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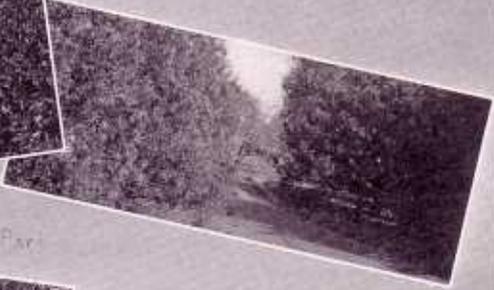
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DWIGHT

"Dwight—Dwight! Next stop is Dwight"—so called the porter, as the Chicago & Alton train crossed the New York Central tracks. As this was my destination, my attention was immediately drawn to my surroundings. My first glimpse of this town was most pleasing; streets and homes appeared well-kept and prosperous.

The train stopped and I found myself on the station platform, in front of a low, rambling, picturesque building situated in the center of a small park. This building was the depot, and upon questioning and examining I found that it had been built in 1893. I learned that there was a branch of the Chicago & Alton, running from here to Peoria. These tracks were on the west side of the depot, while the main-line was on the east.

As I glanced about me, I noticed several neat-looking business places, and so, after learning that I had plenty of time to wander around, I decided to visit and study every store that I possibly could. These places attracted my attention for some unknown reason. Perhaps, it was on account of their neatness. Anyway, I soon found myself crossing the street. No doubt, everyone knew I was a stranger in this town, because I stared and asked questions about every store I saw. Looking north, I saw at the end of the street, a very large red brick building. As I drew nearer, I saw, in huge letters "United States Veterans' Hospital No. 53." Yes, I had heard of this place many, many times, and indeed, I was greatly interested in it. It was very large, having the capacity of two hundred-twenty-five. The building was formerly owned by the Leslie E. Keeley Co., but in 1923 the Government purchased it, and since then it has been a hospital. I noticed several men going in and out, and took it for granted that they were patients. The Hospital has at present seventy-eight soldiers, who later may be discharged when cured to return to their homes. There are five doctors, one dentist, and eight nurses who care for their patients in the finest way possible.

The officers at present are: Dr. F. M. Gordon, Medical Officer in Charge; Dr. C. W. Mehlhop, Assistant Medical Officer; Drs. F. C. Cassidy, A. P. Chadbourne, and Forest M. Evans, Ward Surgeons; Dr. Carl S. Klinkert, Dental Surgeon; Jas. G. Talliaferro, Business Manager; Thos. S. Alexander, Property Custodian; Clara M. Quinlan, Chief Nurse; Blanche K. Cayne, Chief Dietitian; Virginia P. Wentworth, Assistant Chief Aid; Anna M. Hargent, Aid O. T.; Bernadine Murray, Red Cross; Mrs. Georgiana Cook, Red Cross Director and Recreational Director. Employed as stenographers are Misses Avilda Smith, Frances Ketcham and Lucile Smith.

There are also twelve orderlies and porters, and fourteen cooks, waitresses, and helpers.

Through the endeavor of the Red Cross Department, entertainments are given, frequently, for the patients. These entertainments given by local people and folks from adjoining towns have a very beneficial effect on the morals of the patients.

There is a very interesting department in this concern, in which the soldiers make useful articles, which are for sale to the public.

This low, gray building, with all the vines growing on it, has two doors. Which one shall I go in? I guess it'll be the Bank first, and then I'll go into the Real Estate Office. This bank, I learned, was organized and opened for business on February 1, 1906, chiefly through the efforts of Frank L. Smith, who has been President of the First National Bank since the date of opening.

It was the first banking institution in Dwight to be chartered by the National Government, and is now a member of the Federal Reserve System, as all national banks must be.

This bank is now the largest banking institution in Livingston County.

The original officers and directors were as follows: Frank L. Smith, President; Curtis J. Judd, Vice President; J. R. Oughton, Vice President; John J. Doherty, Cashier; Edw. M. Hoffman, Asst. Cashier; while the directors were: F. L. Smith, Chas. L. Romberger, Curtis J. Judd, Jos. Miller and R. S. Ludington.

The present officers, however, are: F. L. Smith, President; John J. Doherty, Vice President; J. H. Oughton, Vice President; Edw. Hoffman, Cashier; Jens J. Spandet and Frank A. Haise, Asst. Cashiers, and Mrs. Delford Brust and Miss Harriet Haise, stenographers.

It is a very prosperous looking place, indeed, and the adjacent room looks equally as interesting. It is the Real Estate Office. Already I see two stenographers hard at work. This is a very cozy place and I must learn all about it. This present business is one of the oldest established in Central Illinois. J. C. Hetzel first started the business in Dwight shortly after the Civil War and continued it until the early 80's, when Mr. Chas. L. Romberger became a partner, running under the name "Hetzel and Romberger," until the former member of the firm retired. The business was continued by Mr. Romberger until 1896. He then joined in partnership with Mr. Smith. Mr. Romberger then retired in 1902 to become associated with the L. E. Keeley Co. The law, loan, land and insurance business has since been conducted by Mr. F. L. Smith.

