

DALEVILLE LONG AGO

Suppose we go far back and see who believed in our town. We will go to the southwest part of Salem Township and there lived a family of three boys, opposite the Warner School house, known in more recent years as the Riley "Doc Stix" Patterson Home. But then it was the home of Mart, Tom and Frank Feeley. They all received their education at the Warner School house, which is now the location of the home of William Patterson. Frank wanted a higher education so he took up the study of Law at Anderson, then after a time, came to town with his mother and brothers, and moved into a house on River Road, now the home of Pearl Stewart, and he hung out his sign on the building left vacant by Bob Craig and John Bender, who had moved their shoe repair shop to the second floor of the Sam Garrett block. Before long a second Lawyer came to town, who had married a very fine young lady, north of town. He was Rollin W. Lennington, and the father of several children. Two sons followed his footsteps in Law Business. Paul and Jacob, attorney's at present in Muncie.

The law firm of Lennington and Feeley did not last long, for Roll went to Muncie, and in a few years Feeley also went to Muncie. Later he became known as Judge Feeley, as he was elected city Judge. He did not remain single long and married a daughter of our Blacksmith, Blanch Loomis. Later she worked for many years as receptionist at Ball Memorial hospital. But during the Law partnership they saw that the town needed some business rooms, so they moved their office over to the north side of the lot facing

a two-story home which is still standing and the home of Raymond Shirey's Mortuary.

Then came a Yorktown boy and started a fine meat market, all home dressed meats, and remained one of the citizens for many years, Cecil Compton, whose father maintained a fine meat market in Yorktown. The end room on the south was the shop of our faithful Barber, W. W. Cox, which he had for over fifty years. This building was taken over a few years later by our glass house men, Frank Boyer and John Kendall. We were still short of business room, so an extra frame room on the north side of it, and Otis "Ham" Richman who was raised a mile east of town on 32 installed a modern Bakery, bread, pies and cakes, and his sable helper was a town boy, Bill Forrest. Daleville was really then on the go, and in 1909 here comes a very fine young Dr. and no office in sight, but we had a sand and lime brick yard out south along the Midland R. R. so John Kendall and Frank Boyer put up a brick office on the corner which the young Dr. Tucker opened and ran for 50 yrs.

As the Post office was moved so much, from pillar to post, at each change of administration, they erected to the south of the store room a two story block building, and the ground floor was used for the Post office and as the telephone had come to stay, the telephone exchange was on the second floor above the P.O. And everyone knew it's night operator Miss Mollie Stears. Today the block building is standing and a very popular place as Dick Bronnenburg has quarters there and is a very fine Tonsorial artist. Around to the east on 32 the

mechanics, Dave and Marvin Getts, and if you can't get your repairs done there, there is just one place to go the Junk yard. Dave also built a white frame home nearby and he and his wife Grace and daughter Emma live there.

Now for the old building which had outlived it's usefulness, along came Julian and Oline Johnson, tore down the building and constructed a modern drug store. Many thanks to the Johnson's for brightening the corner, I may say that the room in this building vacated by Tom Barrett was the first home of our Commercial bank, under the direction of J. N. Barnard. The bank remained here until the brick building was built which is now the office of our town attorney Wayne Shirey. J. N. was very liberal in granting loans and one of his customers was John Dillenger, who still owes.

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came along as our Post master and he looked around and found a nice lot in the business district and erected a fine block building. In a short space of time it didn't suit his taste so he gave it a new look with a

fine red brick front and a new top hat, and to replace the old steps he built a ramp with an iron railing. to hold to, Many thanks Bob for improving our home town.

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