

**Remembrances of Beaver's  
Main Street Business District  
Around the World War II Years**

**An Informal Discussion**

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Remembrances of Beaver's Main Street Business District around the World War II years. This informal discussion with Hazen Wilson, Bob Smith, Dick Shaw, George "Joe" Churm and John McLaughlin, all residents of Beaver during the memorable War years took place in November, 2005. The conversation is recorded by Carole Carland, a court stenographer. Special thanks to Nicky McLaughlin for her efforts in editing the entire transcript of this discussion.

Just as many other small towns and communities throughout the United States, Beaver citizens were dependent upon the local merchants to feed and clothe us and to provide for all of our needs. Gas rationing kept us close to home, limiting our travel. Food was rationed, too; butter and sugar, especially. Clothing and building materials were hard to find because all able-bodied men were serving their country in the Armed Forces. Manpower for many essential services were also in short supply. We were dependent on our local economy for everything.

Beaver was thriving in those years with well over 100 small businesses on and around Third Street and numerous doctors and professional offices in the 17 blocks from East End Avenue to Sassafras Lane.

Let's begin the discussion at East End Avenue and work our way down the main street, perhaps even mentioning some of the businesses that were on the side streets as well, and I would like to use the numbers along with the identification in later years that would probably help to identify properties.

**See Map on next page for reference purposes**



## Pennsylvania and Lake Erie Railroad

### Bizzy Corner Lunch –Corner of Third Street and East End Avenue

Frank Cain and his wife operated the place and were there for many years. People who traveled on the railroad got their doughnuts, coffee and morning paper here.

The building in back of Bizzy corner was the H.H. Cable building and Baby Bear Bread was in there, They would run their little trucks up the back and park them on the second floor.

LeeSeethaler operated the Pittsburgh Press newspaper concession from a room beside the restaurant according to George Churm .

The corner was also an important trolley stop.

Doolittle's Automobile was in the building. They sold Packards after the war.

Prothero's purchased the building after they moved from the 600 block on Third Street.

Cable's Movers were in there as well.

Across the street later after the war was Dr. Clair Merriman, pediatrician, on the corner of East End Avenue in the big red brick house where the Woman's Center is now.

### 218 Third Street

The building where Dr. Henry Thel was located is gone now. Dr. Thel built new brick building on that location for his offices. The Catholic Church has their offices there now. Dr. Henry Thel was an eye ear nose and throat doctor, as was his son. Henry Jr.

### 231 Third Street

R.N. Woods, chiropodist. Later Bob Monitt, chiropractor was there. Then the big white frame building was torn down and it is an empty lot now.

### 274 Third Street

Dr, Washburn lived and worked in this building.

Dr. Pierce, dentist, had the first floor of the apartment building.

### 281 Solar Lab,

George Campbell' lab was located back on the alley behind George Campbell's big brick residence on the corner. He had the lucrative patent on the stamp for the bottom of Coke bottles to tell where the bottle was manufactured.

The front lot is now vacant and for sale.

### 296 Third Street

Dr. Cornelius' house. She was a school physician who lived in the big white frame Victorian house. That house on the corner was demolished and apartments built there. Formerly it was The Crippled Children's building. They were the precursor to Easter Seals.

### 300 Third Street

The Conservatory (Apartments) were formerly the United Presbyterian Church. According to both Hazen Wilson and Bob Smith. It was a music conservatory and later it was turned into the apartments that exist there today. The original solid wood doors are still in the building.

### 377 Third Street

It is listed in the 1947 phone book where we got all these addresses as Dr. Berkman, orthopedic physician but nobody seemed to remember his being there.

### 381 Third Street

Dr. Mackall, physician.

This red brick building has a drive thru porte cochere to the parking lot in the back. The Mackalls and their son Sam lived on the second floor. Dr. Mackall delivered many of the babies in the town although he was a general physician.

### 400 Third Street, northern corner

Schaughency's Service Station that had been Deens Dowdell's before. Then later it was Bill Brew's after the war. They also had a repair garage there. Schaughency's slogan was "Miles of Smiles" because they owned other stations in the area.

### 401-415 Third Street

THE BEAVER HOUSE, a large multi story brick building on the southern corner of Third and Beaver Streets At one time this was a hotel. George Churm remembers hearing that the hotel register noted that Buffalo Bill Cody stayed there.

It also served as the boy's dormitory for the Beaver Academy.

It is now gone and the lot is the location of British Petroleum gas station.

La Belle Beauty Parlor was in the building at 401 The operator lived in the rear apartment, too. Hazen Wilson's mother went there to have her hair done for years

Roland's Drug Store was there too before they moved across the street and Joliffe was there before Roland

Mary Balza's wallpaper store was at 411

Stammelbaugh and Long real estate was at 413. Later on it was Stammelbaugh, Murhammer and Ridgeway further up Third Street. The girl who worked there called it "Stumblebum, Triphammer and Which-Way" Jack Short and Eb (Ebert M. Long) Long worked there as salespersons or something, Bob Smith remembers.