The following are employes: Misses Clara Rosendall and Gertrude Dieter, Mr. C. J. Ahern, Mr. Hans Beyer and Mr. Albert Lower, Sr.

I hate to leave this place, but I can't stay all day, or I won't get any "sight-seeing" done at all. Next on the list is the Dwight Post Office.

The first Post Office was located in the place where Seymour's Drug Store now stands. Twenty-seven years ago it was moved to its present location. It opens at 7:30 in the morning and closes at 6 o'clock at night. Mail is dispatched at eight intervals during the day.

The Postmaster is Mr. Jas. E. Seabert, while Mr. Earl B. Losee is his assistant. The following three are clerks: Messrs. Chas. Bowers, Otto B. Mickelson and Elmer Smith.

Three carriers distribute mail in the city and five in the country. The city carriers are: Messrs. Elmer Feddersen, Thorwald Tosteson, Alvin Sondergaard, and Andrew Peterson is a substitute. The rural carriers are: Route 1, Merlin Sandham; Route 2, Carl Jensen; Route 3, Gene Hamilton; Route 4, Jas. Telford; Route 5, Chris E. Steger.

Oh, I see a stairway—I guess I'll investigate. First, I see Dr. E. R. Weart, Dentist. I shall visit his office, even though I don't want a tooth pulled.

On October 5, 1897, Dr. Weart located in the Keplinger Bldg., on Mazon Avenue, having bought out Dr. Florence Thompson. He was there for eight months, and then moved to the Mazon Hall Bldg., which was at that time the Mazon Hotel. He stayed in that building for nine years, when on March 1, 1906, he moved into the rooms he is now occupying. Dr. Weart has been a dentist in Dwight for nearly thirty years.

Now, for the other office. Oh! This is the office of C. H. Barr, Physician. Dr. Barr began practicing medicine in Dwight in 1882. At that time his office was located on East Street. In 1884 he bought a drug store in the Haggerty Bldg., where the Brorsen Variety Store now stands. Several years later, he moved to the building where he is now located. In partnership with a man named Davis, he bought the drug store that O'Malley & Stitzer now own.

Dr. Barr then sold out, as he wanted to devote all his time to his practice. He has had a continuous practice in Dwight for 44 years.

Next comes a drug store. Oh! Yes! O'Malley & Stitzer's. This drug store has been in the hands of many people. Mr. Baker, Dr. Barr, Dr. Barr and Mr. Davis, Mr. Beltzhoover and then in 1911 it was bought by Mr. John O'Malley. In 1919, Mr. Laurie Stitzer moved here and entered into partnership with Mr. O'Malley, forming the O'Malley & Stitzer Drug Store.

This store started as a very small shop with only a few drugs and has grown to be one of the largest drug stores in Livingston County. It specializes in drugs, ice cream, and candy. The following are employees: Jas. Lawler, Francis West, and Nicholas Nelson, all of Dwight.

Here is the Jordan, Deal and Ball Grocery Store. It was formerly owned by P. D. Kern, who, after owning it for many years, in 1926 sold it to these three men from Morris.

Next comes the Schlote Pool Room. I won't go in there, because already I see several men in there, but I will go in the Star and Herald Office for a minute.

They tell me that the first paper was published in Dwight on May 5, 1868. This was called "The Star" and was six inches by nine inches in size. It was edited by Chas. L. Palmer. On April 3, 1885, "The Dwight Star" was published. In 1889, Mr. W. G. Dustin bought the paper. On November 1, 1905, Mr. Allan S. Holbrook became connected with the paper, which is now "The Dwight Star and Herald." On July 1, 1918, it was incorporated and is now conducted under the name Dustin & Holbrook.

The paper has increased in size and is widely distributed. Every month a patriotic paper, "The Banner," is printed. This business specializes in outside printing as well as these papers.

The following are employees: Misses Jean M. Thole, Drea H. Johnson, Helen Long and Constance Taylor, and Messrs. Arthur R. Tock, Frank M. Klein, Rudolph Kepplinger, Ejnar Anderson and Irvin Stallman. After viewing the linotype, machinery, etc., I'll next visit the Blackstone Theatre—Dwight's only picture house.

The Dwight Opera House was built in 1902 and was directed by the Orr Bros., until the time of the fire, which occurred in December, 1919. It was immediately rebuilt and leased to Mr. C. J. Allardt, under its new and present name.



