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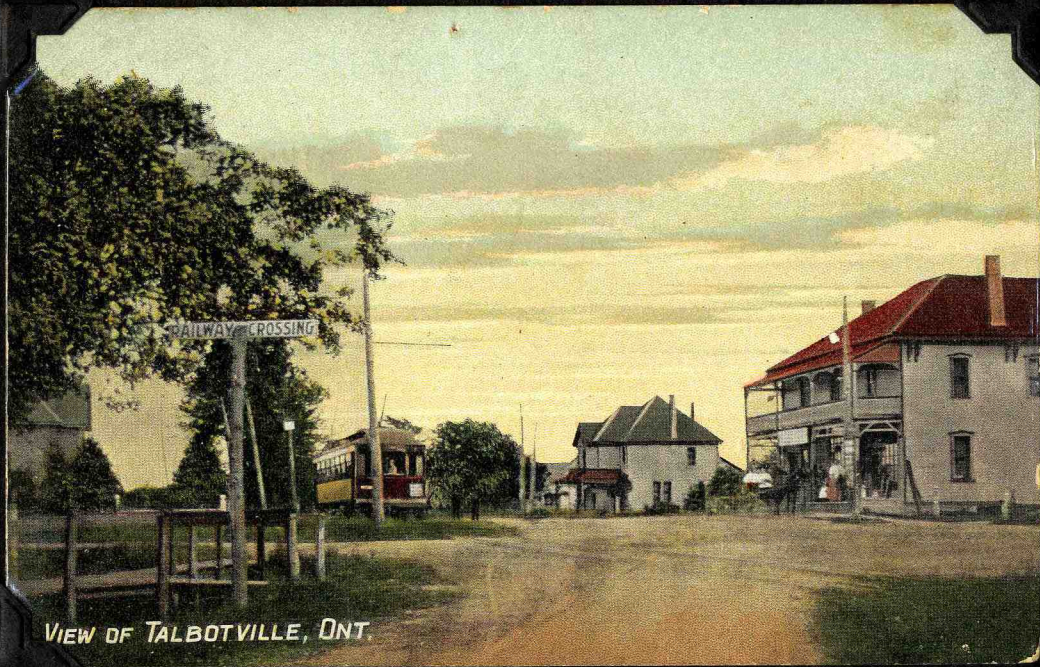
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Galboville

Dear Gerlie

I have not seen
my letter or card yet that
you promised me. What
do you think of this card.
Don't you and Lotte
get to fresh.
Good By Ethyl.

Miss Nellie Auckland
Southwold Sta
Ontario



VIEW OF TALBOTVILLE, ONT.



Landmark at Talbotville Will Soon Disappear

April - 1953

Hotel, Store Many Years

The last of Talbotville's hotel structures will soon be replaced by a modern service station. The old two-storey white frame building on the southwest corner of the main intersection is soon to be dismantled, having been purchased by the Reliance Petroleum Company of London, Ont.

The old building was never actually a hotel. According to older Talbotville folk, it was built for hotel purposes, but a license was never issued. Actually it became sort of a temperance hotel for a while.

Warren Smith was the builder, possibly about 60 or 65 years ago. A hotel stood on the same site for many years but it was destroyed by fire one Sunday night. The big frame structure that is being removed has served many purposes over the last half century or more. It has been a store and a postoffice for many years. Fred Cott being proprietor of the store for nearly 20 years. When the old London and Southwestern electric railway was in operation, better known as the "old traction line," part of the building was used as a railway office and waiting-room. Older folk will remember that period.

At one time there were four hotels in Talbotville, or what was then called Five Stakes. There were hotels on the southwest corner, where the new Reliance station is to be built; on the northwest corner, where a service sta-



BUILDING AT JUNCTION OF HIGHWAYS 3 AND 4 TO MAKE WAY FOR SERVICE STATION

tion and garage has been located for years; and on the northeast corner where the Wayside Inn structure is situated. At that the old frame building on the southwest corner at the junction of Provincial Highways Nos. 3 and 4 is quite a landmark.

Frank Moore, general manager of the Reliance Petroleum Company, told The Times-Journal today that a contract has been let

