

Since then the street had been lined with beautiful homes and all are considered a great credit to the village and its appearance by Mr. McMillan.

While that was only about 25 years ago, the previous 60 Mr. McMillan recalls saw even greater changes to the village and township. "When I was a boy the township was covered with a great stand of timber with only a relatively few acres being cleared for farming. Since then the reverse has proven the case.

"In 1910, when I came to town, there were only about 750 people - and four cars. Archie McKillop, Joe Conway and Jim Fuller owned cars, with Dr. Webster had one without a top."

Three years later Mr. McMillan joined the growing number of car owners when he purchased a Model T Ford. "It had to be cranked and some times was difficult to start, but not as difficult as others," Mr. McMillan mused as he recalled his car.

"Those days there were three hotels in town: one where the laundromat is now, owned by Bill McIntyre, another on the east side of Graham, but on the north side of the railroad, owned by Joe Wilton, and another at the west corner of Main and Graham. "Hard liquor was only five cents a glass at the bar and there wasn't as much drunkenness as today," Mr. McMillan assures. "There weren't the number of young people drinking either, and of course there weren't the accidents as a result.

"Lemons is the only store left which was in business when I came to town, and they were in the grocery business on the opposite side of the street. As for other changes around the village, Mr. McMillan assures they have been too numerous to mention during the 62 years he has lived there.

Raised a Presbyterian, he attended Crinan Church until moving to West Lorne. Since then he has supported the village Presbyterian Church. His wife, the former Mattie Lindsay of Clachan, supports the Baptist Church. They have been married 58 years.

Looking back on life he admits being fortunate in having good health, although not a robust person. "I'm still in good shape and while I've been in hospital it was nothing serious, and I don't think I've spent \$1,000 on doctors.

An amazing man for his age, his wide circle of friends wish him continued good health and happiness for many years yet, so he will be able to enjoy years of "retirement" from the cattle business, commencing in the spring.

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January 1973
Tweedsmuir
Meeting

Mrs. Ken M^cAlpine
Mrs. Harold Carroll



C.W.I
Bell Display at
St. Thomas
Oct. 1973.



January, 1974.
Tweedsmuir Meeting
Mrs. Mary Andrews
Mrs. Grace M^cColl

Old Fashioned Barn Raising on D. McMurchy's Argyle Farm
April 1974

The first barn to be "raised" the old fashioned way in the township in a long time, "went up" last week on Douglas and Bill McMurchys' Argyle farm. Three years ago, Friday, March 13th, their barn burned to the ground in a fire thought to have been started by a heat lamp for little pigs.

Since then Mr. McMurchy and son Bill have been operating without a barn, but last fall had the opportunity of getting another from Russ Miller at Dutton.

They dismantled it, trucked roofing, siding and timbers to their farm and last week neighbors gathered to assist with the raising.

Dunc. Gilchrist masterminded the operation and Thursday, with the assistance of six or seven neighbors, got the timbers erected, ready to put trusses in place Saturday.

Little problem was experienced getting the gin pole erected immediately after dinner, but when the first truss was raised in place it was obvious the wind was too strong to keep the high hip-type trusses in place and hold them there.

So, after the first one was secured, the job had to be called off until the following day.

Now it is a matter of siding the 26 by 36-foot barn, and re-applying the steel roof.