Later it was owned and directed by A. B. McCollum. When Mr. McCollum left for Hoopston, January 1, 1926, Mr. Milton Beyer was left in charge, and kept this position until April 4, 1926, when Mr. Arthur Tock succeeded him as manager.

Following are the present employees of Mr. McCollum: Mr. Arthur Tock, Manager; Mr. Rupert Goodman, Asst. Manager; William Blaine, Cashier; Walter Miller, Projec-

tionist; Mrs. Electa Connor, Pianist; William West Janitor; Hazor Smith, Lysle Dixon and Charles Hubert, ushers.

At times the management employes these orchestras: Harriet Sweet's and Heinies, of Joliet, Ill., and Virginia Osborne's and Jake Claudin's of Pontiac, Ill.

They have the highest class of movies and good entertainments. I wish I could have an evening here and attend a show, but—!! Here's the Western Union Telegraph and Express Office. Mr. James Metta is express agent and Mrs. Fannie Mosher is telegrapher and Mr. Arthur Kern is expressman. Neat looking office, indeed. Oh! here's the Newsstand. I must get a magazine in here, so my ride on the train won't seem so long.

The Park News Depot was started in the Post Office Bldg. by a man named Mr. Hutchinson, in 1889. In 1895, during some political mix-up the Postmaster put him out of the building. The town took up a collection and built a stand for him on the R. R. property. In 1905, the R. R. was going to change its course, and the property Mr. Hutch-

inson's building was on was wanted, so he then moved into the building on the site of the First National Bank.

In 1906 a man by the name of Butler bought the stand for \$300. He moved it down to where it now stands.

Butler took a partner, Opdike, in 1907, and during the latter part of that year sold it to him. In 1908, Opdike sold it to Messrs. Otto Mickelson and I. H. Baker, who were at that time working in the Post Office. They sold it to Messrs. Harry Adams and Tracy Orr in 1910, who, in turn, sold it to Wayne Vickery in 1916. Mr. Vickery sold it to Mr. A. I. Graves in 1923, and he sold it, in 1926, to its present owner, Mr. L. A. Hansen. Mr. Hansen has but one employee who is Mr. Lionel Snyder. This stand specializes in magazines, papers, confectionery and cigars. Well, I've got my magazines, so I'd better skip on and visit the next place.

Oh! This is the Cozy Hat and Gift Shop. What a cozy little place it is, too. Miss Agnes Michaelson opened up the shop in November, 1925. She handles a complete line of hats for women and children, and also, has gifts for every occasion for both grown-ups and infants. In her employment is Mrs. Ben O'Connor.

Next door is the Progressive Shoe Store, and I must visit that even if I can't afford to buy any new shoes. This store was started in Dwight on April 4, 1921, in the place where the Christiansen Tailor Shop now stands. In March, 1924, the shop was moved to its present location, next door to its former location. The present store has grown to be about nine times as large as the first. Mr. Arthur Maisonneuve and his brother, Armand, run the store. Mr. Maisonneuve came to Dwight a total stranger, and the growth of the store, he believes, is due to the quality, service and courtesy shown to the patrons.

Next is the Christiansen's Tailor Shop—owned by Mr. Chris Christiansen. I don't need anything repaired so I guess I won't stop. I see a garage at the opposite corner, the C. & M., according to the sign. As I'm riding on the train, I really have no excuse, such as buying a new tire or getting a gallon of gas, but nevertheless, I'm going to cross the street for it looks like a mighty fine garage. The C. & M. Motor Sales Co. was founded in 1920 and is located at the corner of Chippewa St. and Prairie Ave. In 1924, Mr. C. D. Pierce took over the management. At present the firm is handling the following makes of automobiles: Studebaker, Jordan, Nash, and Chevrolet. This is also a service station for the highest grade of automobile accessories. The help consists of Jas. Silke, salesman; Arnold Kepplinger and Maurice Laubhan, mechanics, and Ike Fischer, nightman.

Now, where do I go? Oh! there's an office over there. I'll cross the tracks and visit the "other side of town" now. This is the office of Earl N. Hager.

Geo. Z. Flagler started this lumber yard in 1875. In 1914, it was sold to Mr. Hager. This firm specializes in building materials and coal. The business is steadily increasing under the management of Mr.

Hager. The three employees are: Andrew Skow, Joseph Austin and Herman Krug.

People certainly do not need coal on a day like this. My! I am warm.

Well, look at the Garages! This looks like Michigan Avenue, with all these garages. The first one is the Ford Garage, operated under the management of Mr. J. E. Ferguson; L. Burton Orr founded the business in 1910. It was taken over by the Ferguson Motor Sales in 1912. They handle Fords exclusively, also tractors and implements.

