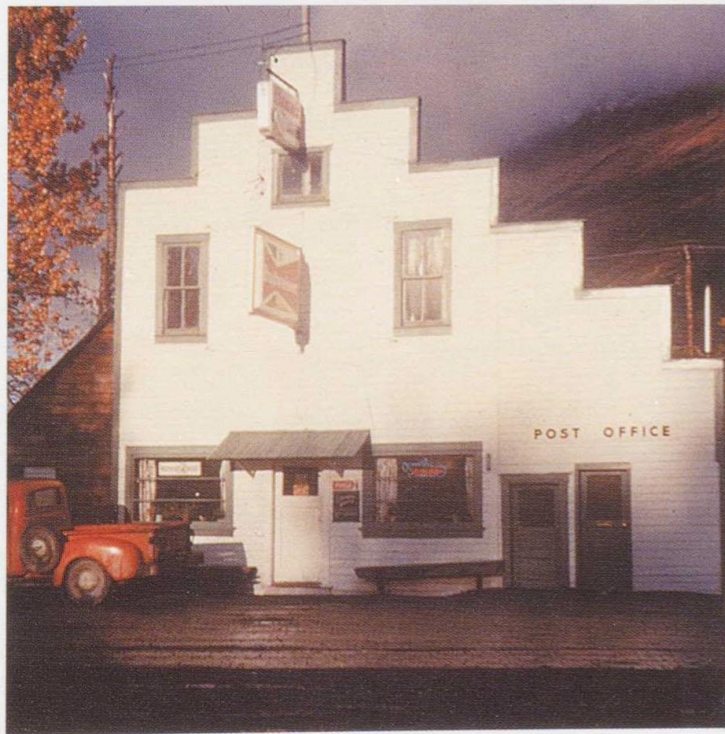




◀ Customers in the early 1920s gather at the Girdwood bar that went through a number of name changes before Joe Danich bought it in 1939 and named it the Little Dipper. The building had fourteen rooms upstairs, and a kitchen, bar, restaurant, post office, and liquor store on the main level. [CITY OF GIRWOOD]

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◀ The Little Dipper roadhouse, originally built in the 1910s, became the social center of the community after Joe and Alice Danich bought it in 1939. The Girdwood Community Club held its dances, barbecues, and movie nights there and the post office occupied part of the ground floor. [CITY OF GIRWOOD]

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The Little Dipper roadhouse burns out of control in the aftermath of the 1964 Good Friday earthquake. Local writer Hugh Cruikshank had just taken a bite of his steak when the building started “swaying back and forth like a ship on a stormy sea” and his meat “went flying across the room.” When the shaking slowed, “We finally were able to get out of the building and it started to burn, and it burned to the ground.”

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