

The story of Fred "Pa" Henry, who was born 93 years ago at 12 Division Street in Lindsay comes from a clipping from a Rochester newspaper and may be of interest to Lindsay readers. Relatives of the Henry family still occupy the Division Street abode.

Fred Henry earned his first silver coins as a call boy for the Grand Trunk Railway in Lindsay and mounted the rungs of the railroad ladder after he took up residence in the American city of Rochester.

A son of this gentleman, Charles Henry, who passed on just recently at the Ross Memorial Hospital resided for many years at 12 Division Street. Charles Henry will be remembered by many people because of his association with the Academy Theatre and later the Century Theatre. His wife is a member of the staff of the R.M.H.

"I must have been a man when I was 10 years old. That's how old I was when I was a call boy for the railroad in Lindsay Ontario, where I was born" Pa Henry relates in the clipping.

Continuing, he said "I'd get up at two a.m. and go to the houses where the crew members lived. I'd ring the bell or knock; I'd just go right into their bedrooms and shake them and awaken them, then I would go home to bed and my mother would wake me up at 8:35 for school" He said he worked as a call boy until he was 14 then came to Rochester to visit his brother Jack.

"We were taking a ride out Main Street one day with my brother's horse and buggy, and when we crossed the New York Central overpass, I saw the trains and those signal lights in the yard, and I decided to go back to railroading," he related.

He said his brother told him he was too young, but he persisted. Pa Henry said he told Tom Donlon he was 21 and a brakeman and the man almost fell off his chair. "After all I was just 15" he added. He said Donlon finally told him a passenger train was due in 15 minutes. "Get on it, you are the brakeman" he was told.

Pa Henry was a brakeman for 12 years, the remainder of his 51 years officially employed by the railroad were spent as a conductor.

The story related Pa Henry has a gold pass to ride on any,

railroad but hasn't used it. It states Pa Henry went to work at age 75 helping unload fruit trucks by hand and remained for six years.

It is also interesting to note Ken Richmond, manager of Fee Motors, is a distant relative of Pa Henry, as his late wife, Grace Fee Richmond was the daughter of the late Mrs. William J. Fee, whose maiden name was Rebecca Henry, sister of Fred Henry of Rochester.