshop will eventually employ up to 25 adults, and its ultimate objective is to provide skills and training to allow the handicapped to find work in the private sector.

Along with Mr. Norton, other politicians who spoke briefly included Regional Chairman Walter Beath and Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor, Brock Mayor Allan McPhail and Uxbridge councillor Allen Wells.



Old arena coming down!

October 17, 1979

The old Port Perry Arena on Water Street will not open for hockey this season, or any other season.

Scugog Township council decided unanimously last Friday afternoon not to spend any tax dollars for necessary repairs this year, and the old metal and wood structure, which is nearly 30 years old, will be torn down in 1980.

Actually, the decision was an easy one for members of Scugog council who learned October 9 that at least \$4,000 would have to be spent on repairs just to get the arena through this season, and even then, a consultants report raised serious doubts about the safety of the building.

That report stated that in addition to the \$4,000 for repairs, the building would have to be inspected every month this winter, and it should not be used during high wind storms or if there is more than a few inches of snow accumulated on the roof. It was this safety factor that prompted council last week not to spend more money for repairs and to have the arena torn down in 1980.

During the discussion last Friday afternoon in the Township council chambers, councillor Don Crosier suggested that the building is unsafe from more than just a structural point of view. He said that the concrete floor is sinking in places, and that could be putting pressure on the



cooling pipes under the floor. Ammonia gas is used in these pipes, and councillor Crosier said that if one of the pipes broke while the rink was being used, escaping gas could prevent a lethal situation.

From a structural point of view, a consultant's report says, many of the support beams have rot in them, stands on the south side would have to be roped off because of rot, and in addition the concrete pads along the south wall which the upright support beams sit on are sinking and tilting away from the building.

With the decision to tear the building down some time early in 1980 – the old Port Perry Arena has seen its last hockey game.



Colin Ball Motors, located on Hwy 7A, just west of Port Perry, May 1979. Former location of G.M. Williams Ford dealership.



Merchants of the Port Perry Plaza celebrated the fourth anniversary since the opening of the plaza on November 7, 1979. On hand to take part in the celebrations, including cutting a large cake are: from left Ken Dowson of Dowson's Red & White food store, Chamber of Commerce president Howard Hall, Bill Barr owner of Stedmans, Ray Wilson, manager of Canadian Tire and Greg Heffering, owner of Gregory's Men's Wear.

Christie stepping down

December 5, 1979

After four years as chairman of the Durham Board of Education, Yvonne Christie is stepping down.

Mrs. Christie gave no single reason for the decision, other than to say that four years as chairman has been long enough. She has also served as vice-chairman and is in her eighth year as a trustee.

Get out of region

December 12, 1979

The mayor of Uxbridge has suggested that the townships of Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge get out of Durham Region and form their own single-tier northern region or district.

The surprise statement from Mayor Gary Herrema came at a meeting of Durham Region council's review committee.



Members of the new Scugog Hydro Commission were sworn into office October 25. Standing, from left, Ted Griffen, Chuck Willes, Bert Dejeet and Bill VanCamp. Seated from left, Larry Mabley, commission manager, and Dianna Wood, treasurer.

Shopping in 1976

HOME & RECREATION 1976

Swimming Pool for backyard. 12 ft. with filter.	\$148.95
Lumber, Spruce 2"x4" utility grade, lin. ft.	13¢
Plywood, 4'x8' Mahogany	\$5.95
Hockey Skates, Bauer Pro 99	\$59.95
Hockey Sticks, Koho Custom Pro	\$8.95
Helmet, Cooper	\$14.95
Hockey Pants, boys	\$6.49

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAR?

