

## Green Bay Packers Play In Mount Horeb

by Jane Burns

You're the Green Bay Packers, you just won the first-ever Super Bowl and you can't go to Disney World to celebrate because it won't open for another four years. So where do you go?

To Mount Horeb to play basketball, of course.

In 1967, just a month after the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs in the first Super Bowl, a handful of team members came to Mount Horeb to play in a charity basketball game at the high school sponsored by the Mount Horeb Area Jaycees.

A recent donation by Cathy Sutter of a program from that game to the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society sparked memories of a time when those legendary players came to a town that, for some, wasn't all that unfamiliar.

NFL Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke traveled to Mount Horeb for treatment at the Gonstead Clinic. Team



Mt. Horeb Mail announces the February 26, 1967 event.

members sometimes flew in to town and landed at the Gonstead air strip, sometimes staying at the Karakahl Inn and shopping at local stores.

But on Feb. 26, the Packers were here to play basketball. And the gym was full.

Despite being Super Bowl champions, the Packers were not the multimillion-dollar athletes that pros are today. Most had offseason jobs to support themselves the rest of the year.

So to make a little extra money, some Packers would play basketball at charity events. They would be guaranteed a certain amount of money, and the sponsoring organization would keep the rest.

The Packers sent out promotional flyers advertising the basketball games and Al Martin, who was president of the Jaycees at the time, said his group got in touch with the Packers right away. It was too good of a chance to pass up and the Jaycees were looking to raise money for things such as a safe drivers program and a kids' bike-a-thon.

"To me, it was a great deal," Martin said. The game pit-

### Important Society Update

The Society held its 36th annual meeting on Oct. 9, 2011. The membership voted in favor of a change to the Society's bylaws to restructure the membership dues. **As of Jan. 1, 2012, memberships shall be of five (5) classes as follows: individual, household, contributing, sustaining and patron. The annual dues were determined by the board of directors and have been designated for each class of membership as follows: \$20 individual, \$35 household, \$75 contributing, \$150 sustaining and \$500 patron.** Life memberships prior to the restructuring will remain intact, but no additional Life memberships will be offered. An updated membership coupon appears in this newsletter. See page 11.

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ted a recreation league team representing a Madison clothing store vs. the Super Bowl champions. Bill Kellesvig of Mount Horeb worked at the Clothespost on State Street, and the team featured many Mount Horeb residents. They were champions of their rec league, but going up against pro athletes wasn't their regular sort of competition.

Officially, the Mount Horeb Mail reported about the game, the Clothespost team won 59-54. But the Packers claimed victory after Doug Hart, the team's cornerback, scored a last-minute "touchdown" and Nitschke added an "extra" point to make a different final score of 61-59.

A final score favoring the Packers was just fine with Hal Schwenn, who was one of the players in the game. "Some of our guys wanted to play to win and I thought we shouldn't beat the Packers," Schwenn said.

The Packers didn't take it entirely seriously, however. Schwenn said at one point, the team organized itself into a football formation and center Ken Bowman got down in a stance as if he were about to hike the ball.

"He said to me, 'Don't hurt me,'" Schwenn said. "He was about 280 pounds and I was about 160 pounds. I don't think I was going to hurt him".

"Nitschke had a good time, too", Schwenn said. "He was the life of the party," Schwenn said of the line-backer who was known for his toughness on the field and is a member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

Nitschke even egged on Schwenn when he had the ball. "I was on the outside, where they have the three-point shot today and he said, 'Shoot it, baldy,'" Schwenn said. It was a comment that was particularly rich given that Nitschke's own head was about as smooth and shiny as the helmet he wore on Sundays.

