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drop mail room both fire proofed, and the overall impression one gets of space and light.

W.J. Gavin, area postmater of Thunder Bay and Trevor Kerr Taylor, Marathon postmaster came to assist postmaster Russell G. Macadam and his staff in transferring to the new building. But only in comparison with the past can the new building be really appreciated!

Not too many now, in Schreiber, can remember its first post office, in a dim, dark corner in the back of the famous Corner Store (still called that) owned by J.E. Walker, whose wife, E.M. Walker, became the postmaster - occupying the position from 1907 to 1945.

The lobby, in this first office, was a precarious, narrow stretch between the local boxes and an open entrance to the store's basement. Where, naturally, youngsters gathered - mail time then apparently co-inciding with closing school hours - to jostle, shove, push to vantage points, to peer into mail boxes and seldom a day one did not hurtle down the steep basement steps, with not one, so far as can be recalled suffering the well-earned broken limb.

Since working in the post office was, in those early days, one of the few positions open, and acceptable for the young single girl, it followed that many courtships were decorously carried on, with the width of the wicket as chaperone, and, under the avid eyes of the young fry in town, reporting the progress.

Only in a small town could there be the rapport which still exists between the staff and customers-to the amazement and delight of an earlier inspector, safely (so he thought) hidden by a partition which concealed him from customers at the wicket and yet, aware of a sign passed, which revealed his presence, at the end of the day, instead of discharging the certain clerk, which she expected, he said, instead - well, no one can question your public good will - but, tell me what was the sign?

So, for the entire week, Schreiber has been

NOTICE

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remembering some of the staff who worked in the post office, not in sequence: during and following Mrs. Walker's regime Ethel Godin, Mildred Duncan and Elma Haapa at various times were assistant post maters. Others, as clerks were Edith Newman, the first clerk, Elsie Thorne, Doreen Wilkes, Marie Lemieux, Gloria Huard, Sadie Coglin, Marjorie and Helen Walsh, Dolly Scot Scott, "Baby Kay" Walker, Mima Duggan, Helen Campbell, Barbara Bailey, Annie McGregor and Della Moore.

In direct line, Peter Halonen became postmaster in 1947, with Russell Macadam taking over from him in 1955 - Peter went on to successively important positions in the Postal Department, where he still is.

The present staff is Elma Haapa, Saima Willoughby and Celia Valentino.

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TENDERS

The Township of Schreiber will receive tenders up to and including July 13, for the deomolish-ing of a garage, approximately 24' x 26', situated on Subway Street.

Bids should not include the cost of removing any portion of the concrete block footings. All material to be removed from the site, and the site left in a clean, tidy condition.

Mrs. M. Zombori,  
Clerk-Treasurer

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

During the period from 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 2nd to 4:30 p.m., July 2nd, the Lake Superior Pumphouse pumps will be shut down due to inspections and repairs to our main electrical substation.

During this period, the Town will be supplied from our Emergency Pumphouse on the Aguasabon River. There will be no interruption to the Town water supply, but there may be a slight drop in pressure.