Bill Stoll's Dry Cleaner was at 415. The name used to be Stollowicz, Nathaniel, but shortened to N. His daughter was a renowned opera singer in New York. Bill Holden, the tailor moved in there afterward. He made custom made suits and shirts.

Apartments were above the retail stores on the second and third floors. There was no central heat in the building except for the huge register in the main hall. What heat there was came through the transoms over the doors and from the stoves inside the apartments. It was quite cozy. A good many people in town went to housekeeping there, the Charles Linns, the Fred Schleiters and Jack and Carolyn McLaughlin and John and Nicky McLaughlin also, many years later.

420 Third Street

Bill Hitchen, Jeweler. His brother, Ed and his mother were also in there.

428 Third Street

Ovizzt and Brierly, a plumbing store. That was originally B. Laughlin who, I think was Brierly's father in law. Jake Miller had his cleaning store there for a while Then for a while it was Roland's after they moved across the street from The Beaver House. It was a toy store absolutely packed to the ceiling with toys of all kinds. If you couldn't find it there, it didn't exist. Mills Radio shop was there first according to Hazen Wilson. Dick Shaw remembers that right on the corner of Third and Wayne Streets was Russell Porter's Clover farm Store.

431 Kidd's Flowers

441 Avery and Bruce Electric

443 Kissick's Lunch

Mrs. Kissick supported her two daughters and three sons with this business.

444 Snyder Brothers and Baker Chevrolet

This was a sales and repair garage Bob Baker was the grandfather. Later it was just Baker Chevrolet after Arch Snyder moved out. Baker's son, Puge Baker, was in the business and his grandsons Ranny and Macy Baker.

There was a Chinese laundry next to the Baker building that smelled so bad that Bob Smith had to hold his nose every time he went past it.

447 Homer Bonnar Plumbing, Later Homer Bonnar and son.

This previously was Arch Snyder's automobile dealership where he sold LaSalles. Then he joined with Bakers and moved across the street.

Shortly after 1947 they set up a shooting range, a pistol range in Bonnar's cellar that led to the founding of the Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club.

453 C. A. Munson, Grocer.

A general grocery store. This became later the (Atlantic and Pacific) A & P Store before it enlarged and moved further down Third Street. Ollie Schaff was the butcher and George Walton. Bob Smith worked in the A & P store, the one at College Avenue, for about a year while he was in high school.

#### 458 Peter Pan Cleaners

Later this was Jake Millers cleaning shop which was located on the alley next to the city building.

#### 465 Behind that was Spicks Cunningham's wood working shop called Cunningham Cabinet Shoppe and Zarle's Upholstery.

Across the alley from that was Charlie Blackburn's blacksmith shop. Charlie used to shoe Cook Anderson's lumberyard's delivery horses. Cook Anderson used to bring their horses down there to put shoes on them and they wouldn't even take the harness off. Charlie'd just come right out and they'd unhitch them from the wagon back them into the shop and he'd shoe them.

#### Crate May's Livery Stable.

Crate was short for Socrates and the livery stable was right near the school. McLaughlin adds that Blackburn didn't shoe Crate May's horses. The person who did was a fellow who had an old station wagon with everything in the back and it was about two feet off the road when he had that anvil in there. He made his own shoes. He burned them on the hoof. They were actually made. You could smell the burned hoof.

Hazen remembers listening to the hammer hit the nails while he was sitting in school. He (Wilson) was the funeral director when Crate May died and he didn't know how to put the notice in the newspaper because if he had put "Socrates" in he'd come back to haunt him.

Crate also cleaned wallpaper Wilson remembers. He would stand on a ladder work with both hands and whistle as he worked. His mother's friend had him clean paper for her and when he was leaving she asked, "How should I make out the check? to Socrates?" He went straight up in the air and walked out of the house. He didn't even wait for his money, he was that mad. He wasn't going to be Socrates to anybody. I don't know if he ever got paid.

Crate could sing and dance. He had a beautiful voice. They used to have minstrel shows. He took care of Senator Quay's horses originally. The big barn was in back of their house. (Now JT Anderson Funeral home on the corner of College and Corporation Sts) It was a beautiful big red brick two-story barn.

#### 459 Reliable Shoe Service

#### 460 Nevergold and Strauss, real estate and insurance.

Jim Strouss Sr. was president of Beaver council for many years

#### 464 Beaver Bowling and Billiards.

This was owned by Bert. . They had duckpins. This was a hang out for school kids. Later it was Peek 'n Tom a snack shop and bowling alley. You had to watch when the women's bowling league was there. If you didn't jump back they would roll the ball before you jumped out of the way. One fellow broke his leg that way.

When you went to the bowling alley you had to walk past the pool sharks, Beetle Standley and Toy Williams. They would clean out all your change in a couple of games playing pool.

Most of the boys in town were not allowed to go there.

474 Third Street

Rosica Cleaning

Mrs. Rosica also did tailoring Mary Rosica died in 2006 in North Carolina at age 91.

Thomas Barber Shop

Thomas was there for many, many years. There were two brothers... Nate and Bus.

