



Honoring the teacher 1991

Kay Coleman of Forester's Falls was honoured at a retirement dinner and dance on Saturday by the nine auto mechanics who apprenticed at his garage over the last 40 years. In front are: Terry, Esther, Kay and Bobby Coleman. In back are: Mark Furlong, Stewart Curry, John Huckabone, Lawrence Edmunds, Mel Curry, George Somerville and Keith Curry.

Apprentices honor Kay Coleman

Over the last 40 years, Kay Coleman has provided experience for nine auto mechanic apprentices at his garage in Forester's Falls.

Last Saturday, those apprentices, former employees, family, and friends paid tribute to Mr. Coleman at a retirement dinner and dance. His wife, Esther, was also honoured for her work as the garage's bookkeeper.

After serving in World War II, Mr. Coleman served his apprenticeship under mechanic Ryan Springer in Carleton Place from 1946 to 1948. He had received three years credit for army mechanic courses.

After working in Pembroke, Mr. Coleman worked at Pettigrew's garage in Forester's Falls (now Woody's Whitewater Outpost). On July 1st, 1950, he

opened Coleman's Garage.

The apprentices who served under Kay were: Keith Curry (1951-55); George Somerville (1955-57); Mel Curry (1959-62); Lawrence Edmunds (1968-71); John Huckabone (1972-75); Terry Coleman (1974-75); Stewart Curry (1976-78); Robert Coleman (1978-82); and Mark Furlong (1985-89).

"I really enjoyed it and I think one way of putting it

is that if I had to do the whole thing all over again, I wouldn't change a thing," said Mr. Coleman. "We've had real good times and we're just thankful for having such a good bunch of people to work with and a good family to live with."

Kay's son, Bobby, has taken over the garage while the elder Coleman still sells cars part-time for Reid Brothers of Arnprior.