

Home sweet home
The Balls have stayed in Colborne; their ties are here. Their family is close and does everything together.

As their kids grew up here, they became involved in sports, just as their father had.

Billie played the drums and Brenda twirled in the Colborne Band and Baton Corps. Bonnie was a member, too, and went to baton school in Watkins Glen, New York.

All the kids attended ENSS in Brighton.

Bill and June have plenty of reason to celebrate their milestone. Bill has had two heart attacks, bypass surgery and cancer. In 1963, he had to leave the trucking business due to a smashed knee. One nurse at the time said he was an accident waiting to happen.

Four months after his bypass, he was back in Algonquin walking three of its trails.

Bill admits he had a drinking problem in 1981. He joined Alcoholics Anonymous and hasn't had a drink since. It is a matter of pride for June that her husband has helped others beat their problems. In 1982, he quit smoking.

June laughs when asked about her failings. "I haven't had too much wrong, except marrying Bill."

Cheap entertainment

When Bill and June were young, \$5 would pay for a night out. You could head out to Little Lake to the Pavilion to play cards. They would think nothing of trekking over to one of the local ponds in the winter for a skate: "Everybody and his dog was there," says Bill.

general store in Dorset near where they camped over 50 years ago.

In one of their early visits, a park ranger mentioned the local team was playing ball against Barry's Bay and needed a pitcher. Bill jumped in and pitched Whitney to their first-ever win - and then was pelted with rocks by the local kids.

One day, June and Betty Snelgrove were at the general store replenishing the camp stock. They needed to use the toilet which was out in a field. A local



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Extended family today: Most of the extended family of Bill and June Ball were at their grandson Bill Hodgkinson's recent wedding.

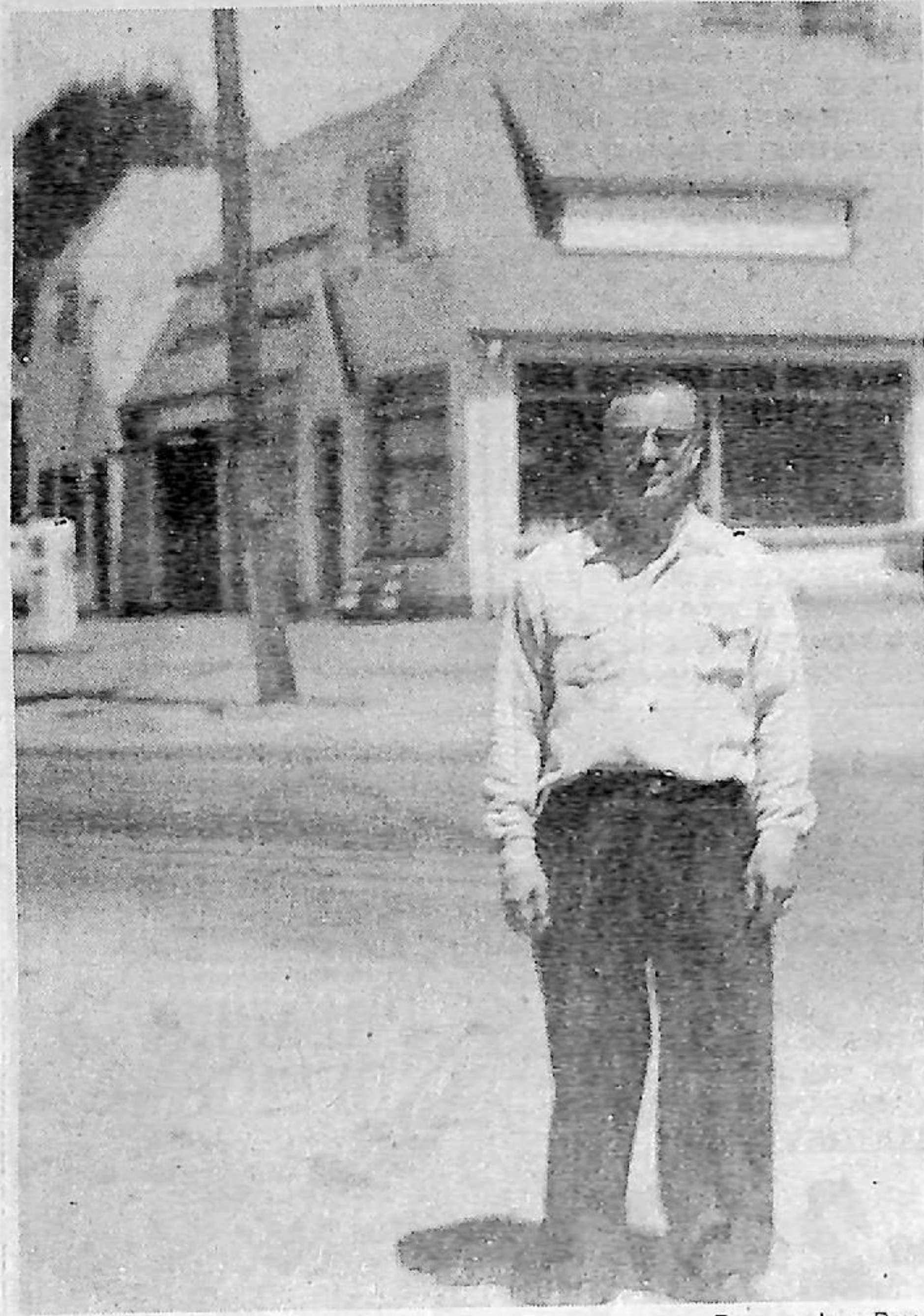


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June's father, Alf Dove, stands in front of his Colborne restaurant, now the vacant Hasiuk Place building on Toronto Road. Behind him is the White Rose gas station, now Mr. Convenience.

Deaths

SCRIPTURE, Jerry Harold - Peacefully at Brockville General Hospital on Wednesday March 5th, 2008 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Rose Marie Hall. Loving father of Bob Scripture (Debbie), Kathy Scripture (Darrell McAllister) and the late Jamie Chapman. Dear grandfather of James, Melissa, Michelle, Scott, Christian, Robert and Lori and great grandfather of Jessica, Sheldon, Kari and Tayden. Predeceased by his sister Rosemary. Friends are invited to call at the **Trinity Anglican Church**, King St. E., Colborne on Monday March 10th, 2008 from 12 noon - 2 pm. followed by a funeral service at 2 pm. Colborne Legion will hold a Legion Memorial service at the church at 1:45 pm. on Monday. Cremation with interment in Colborne Union Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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