George Churm remembers that the old Daddy used to have muzzle-loading rifles.

Somewhere in here Hazen Wilson remembers Joe Steffani's. He was Alex Sebastians's uncle who had a store there and for a nickel you could turn the crank and see a movie, those little books that would flash. They were clean, but it was archaic. The place was an antique even back when Hazen was a kid.

Bob Smith adds that you could buy those little books and hold them and riffle the pages and the pictures would seem to move. This was about 1934-35.

474 Beaver Appliance Company

475 or 469 Beaver Municipal Building (disagreement on the exact address)

McLaughlin remembers Paul Snyder whose shop was behind there. He was a big, heavysset handy man who worked for everyone.

486 Renkenbergers Auto Supply

This was a large auto supply and repair shop which ran from Third Street clear back to Turnpike Street in the rear. Tom Renkenberger and his father ran it for many years.

489 Third Street

Dollar Savings and Loan

Wilson remembers that this location was Gibellini's Monuments. There were two buildings and Dr. McCauley was on the corner. Dollar Savings and Loan moved into Gibellini's and bought Dr. McCauley's building tore it down and built their building.

498 Reich's Wearing Apparel

Reich sold basic clothing with a shoe department in the rear and also more clothes in the basement, down the wide stairs.

Before it was Reich's it was owned by a man named Garson who had a clothing store and before him it was Frick's. John McLaughlin remembers his father buying him corduroy pants from G. Garson. Bob Smith remembers that upstairs was Dr. Guzzetti and before him Dr. Wade.

499 Herman "Joe "Bush, physician was in the large brick house on the corner which had an apartment on the second floor. This house was later demolished and added to the Dollar Savings and Loan lot.

500 Third Street  
Mills Radio

Shaw remembers that Mills had the first Television he ever saw in their window. Everyone stood around watching. Bob Smith adds that Pitt was supposed to be playing. There were diagonal lines and everyone thought they were the lines on the football fields but they weren't. It was a terrible picture. Jim Mills was quite a musician. He dated Bob Smith's sister Ruth for some time in the late 1930s.

501 Renner's Paint Store

Cyril Renner was a fine painter. He once looked at a job someone else had done and announced that "it was overdid" meaning that it was just too much.

501 Clausen's Electric Appliances

Clausen did sweeper repair in there with Renners. Premium duplex sweepers

503 Beaver Shoe Repair

That was Carmen Martucci. You could get a shoeshine there, too.

504 Paul Schlosser's Barber Shop

He had Harry Llewellyn as a partner.

506 Beaver Theatre

McLaughlin remembers it had about 500 seats in it and a pipe organ that provided the music for silent pictures. Bovard- Anderson Company bought the building and the theatre came with it. For a while. Jack McLaughlin and Adams Anderson (owners of BA CO) would go into Pittsburgh and bid on the pictures. Later they leased it out for someone else to manage. They were very disturbed that they didn't get the organ out of there when they sold the building because it was worth a fortune in later years. \_

509 Kissick Dinette (see above)

511 John Craner Architect

John Craner used to sit on the steps and watch the girls go by. He owned the building at 509 Third Street, which no longer exists. He never married and he lived upstairs above Kissick's restaurant. He was very picturesque; cut quite a dapper figure. He had a goatee and wore hats with wide brims and capes. He was a very talented architect and did some of the best houses in town: The Sebring House at 340 Quay Square and three on River Road as well as Beegles on Patterson Heights. He also remodeled others including 141 Insurance Street and one on the corner of College Avenue and Bank Street. He did design work for the Mellons in Ligonier also. .

He used to go to Pittsburgh to the burlesque according to Wilson and people would see him come out of there after the show with a girl on each arm.

When he died he left an estate of about a quarter of a million dollars to University of Pittsburgh.

McLaughlin remembers that he lived in near poverty. His mother used to take him applesauce and food to eat.

Reports were that his apartment was so jammed that you could hardly walk through the hallway. Wilson confirms that. He had a box of brand new shoes from 1917, high tops never worn and he didn't have just one brown hat, he had many and they were all alike. He had all these things in duplicate. He wasn't going to run out for sure.

#### 518 Beaver Lunch

Harry Phillips a Greek immigrant who was the founding father of the Beaver Historical Society and Museum, owned this. Smith says there was a shooting gallery in the back end of the Beaver Lunch just for one evening one time when the Beaver's Men Club was there. One of the programs they had was: Sharpshooters came in and did tricks with a rifle. They could split a playing card in half edgewise! Another time they had homing pigeons in there. Harry Phillips was walking around with an umbrella over his head. He said, "They better not make any mess back here". Wilson says he must have missed that meeting. Smith was the program chairman that year.

520 Mitchell's Beauty Shop had also been a meat market according to Hazen Wilson.

#### 524 Arch Snyder Garage

McLaughlin says when he was growing up it was Laney's Ford/ Mercury garage. His wife was a chiropractor with an office on Otter Lane.