Employees of Mr. Ferguson are: Miss Catherine Bannon, stenographer; Lazern Crittenwise, foreman; Clifford Wyne, Ernest Miller and James Bannon, mechanics; Horace Houck, tractor salesman; Roy Olson, salesman; and Chas. Taylor is janitor.

L. Burton Orr started in the law business in 1903. His offices are above Ferguson's Garage.

Here is the plumbing shop owned by Jos. E. Eyer. I haven't time to stop for a lengthy interview, or I won't get around the whole town.

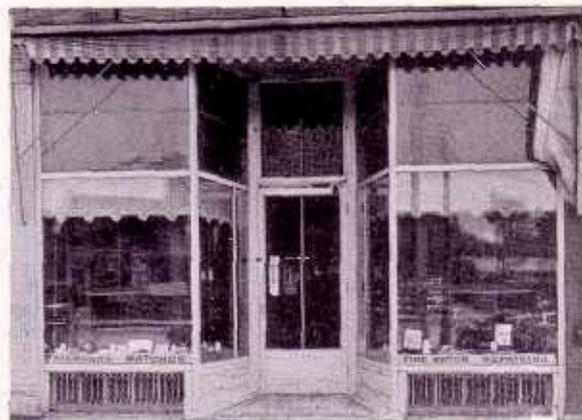
Well! Well! Here's another garage. This one is the W. G. Short Garage. In 1909, Mr. Short and his son started a garage at 115 E. Chippewa Street, the present location. They now use it for storage purposes. In the garage is a large display room and radio shop. Mr. Leslie Short, in 1925, patented a circuit for a radio, with which he has had great success. His radio is known as the U X Radio and there are several distributed among Dwight people.

Next on East Main Street, I see the Conway Cafe, owned by Miss Catherine Conway. It was known as the Saratoga Restaurant for many years, and was located on S. Franklin Street. In the latter part of 1926, the name and location were changed. Miss Mary Brown is waitress. It makes me so hungry, but I can't stop.

Oh! here's another restaurant, and I'm still hungry. This one belongs to the Crandall brothers—Charles, Ollie and Henry.

Next is the Christiansen Quality Bakery, owned by Millard Christiansen. The employees are: Miss Selicia Corrigan, clerk; Arthur Christiansen as baker, assisted by Millard Christiansen.

What a beautiful ring! I wish I might have it, but no day-dreams! This is the first jewelry store I've seen in Dwight, and it belongs to Mr. E. B. Lewis. Mr. Lewis came to Dwight in 1888, and worked for Mr. J. C. Lewis. Ten years later,



in 1898, he started in business for himself in the building now occupied by Marvin Smith. In 1903 he built the present store, and he is assisted in business by his son, Harold.

Here's the Thompson Cash Grocery. This grocery was begun in the present location in 1923. In 1925, a special department was added which consisted of the meat market. The force is composed of: Thomas Thompson, Geo. Knudsen, Harry Clausen, W. R. Cryer, Floyd Kanne, Mable M. Stallman, J. J. Knudsen and John Steichen.

Next, I see "The Frances Hotel," a pleasant looking place. Mrs. Frances Plumley opened this hotel on July 28, 1922. Misses Grace Glenn, Nellie Pope, and Anna Broderson are the only employees, in addition to Mrs. Plumley and Mr. Henry Judge. When the Frances opened, it was operated without a coffee shop, but later a delightful one was added.

Here is another Bakery, which belongs to Mr. Gus Ohlendorf. In 1907, Mr. Ohlendorf purchased the bakery and restaurant formerly owned by L. Reeder. At that time the business was next to the Dwight Star and Herald office. In 1922, the establishment moved into its present location. The force consists of Clarence West, Oscar Nelson and Lionel Snyder, bakers; Miss Ella Holzhauser, clerk, and Herman Ohlendorf assistant clerk. I'm so hungry, I guess I 'll just have to have a cream puff.

M'm! It's good. Here's Seabert's Clothing Store. Business was first started in March 1910, by W. S. Carey and J. E. Seabert. The Burke Bldg., now occupied by Christiansen's Bakery, was built at that time for them. In the summer of 1914, Mat Carey and Elmer Seabert joined the firm. The business of Israel Mayer and Sons, of Morris, Ill., was purchased and the two stores were operated under the same name—Carey & Seabert, with Mat Carey and E. M. Seabert in charge of the Morris store and W. S. Carey and Jas. Seabert in charge of the store in Dwight. About one year later, the business was divided, Seabert Brothers keeping the Dwight store and the Carey Brothers the store in Morris. In 1918, the business was moved from the Burke Bldg. to its present location in the I. O. O. F. Bldg., and is under the management of Elmer M. Seabert.

