



IMMENSE PILLARS, recently added to the Everton Inn, are not authentic with the period of its construction. The original verandah was a simple overhang. It extended across the front and down the side of the building facing both the Everton Line and Highway 24. It had gingerbread decoration.

Vintage country hotel being restored at Everton corner and 24

Pioneer forefathers would smile complacently at the recent interest in restoring vintage Canadian homes as opposed to up-dating or having them torn down in the district of Eramosa, many aged residences dating back to the late 1800's are, today, still standing in excellent repair, they are reflections of both the building abilities and of the architectural vision of our predecessors.

Area history tells us that, as pioneers settled into the townships of Guelph, Eramosa and Erin, several stop-over hostels were built to accommodate wayfarers travelling either on foot or horseback to other centres. These were inns where travellers could enjoy overnight quarters or just a stop-off for refreshments and watering down of horses.

Several inns from the outskirts of Guelph to Oupringe corners, there were at least six such hostels. Reputations were based on the particular interest of the innkeeper. Some were better known for good meals, others for bar-room facilities.

Senior residents who have lived all their lives in Eramosa, list ones they remember. They talk about the famous Bull Frog Inn once situated just outside Guelph. It is now located well within the city limits and as a men's hairdressing establishment. Langford's Corners is now called Dorothy's Variety. Another inn, located at the Guelph-Eramosa town line was a frame building called Grove Inn. It has since been moved across the highway and is presently owned by G.R.C.A. slated for removal because of the Guelph dam.

Four Corners was the location of perhaps one of the oldest inns in Eramosa. It was called the Abbot and was torn down some time ago. Centre Inn was another, established on the site of the former Mrs. Fred Pefferd. Two others were at the Everton and Oupringe corners. All these inns were called, as they were, four corners, as they were built on the four corners of a square. Eramosa had two inns on Highway 24.

One of the most famous of such inns was the one at the Everton corner. As well as being a simple over-night stopping place and refreshments, it also had the best kitchen in the district. Farmers with a radius of 20 miles would bring their animals to be bred as a great variety of horses, particularly working horses, were available for that purpose at the inn stables.

Many of the original inns which had been placed at convenient intervals along the highway have been torn down or moved back. To accommodate early travel they had been built close to roadways and, when the Eramosa Rd became a highway, the buildings stood close to the road allowance.

Fortunately, the beautiful old inn which still stands at the Everton corner has remained intact and, if its present owner's ambitions materialize, could revert back to its original purpose. It could, once again, be reconverted to an eating establishment, providing over-night accommodation.

Although the property was deeded as crown land in 1832 to Richard Talbot, leaseholder from Ireland, the original building on the land was probably a log cabin, following the traditional building program of early settlers. It



LOOKING DOWN the staircase at the Everton Inn visitors can see in the beautiful cherry and pine floors and the 1870 entrance door. The woodwork has all been cleaned down as part of the restoration of Bruno Selisizzi, the new owner.

is suspected by historians, the first house was built in 1839, to be operated as an inn in 1862 when sold by Talbot to Jesse Usherwood, an innkeeper. From the ownership of Usherwood, the inn was owned by two other early Eramosa settlers, Duane Shattuck purchased the building from Usherwood in 1880 and, in 1883, Shattuck sold to Dennis Hefferman, a yeoman.

Built in 1870's Actual construction of the present structure is dated by specialists who recognize architecture, as somewhere in the 1870's. One senior Guelph resident, a native of Everton born in 1884, remembers the building as about 20 years old when she went to public school, which lies in with the 1870 date. It is believed, the original log cabin was replaced by a frame home to be replaced again by the one which now stands.

Stables were also located on the property behind the hotel along with a coachhouse in which the hotel owner kept his own private horses. It also contained quarters for his stable man. The stables have long since disappeared and no one is apparently, alive who seems to recollect having seen them.

The interesting feature of the house was a verandah which ran along the front and side, facing both roadways. According to the former Everton resident, who was a schoolgirl around the year 1890, the building was badly in need of paint and repair at that time. The lady believes the verandah was blown down during a severe hurricane which occurred in 1922, when trees and hydro lines were brought down.

Country hotel resident remembers the same hotel. Stewart Royce, once the clerk-treasurer of Eramosa, says he remembers it as a boy. He recalls the hotel being operated as such and owned by Dennis Hefferman, providing meals, liquor and beds for travellers. "A regular country hotel," Mr. Royce says, "until May 1, 1910, when Eramosa went



A CAST-IRON STOVE, probably similar to ones used in its present setting, is seen at the Everton Inn, purchased two years ago and being restored by Bruno Selisizzi. The master of hairdressing design and men's fashions is seen here in the kitchen. He has had experience in restoration and has new plans for the vintage building.

the wallpapering on the living-room walls, sanding the unusual cherry-pine floors and bringing up the beautiful, deep dormer windows.