#### 526 Beaver County Credit exchange 2nd floor

#### 535 J.T. Anderson's Funeral Home and Furnishings

The funeral home and the furniture store were separate buildings until the fire, which occurred in 1955. Before that the furniture store was in front and the gift shop was in back. McLaughlin remembers you could look behind the velvet curtain between the gift shop and the funeral parlor and see if there was a body there.

Geoffrey Anderson, Grandson of the founder adds this information:

Funeral home was moved to the corner of College Ave. and Second Street in 1946 into the home of Major Quay, son of Senator Quay.

J.T. Anderson Sr. was a licensed undertaker in 1898. He operated a grocery store in Fairview which he later moved to Vanport. He moved to Third Street Beaver and operated a furniture store in the former E. K. Luckey building. Later he moved across the street to 535 Third Street and opened a furniture store and funeral parlor. J.T. Anderson Jr. (Geoff's father) worked with his father and at one time conducted a funeral by himself when he was sixteen years old because his father was too sick to attend.

#### 538 McCoy's Pharmacy

Benny Bloom was pharmacist in there at one time then McCoy took it over now it is Health City. It is still a pharmacy. Wilson thinks that's where Fischer Hardware began. The pharmacy business was recently (2006) sold by Leo Hegner, to Rite Aid.

543 Funk's Dairy

Funks had a sort of a restaurant and soda fountain up front and the dairy and bottling plant in the back. Previously they had bottled milk behind Bovard-Anderson Company in the rear of 617 Third Street. with a small dairy store on the main street. Smith used to go in there after school. Mrs. Funk didn't like the kids to come in there and make noise.

546 Guthrie's Restaurant

Everyone went in there to eat because Mrs. Guthrie was such a good cook She provided a good home cooked meal. Churm worked for her when she was located on the other side of the Courthouse at the Courthouse Restaurant. That's where the Beaver Men's Club met and the Rotary Club.

547 Beaver Fruit Market (Mary Locascio)

She was a widow who lived above the store with her two girls Joey and Teresa.

552 Kunsman's Jewelry

Ollie and his brother came from Rochester to open the store here.

553 Wall's wallpaper and Gifts

Wilson remembers it spelled Wahls. McLaughlin says you could buy firecrackers there on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

561 Warren's Beauty Shop

The house sat back from the street. Peg Harding's brother Warren ran it. Later on it was a children's shop. Dr. Crumrine was also in there for a while.

562 Barnhart's Appliances

Walter Barnhart owned it and Hazel B. ran the store with Jesse Pardoe while Walter was in the U.S. Navy. They employed Delos Lindsey. When DeLos also joined the Navy and Jesse Pardoe flew with the Canadian Air Force, they hired Charles (Pete) Cole a high school student to run the store. According to Cole, they had very little to sell except a few records and Kemtone paint. He remembers stacking paint cans while listening to D-Day announcements on the radio. He came to work one day to find the store closed because Jesse had died.

After the war Delos purchased the business and operated it for many years.

The stone building started out as First National Bank then later it was the home of Beaver Daily Times, newspaper.

Much later it was Art John's.

564 Reed, Ewing and Ray, attys.

570 Beaver Newspaper

571 Stauffer's Meat Market

"Butch" (Ralph) Stauffer and his brother Arthur ran the business, which had been owned by their father. They dressed their poultry in the building to the rear of the property so they could assure you of a fresh chicken and turkey especially on the weekends. McLaughlin remembers that he dressed chickens for them in order to earn spending money.

#### 576 Beaver Bakery

Bob Smith remembers his first taste of a glazed donut came from here. When he was about ten years old his mother would send him to the A&P for groceries. She knew exactly what each item on his list cost and gave him exactly the right amount of money. One day she may have miscalculated because he had a nickel left. He went past the bakery and there was a wonderful tray of glazed donuts fresh out of the oven. He asked how much and they were a nickel. He bought one. When he got home his mother recalculated and asked where the nickel change was. He replied, "I ate it!"

#### 577 Greco Shoe Repair

Miggie's Shoe repair went in after Ralph Greco. His name was Mignanelli. But he went by Miggie. Greco specialized in shoeshines.

#### 582 Salterellis Beauty Shop (Dom Salterelli)

Later that shop became Helen's (Barney) Beauty shop for many years until the late 1990's

#### 588 Hurst Agency, real estate and insurance

They moved over from Rochester because there was previously a Hurst agency in Rochester, remembers Bob Smith. Hurst lived on Wilson Avenue in Beaver.

#### 593 Laughery Dry Cleaning

#### 594 G.C. Murphy Five and Ten

This had originally been two buildings and one was torn down. One was a grocery store run by George Bovard and William Anderson before they went into the real estate business as Bovard-Anderson Company across the street. Then Clark Jones and McMillen had a piano store in there with a funeral home next door, Davey Adkins Funeral Home and Furniture Store. Wilson remembers him sitting out in front on his captain chairs chewing tobacco. There was a big sign "Adkins Furniture and Undertaking" It was quite common to have a funeral home and furniture store combined. It all went together; the employees were skilled in carpentry, so they made caskets and that was the sideline business of working with furniture.