Inventory from Beare Motors and Philp Pontiac-Buick

1976 CUTLASS S Coupe , bucket seats, 260 V8, 5 speed shift with overdrive	\$4,695.00
1976 MONTE CARLO Landau Dark metallic blue with white landau roof	\$5,295.00
1976 PONTIAC Parisienne Brougham Four door sedan, Polaris blue, vinyl roof, fully power equipped with all options	\$6,995.00
1976 BUICK ELECTRA 225 , fully equipped, 445 V8 engine, power windows, locks	\$8,995.00

GROCERIES 1976

Port Perry IGA and Dowson's Red & White

Milk, 2% bag - 3 qt. bags	\$1.19
Bread, White/Whole Wheat	3/99¢
Pink Salmon, 7 3/4 oz. tin	89¢
Kraft Cheese Slices - 16 oz.	1.29
Corn Flakes - 24 oz.	89¢
Butter	lb. \$1.03
MEATS	
Sirloin Steaks	lb. \$1.65
Short Rib Roast	lb. 69¢
Turkeys - frozen	lb. 77¢
Stewing Beef (Hamburger)	lb. 98¢
Pork Chops	lb. 1.39
Bacon	lb. 1.35
PRODUCE	
Lettuce - large heads	39¢
Cauliflower	2/89¢
Cabbage	3/99¢
Sunkist Oranges, doz.	89¢
Corn on the Cob	10/99¢

GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

One Year	10%
Five Years	10.25%

HOME FURNISHINGS 1976

From House of Howard and Homestead Furniture

Dishwasher, 5 cycle	\$359.95
Refrigerator, 15 cu. ft. frost free	\$489.95
Electric Ranges, 30", self clean	\$498.95
Clothes Dryer, auto settings	\$239.95
Philips Television, 26" colour	\$498.00
Microwave Ovens	\$498.00
Reclining Chairs	\$119.95
Dinette Suite, 5 pc. maple	\$248.00
Sofa Beds, by Braemore	\$349.95
Mattress & Box Spring set, 54"	\$169.95

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS

Five Years	9.13%
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average annual interest to maturity

REAL ESTATE 1976

Listings from Marj Tripp Real Estate, Scugog Realty, Howard Forder Real Estate and Stone Realtor.

PORT PERRY - Immaculate two year old, three bedroom backsplitted with attached carport on quiet street, family sized kitchen, family room with walkout. 1 1/2 baths, broadloom throughout. Priced to sell \$61,900.

PRINCE ALBERT - New 4 bedroom, 1,500 sq. ft. brick bungalow, large lot, cushion flooring and broadloom. Full price \$54,900.

COCHRANE STREET - Port Perry. Excellent family home completely renovated and decorated. Three bedroom, two baths, 11'x19' kitchen, large family room, insulated garage. \$44,900.

LAKE SCUGOG LAKEFRONT - Three bedroom, pine cottage on 75'x200' lot, Boat house with marine rail to storage shed. Only \$39,900 with \$10,000 down, owner will hold mortgage.

TWO ACRES - Rolling scenic two acre parcel with a panoramic view of Lake Scugog. Permits for permanent house available. Call today, \$19,900.

CAESAREA - Five room frame home on large well treed corner lot. Immaculate throughout with new broadloom, modern kitchen, attached garage. Asking \$32,900.

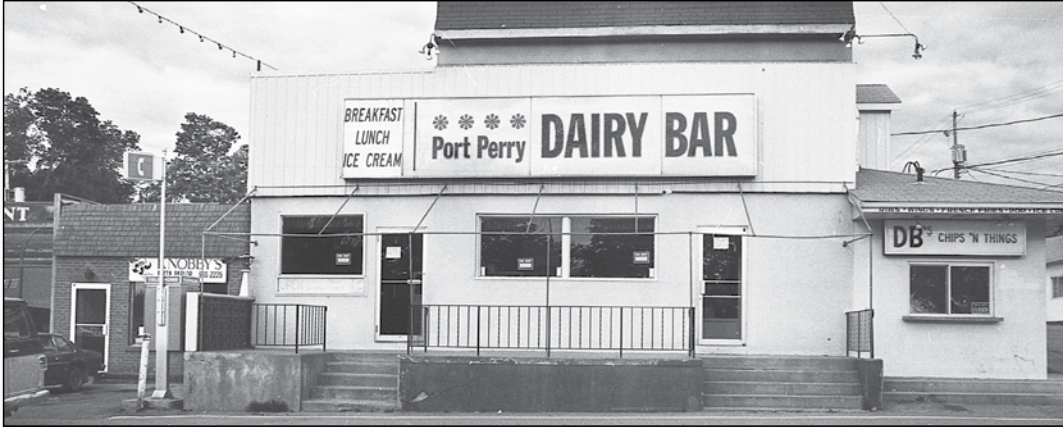
SECTION FOUR

Then & Now

The final section of this book takes a look at a number of properties and buildings that were either demolished to make way for new enterprises, or renovated to accommodate different uses over the past half century.