Well, here is the second jewelry store—Roeder's. In 1899, Mr. W. D. Roeder bought the store and business of J. S. Gardinier and two years later purchased the interest of V. S. Wright. In 1904, Mr. Roeder was appointed Official Watch Inspector of the C. & A. Railroad, which position he still holds. Mr. Roeder specializes in jewelry, greeting-cards, mottos, pictures and he aims to satisfy his customers. His only employee is Mr. Milton Beyer.

Here's the first barber shop that I've seen. This was started in 1912, and is owned by Messrs. Steve Zappa and Anton Diefenbach. At present there are four barbers: Messrs. Steve Zappa, Anton Diefenbach, John McDonald and Wm. Gibson, all of Dwight.

And here is Sodini & Company, owned by Messrs. Fred Sodini and Joseph Migliarini. The business was first located in the Kepplinger Block, where the Vulcanizing Shop now stands. It was moved in 1911 to 124 E. Main St., its present location.

They specialize in home-made candies, which certainly look very tempting.

Now, I see a Variety Store, and of course, I must visit it. This store was opened by Mr. Brorsen on March 26, 1926. Miss Hazel Hanson works there after school hours, and also, Miss Ina Neth. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen are the regular employees.

Here's a door, I'll go in, but I'm sure I don't know where I'm going or what I'm going to see. Oh! C. H. Thompson and I. H. Baker. I'll visit Mr. Thompson first, I guess. In 1904, Clyde H. Thompson began his career as a lawyer with Mr. Ketcham, having offices over Van Eman's store. He later moved to rooms over what is now Crandall's Restaurant. His present offices are above Brorsen's Variety Store on E. Main Street. The growth of his business has increased about 20 per cent each year. Employed as his stenographer is his daughter, Miss Mary Jane.

Now, I guess Mr. Baker will be next on the list. His business is that of Real Estate, Investment, and Insurance. The business was started in 1895 by J. W. Baker. In 1916, Mr. I. H. Baker, present head of the business, took over the agency of Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati. In 1917 he purchased the insurance business of J. W. Baker and merged it with his own. In 1926, Mr. Baker acquired the Fire Insurance Agency of the late Mr. Geo. L. Taylor and T. E. Weary.

Oh! Now I see another door and it says, "*A. Tiernan, Dentist.*" In 1916, Dr. Tiernan began his practice as a dentist over what is now Crandall's Restaurant. At the present time his office is over Brorsen's Variety Store.

Seymour's Drug Store is next, I guess. It was started in 1866 by Geo. A. Seymour, after his discharge from the Union Army. He started on Mazon Avenue, on the site of the Von Qualen Furniture Store. In the great fire that swept Dwight in 1871, his building was burned down. He then re-opened his business where the Public Service Company's office is now. In 1899, the store was moved to where it now stands and is conducted by Mr. R. V. Seymour. Miss Helen Green and Ralph Pratt are Mr. Seymour's only employees.



Here is the Bank of Dwight. This is an attractive looking building and looks as though it would be a mightily interesting place. In 1855, the Bank of Dwight was founded as a private concern by David McWilliams, on the site where it is now situated. On October 26, 1906, it was incorporated into a state bank.

In 1910, the bank moved to where Reeb's Shoe Store is now while the present bank building was in process of construction. In 1911 it moved back to its former location.

The President of the bank is Edward McWilliams; Vice President is John McWilliams; Charles McWilliams is Vice President; the Cashier is Louis A. Weicker; Harold West and Angus Lower, Assistant Cashiers; Miss Dorothy Jenkins is Stenographer.

Here are some steps. I'll climb them and see what's up-stairs. Oh! A Hat Shop, owned by M. E. Barnum. Mary Barnum entered the employ of Miss Lizzie Berger, who conducted a millinery store in the building now occupied by L. R. Wheatley, in the early part of 1885. After working four years, Miss Barnum worked in Sullivan, Ill., for one season. Upon returning to Dwight, she worked one year for Miss Fenn. After working for Miss Berger again for two years, Miss Berger sold out to Miller Bros., leaving Miss Barnum in charge of the Millinery Department. She remained there for seventeen years. On July 19, 1909, she embarked in business for herself in the rooms over the store formerly owned by Herman Deutsch, now the Frances Hotel. On July 12, 1912, Miss Barnum moved to the rooms over Van Eman & Sondergaard's store, where she carries a splendid line of millinery.

Now, I'll go down and visit this Dry Goods Store. J. L. Van Eman and S. H. Sondergaard started in the dry goods business in the Mickelson Block on March 1, 1902. In 1908 they moved into their present location.

Mr. Sondergaard died in April, 1916, and the firm continued with Mrs. Marie Sondergaard as partner, until 1920, when Mr. S. Dixen Sorensen was taken into partnership. The firm now consists of Mr. Van Eman, S. Dixen Sorensen and Mrs. Marie Sondergaard.