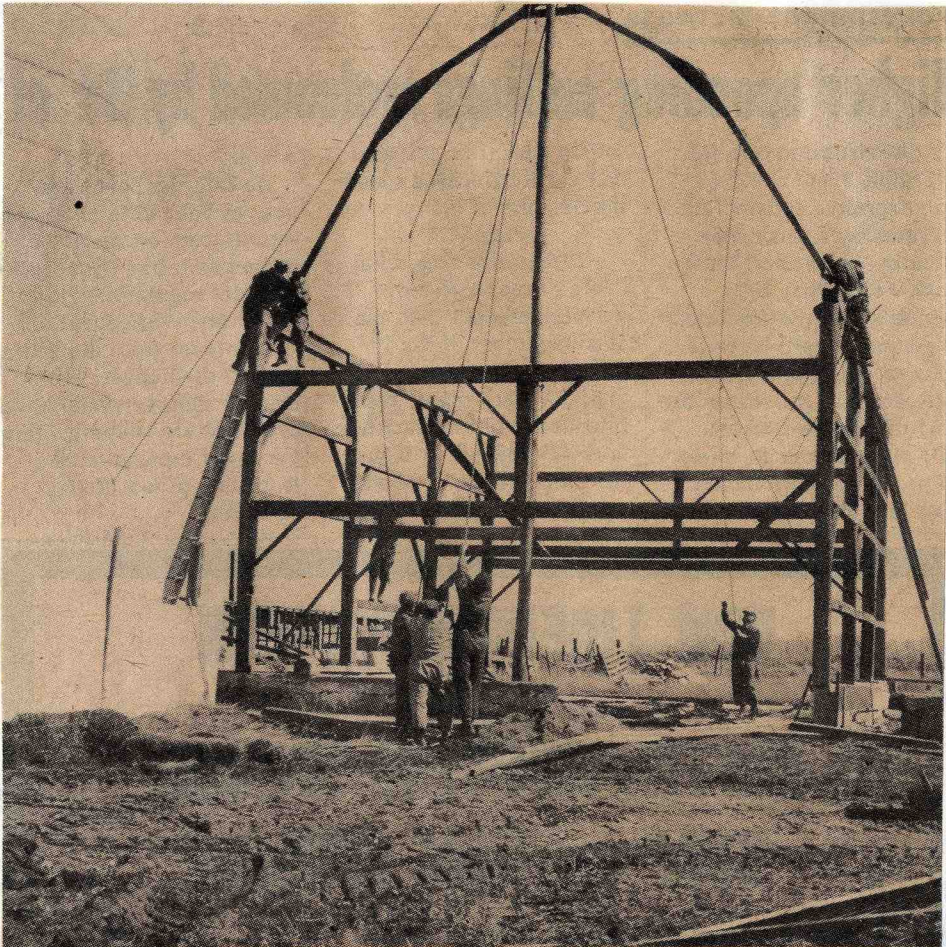
Mr. Gilchrist says at one time there were 100 men in the area who prided themselves in barn raising, but now there is only one or two left. One of these is Sandy Stewart of Dunwich, who built the barn originally for Mr. Miller, between 30 and 40 years ago.

Dunc. doesn't claim to be an expert at barn-raising and passed the question off with "I've been to a few and put up a couple," which obviously is a gross understatement.

However, he engineered erection of timbers and putting the trusses in place last week without problem or accident.

Assisting were George and Don Jamieson, Bob Carmichael, Dunc. McPherson, Lorne Carroll, Bud McLarty and Frank McMurchy.

A very interesting operation and a rare sight.



GETTING THE FIRST TRUSS IN ITS EXACT POSITION PROVED DIFFICULT BECAUSE of high wind, but with it being steadied by Dunc. McPherson, Bud McLarty and Lorne Carroll on the gin pole rope, and Douglas McMurchy holding another rope on the left hand side and Dunc. Gilchrist directing the operation and holding another supporting rope on the right side, George and Don Jamieson were able to secure the truss on the left side, while Bob Carmichael and Frank McMurchy were able to do likewise on the right side.

Family Trees

1. Annie Mildred Campbell

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The Family Tree:

One Great, Great, Great
Grand father
"Archibald M^cEachren
Auchnedriap." Argyll.

Great Great Grandfather
John M^cEachren.

One Great Great Grand
Mother
Elizabeth Little son

Great Great Grandfather
Archibald M^cLean.

Great Grandfather
John Campbell

Great Grandmother
Annie Blue

Great Grandfather
David Andrews.

Great Grandfather
Duncan Stewart

Great Grandfather
Dougald M^cKeith

Great Grandmother
Catherine M^cEachren.

Great Grandmother
Janet M^cEachren

Great Grandmother
Elizabeth M^cLean.

Grand father -
Duncan J. Campbell

Sister -
Elizabeth Campbell

Grand father -
James Andrews.

Grandmother
Anne Stewart.

Grandmother -
Elizabeth M^cKeith.

Father -
John D. Campbell.

Husband -
Douglas B. M^cCallum

Mother -
Elizabeth Andrews

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The
Annie Mildred Campbell
Family

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Daughter -
Marion E. M^cCallum.

Daughter -
Eileen C. M^cCallum.

Grand-daughter -
Sandra M. Edgar.

Grandson
Jeffrey R. Edgar.