Hazen Wilson remembers some of his friends taking him in the funeral home one time and asking if he wanted to see what was down in the cellar. He said "Sure" They took him down and there was a box with a skeleton in it. They turned out

the lights on him and ran upstairs. When he tried to get out they had removed the door handle from the door and covered the shank with shoe blacking. He was covered with it.

The men asked him if that is why he went into the undertaking business and he replied " Yes, as revenge"

The basement of the 5&10 still has the wall of the old building clearly visible along with the newer wall.

Churm remembers the 5&10 being managed by a man named Mott.

#### 595 Fort Mac Intosh National Bank

Mr. Partterson managed the bank and later Mr. Hawthorne.

Dr. Haugh, dentist was upstairs

Dr. Crumrine, physician.

Crumrine specialized in clearing the sinus by suction, a very painful procedure according to McLaughlin who suffered through it more than once.

Norman Faulk, atty.

Norman later moved into an office at 334 Insurance Street where he practiced law in a cluttered office. It was rumored that his filing system was from most recent of the piles of paper on top of his chairs to oldest on the bottom. . He was a much loved and well respected character in Beaver for many years.

Dr, Waddell, physician specializing in eyes.

#### 600 Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A&P) (see below)

#### 603 Wilson and McConnell Service Station

This was formerly the site of the Fort MacIntosh Club. Later this became Bur Evans station. Before it was a service station it had been the Fort MacIntosh Club. When they moved the Club up the street to College Avenue across from the school to the large Victorian house, the former residence of the President of Beaver College, the building on Third Street was sold. Bovard Anderson bought it and moved the building back to 265 College Avenue where it is now the Fort Mac Intosh Apartments. There were three lots. Fischer bought one, G. Garson bought one and English bought the third. The oil company wanted to come in and G. Garson wanted to go back to Rochester. English sold the corner lot. They cut off G. Garson's building back underneath and they added the other side to it even matching the brick. English didn't want to sell but the oil company made him a deal of so much off each gallon of gas for so many years.

#### 606 Vogt's News

Then it became Harry Jordan's place. Previously it was Hen English with George Bonzo's real estate office in there according to Wilson. He remembers it was two rooms divided side by side.

#### 608 Dr. Rumbaugh, dentist (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

McLaughlin says Dr. Rumbaugh was above Isalys. He remembers when Ralph Barnes buzzed the main street in his low flying plane; he was in the dentist chair above Isaly's. Barnes killed the pigeons and took the leaves off the trees. That plane came past the window so low you could see the tops of the trees above it. Ralph and Phil Mecklem flew over in two fighter planes and buzzed the town.

#### 609 Fischer Hardware

They are still in the same location today. Don Dawson current owner is the son in law of Oscar Karlberg who bought the business from his former employer Harry Fischer. Don married Norma Karlberg. Harry and Blanche Fischer the original owners lived in a beautiful, big apartment above the store.

#### 610 Isaly's Dairy Store

Isaly's Dairy store was there serving its tall pointed ice cream cones and its wonderful chip chopped ham. Paul Jones, a very popular sports booster and instructor, ran the store for many years adding a great deal to its attraction. Above Isaly's was Dr. Ross Garman, dentist. Wilson remembers Garman was a really fat guy with a beautiful blonde wife. Bob Gifford, dentist, also opened his practice there.

#### 617 Bovard-Anderson Company, real estate and insurance

The company has been in this location since 1904. William Anderson and George Bovard were the original partners. Then William's son Adams Anderson and Jack McLaughlin (married Carolyn Dillon, niece of Bovard) continued the partnership. After that the third generation of owners was John McLaughlin Jr, son of Jack and Carolyn). and his wife Jo Etta (Nicky) McLaughlin. They, in turn, sold the business to the fourth generation, their son, Edwards McLaughlin and his wife, Jacqueline Crowley McLaughlin.

#### 618 Frick's Men's Shop

Mr. Frick ran a clothing store at this location, which is now a part of the Pollock building. It was sold to Bissell who continued to operate the clothing store along with his wife.

Frick originally had a dry goods store near the Fort Mac Bank (corner of College and Third Streets. Later he moved up to the Reich Store at 498 Third Street.

#### 624 Drs. Smith and Murphy, dentists (2<sup>nd</sup> fl.)

These two dentists later moved into a building which they bought on the corner of College Avenue and Corporation Streets and continued their partnership for many years. At Ted Murphy's death Dr. Walter C. Kylander occupied his space. before buying his own building on Third Street.

#### 629 Jacq Rae Beauty Shop

Mickey Jackman's wife ran the beauty shop here and he ran a bar in Ohioview, which was very popular during the war years as a nightspot for many of the workers coming off the eleven o'clock shifts.

631 Shirley Shoppe, women's clothing

Bill Koontz and his wife ran the shop along with their daughter Shirley and another daughter. Shaw remembers Bill coming over to Andy Herman's barbershop every day to get a shave. Shirley ran the shop for many years and then turned the business over to her daughter, Arlene Tarn. They were in this location for thirty-five years until they built their own building further down Third Street.