The store force, at present, is Mr. J. L. Van Eman, Mr. S. Dixen Sorensen and Edgar B. Mathieson, and Misses Genevieve Haggerty and Florence Foersterling.

Next is Nelson's Grocery Store. On June 4, 1900, Nelson Bros. bought out Scott & Spencer, and started business in a small frame building, where the Norris Variety Store formerly stood. Later, they moved into the building L. R. Wheatley now occupies. At the death of Mr. Manning Smith, of the firm of McWilliams & Smith, Martin and Albert Nelson bought the latter's grocery stock.

In addition to the owners, Mr. W. C. Bell is found in this store always ready to serve the public. The continued success of this store for twenty-six years has been built on the slogan—"The Best Groceries for the Least Money."

Now here is another door. I'll go up and investigate. This is Dr. W. R. Carlin's office. After graduating from the American School

of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., he came to Dwight in February, 1916. Dr. Carlin has practiced osteopathy ever since his graduation, except the years during the World War, when he was enlisted in the U. S. Army.

Here's another millinery shop, and this is called the "Grace Hat Shop," and is owned by Mrs. Walter Rowland. Mrs. Rowland at present has no help.

And here is another office. Dr. F. W. Brown, a physician and surgeon, came to Dwight fourteen years ago and has practiced here ever since. His office is above Frank Reeb & Sons' store. Before coming here, Dr. Brown was surgeon at the Alexian Bros. Hospital, Chicago, Ill., and he was also Assistant Superintendent of Iowa State Hospital at Knoxville, Iowa.

Well, here I am looking at the attractive window display of Frank Reeb & Sons' Shoe Store. This harness and shoe store was first set up in the building which is now called the Legion Cafe in 1886. From there it was moved to the location now occupied by Sodini's Ice Cream Parlor. Fifteen years ago, this business was moved to its present site. Lester and Fred Reeb are now managing the business.



Next I see Miller Bros. & Sons' Store. Why, this is a double store, having a men's clothing section, in addition to dry goods and ladies ready-to-wear. This business was started in 1874. The following are employees: Mrs. Myrtle Magorian, Messrs. A. L. Bump and Walter Roeder, clerks; Miss Hazel Grush, bookkeeper. Mr. Joseph Miller, Harry and Max Miller also work in the store. Employed as tailors are, Messrs. Carl Erickson and Oscar Tunberg.

Now I see C. M. Baker & Son's Furniture Store, which is the oldest furniture store and undertaking establishment in Dwight, established by I. H. Baker in 1866 on the present site. It has been enlarged three times, in 1880, 1890 and 1911.

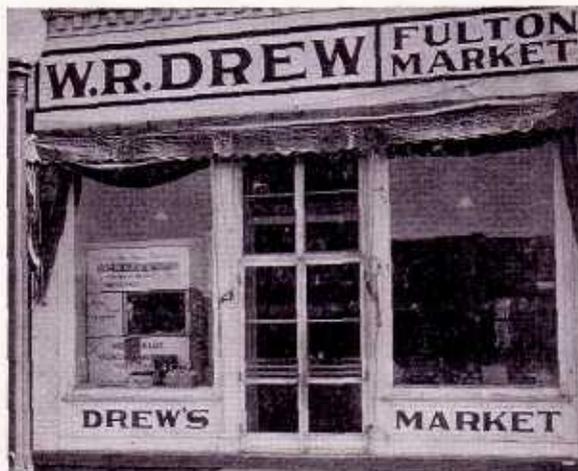
The present employees, assisting the proprietor, Mr. Roy M. Baker, are as follows: Misses Helen M. Patterson and Ella Jeffries, and Messrs. Jas. Burns and Ben Stren.

Now comes Moffatt's Meat Market, which is run by the Moffatt brothers, Thomas, Frank and Joseph. Mr. Archie Smith is the only employee.

Next door is the Marvin Smith Cigar Store. This store was conducted for several years by Mr. Edw. Smith, who in 1926 sold out to his son, Marvin. Mr. Clarence Nelson is the only employee.

I see a barber shop next door. This is the Diefenbach, Mickelson & Co. Shop. In 1880, Tony Diefenbach bought Adam Dernback's barber shop. In 1910, Mr. Andrew Mickelson went into partnership with him; in 1919, Joseph Geis and Edw. Hildreth, each bought a share in it and at the present time the business is owned by all four men. The shop which is located on E. Main Street, specializes in hair-cuts, bobs, shaves, shampoos, massages, singeing, tonics and mustache trims. The present barbers are: Messrs. Diefenbach, Mickelson, Geis, Hildreth, and Lawrence Finefield, of Odell.

Oh, here's another meat market, and this one is Drew's, also



known as "The Fulton Meat Market." In 1895 Drew Bros. started the shop on Main Street. It is now owned by W. R. Drew.