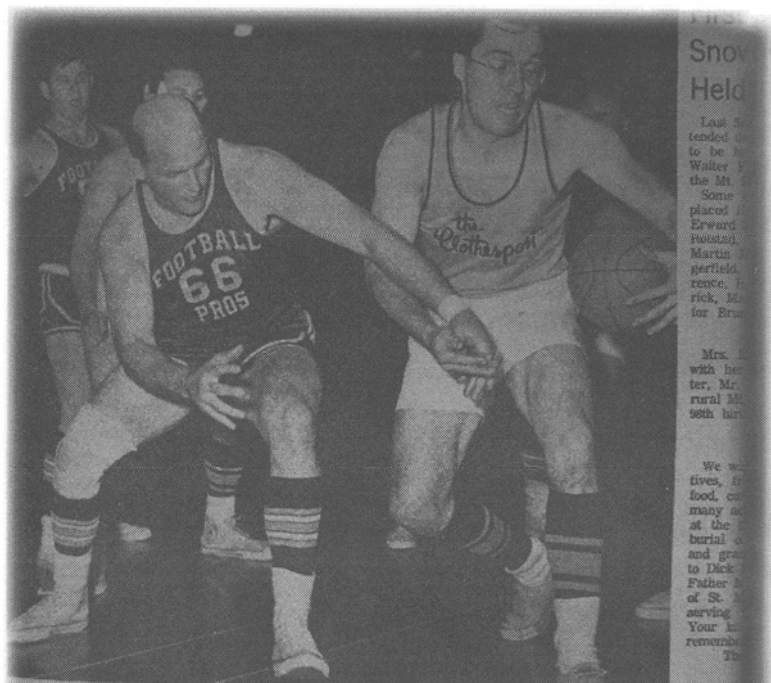
Martin says what he remembers most is how beat-up the Packers looked before they even took the court. They were still nursing injuries from the football season that had just ended, but still came to Mount Horeb and other communities to play basketball.

"You wouldn't see that today," Martin said.

Mount Horeb Mail report of the game said Hal Gelein led all scorers with 24 points. Milt Bakken had 15 and Chuck Himsel scored 12. Boyd Dowler, the Packers star wide receiver, scored 20 points, Ray Nitschke and Doug Hart scored 10.

The program doesn't just reflect a moment in Packers history, it's also a glance at many of the businesses in the community at the time. There are 66 advertisements. Some were for businesses that remain, such as Bergey Jewelry, Cave of the Mounds, Norsk Golf Bowl, Open House and the Village Inn motel. Others are businesses that are part of the community's past, such as the National Hotel ("Next to the Tracks"), Klusendorf Chevrolet, Daleyville General Store, Zwald's Appliance Center, Burns Studio and Moehlman's Mobil Service.

The Mt. Horeb Mail report of the game in the following week's issue.



Six members of the world champion Green Bay Packers football team appeared at Mt. Horeb High School Sunday before a capacity crowd in a basketball game sponsored by the Mt. Horeb Area League.

The Packers claimed victory after Doug Hart scored a last minute "touchdown" and Ray Nitschke added the extra point

for a final score of 61-59. However, the score officially stood at 59-54 in favor of the Clothespost, champions of the Capital City League in Madison. Packer members present included Boyd Dowler, Nitschke, Hart, Bob Skoronski, Ken Bowman and Tommy Crutcher. Dowler led the world champions with 20 points, followed by Nitschke and Hart, who scored 15 and 10, respectively.

Hal Gelein led all scorers with 24 points. Milt Bakken collected 15 for the Clothespost and Chuck Himsel tallied 12.

In the above photo, Ray Nitschke puts the clamps on a scoring bid by an unidentified player for the Clothespost, while Tommy Crutcher looks on.

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# The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

## Post Offices in the Mount Horeb Area, 1836-2011

by John Pare

With the recent proposal to close many U. S. Post Offices it seems apropos to look back at the history of post offices in southwestern Dane County.

During the Wisconsin territorial period (July 4, 1836-May 29, 1848) there was only one post office in this area. It was located in or close to present-day Blue Mounds. The physical location of the post office moved back and forth over the Iowa and Dane county line near Blue Mounds as the small settlements in this area rose and fell in importance. From February 10, 1836 – May 17, 1839 the post office was at Moundville. From May 18, 1839 – 1842 (or 1843) the post office was at Beaumont. From 1842 (or 1843) to the post office has been located in present day Blue Mounds.

After statehood (1848) the number of settlers and settlements in this area grew and there was a concomitant increase in the number of post offices to serve the area. Below is a list of post offices in the Townships of Blue Mounds, Perry, Primrose and Springdale with dates of their establishment, demise and later consolidation as well as their locations which, for most folks, are lost to memory. Who remembers Spring or Grit? The Montrose post office in the Township of Montrose is included in this list because of the volume of Montrose correspondence and artifacts in the MHAHS archives. No attention is paid to other post offices in that township. The same is true of the Pine Bluff post office in the Township of Cross Plains. Where I have listed "several locations" the post office moved over its service life. I am happy to make those exact locations available to anyone who wishes that information.