Then & Now



1988

THE PORT PERRY DAIRY BAR was a favourite gathering place for more than half a century during the 1900s, undergoing many changes, and owners, during its near-century history.

In 1988, the Dairy Bar (above) was completely renovated and refurbished to become the home of Pizza Delight (right) which was operated by Don Mitchell and his family for about 10 years, before the building was destroyed by fire in April 1999.

The burnt-out structure was later torn down and the following year the attractive new building, below, was constructed by Ratko Stoilevski. The building has two commercial units and three apartments overlooking Palmer Park and Lake Scugog.



1998



2016

LAKE SCUGOG LUMBER Co. Ltd. operated from this prime Lake Scugog waterfront property, at the north end of Water Street for more than 40 years, beginning in the 1930s. In the late 1960s it was also the base for a small charter company called Scugog Aviation.

The company expanded its facility by moving its showroom, storage facilities and truss plant to the south edge of Port Perry, on Vanedward Drive in 1972.

The 2.4 acre property was purchased by local businessman Ken Jackson, who subsequently sold it to the municipality in 1979 for \$155,000.

Scugog Township had all of the buildings removed to make room for the new Scugog Memorial Public Library which was constructed in 1982. A large addition to the library was opened in 2012.



1969



1971



2015

Then & Now

DIXIE LEE CHICKEN - Long before this property, at 136 Water Street, became home to a fast food establishment, it was the location of a two-storey red brick house (right) owned by Joshua Curts, a former Reeve of Port Perry. It was torn down in 1971 and was used as a car lot for a number of years.

The Dixie Lee Chicken and Seafood corporation purchased this property, perched atop a small rise overlooking Lake Scugog, in 1980 and opened a fast food restaurant, on June 29, 1981. This was the first franchised, fast food outlet in the town and operated until 1996, when it was closed and sold.

The new owners leased the building to Dave Hillier, who opened Antrim House Pub. Mr. Hillier operated at this location for 18 years, before closing in October 2013.

The building was next leased to Judy Collins, who opened "The Pub" restaurant/pub on April 12, 2014.



1983



2016

REESOR FUEL & LUMBER moved to this location on Scugog Street between Perry and Water Streets in 1958 and built an office and warehouse for their business. They operated here until 1972 when the property was sold to a developer who demolished the buildings to build a plaza and motel.

The plaza was opened two years later on the eastern piece of the property and the Railroadhouse Motel was officially opened in August 1975 to the west. The \$350,000 motel opened with 18 rooms and plans for expansion.

Thirty four years later, in April



1971

2009, the property was sold to Shoppers Drug Mart. The aging motel was torn down and construction on a new building for the drug store chain got underway. Shopper's Drug Mart moved from its former location on Queen Street in 2010, and opened for business in the new store on May 28.



1975



2016

Then & Now



1984



DAIRY QUEEN - A small house and single car garage were located on this prime piece of Port Perry property, at the corner of 7A Hwy. and Water Street, before being sold in the mid-1980s. The house was the former residence of John F. Raines, who served as Scugog Township's clerk-treasurer.

The property was sold to Elgin Knopp, in June 1984 who operated "The Trailer Place" here for a short time before a fire gutted the old frame house. The buildings were then torn down to make way for a small commercial plaza.

Over the years the new building has been occupied by a number of businesses. Its main tenant has been Dairy Queen, which opened in 1997. Other businesses to have occupied parts of the building include, Switzer's Motors, Rent & Save, CineMax Video Store, and Parties Extreme.



2016

CAR WASH/LAUNDROMAT - Port Perry's first 'Sofspra' car wash, and laundromat, right, was opened in November 1966 by Bill Tripp of Port Perry. The business was later sold to Bob McFaddin and it became known as McFaddin's Laundromat and Car Wash.

