on the man street

in this column told the story of the octagon house on Peel and that Street in Lindsay these homes are as scarce as

hen's teeth.

Clare Staples, a resident of of lovely solid stone houses on Glenelg Street, was one of the the Lifford Line and the neighcounter-long coffee drinkers borhood has produced numin the popular Jackson restau- berless good farmers but many rant a few days ago and he of the offspring have moved

Line" in Manvers township and Oshawa. he should know because he is

volunteered the information

shaped house. The eight sided rough-cast house is over century old but it looks like the best farm home in Manyers and it is just that. Years ago it

was owned by a farmer named McKee but for many decades

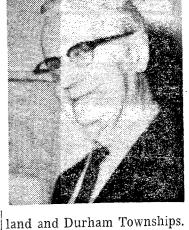
past it has been owned by Gervin Mulligan of Bethany and although the farm is now used as ranch pasture land, the octagon dwelling has been painted solid white with black trimmings. The tenant on weekends and on holidays is Gerald Mulligan, a teacher in Toronto. "I remember the house for when I was a mere lad I thought the ceilings were high — and they are; and I could not reach the coat hooks and I might have a hard time reaching them today. The house appealed to me then and I have always admired it." Incidentally Lifford is one of the oldest settlements in Manvers Township and it was a hive of industry in early days and even after the advent of the automobile. "There was a good general store, a blacksmith shop, a hall, a church and several houses. These places disappeared years ago" said Mr. Staples. "They vanished in

the days of progress. about hills" added Mr. Staples. "they are still plentiful but

Publicity in the right me-they have been flattened out. dium pays. Recently an item There was one farmer back there who had an old Ford car for climbing hills and a more luxurious model for going to church and visiting around the district."

Even today there are a row away and several young men that there is an octogon resi- in the district commute daily dence on the old "Lifford to the General Motors plant at

According to our informant, tunate the man who can place not only a former resident of Lifford had for years a real Manvers spuds on the dinner the area but was at one time good baseball team, champions table today," so says Clare a frequent visitor in the odd of Manvers and Northumber-Staples.



Other one time prominent landmarks in the Manvers Township included Fleetwood and Mt. Horeb. Villages that were once the hub for business and entertainment have practically disappeared. Even the good old and unbeatable Manvers potatoes are not as plentiful as they once were, "but for-