

Sunderland —

Used to be called Jones Corners

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In the past, Sunderland was more of a retirement community. Local farmers would retire and move into town as did Ross Thompson and his family 12 years ago.

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But there's been an upswing in the last few years. More houses are going up and more people are coming in.

The incoming population isn't restricted to one age group. Most are families with children. Sunderland Public School is expanding to accept the upsurge.

In the town of Sunderland itself there isn't much industry.

Many are commuters travelling out to Oshawa or Toronto to work but opting for the rural life to live.

Sunderland, however, does service area residents with a number of stores and businesses.

The Co-op store is probably the most visible located right alongside Highway 7. North of the highway, the Sunnyvale Nursery School for handicapped children marked the beginning of the business section of Sunderland.

Sunderland also has a hardware store, funeral home, book shop, restaurant, beauty parlour, pet store, two grocery stores, insurance office, pharmacy, variety store, Sears catalogue store, bank, public library and a veterinarian's clinic just north of town.

In 1982, a senior citizens' apartment building was opened west of the main section. Three years later a medical centre was erected directly facing the apartment building.

Before the town was referred

to as Sunderland, it was called Jones Corners, after one of the first settlers. The town had a number of businesses, including two hotels and a planing mill.

The old school was a large T-shaped building west of the town hall. It had two entrances, the boys would use one entrance and the girls would use another on

the opposite side of the building. In 1912, the building was torn down and a new school was erected where the Sunderland

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The main section of Sunderland, just north of Highway 7, is home to a dozen or so businesses.

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