This property, and the adjacent property to the east, was sold to a developer with the intent to construct a massive condominium and commercial project in November 1986. A decade later, after the project failed, the parcel was purchased by Loblaws, who opened the Independent grocery store in November 1996, on the east part of the property.

This was about the same time the old car wash and laundromat were removed and a new franchise restaurant for Tim Hortons and Wendy's opened on the 7A Hwy. site, just west of the Independent.



1966



1996



2016

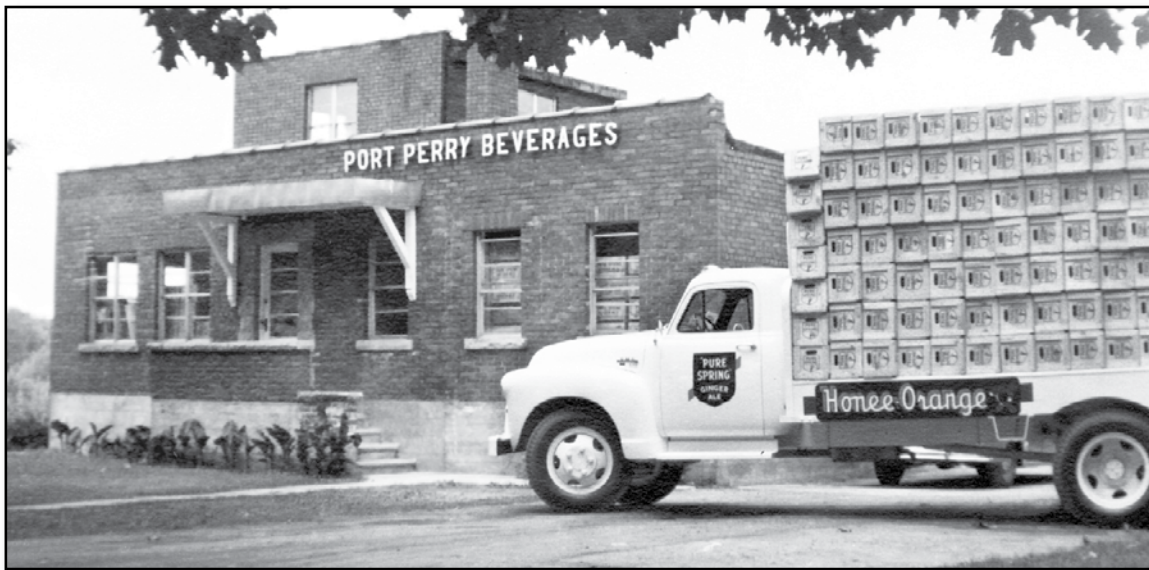
Then & Now

PORT PERRY BEVERAGES - This plant, located at 247 Perry Street, was owned and operated by Murell and Gordon Goode. The plant, originally known as Port Perry Bottling Works, was the local bottler of Coca Cola until 1951. At that time, the company began bottling Pure Spring soft drinks, including RC Cola.

The Goode's sold the business to Hobb's Beverages in 1975 but two years later, in July 1977, Hobb's ceased production. The plant was torn down in 1984 and the property sold to Peter and Nancy Hvidsten in 1986. The Hvidstens constructed the reproduction, red and yellow brick Victorian home, which now occupies the property.



1933



1955



2015



1965

PORT PERRY WATERFRONT - has seen many changes over the past century, especially around the former government wharf at the foot of Queen Street. During the 1940s and 50s, there was a change house and diving board at the end of the dock. Here, children spent hours swimming and diving throughout the summer.

The above picture, taken during the summer of 1965, shows the lakefront was a very popular spot for launching boats and swimming.

While the actual wharf, constructed in 1918, has changed little, today it is mainly used for fishing and a docking facility for pleasure craft. For about 10 years, until 2013, the wharf was also the home berth for the Woodman cruise ship, which provided public and private cruises on Lake Scugog.



2015



Then & Now



1968

THE MELLOW HOUSE - The two-storey house and side-office, above, are now hidden by a commercial addition, but they were built in 1902 by Dr. S.J. Mellow to serve as his home and medical office. Following his death in 1925 his practice was taken over by other medical practitioners.

About 1957, a two-storey flat roof building was extended out to the street, partially hiding the old Mellow house. The house was converted into apartments, and the small building to the right was rented to commercial businesses.

