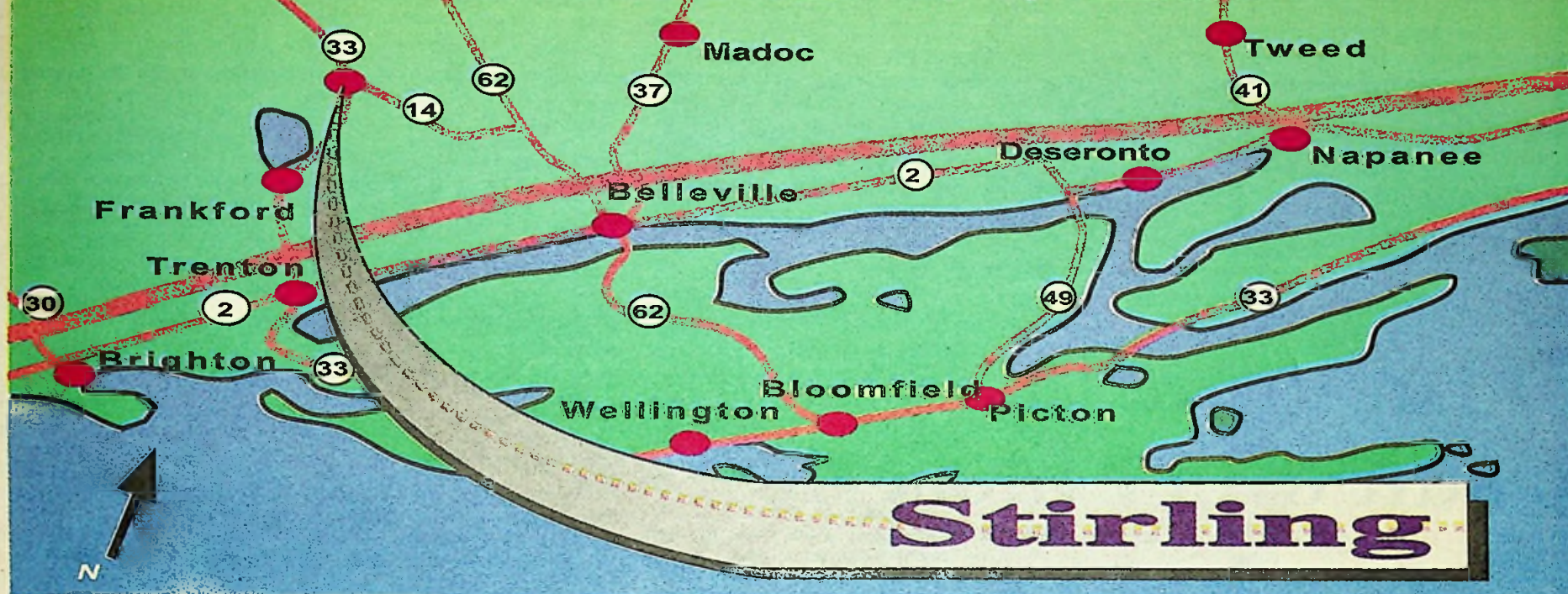


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A 'Stirling' community

Wieger De Jong, Stirling's reeve for more than 10 years, stands outside one of the village's beautiful old homes. The building's first owner was Nicholas Lake, who was the first reeve of Stirling. The village was originally settled in the 1820s and '30s because of its rich agricultural land and water power supplied by Rawdon Creek. In those days, agriculture was the mainstay of the

community. In a way it still is, but De Jong says the village has grown into a thriving community with a varied business section, active arts community and plenty of sporting events. Among Stirling's facilities are a library, recreation centre, curling club, high school and public school, a volunteer fire department and a number of churches.