

C&N changing of the guard

One era in local commerce is coming to an end as another one begins.

C&N Electric owners Morley and Joan Nesbitt are retiring after 32 years in the business. Morley decided to sell his Manotick operation to one of his long-time employees. So although the business will be in different hands, it will still continue to offer the same experienced service to all its local customers.

Ron and Charlie Sadler will take the reins of C&N Electric Dec. 1. Ron has 12 years of work under his belt at the store, working at C&N since graduating from school. His brother Charlie is an electrician.

Ron said he decided to take over the operation rather than have it close shop on Morley's retirement.

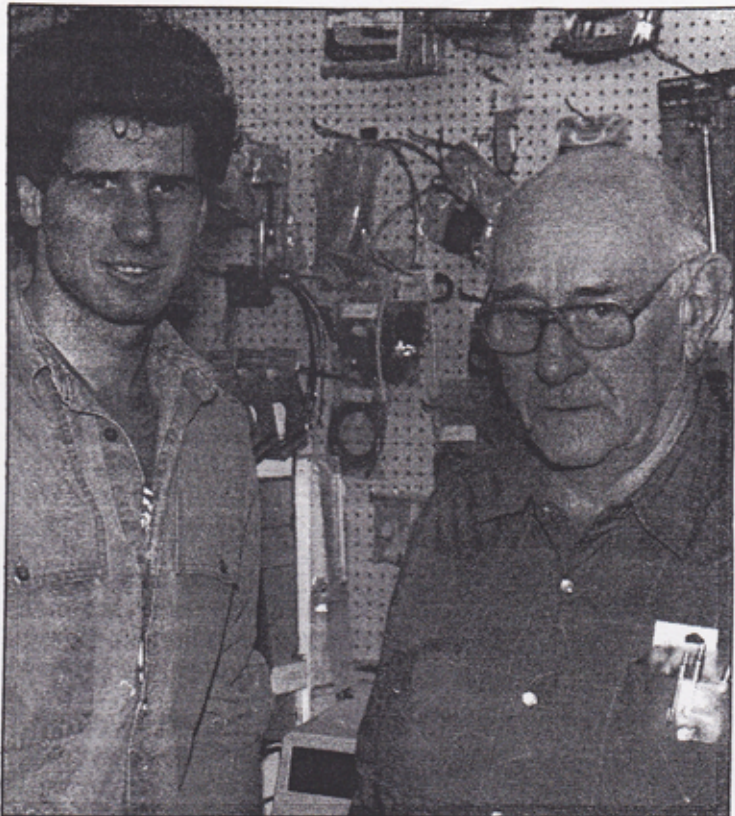
"It's going to be more or less remain the same," he said. "I paid for the name -- I don't want to change it."

The name C&N has a distinctive ring in the community. The business was started by Morley and his one-time partner Larry Chamber.

They began the new business on Main Street in Manotick in 1962, in the spot where the new Sports XS store is located. After five years there, they moved to their present location on Tighe Street, renovated and opened for business in 1967.

Their first employee was Earl Sadler, uncle to the two new owners, who started 27 years ago and brought plumbing and pump expertise to C&N.

Over the years, a number of local people have worked, apprenticed or otherwise became involved in C&N. Employees such as Diana Clark, who does the



Ron Sadler (left), who will be the new owner of C&N Electric, with his boss, long-time store owner Morley Nesbitt, who will be retiring after 32 years. The business plans an open house is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. All customers are welcome to visit. Bridgen-Photo.

books, have been there for decades.

Morley says he's enjoyed working with the people of Manotick during his time at the store.

"It's a good place to do business," he said.

After decades of putting in anywhere from 50 to 60 hours a week at the store, Morley doesn't know yet if it will be hard to slow down when he retires. "I haven't tried it yet," he said.

He and his wife Joan, who puts in many hours of work at the busi-

ness herself, haven't set any firm retirement plans yet.

"We're just going to let things happen for the winter," he said.

About the business continuing to be a success under the Sadler brother's hand, Morley has no doubts.

"I think Ron and Charlie are a good team to take over C&N and run it and give good service to everyone that would like to be their friend and customer.

I am pleased and happy to see them take over."