

comer F. T. Whiteway arrived to take over a locomotive foremanship and Company plans were made to remove the sixty-foot high smokestack landmark above the roundhouse . . . Yet the railway recognized that good things did come out of Rivers, for native-born Robert H. Tivy was named Maritime region assistant superintendent.



The same fifth-decade year was accompanied by problems not unlike those existing fifty years before (dog-control, policing and scholastic needs). It marked the end of journeyings for early inhabitants Mrs. Wilfred Parsons (Annie Brown) at McGraw, N.Y.; for septuagenarians Garfield Ferguson (one of Rivers' first five barbers) at Nakina, Ont., Arthur W. Johnson (ex-railroader and former councillor) in Winnipeg, T. R. Grieve (one-time clothier) at Campbell River, B.C.; for octogenarian James Cluff. It brought to McKenzie's, this community's original business enterprise (now in its fourth generation) a half-century-of-service celebration; it witnessed the premiere installation of natural gas at the home of Thomas McKenzie (no connection with the firm-name previously mentioned) and the qualifying of Pte. W. L. Cowell (RCR) as the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre's 10,000th paratrooper — the twelvemonth that saw construction begin on a new Canadian Legion hall, an IGA Supermarket and an United Grain Growers elevator, renovation of the Alexandra hotel (wherein the third storey was removed), presentation to town and district of a Kiwanis club ambulance, a two-hour Airport visit of Hollywood's Charles Laughton, appointment of ex-Councillor James Messel to a newly-created works department post and the subsequent election of Mrs. J. A. Gilchrist as this town's first woman representative at the civic table, along with the new faces of M. K. Shannon and Dr. John Zmetana.



The half-century point in this community's history saw recorded a repetition of earlier departures relative to education when temporary classes were held in a remodelled United church — and a memorable event in scholastic annals with the ceremonious September 20 opening of Rivers Collegiate as Ivy Miners' Day (in honor of the local teaching staff member who now retired from thirty-six-and-a-half terms of duty) : into the presence of provincial premier D. L. Campbell, Nick Mandziuk MP, M. R. Sutherland MLA, Commanding Officer Group Capt. R. O. Shaw and other CJATC officials, Rivers-born Anglican church rector Denis Roberts together with second-generation ex-pupils, Miss