

Bill Ireland's Elephant Stew ad never met the public eye - until now

and most of the brothers' children worked at the store at one time or another.

When they opened their store, some products were sold differently than today.

Feminine napkins were prewrapped in brown paper so customers would not be embarrassed to purchase the necessary items. "It's funny how things have

changed," Bruce says.

The Ireland's sold their business to a Sault Ste. Marie retailer in 1992. It has since been sold again and is now a Big V drug store. The lunch counter remains open to customers who enjoy — or want to discover — the friendly tradition.

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