Following are the employees: Miss Arta Drew and Messrs. Earl Drew, Herbert Drew, Harry Ambler and Basil Ambler.

Here's the Legion Cafe. I'm awfully hungry, but I must go on and visit the remain-

ing stores. The Cafe is now owned and managed by Mr. Ernest Olson.

Next is the L. R. Wheatley Grocery Store. In 1913, Mr. Wheatley bought out the business of Mr. George M. Kern. As the business grew very rapidly, more room was required, and in 1926 an addition was built to the building.

The present force is composed of Mrs. Lura Morgan, Miss Minnie Foersterling, Louis Nelson, Wm. Gregory and Mr. Wheatley.

Now comes Epstein's Clothing Store. A. B. Epstein and his son, Nathan, started a clothing store on E. Main St. in 1909. It is now conducted by Nathan Epstein, who has one employee, Miss Louise Anderson.

Now, I'll go up these stairs and first visit the office of Dr. Burns, Dentist. Dr. J. J. Burns, upon graduating from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in the Class of 1920, located at Villa Park, Ill. In February, 1921, he moved his office to Dwight and is now located at present in the Mickelson Building, on E. Main Street. Dr. Reynold's office is also up here and so I'll just visit his office, now. Miss Ida Stallman is his assistant and is always found in Dr. P. J. Reynolds' office.

Now comes the A. & P. Store, under the management of Mr. George Sorenson. The employees are Miss Elma Lydigson and Andrew Jepson.

Well! Well! here is another Barber Shop. Mr. Chris Long started in business in Dwight in 1909, in the building at the south end of Main Street. The business was moved to its present location in the Mickelson Bldg. in 1911. In 1917, Mr. Ralph Long joined his father in business. Mr. Henry Doran, of Nevada, assists them on Saturdays.

Last, but not least, is a tailor shop. Mr. Peter Knudsen moved to his present location two years ago. Mr. Knudsen specializes in dry-cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes.

I'll go down and see what's at the end of this street. Why! It is another garage. Dwight, certainly, has plenty of garages. This is Boyer Bros. Garage. In 1913, Messrs. Ralph, Elwood, and Clarence Boyer started in their garage business in a small wooden building. At present, Boyer's Garage is located in a large brick and steel building, at the corner of Franklin and Delaware Streets, and is considered one of the most up-to-date garages in Livingston County.

They specialize in Buick and Dodge automobiles and accessories. The present employees are: Messrs. Frank and John Weber and Miss Juanita Snyder.

Yes, next is Blitstein's, and then comes the Clem Steichen Implement Company. Business began in 1913 on the Steichen farm one and a half miles east of Dwight. In 1918, the business was moved to its present location on E. Delaware St. The John Deere line, with other lines of farm implements, are handled. The business is conducted by Mr. Steichen, with the assistance of Mr. L. G. Smith and C. J. Steichen.

Next is the H. M. Schroeder Repair Shop. Mr. Schroeder started as an employee in the Spencer Factory, where he worked for about twenty-six years. In 1911, he started up a business of his own on Mazon Avenue, that of a wagon repair shop. He continued this business until about 1913, when he moved to a place on E. Delaware St., where he has increased his business-place three times as large as the first. His special line of work, now, is auto repairing and other miscellaneous jobs. Working for him is Mr. Francis L. Martin.

This place seems to be a Creamery, but it looks as though it was closed, so I'll hurry on. There are not any more buildings (business) on this street, so I'll go back to Franklin St., and visit the J. I. Orr Hardware Store. Mr. Edw. Hodgman is the only employee. Now, next is Christiansen's Soft Drink Parlor, but I won't go in there, but I will visit the Public Service Company.

In 1922 the Public Service Branch-house was first located on W. Main St., and on October 1, 1925, the Company moved the business to the present location on Franklin Street.

The Company specializes in giving the community all electric appliances and service. Trouble calls are made at all hours of the day. The motto of the Public Service Company is to "Satisfy the Customer." The employees of the company in Dwight are: Mr. Wm. Hale,



from the Hahnemann Hospital and College on June 1, 1912. He started his practice in February of 1913, in his present location. Employed as his stenographer is Miss Lillie Larsen.

This is Goodman's Dry Goods Store. This is also a double store. It is owned by Mr. Max Goodman & Sons. Miss Geraldene Edmunds is, at present, the only clerk.

Up these stairs is Einer Christensen's Studio. I'm not going to have my picture taken, so I'll go on. Here is Frank Fratia's Shoe Repair Shop, and next door is Anderson's Supply Station, but I guess I'll have to go on. Oh! This is Frank Zappa's General Store and also a Garage owned by Mr. Zappa. This garage specializes in Hudson and Essex Cars, also accessories and repairs.

