

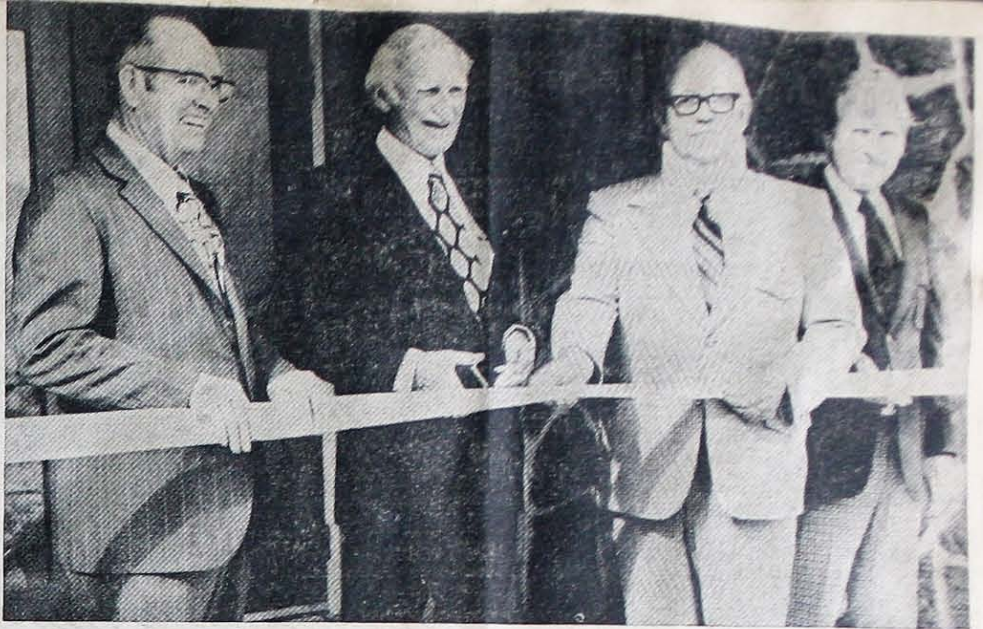
# PINKERTON

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Some of our good citizens were missing from their usual places and we learn they are receiving treatment at the County of Bruce General Hospital — Jean Dalgarno, Kathleen Wilson and Victor Metcalfe. Their host of friends trust they will soon be out and enjoying their usual round of activities.

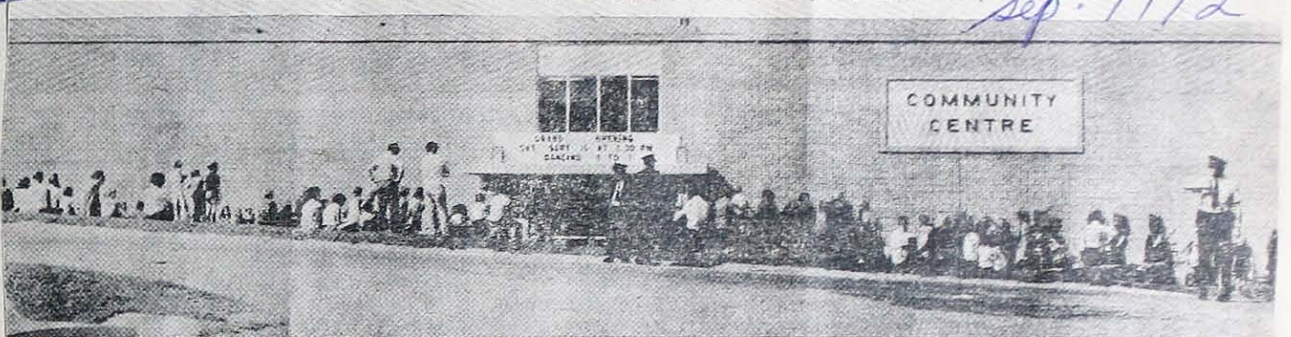
Mrs. Verna (Jack) Elphick, Mr. and Mrs. David Elphick and daughter, Donna, of Lucknow, called on Mr. Gordon Pinkerton on Sunday afternoon. Donna is completing a project on the historical background of a community in Bruce County. She decided to do research on Pinkerton as she is a great-granddaughter of David Elphick. In the quest for data, they called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elphick, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fitzsimmons—the latter is convener of Historical Research for the Pinkerton Women's Institute.

The Pinkerton Women's Institute is sponsoring two 4-H Clubs this season.



The new Walkerton Community - Centre was opened on Saturday by Ontario's Lieut. - Governor, the Hon. Ross MacDonald, second from left. He was assisted in the ribbon cutting by, from left, Owen King, building committee chairman; the Hon. Eric Winkler, M.P.P., and Lorne Schmalz, chairman of the finance committee.

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Walkerton's New Community Centre during Saturday's Official Opening

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## Paisley Pioneer Village Status To Be Studied

Preliminary steps toward the possibility of Paisley becoming a pioneer village and tourist attraction will be taken in September by a team of one professor and five students.

On Friday, Prof. Thomas MacIlwraith of Erindale College University of Toronto, met Reeve George Grant and Clerk Ron Abbs to enlist the village's cooperation in the project. He said he will head the group coming to Paisley, Sept. 4 to 9, to obtain data on the settlement's past history.

Prof. MacIlwraith was accompanied by two other members of the college geography department, Prof. Don Putman and Prof. Cecil Huston, who are seeking other pioneer projects in Bruce County.

Mr. MacIlwraith said the team is prepared to tape about 30 interviews with old residents of the village on their impressions of life around the turn of the century. He asked the co-operation of Mr. Grant and Mr. Abbs in preparing a list of persons willing to be interviewed.

"We want the students to get impressions of what life was like in the village in the early 1900s to be able to compare it with today," Mr. MacIlwraith said. "The preservation of the memories of these aged residents from their childhood is just as important as preserving old buildings in a pioneer project."

Prof. MacIlwraith said tapes of residents' recollections and suggestions to preserve certain

features of the village might be included in a presentation to the federal and provincial governments for assistance in financing a pioneer organization.

He said some physical attractions which might be implemented, along with the old town hall and unique firehall, are restored wooden sidewalks, overhead wooden signs (instead of neons) and installation of small-paned store front windows to replace plate glass expanses.

Prof. MacIlwraith emphasized his group will only be making a survey to provide evidence of the pattern of life in Paisley around 70 years ago and financing must come from other sources. He said the material of his party will assist economists in establishing

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whether it is feasible to restore the village to pioneer rating and the economists must either recommend or reject the project to the governments.

"Actually there is no limit to the information which might be gleaned from old residents in interviews," the professor said.

Reeve Grant said he anticipated no problems in enlisting old residents for interviews, as the people won't consider their private lives are being imposed on by the students. He reminded Mr. MacIlwraith that "Paisley is the friendly village."

Prof. MacIlwraith warned if the pioneer restoration is approved by the governments and fin-

ances allotted, the total finishing might take 10 to 12 years. — He said, "It won't happen overnight."

If Paisley is to become a pioneer community, with stress on its attraction as a tourist feature, business people must accept the village in this category without considering the old-time scene an economic drawback. Prof. MacIlwraith warned the village officials.

"Business people must be enthusiastic about the appearance of the village and not consider it a stigma implicating there is no progress in the community." Mr. MacIlwraith said "instead they should consider it their biggest asset." — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

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### NEW FIRE TRUCK WILL SERVE VILLAGE AND FIVE TOWNSHIPS