### I. Blue Mounds Township

- |             |                                     |                       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Blue Mounds | - February 10, 1836 to today        | Several locations     |
| Grit        | - July 18, 1878 to August 31, 1900. | SE¼, Sec.35, T6N, R6E |
| Mount Horeb | - July 25, 1861 to today            | Several locations     |

### II. Perry Township

- |         |                                     |                       |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Forward | - March 4, 1872 to August 30, 1903. | NW¼, Sec.23, T5N, R6E |
| Perry   | - July 10, 1857 to August 15, 1902. | NE¼, Sec.7, T5N, R6E  |
| Spring  | - May 5, 1896 to November 30, 1900. | NW¼, Sec.10, T5N, R6E |

### III. Primrose Township

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|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Primrose | - April 29, 1847 to August 15, 1900. | Several locations |
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### IV. Springdale Township

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|------------|---|------------------------|
| Bluff      | - May 23, 1882 to May 31, 1952.             | NE¼, Sec.4, T6N, R7E   |
|            | Name changed to Klevenville April 27, 1891. |                        |
| Henderson  | - May 9, 1893 to January 31, 1900.          | SW ¼, Sec.14, T6N, R8E |
| Mt. Vernon | - June 14, 1854 to August 30, 1902.         | SW ¼, Sec.34, T6N, R7E |
| Riley      | - May 3, 1882 to March 30, 1940.            | SE ¼, Sec.2, T6N, R7E  |
| Springdale | - April 9, 1850 to December 11, 1890.       | NW¼, Sec.25, T6N, R7E  |

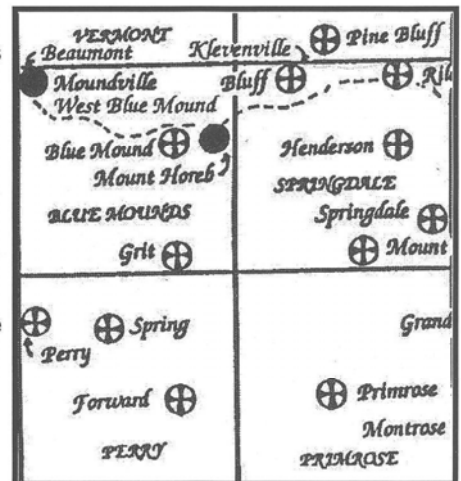
### V. Montrose Township

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|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Montrose   | - July 18, 1878 to August 31, 1900. | NW¼, Sec.30, T5N, R8E |
| Other Montrose P.O.s were at Basco, Grand Spring, Lyle, Paoli. |                                     |                       |

### VI. Cross Plains Township

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|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Pine Bluff | - December 28, 1846 to May 9, 1855.  | Several locations |
|            | - March 6, 1856 to December 3, 1863. |                   |
|            | - April 25, 1864 to June 30, 1903.   |                   |

Other Cross Plains P.O.s were at Contarf, Cross Plains and Vermont.



To the right is a map of the townships discussed here showing the location of the post offices. Black circles show post offices in service today. The circled cross shows discontinued post offices.

## The Impact of Rural Free Delivery on Rural Post Offices

The rapid expansion of the rural population throughout the country in the latter half of the 19th century caused the Post Office Department to adopt a policy of locating post offices so no one had to go more than a few miles to pick up their mail. Prior to that people picked up their mail in the closest town. It was not delivered. The Postmaster was often the proprietor of the general store and sought the Postmaster position, not so much for the modest salary it provided but because it brought people into his retail establishment.

As rapid as the expansion of post offices was between 1850 and 1895, the decline was just as fast between 1895 and 1905. In 1891 the Post Office Department began to experiment with the direct delivery of mail to residents in rural areas. Called Rural Free Delivery (RFD), the system was largely in place by mid-decade. Sun Prairie established the first RFD routes in Wisconsin. Once the RFD routes were established it was no longer necessary to maintain post offices in the rural areas. Therefore, many closed. Of the 13 post offices listed above only five (Blue Mounds, Klevenville, Mount Horeb, Mount Vernon and Riley) survived the advent of the RFD system. Today, only Blue Mounds and Mount Horeb have post offices.

