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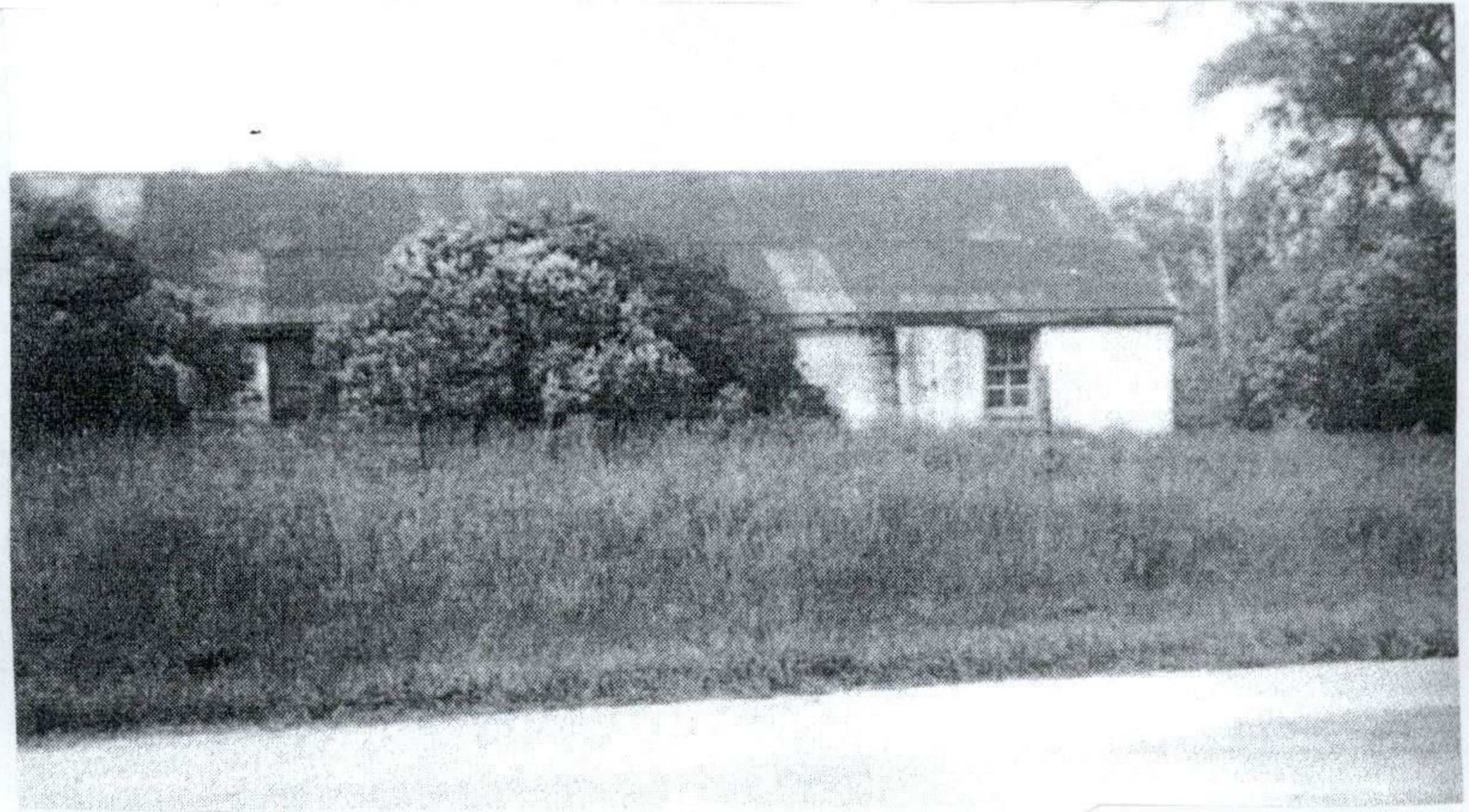
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No one seems to know when or why the name Paramount was bestowed on the south end of the township but apparently it was at sometime previous to 1880. On lot 8, con. 1 there was a store operated by the Widow Murchison for many years, across the road in Ashfield there is also said, to have been a tavern, but this has not been definitely confirmed. Going west then, the school, the Grange, the Saw Mill, MacBeth's Tailor Shop and the Cheese Factory. The School, Saw Mill and Cheese Factory are dealt with in separate chapters. There has been quite a colorful oral history about the Saw Mill, which is much more interesting than the true story, so we will leave it to the imagination. The tailor shop of Mr. Macbeths is also a bit of a problem, as it seems probable that he is the same MacBeth who appears in the Lochalsh history.

The period in time when Paramount was most widely known was during the thirtys and fortys when the curing room of the then disused cheese factory was turned into a dance hall and dances were held there.

Many outstanding citizens went out from the community and many stayed in it. Among the teachers were Robert McIntosh, Graham McNay, Annie McDonald, John Martin and Sarah McAuley. There were also outstanding artisans such as the Murrays, Murdocks, F. McCharles and Davis. The Murrays and Murdocks were excellent stone masons. Five examples of their craft are to be seen along highway 86. Starting from the west, the homes of Art Matthews, Harold Elphick, Bev McNay and Harvey Irwin and the former school U.S.S. 14. Paramount claim to have, still standing, the only slaughter house built by the members of a beef raising township of Huron, and also Huron Township's only cement tile plant, both on lot 15, con. 1. The tile plant was built and operated by George Page from about 1920 till 1940.



PARAMOUNT TILE FACTORY

Paramount also had a United Farmer's Club which held regular meetings in the old MacBeth house and in common with many other such clubs, bought supplies wholesale from a central warehouse in Toronto. Out of this activity grew the Lucknow Shipping Association and the Lucknow District Co-Op, doing a \$1,364,385 business in 1974. Paramount, Kairshea and St. Helens clubs formed the nucleus of these organizations.