



OLD-TIME CRAFTSMEN and young men eager to learn the trade are restoring old barns and building new. Here they put the aluminum siding on a new horse barn.



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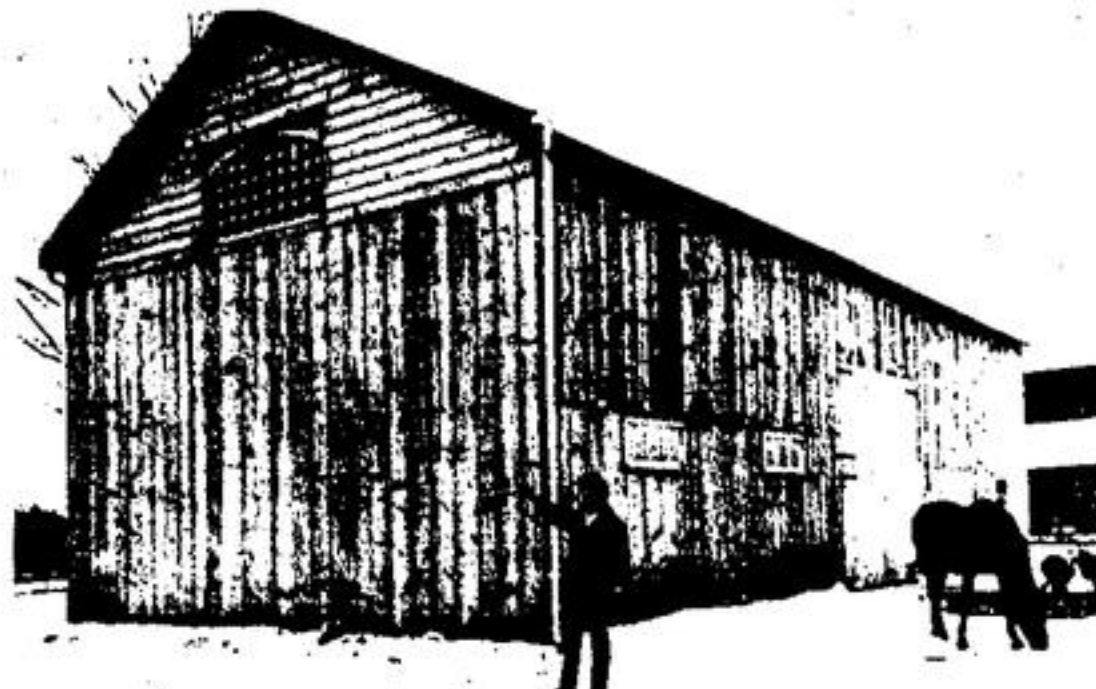
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framer John Simpson and his crew to preserve it. The unique old structure with its thick lumber is enclosed with new wood. A window from the old Listowel Post Office has a new home in the gable.

