

# Ilderton fair changes with the times

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There are a variety of changes in store for visitors to this year's Ilderton Fair, according to Ilderton Agricultural Society president Gerald Campbell in the fair's promotional literature. The two-day fair will be held Friday, Sept. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29.

Campbell says that as our rural life changes so does the Ilderton Fair, adding that many activities that were once popular with fair-goers do not interest people of today. Campbell says that as the urban influence has increased changes have been necessary.

This year, the fair is introducing an agricultural awareness program to bring about an increased understanding in the community. The program includes bringing in a class from each of the five area schools to the fair.

Campbell says that as the fair heads towards its sesquicentennial year, it will continue to adjust and strengthen the fair to meet the changing needs of the community.

Society homecraft division president Sharleen Phillips says in her message to fairgoers the Ilderton Fair is a fair to show talents, skills, creativities and to demonstrate to others all the projects available in the agricultural community. She says its a fair for all - young, old, urban and rural -- and is a great opportunity to meet neighbours, old school chums and make new friends and acquaintances in the community and surrounding area.

While the fair doesn't officially begin until Friday, exhibits of grain, seed, hay, roots, vegetables, fruits, flowers, food, handwork, art, junior work and woodwork will be received in the arena on Thursday, Sept. 27, between 7 and 9 p.m., according

to the program. Photography entries will be received between 6 and 8 p.m. for judging at 8:30 p.m.

Friday's program includes the receiving of exhibits between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and judging of all exhibits in the arena at 1:30 p.m. Exhibit building exhibits will be open to the public Friday evening until 11 p.m. Also featured Friday are concessions and a midway; 4-H homemaking awards at 7 p.m. in the arena's upstairs; an amateur show at 7:30 p.m.; and a market steer show at 6 p.m. with the sale at 8 p.m.

Saturday's program includes: Western horse special, 9 a.m.; hunters and jumper classes, 9:30 a.m.; exhibits building open to

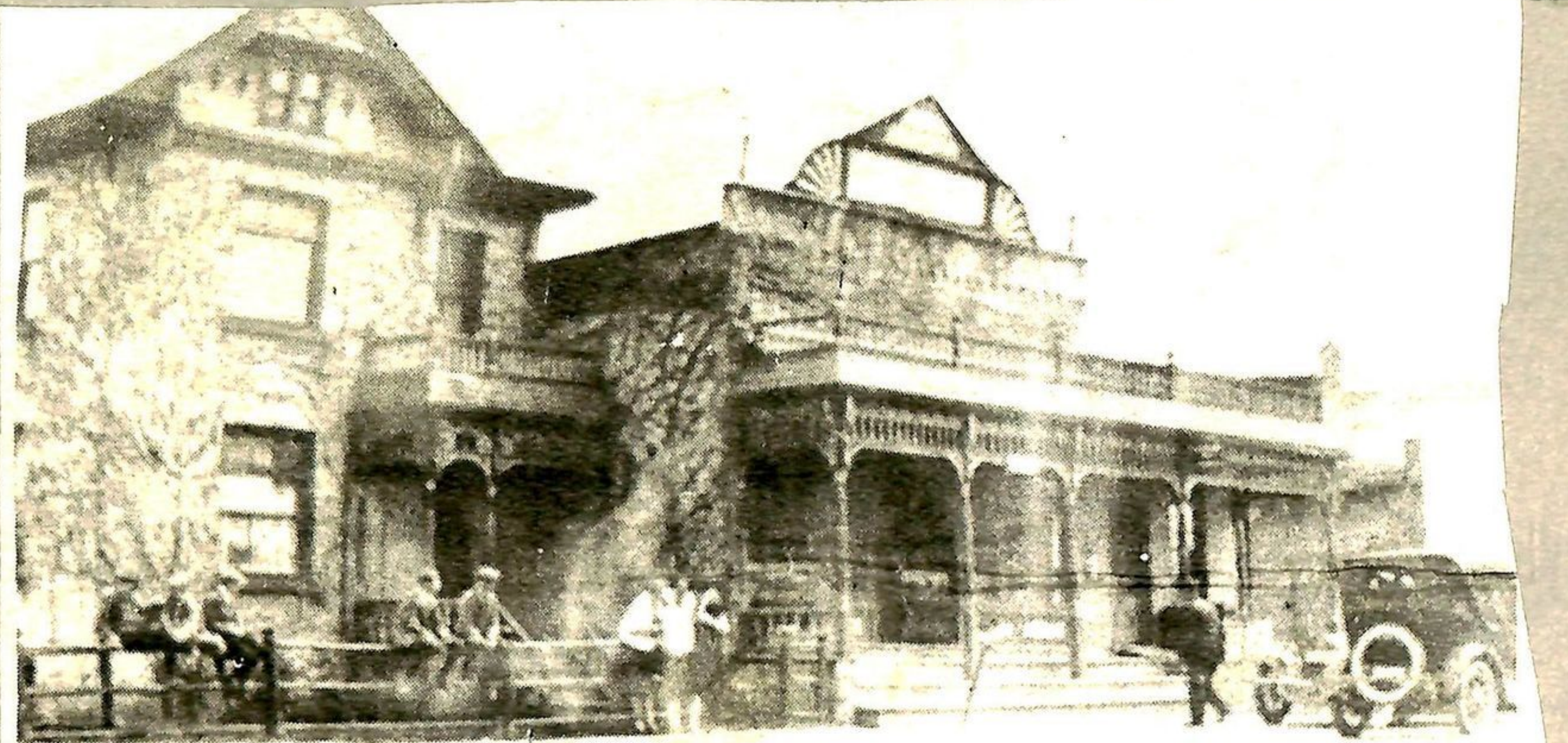
public, 9:30 a.m.; 4-H achievement program for sheep, 10 a.m.; parade and judging goats, 11 a.m.; 4-H judging barrows, 11 a.m.; pets, 11:30 a.m.; official opening of fair by Middlesex County warden Allen Johnson, 12 noon; livestock judging, 12 noon to 4 p.m.; Ilderton 4-H Beef & Dairy Calf clubs, heavy horses, ponies and saddle horses, 12 noon; sheep judging, 12:30 p.m.; swine judging, 1 p.m.; euchre in Royal Canadian Legion, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; special attractions (euchre games, Kub Kar races, radio-controlled model car races, bed races, Money in the Stack - preschoolers - Pete McClary, children's draw, mutton busting (wild and wooley)