Once the system was consolidated, it became necessary to establish Rural Stations, places where the rural route carriers could pick up and deposit mail that was sent to the area from the larger post office in the area. In the townships discussed here Mount Horeb was the largest post office and it established two rural stations, one in Perry (Daleyville) and the other in Mount Vernon. These rural stations acted as hubs from which carriers carried out the business of the post office. Mail destined for the rural areas in the four townships came to Mount Horeb first from whence it was forwarded to Perry and Mount Vernon. The post office in Mount Horeb also had its own allotment of rural routes and those carriers operated directly out the Mount Horeb post office. Belleville played a similar role distributing mail to rural stations in Montrose Township. Once roads and automobiles made travelling distances easier, these rural stations were closed but the rural routes continued. Today rural carriers still make their daily rounds – it's just easier now.

## Postal History Holdings in the Archive

The Society's Archive includes postal marks from Mt. Horeb, Klevenville, Riley and Montrose as well as corner cards (envelopes with printed return addresses in the upper left corner) from many Mt. Horeb businesses. There is also general post office memorabilia – labels, official envelopes, forms, many unused postal cards and envelopes as well as a selection of used and unused stamps.

The collection also includes envelopes franked with commemorative postmarks used for limited periods and applied only at the Mt. Horeb and Blue Mounds Post Office. A sample is shown below.

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*Special cancellation postmarks issued for Blue Mounds and Mount Horeb.  
Blue Mounds Sesquicentennial cover  
Mount Horeb Quasiquicentennial cover  
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### **In Memory of Joyce Zwald**

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## Thanks To All!

## Everything Has a Story

From time to time we will continue to present stories of recent objects and papers added to the museum and archive holdings. The Historical Society continues to annually process hundreds of additions, so it would be impossible to do a story for the newsletter on each one. However, that does not mean that their stories are not recorded.

Each object, or collection, that arrives on the Society's doorstep receives an identifying number that allows curators and the archivist to locate the pieces once they are in the collections. This same number accompanies the computer entry for each item whether it's a postage stamp, hair brush, hat, chair or vehicle. It is in these computer entries that the stories of these objects are told in as much detail as is possible: such things as who made it, used it, wore it, owned it and so on. These stories are as important as the object itself.

If information is not available at the time of the gift a historical "CSI" takes place in which written records, photos, plat books, interviews, newspaper clippings and the like are employed to flesh out the story. Such is the case with the two recent museum additions featured in this issue of Past Times.

### Timely Legacy of a Local Cabinet Maker

In November Wilbert Jr. and Donna Showers drove from Green Bay to present the Museum with what The Capital Times newspaper referred to in its 1967 headline as a clock that "Has Four Dials, 'Works Wonders.'"

What the Times was reporting on was a late 19th century timepiece that a talented local carpenter and cabinet maker had turned into an object of folk art at the end of that century. This talented woodworking artist and respected community resident was Ole A. Lee.

The Showers' letter offering the clock to the Historical Society arrived in September and immediately curators went into action to find out Mr. Lee's connection to Southwestern Dane County. To their surprise they found not only the Times article about the clock, but Mr. Lee's obituary and that two examples of his work were already housed in the Museum's collections.

Ole A. Lee was born in Valdres Norway on Jan. 1, 1851. He was married to Sarah Mickelson in 1876. Lee eventually took up residence in Springdale Township. The Lees had six children, with one dying

in infancy, and Matilde at age 16. The remaining children were Carrie, Andrew, Sophia and Mary.

Ole was not only a talented cabinet maker, but was also active and well-respected in the community. He was a parochial school teacher and chorister in Springdale Lutheran and East Blue Mounds Lutheran congregations. He played a prominent role in the services at Springdale Lutheran as a "klokker." The word klokker derives from the Norwegian word related to the word clock. The klokker in the early Norwegian churches in this country opened and concluded the services with a prayer. The klokker was generally a respected man in the community, who had a deeply reverent, low and soft voice that in a dramatic tone opened the services.

