



Wallacetown Small Engines

Wallacetown Small Engines on the south side of Highway 3 in Wallacetown, was started by Mike Danielski about 1974 and sold to John Van Oorspronk on August 1st 1977, and is managed by his son, Hans. Lawn Mowers and Chain Saws are sold and repaired.



1981



Arvebo Abbatoir

Arvebo Abbatoir was built in 1977/78 on the same property as Small Engines. This operation is owned by John Van Oorspronk and managed by his son, Hans. They slaughter their own cattle and pigs, also do custom slaughtering, as well as cut, wrap and sharp freeze the meat for the customers. The three operations employ five persons.

1981



The Sunoco Service Station was started in a wood building in 1946 by Harold Lyons and Howard Loveland on the south side of Highway 3, in Wallacetown. Harold left the operation in 1949 and Howard continued until 1952. Howard Loveland sold the business in 1955 to Fred Doan of St. Thomas. The old building was moved and Mr. Doan built a new one in 1955, which is still in operation. Mr. Doan continued in business until 1959. In the ensuing years, the following people have operated the business; John Wagner 1959-62; Donald Innes 1962-63; Klaas Tolsma 1963-1976; Rick Shields 1976-78; Dave Shields 1978-80; Bill Hymkiw 1980-81; the present operator is Bev Thibodeau who started in Dec. 1981.

1987



This garage business, situated on the southeast corner of Hwy 3 and Currie Road, was started in 1922 by Sam Davy of St. Thomas, in a tin building. In a few years this building was moved back some distance and the present building was erected in 1928-30, with the help of Mr. Davy's father-in-law, Ed Wilton, who made the cement blocks in the basement of his home in St. Thomas and brought them to Wallacetown. The building had two apartments above the garage and room attached on the ground level for a restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton moved into one apartment and the Davy family occupied the other one. Mr. Wilton assisted at the gas pumps and Mrs. Wilton helped in the serving of meals.

The business was sold in 1946 to Frank Newell and then to John Maynard in July 1948. In three months it was sold again to Harold Elson and Ernie Sittlington, on Oct. 1st 1948.

On Feb. 23, 1950 Harold Elson sold his share of the business to Alvin Good, who also purchased the share of Ernie Sittlington on Jan, 2, 1952. The restaurant business was eventually phased out and the gas pumps were taken out. Since 1976 Alvin and his son John have operated the business as Elgin Motors Tire and Towing Service.

1982



Wendys Ceramics and Craft Boutique is a family business operated for 8 years. It started first in 1974 as a basement studio with approximately 8 students and has expanded to a store front gift shop. During the Christmas season Wendy Swan and her mother Irene Loveland have approximately 50 students. We have a wide selection of greenware approximately 1500 molds which Richard Swan and Howie Loveland pour. In our new gift shop, which will be completed in May of 1982, we will have a variety of finished ceramic pieces, along with various kinds of crafts.

1982



GREENWARE at
Wendys CERAMICS.



Finished ARTICLES
and
Wendy's Certificates.



Unich Greenhouses

This old homestead, on the south side of Hwy 3, one mile west of Wallacetown, formerly the McPherson family home. The land was purchased from Colonel Thomas Talbot in 1832 by Donald McPherson - 100 acres N. W $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 10, Conc 8, Dunwich Township. In 1855 the land was sold to his son, Hector and in 1862 more land was purchased from George McBeth - 50 acres SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 10 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lot 9, the latter lot being sold to John Risdon sometime later. The present brick home was built around 1865. The farm was passed on to John McPherson in 1922 and sold to a brother, Ed McPherson in 1949 and then to Mike Fukaric of Sarnia in 1955.

In 1958 this farm was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Unich of Rodney. This couple had emigrated from Jugo Slavia in December 1955. Mr. Unich built the first greenhouse in 1960, and added two more large greenhouses in 1972. Flowers and vegetable gardening for wholesale trade to stores and retail selling to hundreds of customers kept the family busy at all times, along with some farming. In 1976 an orchard was planted - consisting of apples, peaches, pears, plums, apricots, cherries and nectarines, which is now in production. A new packing barn was built in 1976 and a roadside farm market was added in 1979.



Unich's
GREENHOUSES

Unich's
FARM
MARKET
BUILT
1929.



View
of
Unich's
entire
OPERATION



Darlene's Hair Closet

This hair dressing salon was started by Darlene Ford in 1978. She and her husband James A. Ford purchased this older home in 1977, which is situated on the north side of Rose Street.

The home was built in 1890 by Andrew McIntyre. It was purchased by George Turville in 1894, who operated the Wallacetown Mill for many years. Following his death, the home was owned by Ethel Pearl Connor and in 1942 was sold to Thomas R. Small who lived there until his death, in 1959 when the home was left to Kenneth Small and sold the same year to John D. McKillop, whose parents lived there for a few years. In 1966 the home was bought by Bill and Karen Sloetjes, who also purchased an extra piece of land from Mrs. M. Glanfield. They remodelled the back portion of the house and in 1977 Jim and Darlene Ford of London became the owners of the property.

The kitchen was modernized and a large fireplace built in the centre of the wall between the kitchen and family room. The back porch has been made into a glassed-in porch with a deck connecting it to a swimming pool. One room at the front of the home is used as a hair salon known as "Darlene's Hair Closet".

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