and calf scramble), 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; calf scramble, 4 p.m.; removal of exhibits, 5 p.m.; and dancing in the curling rink, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Paul French and Rebound.

Saturday afternoon entertainment in the curling rink will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the Ilderton Entertainers performing until 2:30 p.m., at which time David Hoy will perform.

## Enjoy The Fair

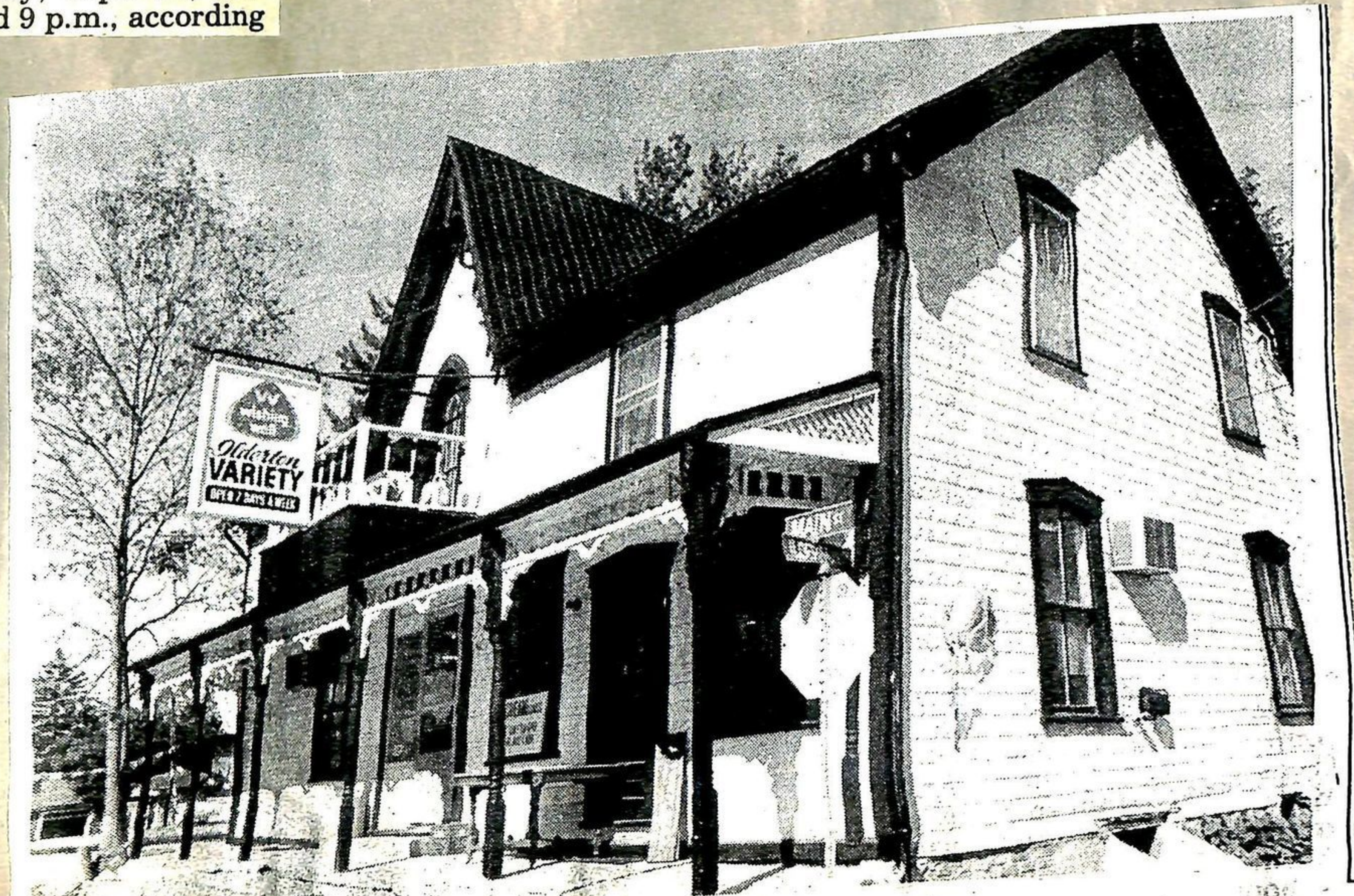
MISS ILDERTON -- The lovely Kari Kennedy was named Miss Ilderton Fair 1990.