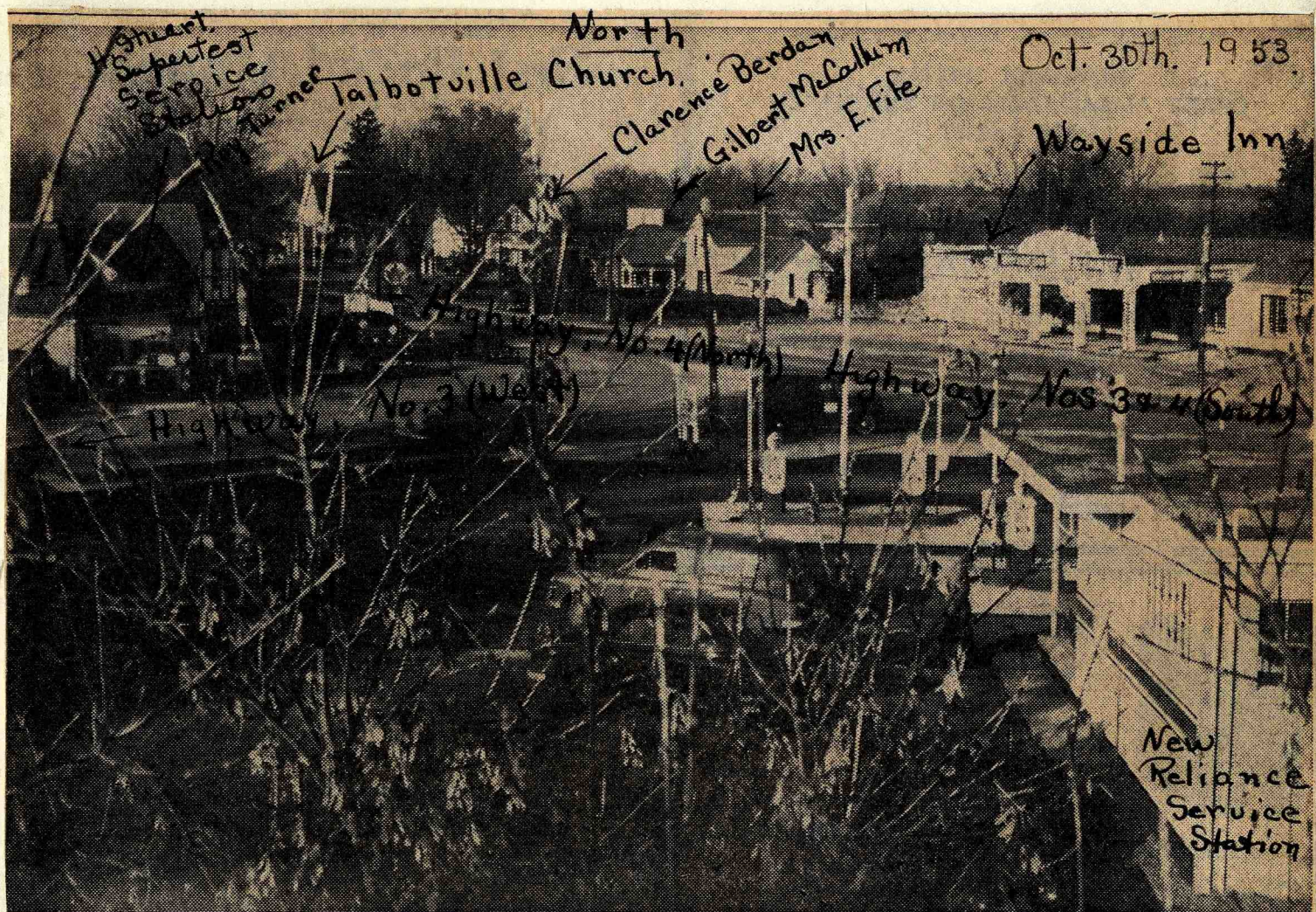
for the dismantling or removal otherwise of the old building and a general contract has also been awarded to the Totten Construction Company of London for building a modern service station on this site. The back section of the old building has already been torn down and Mr. Moore said the Reliance Company will also remove the small service station structure and other buildings ad-

joining the old store building to the north and west.

Fred Cott, the general storekeeper, is having an addition built to the front of his home on the east side of the highway, south of the main intersection. He will move into those new quarters just as soon as they are ready. The Talbotville postoffice will also be located in Mr. Cott's new place of business.

April, 1953.

Can you tell where you are?
Talbotville, Oct. 30th, 1953.



CAN YOU TELL WHERE YOU ARE?—You're looking through the branches of a tree top trying to get an elevated view of "Five Stakes" with its new look. Even at ground level it's hard to recognize the main corner of the village of Talbotville where No. 4 Highway sweeps through from the north and No. 3 enters from the west. The old general store and post office, a service station and an old

barn which stood at the southwest corner in the lower foreground have been cleared away and in their stead, the whole of this area has been broadened and paved and the new Reliance filling station set well back to the south of No. 3 Highway and west of No. 4. This view was taken looking northeast with the Talbotville United Church upper left, the Wayside Inn at upper right, and the Super-
 1953. test station at the extreme left. Oct. 30/53.

New Station ¹⁹⁵³ Now Operating

Recently The Times-Journal published a photo of the transformed corner at Talbotville. It was taken from another angle from that shown in the above photograph and asked the question "Can you tell where you are?" It puzzled many of our readers but the explanation told of the construction of the Bendell Bro-

thers' big, new Reliance Service Station which has been constructed on the old landmark site where the general store and post office previously stood.

The Reliance Station which officially opens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week changes the whole complexion of the busy corners at Talbotville. The new station presents one of the most spacious fronts and paved approaches in the district. Four lanes of traffic lead to the islands where the gasoline pumps are situated and arrangements have been made to speedily handle the servicing of all cars.

The three opening days will feature many interesting offers by Russell and Bruce Bendell. Motorists will receive one gallon of Vitalube Premium motor oil with every purchase of six or more gallons of gasoline and there will be prize draws, penny banks to be given away as well as free Coca Cola. The station will operate 24 hours a day and will specialize in complete servicing of cars and trucks, including winterizing, lubrication service and washing.

Officially
 opened Nov. 12, 13, 14.
 1953.