634 Dietz Bakery

Formerly John Roth's meat market before and during the war years and then was turned into a bakery by Eddie Dietz when he came home from the service. Later this was turned over to Henry Kretchmar who learned the trade at the Braun Bakery in Bridgewater. Henry's son, Hank and his wife Lea now operate the excellent bakery.

635 Beaver Valley Labor News

This was owned by Rex Chambers for many years as a printing shop and was later sold to Roy and Jesse Harden. Later his son Ty and wife Vicky ran the business.

637 Brown's Barber Shop

George Wallron, an African American barber, had his shop here before it was Brown's and later yet by Andy Herman. Hazen Wilson remembers his grandfather sitting in the barber chair there waving to him. Later George went to the rear of the Garvin building at the end of the hall. All the lawyers went to him. Hazen's grandfather's shaving mug was there and he wanted it but was never able to get it.

640 Bonzo Insurance

This was on the corner of Third Street and the alley that ran back to Crate May's Livery Stable to the rear.

Next to that was Gremmer's Bakery which was a favorite place for the kids to go after eight o'clock at night to get a bargain price on the cookies he hadn't sold during the day. If the kids did not have quite enough money to pay, he would just throw the cookies in the wastebasket.

642 Mand S fashions, dry cleaners

644 Athleen's Beauty Shop

647 Doctors Fred and Ruth Wilson

Doctor Ruth and Doctor Fred treated many Beaver people for allergies. They were quite active in the treatment of patients in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium also.

Dr. Throckmorton, dentist was there too

652 Becken's Children's Shop

Margaret Becken who had a very nice line of children's clothes ran this. She kept a shelf of books for rent to the town's children. She also served as a Sunday School teacher at the Presbyterian Church.

Later the shop was occupied by Mrs. Balzer as a shop for notions, yarn and dry goods.

660 Harry's Lunch

Also known as Ptomaine Harry's although no one ever got sick from eating in there. He specialized in hot dogs and chili. His hero was Douglas Mac Arthur and Harry had pictures of him up on the wall according to Churm.

664 Howard Nu Way Market

This market was demolished along with some other buildings when Jake and Abe Farcas moved across the street and built the big yellow brick Beaver Super Market. According to Hazen Wilson three different buildings were involved.

668 Hartford and Prather, attys.

Russ Morley's photography studio was on the second floor. He died in a tragic drowning accident off his boat in the Beaver River. They found him along the dock.

669 Youth Canteen

653 The Youth Canteen was held here for a while during the war.

It was not very popular because it was so cold in there. Kids had to dance with their coats on. Someone took all the furnaces out of the building and gave the scrap metal to the war effort. Shaw remembers that everything that wasn't fastened down was taken out, all the old pipes from the octopus furnaces for the scrap drive. Everything was taken except the asbestos, which they left behind. No one cared about asbestos then.

676 Prothero Electric

Was owned by the father Harry Prothero who in later years took his sons Jack and Harry into the business. As the business grew and because the lack of storage they moved to East End Avenue into much larger space.

The building must have been a bank originally because according to Hazen Wilson there is still a vault in there.

677 U.S. Post Office

This occupied half of the ground floor on this four-story building called The Mayhew Apartment Building. It was later torn down by John Tarn to build The Shirley Shoppe.

#### Beaver Realty (Garvin's)

Bob Garvin moved into the building about 1932 from the Beaver Trust Building and purchased the Nevergold Agency. Later his son Bob, his son in law Bob Nunamaker and his daughter Sally joined him in the real estate business. They later built a building on Corporation Street across from the park.

#### 688 Rowse's Drug Store

Ed Rowse and his sons Bill and Ed Rowse were associated with him in business as was the sister, Jean. The grandsons Ted and Jack also joined the business. They had a big marble coke soda fountain with round seats and tables. They were very popular for their fountain cokes and ice cream. This was a very thriving business.

Smith remembers that in 1886 when it was Hugo Andreissen's Drug store, when Rudyard Kipling came to town and wanted his prescription, a gin and tonic, Andreissen had to go out the back door to the make-shift bar in the basement to get the gin. The tonic came from the drugstore. Andreissen lived in the house behind on Insurance Street.

Although this was always a dry town, McLaughlin remembers his father being on Dr. Mackalls prescription list time and time again for a shot of liquid medicine as a "cure" for whatever. The record is in the museum along with others whom Mackall prescribed "medication" for.

One of our local gentlemen in town got "busted" for bootlegging says Wilson (not mentioning any names). It was down by the old C and P Station on the railroad side.

Before Rowses the building was Hugo Andressens, according to Dick Shaw. Later Hugo moved back to the house on 334 Insurance Street where Norman Faulk had his law office. Andressen lived there.

#### 699 Dowdell's Florist

Erwin and Laura Dowdell ran a very thriving florist business. She did the arranging and he did the deliveries and other chores around the store. They even had a green house there. They did most of the funeral business in town and the corsages for school dances. Laura's sister, Mrs. Goll, ran a very thriving grocery and meat market in Bridgewater.