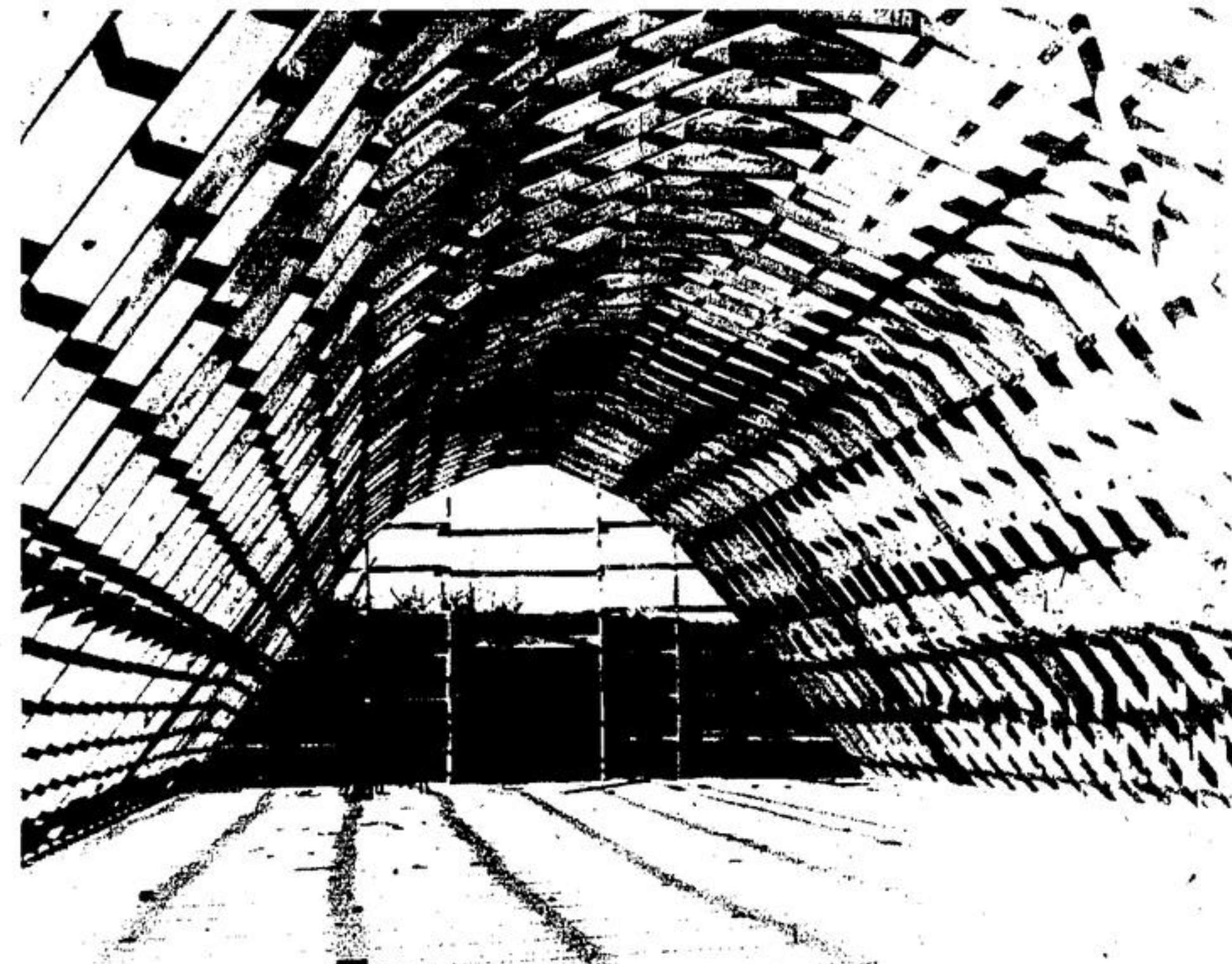
New barns are under construction at a growth rate reminiscent of the mid-1800's. Simpson's crew has just completed a new hip-roofed barn for the Burgess family in Milton. It will house horses.

Old barns are being changed structurally inside to accommodate the needs of the horse. The Jack Wheelahan barn in Campbellville is experiencing a new lease on life with 42 stalls.

John Simpson began barn framing in the early 1920's, working with his father Ervill and a long-time Nassagaweya carpenter Davey Henderson. John's crew is a mixture of old-time craftsmen and young men eager to learn the trade. John is a fifth generation Simpson, his family settling in Nassagaweya in 1828.



JOHN SIMPSON points to the finished barn he and his crew built on the farm of Bill and Carol Gregg at Rockwood. The framing, shown below before it was dismantled, was moved from its original location in Milton.



