

# Good Hart Store Owner Cliff Powers Retires After 36 Years As A Colorful Businessman



Cliff Powers (left) and new owner Gary Woods in front of the Good Hart General Store, which during the 36 years it was operated by the Power's, accumulated a rich history.

How do you write a story about Nellie and Cliff Powers? What do you say? The facts of their lives are a mere skeleton to most area residents who have traded at their Good Hart Store for the past 36 years. The real story of what they are develops as you sit in the chairs in the front of their store and talk to them and to their customers and friends as they come and go. We sat there last Saturday for two and one-half hours. We've both grown up knowing who Cliff and Nellie were — but we came away knowing a great deal more about what they are. We went out to Good Hart because Nellie and Cliff have sold their store to Carolyn and Gary Woods. We want to know all about it.

PK — Why did you sell the store?

Cliff — Because I wanted to (to him it's that simple).

MJ — How do you feel about selling it?

Cliff — I have mixed feel-

ings. (this was said in such a way the we knew he meant it).

Cliff has run his store and Good Hart Post Office for 36 years. He was born in Harbor Springs and worked in various jobs after graduation from high school until 1935, when he took his wife and two daughters, Sally and Pat by the hand, built his first store, a one room enterprise, and the small bark covered house in back.

MJ — What made you start the store?