There have been no major changes in the house since it was first built. In his efforts to maintain the oldness, he has installed separate antique cupboards with sinks and moveable wardrobes. Home-spin rugs and early Canadian furniture add to the warmth, as the lovely old inn gradually takes on the look of genial hospitality reflective of an earlier age.

One innovation which the owner has made, not authentic with the period of the inn, is the incorporation of four immense pillars. They are

being used on the front verandah as a replacement of the original, blown down years ago. Reportedly, the first was a simple, over-hung type verandah with gingerbread decoration. Mr. Selisizzi admits to having a "thing" about pillars and this is why the present ones have been erected.

Visions of an immaculately clean, two acres of land around the buildings are described. He will turn everything, with trees and other vegetation all pulled. "The present trees will, of course, stay." He can see the home and surroundings as requiring clean restoration in complete simplicity.

He can see the possibility of

the coachhouse housing classes in art, photography and sculpting. Right now the project of how fast or to what extent the hotel will progress and in what area, depends on many things. Mr. Selisizzi feels it takes many people to make things happen but that it will slowly evolve itself. "If it's right, it will work."

"I want to restore it to what it was, make it historical," he says. District residents who have known the beautiful old stone structure as a landmark for the Everton turn-off, watch the restoration with interest. They are pleased that one more important piece of Ontario history is being preserved.

Nutrition workshop

Do we eat right?

By Joyce Deaton
"Is your family eating well-balanced meals? If not, whose fault is it and how can their bad habits be corrected?"

These were questions considered at a Nutrition Workshop held Thursday in Hornby by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Halton Women's Institutes sponsored the day-long educational program.

There were conflicting answers to the first question, Margaret Myer, supervisor of foods and nutrition for the Ministry said, "The home-maker plays such an important role as mothers have the greatest influence on the family's food habits."

However, it was voiced by many of the 65 women at the workshop, that often a mother has no control over what her family is eating.

In a booklet prepared for the Blue Cross Association and distributed to the women, James Breeling says, "As far as eating is concerned she (mother) doesn't manage the household, she just restocks supplies and fixes the meals that account for only one-third to one-half of her family's daily food intake."

Mr. Breeling is director of the section on food science of the department of foods and nutrition, American Medical Association.

It was the responsibility of supplies that Margaret Myer and home economist Lorraine Holding dealt with in detail at the one-day workshop. A simulated trip was made to a supermarket where the shopper gave reasons for choice of produce purchased.

Supermarket tour What would be the best buy—canned, fresh or frozen green beans? The canned beans were deemed to be the most expensive, the frozen a better buy in the winter. It was agreed the fresh were best as far as food value was concerned.

Fried chicken best served to the family when it's coated with commercially-prepared crumbs, when the cook makes her own mix, or when prepared by a take-out service ready to eat? Most of the women in the group made their own coating.

These and other questions were considered throughout the day as a means of determining the best nutritional value for the least money when shopping for food today.

The high cost of sugar is a consideration for the food shopper. In a study done by

Elizabeth Chant Robertson, consultant and research associate to the Hospital for Sick Children she says, "Sugar is our poorest food. It gives you nothing but calories. It adds no proteins, vitamins, or minerals. Syrup, honey, jam, jelly, marmalade and candies are 65 to 95 percent sugar with a nice flavor. Molasses gives you a fair amount of iron and a little calcium. Honey and raw, brown or Demerara sugar are very little better than white sugar. Such sweet foods are not essential."

Weight gain Dr. Robertson advises us to use sweets sparingly, especially if you gain weight easily. She says the only reason adults gain weight is because they are eating more food than they need for energy and activity. "The one exception to this is during pregnancy.

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Ask formal approach

Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson has advocated a more formal approach to the structure of regional council committees and the rules governing those meetings.

Masson reminded members that in the beginning of the council's life there were four committees, each with six people. Then each of the 24 councillors was placed on two committees and later, councillors could attend any meeting.

Masson noted that it was at that point things became confused. Some committees allowed anyone present to vote while others restricted voting to registered members. In many cases it wasn't certain who was or wasn't a member or for that matter, how many members were needed for a quorum, Masson said.

To be studied Masson presented his report to the Community Services Committee Monday afternoon and will present it to each of the other three committees and eventually the matter will be discussed at council.

The committee was also told that re-scheduling of meetings might be needed to ease the load in the clerk's office. The committee was told both staff and committees were sending material in after the deadline to be included in the agendas.

No fires this week

Fire chief Mick Holmes told the Free Press yesterday there were no fires to report on this week.

Charlottetown incorporated as a town in 1855 and as a city in 1875, is the capital of Prince Edward Island.



TOP-TAPPING music of Fletcher's Orchestra brought couples to their feet after a roast beef dinner at the Warden's Banquet, held at the Legion Hall, Erin. Councillor Bill McLean and his wife joined the crowd on the floor.

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