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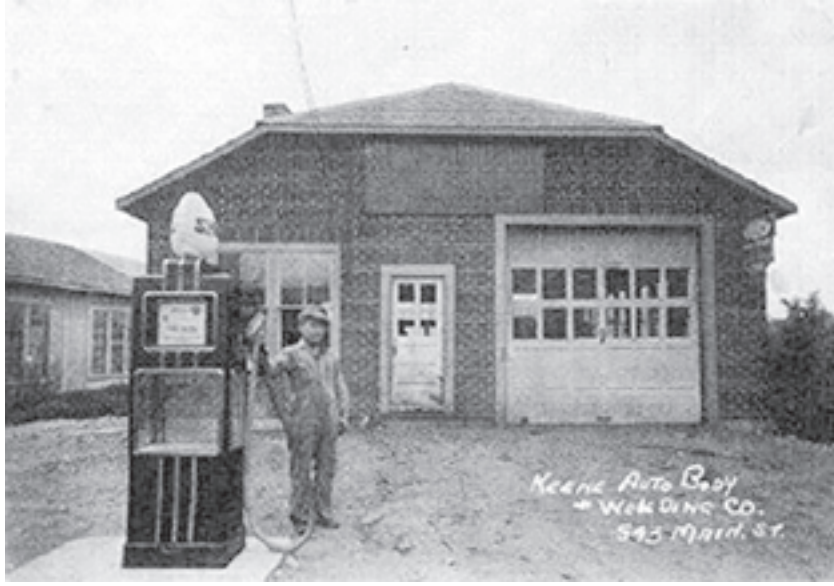
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Ensio Piispanen in a photograph taken during the depression. Keene Auto Body still sits on the same property.

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Keene Auto Body was founded by Ensio Piispanen in 1928. Piispanen was an immigrant from Finland. When he moved to the United States, he worked for a car factory in Winchendon, MA. He and his wife, Eleanor, visited Keene and moved here shortly thereafter. He then started Keene Auto Body & Welding Co.

The current location is where the

business has stayed. Paul Piispanen (son of Ensio) took over the business in the 1950s and ran it with his wife, Katherine. In the 1990s Steven Piispanen, the son of Paul and Katherine Piispanen, took over the reins, making him the third generation to own and operate Keene Auto Body, Inc.

In 2018 Keene Auto Body, Inc. will be celebrating its 90th anniversary.



A drive in the country over a wooden bridge, circa 1920.

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A group of car enthusiasts are gathered in back of The Eagle Hotel in Keene, circa early 1900s.

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