Lee's parochial school classes were taught in the Springdale Center School for many years. His students thought so highly of him that they gave him an elaborate mantel clock, made by the E.N. Welch Company of Forestville, Conn., as a Christmas present sometime around 1890. The unusual part of the clock is the lower dial that has three hands, the main one that tells the day of the month, a smaller dial at the left shows the day of the week and the hand at the right, the month. In February, which has 28 days, the timepiece automatically skips the dates of the 29th, 30th and 31st.

Wilbert Showers Jr. presents the Ole Lee clock to Museum Director Laurie Boyden.  
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Lee was so proud of this timepiece that he used his wood-working skills to turn it into a wall unit that measures 56 inches tall by 19 inches wide and 6 inches deep. Lee's talented hands created a bottom cabinet for the clock to rest on. The cabinet reflects his Norwegian heritage in that it is embellished with carved corner pilasters, and an arched top panel door that features folk painting. To make the commercial clock blend in with his lower creation, he decorated it with the same paints used on the bottom cabinet. The lower unit also contains three interior shelves. To add his final seal of approval, Lee painted his name in script across the front of the lower cabinet.

Ole Lee died at his Springdale home on Sunday, Aug. 24, 1919. His life and his service to his community was celebrated with a large funeral turnout and glowing obituaries in local papers.

### A Wooden Monument to a Life Cut Short

On Nov. 4 the Perry Hauge Log Church Preservation Association, Inc. added an unusual cemetery marker to the Museum's holdings of folk and ethnic materials. The tall wooden marker once rested on the grave of Guri Vold, daughter of Anders. Guri, at age 38, was struck by lightning and died on July 28, 1863. Guri was laid to rest alongside the Hauge Church that had been erected by Norwegian immigrants six years prior to her tragic death.

The thick plank wood marker is hand carved and is attributed to Aslak O. Lie, a cabinet maker who resided in Springdale Township. Lie, a prolific artist, is credited with the making of furniture, church altars and wooden grave markers.

The inscription on the monument is in Norwegian, and translates as:

Here rest the remains of Guri Anders dr Vold. She died from lightning the 28 July 1863 at age of 38 years. Set thine house in order, for Thou shalt die and not live. For the Lord's judgments are unsearchable and His ways Inscrutable

Wooden markers are rare, since most have been lost to decay or even the occasional cemetery grass fire. This marker was preserved early on and for many years hung in the Hauge Log Church of rural Perry Township, until Preservation Association members became concerned that the monument might become the victim of theft or vandalism.

Research on the marker continues. Historical Society curators plan to install it in the Museum's ongoing "Ethnic Evolution & Contribution" exhibit, which will allow hundreds of annual visitors the opportunity to examine this unique piece of folk art.



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## Post Scripts

Mt. Horeb native Jeff Post says he's pretty lucky to do what he does, and on Oct. 9, those gathered were lucky to hear him talk about it at the Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society's Annual Meeting.

Post is curator of gems and minerals at the Smithsonian Institution and talked about his work and experiences there. Post gave a behind-the-scenes look at the Smithsonian and how staff there stores and handles the gems and minerals that continually come in. He also gave some background on the Hope Diamond; the care of the famed gem is part of Post's job.

Nearly 100 people showed up for the talk, the final event hosted by the Historical Society this year.

Jeff and Brian Bigler reunited with Olive Thomson, their Springdale 4-H leader. Brian brought a newspaper clipping to the event that featured the three of them in their 4-H days.



Jeff Post thanked longtime Mt Horeb chemistry teacher Rick Pladziewicz (third from right) for giving him the keys to the chemical cabinet so he could do a few experiments on his own. It's probably pretty safe to say that would not happen today.