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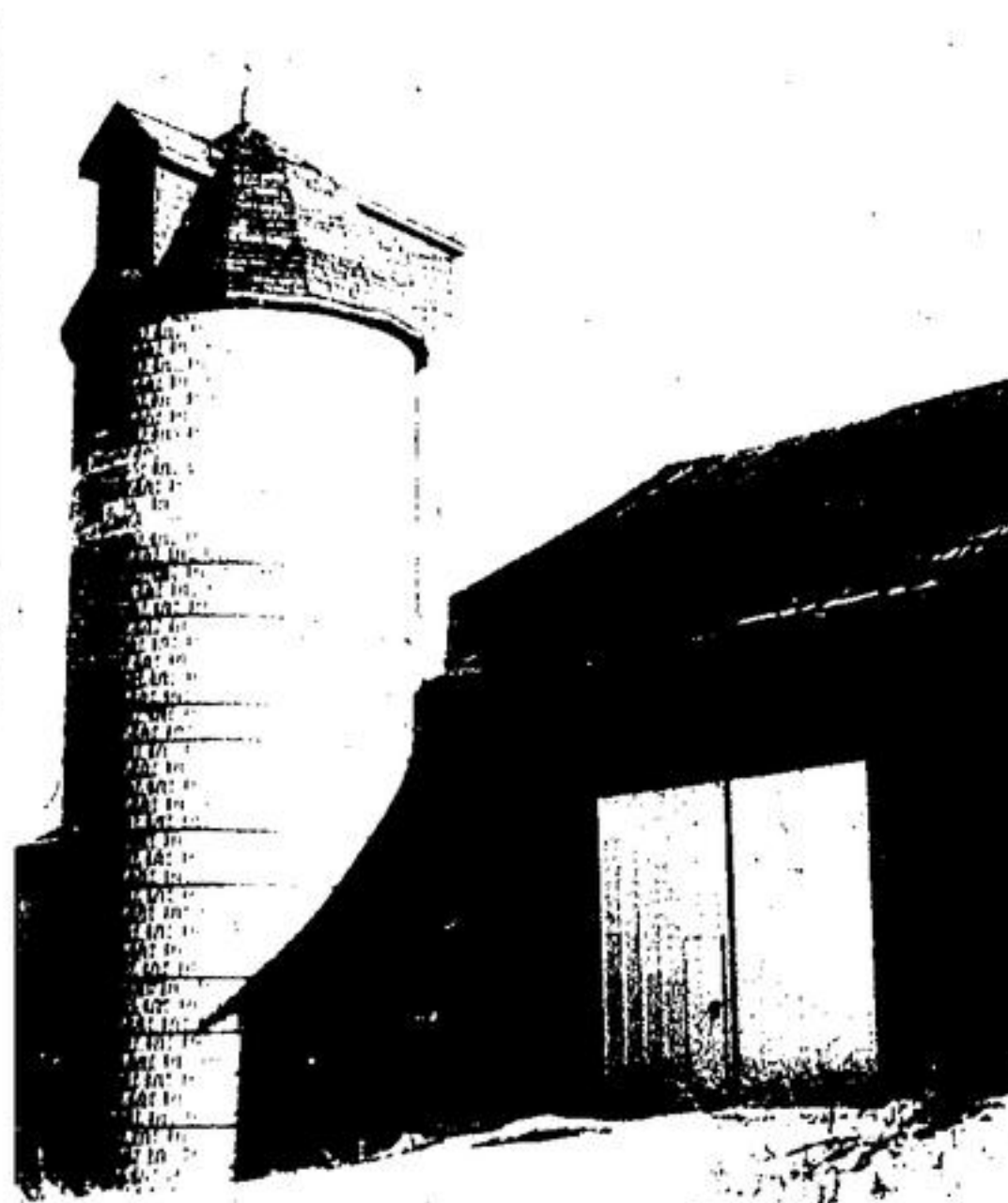
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STILL IN GOOD SHAPE and housing cattle is the barn of Bill Mahon of Campbellville. Below daylight shows through the old siding, outlining the sturdy framing of days-gone-by.



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