



Proprietors of the new Picton Pine Store on Main Street, Sheldon and Pierrette Whitteker (right), get a welcoming handshake from Prince Edward Chamber of Commerce president Gary Campbell on Monday. With his brother Larry, Dennis Ruttle (centre) builds the furniture on display.

Chamber welcomes Picton's Pine Store

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Prince Edward Chamber of Commerce president, Gary Campbell, Monday welcomed the "Picton Pine Store" into the community.

Sheldon Whitteker and his wife, Pierrette, are the proud owners of the new establishment.

If anyone wants to bring the pioneer era into their home this is the place to begin. The furniture in the Whitteker's store is made from white pine that measures 1 3/4 inches in thickness. All chairs, cabinets, benches and dining room suites suggest the warmth and rustic views of years gone by.

All the furniture has been manufactured in Prince Edward County. Mr. Whitteker displays the craftsmanship of the brother team of Larry and Dennis Ruggles who make the furniture in their Waupoos workshop.

Mr. Whitteker is well-known through the County for his insurance association with Donald Staton.

When asked why he decided to go into the selling of pine furniture, he replied, "I've done some of my own work with pine and it has always interested me but my

real love is collecting antique firearms. In my shop, I'll also have a corner that will feature a collection of guns and another corner will be for insurance business."

Mr. Whitteker believes that there is a desire for pine

furniture and people have expressed their need for this type of production in pine furniture.

Eventually, he hopes that he can contribute towards decreasing unemployment by hiring some part-time help.



FIVE GENERATIONS...Baby Jennifer Aulhouse was the least aware of it but she became the latest in a family line that stretches back five generations. The Bloomfield area families are (from left) father Richard, great grandmother Alma Aulhouse carrying Jennifer, great-great grandfather Robert Bowers of Lake Street, Picton and grandfather Keith Aulhouse.