#### 698 Walton Hardware

Walton had packages way up on the high shelves and he had this little thing that he'd reach up there, knock it loose and then he'd catch it, remembers Dick Shaw. Churm remembers that upstairs Papa Pollock had a business school after he left Beaver College. Then that turned into Duff's Business Institute. Bob Smith remembers a sign in an old photograph that is taken from the park looking across at the building and the sign about the business school is painted on the one story addition at the back

Later on the Masonic Lodge was on the second floor. McLaughlin adds that there were 32 steps leading up to the second floor which became a problem for the members of the Lodge, as they grew older.

Walton sold coal furnaces. He had a distributorship. Every one he sold he got a royalty on it. Claims he sold more than anybody in this part of the country.

Wilson remembers G. W. Walton as a gruff man who sat at the rear of the store at his roll top desk with his cane. He liked to scare people but he was actually a real sweetheart. His sons Dick and George were in business with him.

Quay Square

Irwin Square

Agnew Square      These squares or parks were part of the original layout of the town.

McIntosh Square

900 New Maples Coffee Shoppe ( Courthouse Apts)

When Mrs. Guthrie moved it became The Courthouse Restaurant

Churm remembers a building on the other side of the street on the corner where there was an apartment. It was very old. Throckmorton's lived there and ultimately that is when Dr. Throckmorton had his office. When George Churm became engaged, the Throckmorton's gave them a bottle he found in the cellar of 100-year-old brandy. When they opened the bottle it was almost dry.

Originally the building had been a hotel and Mr. Smith remembers that it was originally one of the other buildings of Beaver Academy. Hazen Wilson remembers the hotel 's being owned by the Ewing family who lived at the very end of Lincoln Avenue up against the "dinky track". It was called the dinky because they had a little engine and moved the cars up and down the railroad tracks on Fifth Street.

Next to that Churm remembers a white frame house that was J. K. Shepler's Funeral Home.

943 The Wanner Building --Clate McConnaughy had his barbershop there for a short while before moving across the street. Then right after World War II Jim Mateer, a teacher, opened up a used baby furniture store in the front and lived in the back. That is when teachers needed to supplement their salary.

930 Goll's Dress Shop

Goll's was a stucco building with the dress shop on the first floor and their apartment on the second. Harry Goll kept his horses in a small garage building and next door was the Buchanan Building an apartment building with a restaurant on the corner. Guthries' Restaurant was on the first floor and later it was Pinkerton's called The New Maples The Rotary Club met there for a while.

947 Churms Grocery Store.

Churm's great uncle Walter opened it as a grocery store but before 1900 it was a general store and then a laundry. It was a laundry for quite a while. George Churm's father had his store there while George was growing up. This building was demolished for Park Presbyterian Church's expansion. Churm remembers that at one time it was the jail and while they were remodeling the jail the inmates moved over there for a short time. Upstairs was a dance hall. When George's mother and father were married and his mother was pregnant with him, they opened a store in the front and lived in the back. He put a picture of the building in the book the Times did. Charles Cole remembers that Churm's had punchboards that he bought for 10 cents. If he was lucky he got a prize of some sort.

Third Street was lowered about three feet according to Dick Shaw who says they lowered the street when they took out the trolley tracks. The WPA paved the street. Several buildings sit on a knoll like the courthouse and the buildings at 971 and 983 Third Street. Over time the streets have leveled out. Wilson says the first time he saw a cutting torch was when they cut out the rails for the trolley. The workman cautioned the kids not to look at the torch because it would hurt their eyes.

The streets were supposedly made so wide because they had to have width enough to turn a team of horses. Originally the streets were muddy and stones were spaced across the street so that wagons could pass between them but people could walk on the stones and keep out of the mud. When it was dry the shopkeepers had to keep their doors shut to keep out the dust. They used to have to oil the streets to keep down the dust.

Until recently there was one of those stepping-stones behind the house (formerly Hazen Wilson Funeral Home) on the corner of Market Street and Second Street and the alley behind. Sometimes steel plates were used. The Borough of Beaver pulled them out about a year ago and saved them.

#### 970 McConnaughy Barber Shop

Clate McConnaughy operated this shop. The kids joked that he just put a bowl on your head and cut around it. Haircuts cost 25cents.

#### 971 Third Street

This private home was the Smith residence. Gertrude Smith, the daughter, married Ed Schaughency of KDKA fame, radio personality. She and Ed were very good to beaver. The small auditorium in the high school was his widow's gift in his memory and is named for him.

#### 983 Grace Mathias Bed and Breakfast

This was a big yellow brick building that sits up from the street and was one of the few bed and breakfasts that existed at that time.

#### 999 Third Street

This building was originally built as a theatre but was never completed. Later it was a dry cleaner and shoe repair shop on the first floor and J. T Anderson Furniture rented the second floor for storage.

998 John Grove Service Station

Pinky Grove operated the station. It was an Amoco Station and then Texaco. The house on the corner was demolished to make way for the gas station. Before that Ross Henderson had it.

