

Offers organic, traditional food New variety store opens in Harrington

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HARRINGTON — A unique variety store has opened to the public in the village of Harrington.

The name of the store speaks for itself: Millstream Variety and Alternate Foods. It combines both modern organic and regular non-organic food along with a variety of other items, from greeting cards to clothing.

Still under reconstruction, the turn-of-the-century two-storey frame building, complete with hitching posts, is being re-sided and meticulously decorated inside, back to its original condition.

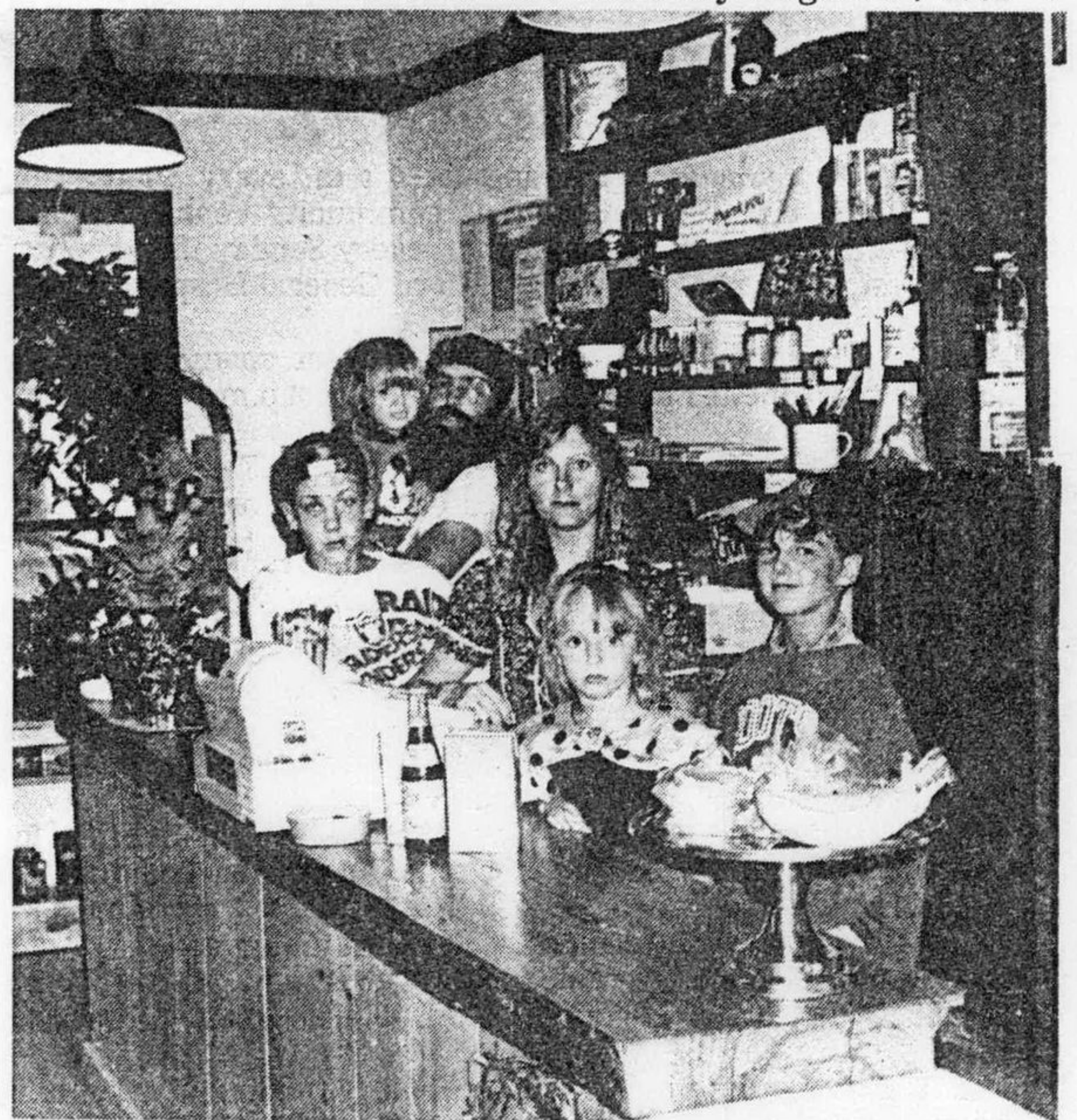
In the past the building had been a general store but has been a private residence for a number of years, until it was purchased by the present owners, Cliff Tipping and his wife, Donna.

Local legend has it that Charles William Gordon, who used the penname Ralph Connor, turn-of-the century Canadian author of a dozen books, including *Glengarry School Days* and *The Sky Pilot*, once resided in the building. Copies of several of his books are on display in the store today.

Shoppers will have the choice of a modern TV video or a library book to read from the selection, provided by the Oxford County Library depot.

The children in the village have found it a great spot to purchase a hand-scooped ice-cream cone and the adults appreciate the relaxed, quiet atmosphere of the store.

Situated on the banks of the Thames River, immediately adjacent to the Wildwood Conservation Area, the store is one of the oldest buildings in the village.



Cliff Tipping and wife Donna stand in their new Harrington store with their children, Marty, left, Keddy, in Mr. Tipping's arms, Amber and Joey. Photo by Thelma Hiuser



Members of the jazz dancing group who won a dance competition in New York last weekend are, from left: Victoria Hagarty and Christy Dahms, both 10, of Stratford;

Patricia Maragos, 10, of Shakespeare; Christine Smith, 11, of Embro; and Roslyn Yantzi, 10, of Tavistock.

Photo by Robin Wilhelm

Art teacher says her job is rewarding

BY TIA CHIERICOS

For Carol Turvey, being a supply teacher can be a "trying" experience but eventually a very rewarding one.

Beachville Public School's new Grades 3 and 4 art teacher said it's difficult to know all the students due to her part-time status at the school, but because of the welcoming atmosphere, she enjoys her position.

"(The students) sure try you," she said. "But I don't mind it now."

Turvey has been teaching, mainly



Carol Turvey

as a supply teacher, for 28 years. As a young girl she fell in love with the idea of becoming a

teacher.

"At that age you either wanted to become a nurse, a secretary or a teacher," she said. "I always wanted to become a teacher."

Turvey has seen a change to greater independence in students.

"They are so much more knowledgeable at their age," she said. "Groups are great, they make their own decisions out of their own heads."

She said Beachville is on the trail of individualized learning, providing special help for those children who need it.

"Pupils are being trained (early) about careers and everyday things."