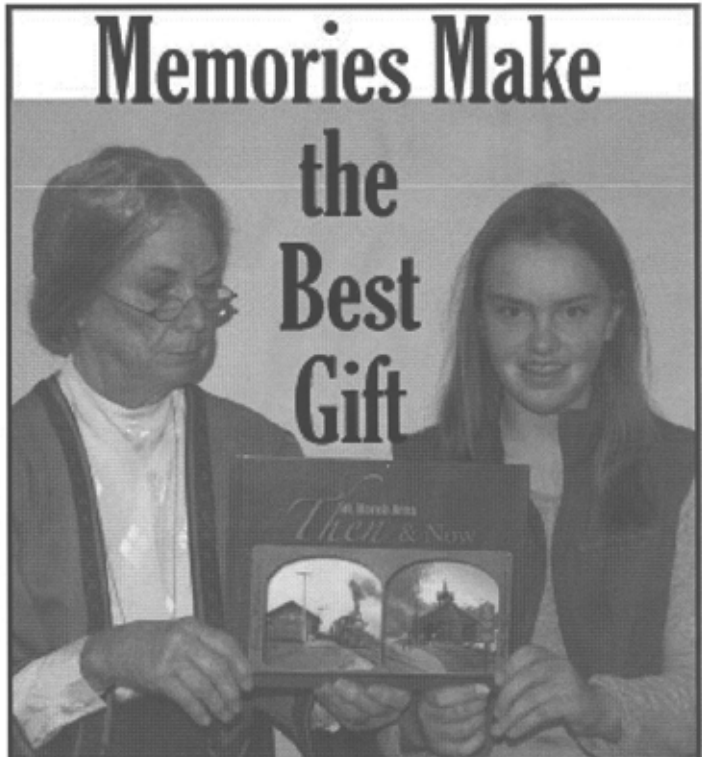
**Additional Society Updates**

At the Annual Meeting members were informed of two vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Let us know if you would be interested by contacting any of the Board members listed on the back of this newsletter or by calling Darlene for more information at 437-4809.

The archives will see a change to current open hours starting on Jan. 2, 2012. We will be open on Mondays for archival research and archival materials donations. Shan Thomas, our archivist, will be there from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. She will also schedule an appointment on another day if necessary. Call her at 437-1147 or 437-6486 for scheduling information. Museum collections research and artifact donations will remain open on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Curators will continue to be there from 12:30 – 3 p.m.

**A Note of Thanks**

The Society would like to thank the following for their efforts: Marietta Gribb for donating 2 handmade braided rugs to sell in the gift shop, Mick Kennedy and Dave Boyden for temporarily fixing our sign on the lot of the future "Heritage Center" which was damaged recently by vandals and for Pete Riphahn who is rebuilding it, Lee Underwood and Siri Martin for posing for our book ad, Connie Jo Zwettler for her photography, and Marlyn Grinde for her years on the Board of Directors and the many more that she will be on as an honorary Board member.



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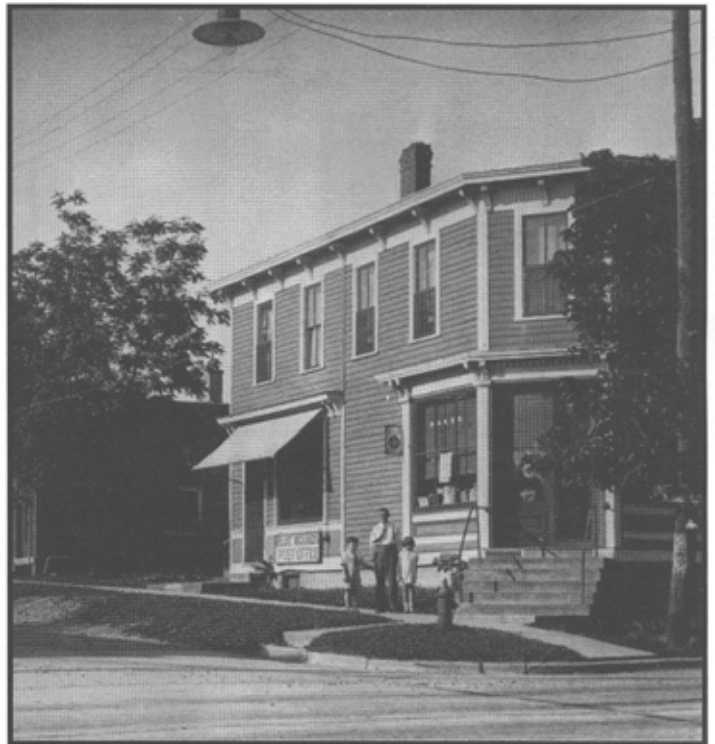
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