In 1972, Don and Carol MacKinnon established a dry cleaning store called Port Cleaners. They operated at this location until 1998 when the property was sold to Mike and Brandon Guido. About four years later, Mr. Guido constructed an addition to the house, creating two new storefronts and apartment on the second floor.



2016



1989

CONWAY GARDENS - a family restaurant opened on this piece of property owned by Bill Tripp at the west end of the causeway, on July 27, 1961. The restaurant was the first in the town to acquire a permit to serve liquor with meals in September 1971.

The Conway restaurant was later leased by Doug Hillier, who changed the name to Conway Place. Mr. Hillier was forced to close the restaurant, and his Bayshore Take-Out, in October 1988 to make way for a massive development proposal.



A year earlier developer Hans Moehring unveiled a \$25 million project for the site, which included 90 condos, 100 seniors apartments and a large indoor shopping plaza. Developers began work in 1988, installing a stone seawall along the properties lakefront, and the following year twinned the sewer line from the Queen St. pumping station along Water St. to the project.

The developers ran into serious financial problems and the entire project was called to a halt. Investors in the project took the developers to court. In 1995, the Supreme Court approved the sale of the Conway property and the property was sold to IPCF, a company owned by the Loblaws chain.

A large, new supermarket, "Reid's Independent" opened on the former Conway/Bayshore property in November 1996. The store is now Vos' Independent, operated by Terry and Christine Vos.



2016

Then & Now



1957

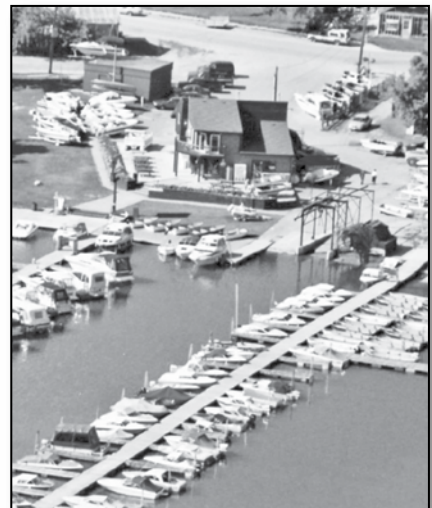


2016

PORT PERRY MARINA - This building, situated on Lake Scugog's waterfront in downtown Port Perry, began as a boat house for local garage owner Harold Archer. In the early 1950s, the Village of Port Perry which owned the building, rented it to John Orde, who hired Lake Scugog Lumber to construct a small addition to the building. Mr. Orde operated under the name J. Orde Marine and provided sales, service, fuel and docking facilities for local boat owners and visitors to the lake.

In 1958 a hoist and rails were installed, which led to a new boat storage building which was erected at the rear of the marina. When Mr. Orde retired, the marina facility was leased to Bill Kendry who changed the name to Port Perry Marina. He operated it from 1974 until 1985, when the aging structure was demolished to make room for a new building.

In the spring of 1986 the new municipally-owned Port Perry Marina was completed and it was leased to John Mackey, a former employee of Mr. Kendry. Mr. Mackey has operated the facility since that time.



BEARE MOTORS - Cecil Beare built a garage and automotive dealership on this Queen St. property in 1919, initially selling Chevrolet and McLaughlin cars. They became the Sunoco agents in 1930 and authorized Dodge/DeSoto dealers in 1932.

Following the death of Cecil Beare in 1950, his two sons Storey and Bill continued the family business. In 1957 they were given a long service award by Chrysler Canada, but three years later they dropped Chrysler and became authorized Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealers for General Motors, selling Chevrolet cars as had their father many years earlier.

The Beares sold their dealership to Russell Gray in January 1981, but the business was resold to Dennis Anderson in 1984. After Dennis Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile ceased business, the building was torn down in 1994 to make way for the Big V Drug Store which later became the Shoppers Drug Mart.

Shoppers Drug Mart expanded into a large new store on Hwy. 7A in May 2010, leaving the Queen Street location empty. The building was sold next to LePage Real Estate who operates out of the west third of the building. The remainder is leased to other commercial tenants.



1919



1955



2016

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