1001 Wanner's Service Station

Dick Wanner's father opened the gas station which was later taken over by Dick.

1010 Stickel's Welding Shop

He could weld anything but a broken heart according to his ads.

Cemetery

1023 Elsie Louise Beauty Shop (Emma Taylor)

She lived on the second floor.

1035 Miggie's Shoe Shop

The building belonged to Tony Ezzo and his wife. They came to this country in 1904. He ran the shoe repair business and his wife ran the Clover Farm Store next door. They with their three children lived above the store.

1045 Clover Farm, Tony Ezzo

1105 Sam Lucci Cash Market

He ran a grocery store and specialized in special cuts of meat. He and his two children, Vince and Carmeline and his wife lived above the store.

Harry Strauss had a used car lot next door to Luci's. Afterward it was The Dairy Queen. Shaw bought his first car from him. Also McLaughlin bought one there.

1071 Dom's Service Station

That is where Rhinelanders went in and where Henry Camp now has his dry cleaners.

1199 Ponton Service Station

Kennedy was in there originally and ran a small filling station. Hazen says it was known as Crawford and Kennedy. It was later expanded by removing a little ramshackle house next door.

1231 Christy Motor Company

Christy ran an automobile repair garage in this location, After the war it was purchased by Bixler. It became Bixler Motors.

1301 English Service Station

Charlie English had a little service station which was a very small building that still exists today. Today Richard Wanner owns it and rents it as a used car lot.

1417 James Sloss, physician

He was a very well known coin collector as well as a physician. He lived on the corner of River Road and Commerce Street.

1601 Charles McConnel, physician

Chick McConnel had his office in the Lustron Home which was an all steel experimental home. Very few of these homes exist because they were not well accepted. The franchise did not survive. McConnel had it transformed into an office for his eye examinations.

1617 Nick Didio's Restaurant

Didio was noted for his delicious spaghetti sauce. Although the seating space inside was limited, folks would line up outside the backdoor of the restaurant with their kettles for take out. Didio lived in the house next door to the restaurant. The business was later purchased by Lou Pappan. And the building was remodeled for his restaurant.

1695 Beaver Ice Cream Company, Sam Cascio

Sam specialized in making block ice for delivery to the people who still needed ice for their refrigerators. The ice was produced in large metal containers by coils in the floor and lifted out like ice trays in a refrigerator. Some of the older houses in Beaver even had outside access doors to permit ice delivery directly into the refrigerator.

1701 Beaver Coca Cola Bottling Company

This was one of the few bottling plants in the area. Morris Schulgold ran it along with Abe Kazen. They delivered Cokes all over Beaver County. It was a very profitable business.

1799 Ralph Ewing, auto dealer

Originally he started in a small building on Wayne Street between Fourth and Canal Streets that still exists today. He outgrew that location and moved to Third Street and Sassafras Lane with his Oldsmobile Agency

There were many businesses that existed off the main street.

Charlie Blackburn's blacksmith shop back of the city building

Paul Snyder was next door. He was a general handyman and remodeler.

Herb Summerfield had a roofing company just off Third Street on Wayne Street.

Mr. Lawrence ran a roofing company in back of the high school on Insurance Street.

Cook- Anderson Company on Fifth Street was one of the largest and best-known lumber dealers in the area and was famous for their millwork. They did work for Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. They were on the railroad spur that ran down Fifth Street and delivered directly to the lumberyard. A book on this "Dinky" railroad system was written by a Cole from Darlington. Their early deliveries were by horse and wagon.

There was also a coal yard there right across the street.

"Dee Dee" Frederick Cook and Mark Anderson were involved in the business. Cook also had a big farm at the top of Dutch Ridge Hill called Hillymeade Farms where he raised Jersey cattle and Percheron horses.

Snitger's grocery store was on the corner of Canal and Market Streets. It was run by the family for many years. They delivered groceries.

Charley Fry's furnace shop was behind Snitger's on Canal Street.

Bob Stout had his Dodge Agency on the corner of Fourth and Market Streets. Across the street from Stout' was Logan's service station.

Evert Tomlinson had a small grocery store on the corner of Navigation and Fourth Streets. The football players used to stop at Tomlinson's on the way to and from practice.

Hamilton Awning had a store on Canal Street where they made awnings and canvas goods. The business was started by George Hamilton and still exists today with a sales office now on Market Street. Hamilton's daughter married a professional baseball player and was high society remembers Charles Cole.

Jim Tweedy had a general feed store on Buffalo Street just off Third. Tweedy was hard of hearing and had a hearing aid that attached by a cord to his belt. When he was weighing out feed you had to pull on the string to get his attention if he was putting too much feed in the sack for you. He had horses and d chickens for sale, too. The horses were from the racetrack.

Rubino's wholesale Fruit and Vegetables supplied many of the restaurants and stores in Beaver with fresh produce.

Charlie Campbell had a coal yard over on Tuscarawas Road near the high school. The Wood Nickel restaurant, a joint enterprise of David and Alex Sebastian and John and Nicky McLaughlin, bought the land and erected a modern one story building there. It is now a doctor's office