



Wayne & Valerie Priest have been filling multiple shoe boxes in support of Operation Christmas Child for over ten years. This December they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, and in honour of that they decided to fill 50 shoe boxes to send over seas this year. They even wrapped the boxes in gold paper for their 50th celebration. (submitted photo)



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Londonderry Station Store Demolished

By Anne Spencer

A small crowd gathered November 7th to watch the demolition of the former store in Londonderry Station. Lots of memories and stories hit Facebook about this building, so I decided to do a small article on the building and the community.

I sat one morning with Cliff and Emily Lane to get as much information as I could from a previous owner and I also picked a few more "memory bank's from in the community. I'm not positive on all the dates, but feel confident that they will be "quite close".

According to Mr. Lane, the building went up in 1938 under the ownership of Albert J. Wells and his partner, Mr. Roy Carter. (Just for interest sake, Mr. Carter was a very good carpenter and build a couple of houses across the tracks. Mr. Wells and Mr. Carter were married to sisters). The feed shed on the side of the building was built first and they ran the store out of it until they got the main store built. Mr. Cliff Lane remembers working for Albert and Roy when he was a young man. He particularly remembers pulling nails out of used lumber.

Rolf Hayward and Cliff Lane bought the store ("lock, stock and barrel") in 1955/56.



They already had a store in Acadia Mines (Londonderry) so Rolf ran the store in the Mines and Cliff the store at the Station. Back then, the train stopped in Londonderry Station for water so the passengers would all run across the road to shop. Business was good. Mr. Lane and his family lived in the apartment upstairs which had beautiful hardwood floors. Mr. Lane stated that the whole building was hardwood floors.

This was a family run business that provided jobs and also offered a delivery service. People in Folly and Glenholme would call in their grocery list and on Wednesday afternoon, Cliff would deliver groceries. If the people didn't have a phone, they would give their lists to the local mailman, Tony Hanson and he would get the list to the store for them. The store also housed

the local post office which was run by Cliff's mother. There was also a gas pump in front of the building.

The store remained open until 1974 when Mr. Lane closed the store and moved to Portipique where he still lives today.

The building remained empty from then until sometime in the late 80's when Brian and Leigh Johnson bought the building and opened a convenience/hardward store, which they ran until 1990. They too provided a few job opportunities for locals.

In 1990 Peg Mattix bought the store, "Lock, stock and barrel" and for the next 10 years she ran a convenience store. She had the upstairs made into two apartments which she rented out over the years. Over those 10 years, Peg hired approximately 15 people from the community. She closed the store in 2000 and the building has remained vacant.

The building, that once stood proud held a lot of memories and served the community well over the past 75 years, grew weary and it's time was up.



Perhaps a new fad? Heather Randle, Glenholme, thought she would try something different this year and decorated a Halloween Tree in her house to greet Trick or Treaters. (Harrington Photo)

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