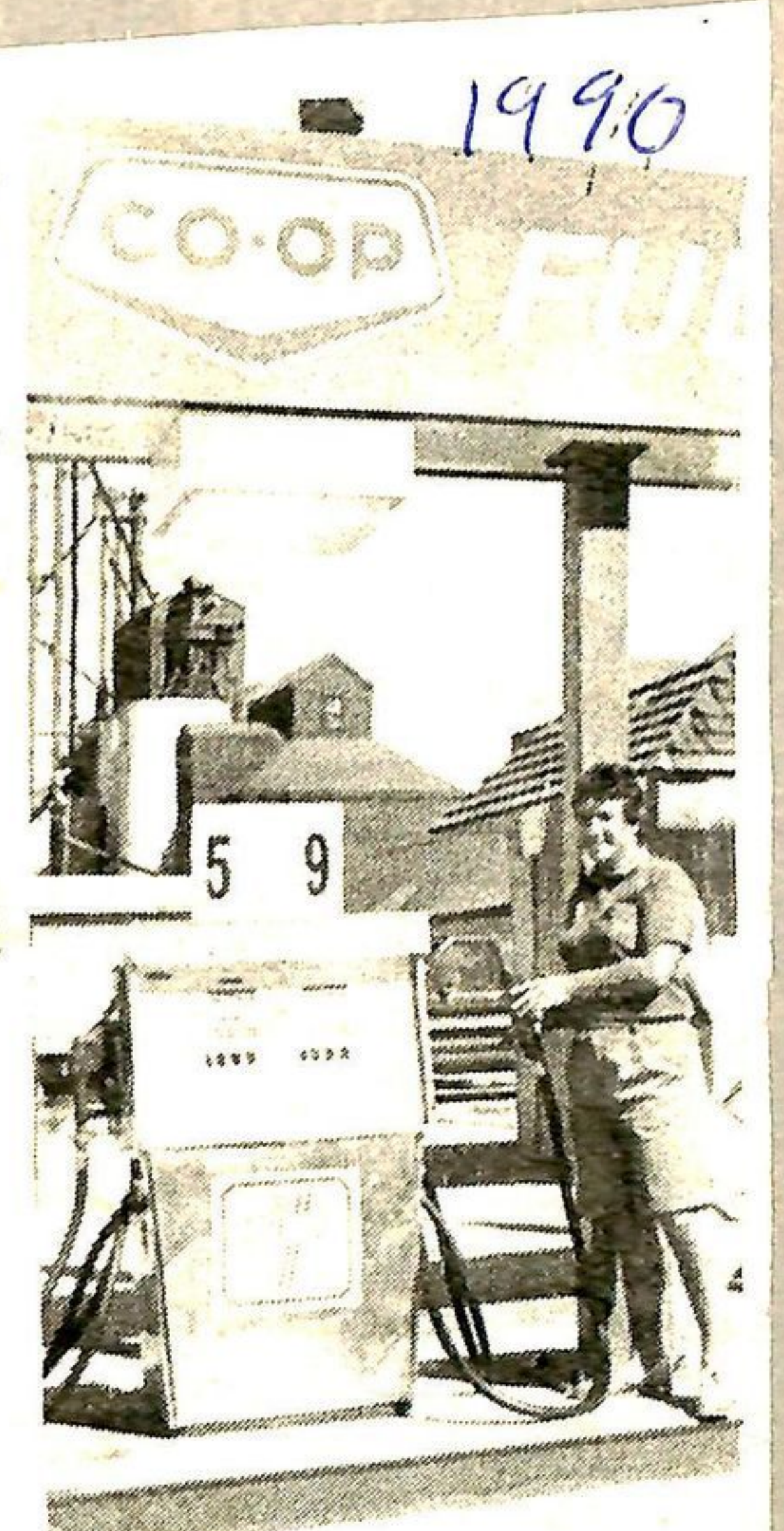
YESTERDAYS MEMORIES -- This picture is located in McRae's Country Shop. The building to the right is the store as it appeared in 1922.

The Country Store, Main Street Ilderton

Ilderton - then and now



NEW AGE, NEW USE -- The building which once served as a hotel in Ilderton now houses Ilderton Variety.



FRIENDLY SERVICE -- Leilah Hord has a friendly smile for customers at the United Co-operatives of Ontario gas outlet in Ilderton. In the background is the UCO's feed mill and seed plant. The UCO facility in Ilderton can also boast of a building and farm supply outlet.