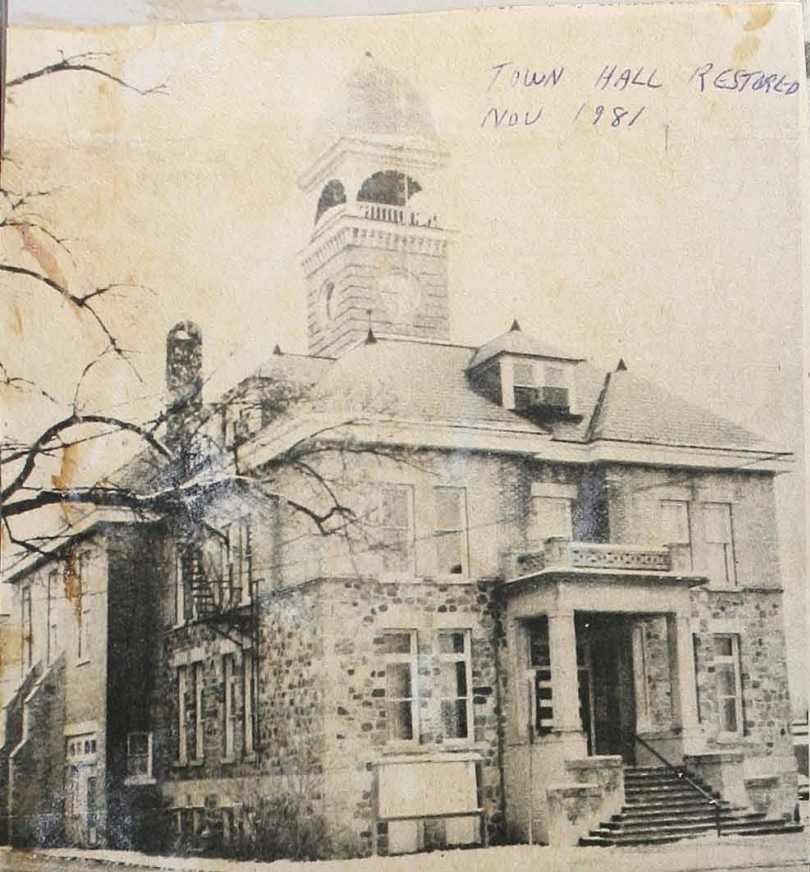


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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS--Jim Kieffer shows one of the many sweaters fitting to be sold in Kieffer's Men's Wear. All casual clothing will be sold off story within a month. (Doerr photo)

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Kieffer's closing after 50 years of business

by Tracey Doerr

WALKERTON—A men's clothing store in Walkerton is closing after more than half a century in business.

Jim Kieffer, owner of Kieffer's Men's Wear since 1975, says he decided to close his Durham Street store because he feels it is time for a change.

Not wanting to give up the clothing business completely, Kieffer has decided to keep the formal wear. As well, he's going to be active in the parcel delivery business through his Can Par (Canadian Parcel) outlet. He also runs the licence bureau in town. The formal wear, parcel outlet and licence bureau will all be relocated to Victoria Street (former car wash gas bar location). The new store will be called Kieffer's Formal Wear.

Kieffer has been in the men's wear business almost 18 years. The store was previously owned by Harry Doughty and called Doughty's Men's Wear, who opened the store in 1933.

Kieffer worked with the late Harry Doughty for almost four years before buying the store.

Although he says he feels there is a market for two men's wear stores in Walkerton, he says that things have been pretty quiet the last few years and two stores aren't needed at the present time. With the new mall coming to Walkerton he says he is sure there will be a men's wear store in the mall.

Besides the clothing store, Kieffer has been quite busy with the Licence Bureau, issuing Ministry of Natural Resources hunting and fishing licences, and commercial and residential apartment management called Kieffer Property Management Services. Kieffer was also a co-project manager of the recent renovations of Brown's Guardian Pharmacy in Walkerton.

Kieffer says he feels there is just not enough time to do everything and still spend time with the family.

Kieffer is enthusiastic about his future prospects. "I am really excited about the changes I am making. Some people only dream about making a mid-life career change. I am also very lucky to have the support and encouragement of my family, friends and many of my customers and fellow business people," says Kieffer.

He says a lot of the business connected with Can Par and all of the other things he is involved with makes for a very interesting day.

Kieffer is moving to his new building and he will be opening Kieffer's Formal Wear on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

"I'll miss the men's clothing business. There are some wonderful memories and I can't thank the people of the Walkerton area enough for all their support over the

Barb Klages resigns as rural specialist

Barb Klages has resigned as the Rural Organization Specialist for Bruce County. She joined the staff as the Home Economist for Bruce County 16 years ago. The 4-H Program, Women's Institute and other programs benefited from her efforts.

Barb plans to spend more time with her two young sons and husband and pick up some part-time work.

The staff of the Walkerton O.M.A.F. office wish Barb well in her future endeavours.