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SKIP'S SERVICE STATION

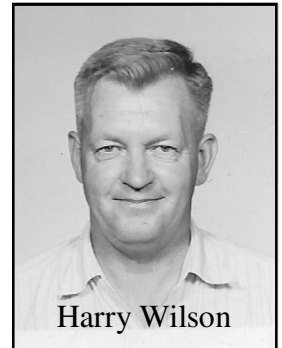
Bridge Street, Northville, NY



Skip's Service Station had it's beginning in 1956, with Harry Wilson and Son Skip.

My father, Harry Wilson, and my brother Skip Wilson Sr. started "Skip's Service Station" on Bridge Street . They leased it for several years before purchasing it.

Many incentives were offered for fill ups. These included a large "dino" book, green or gold coffee mugs, glassware, lollypops and dino soap.



Harry Wilson



In the 60s they sold Sno-Prince snowmobiles and in the 70s they sold off-road Hondas.



Neighbors would drop in to visit, knowing that either Skip's wife, Rose, or Harry's wife Agnes would be in the office.

They were open 24 hours during hunting season as Rt.30 travelers had to drive thru town as the "new" route 30 was not finished. They took turns at night. For many years they operated from 7 a.m. until 11 p. m.

When Harry and Rose retired, Skips son Skipper became involved and has worked there ever since.

When Skip retired his other son, Tinker, also joined in the business for awhile.

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EXTERIOR VIEW of Skip's Service Station, Northville, which was reopened recently by Skip Wilson Sr. and his two sons, Skip Wilson Jr. and Harry Wilson. A customer, Joseph Furman Jr. of Northville, was just leaving as the picture was taken.

Family Gas Station/Car Repair Shop in business over 60 years

Agnes and Harry Wilson, their son Skip and his wife, Rose were from Gloversville, NY. Both Harry and Milford "Skip" both skilled in mechanics moved from Gloversville to establish a Service station in Northville, little did they know at the time the impact it would have on the little village.

Agnes and Rose worked in the office as book-keepers, scheduling appointments, and also selling candy, milk, and ice cream at one time. They both pumped gas. Rose was also busy raising 3 children.

When Agnes and Harry retired, Skip and Rose ran the business for many years, then eventually Skipper and Robin took over. Tinker, Skip's younger brother, joined the team until another job took him elsewhere. Skipper's nephews, Zackary and Devin helped out at times also.

2008 the decision was made to no longer sell gas.

February 28, 2019 Skip's service and auto repair station experienced a devastating fire, which ultimately led to demolishing Skips Service Station March 28, 2019.

1968 See The Fabulous
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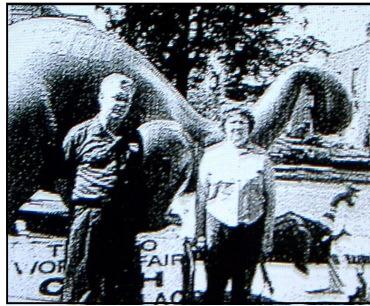
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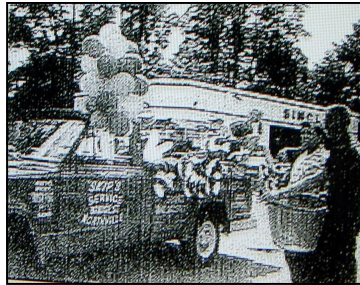
What a tragedy for Northville. Skipper and Robin aren't sure yet what their plans will be. We will wait and see and wish them the best.



Gas sold from Skip's Gas Station
 SINCLAIR
 MARATHON
 BP



Harry and Agnes



Skip



Thoughts of a long time customer at Skip's Service Station

I've been going to Skip's ever since his Dad, Skip Sr. owned it. Robin is very flexible about when to bring the car in and they have always been close to scheduled time. Diagnosis was always accurate and repairs done right. If he was unfamiliar with the vehicle or problem, he'd re-schedule and look it up online until he understood it. Always a smile, and takes things in stride.

Sometimes he'd give me a diagnosis about something I could fix myself. I was having a problem with the brakes tightening up and not releasing on our van. He said it sounded like the front brake hose was plugged up. Sure enough, I changed the hose and it fixed the problem.

It's been my "go-to" place for what I couldn't or didn't want to do myself. If Skip decides to retire, good for him, but I sure will miss him and Robin and so will all the town.

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6 Labor	25.50
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Dr. Collie Robinson

Born in Northville
1872-1924

1893 graduated from Albany Medical College and St. Peter's Hospital and immediately took up the practice of his profession in the Village of Northville.

He not only practiced medicine in Northville but was the surgeon for the F.J. and G. railroad.

Dr. Robinson's father was Nelson Robinson . Nelson was a Station Agent and Conductor on the F. J. & G. RR. He had one brother, Frederick who married Mabel Mosher.

The Robinson family lived on Bridge Street in a house that Nelson had built. (North west corner of 5th and Bridge Streets) Dr. Robinson's medical office was at that house possibly in the carriage house behind the main house.



Probably most of the Robinson families in the Northville-Edinburg area are related to Dr. Robinson.

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Whitman Barn

The picture of this barn was mislabeled in last months NNHS newsletter. This barn is located on Houseman Street . This picture was taken in 2000. The pictures below were taken in March 2019.