And next is the "Village Blacksmith!" Mr. Eric Thomsen started in business in May, 1918, when he purchased the shop from the former owner, Walter Jensen. Since Mr. Thomsen has begun business, he has installed the following machines: a trip-hammer, band-saw, planer, and also a 5 h. p. electric motor, which has replaced the gasoline engine.

This cute little store belongs to Mr. S. M. Hodel, who started in business in 1923. As this store is near the school it is very popular with the children who stop to buy candy. In 1925, Mr. Hodel added to

service man; Miss Myrtle Brown, cashier; and Mr. Francis Duffy, salesman.

Here's another hardware store. In 1917, Messrs. Scott & Block purchased the hardware store that they now have, from Mr. Lars Larsen. To-day they have one of the leading hardware stores in Livingston County. Mr. Arthur Smith and Mr. Fred Ambler are the two employees.

Upstairs is the office of Dr. F. M. Dondanville. He graduated



his stock, groceries. Raymond E. Nelson is his employee, and Mrs. Hodel assists her husband.

Across the street is Hanlon's Poultry Shop, which is owned by Hanlon Brothers.

This new building is the office and building of the Carl Tock Lumber Company. This Lumber Company began business in 1898. The business is owned and managed by the four brothers: John, Carl, Philip and Ernest Tock.

And here is the Hans P. Rosendall Poultry House. It was started up by Mr. Orville Brown on the same location next to Christopher's Garage. On Nov. 17, 1921, Mr. Rosendall bought it from Mr. Brown.

For the past three years Mr. Rosendall has had his stock hauled to Chicago by truck instead of by train. At present Mr. Ralph Miller is the only employee.

Well! Well! Here is another one of Dwight's numerous garages. This is Christopher's Garage, and is owned by Messrs. Henry and Carl Christopher.

This garage handles Oldsmobile and Star Cars, and accessories and repairs.

Well, I guess this place is the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator, which was begun in 1912. At the present time, there are two elevators on the C. & A. and two on the New York Central, and one in Gardner, all of which



are under the management of Mr. Carl Schafer of Dwight.

Mr. Leslie Beiswanger and Mr. Ben Booth operate the elevator in Gardner. The following are employees here in Dwight: Messrs. John Burger, John Nelson, Ernest Perschnick, Walter Schafer, and Miss Gertrude N. Ketcham is stenographer.

Across the tracks, I see Reeb's Granite Works. This is owned and operated by Messrs. Edward and Charles Reeb. I can't stop here, but I'll go on and visit Paul's Garage, right across the road. Mr. Paul Paulson started his garage about ten years ago in the rear of Christopher's Garage. Three years ago, 1924, he moved into the building on Mazon Avenue and Franklin Street. Mr. Paul Paulson handles the Oakland, Pontiac, Willys-Knight and Overland Cars. He has



a well equipped repair shop for automobiles. Employed here is Mr. Peter Burgwald, of Dwight.

Here's the Dwight Battery Station, formerly owned by Mr. Louis A. Duay. He sold out in 1926 to Mr. Carl Paulson. Mr. Paulson sells radios, batteries and also charges batteries, and handles radio accessories. In the rear of this station, Mr. Paulson's brother, Martin, has a vulcanizing shop. Mr. Martin Paulson is also owner of the Dwight Taxi. Here's Peter Tosteson's place. I haven't time to play cards, so I'll stop a few minutes at the Harding Inn, instead.

In 1921, Mr. Angelo Sodini and Hugo Lama bought this place from Sodini & Co. Light lunches, confectionery, cigars are their speciality. This is now owned by Mr. Hugo Lama only.

Here's another place, owned by Sandham and Tunberg. I won't go in there.

Next is Scotty's Auto Supply Company, owned by Messrs. Shirley Scott and Clarence Peterson.

Ah! Ha! Here is Peter Beier's Pool and Billiard Hall. This is, I hear, where the D. T. H. S. boys spend most of their hours of leisure. I see several in there now.

Here is the West Side Furniture and Undertaking Company. This was started in Dwight on October 19, 1906, by Mr. P. H. Von Qualen.



There are now three fairly large display windows, with an entrance on the right side. The store is composed of four large rooms and a ware room. This is also an undertaking establishment. Mr. F. J. O'Connor is now Mr. Von Qualen's partner.

The employee is Mr. Peter Reimer. Mr. F.

J. O'Connor has charge of the radio and music department.

Now, I must visit the churches, and other places of interest. But how'll I get to each one? I have it, I'll hire the Dwight Taxi for an hour or two. That'll be fun, indeed. I can get the taxi right back here at this store, I think. Yes, here it is. Yes, Mr. Taxi-driver, take me to all of Dwight's interesting places, will you, please? This is the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the corner of Mazon Avenue and Prairie Avenue.

In 1855 an M. E. Church was started in the town of Dwight. At first there were not enough members to buy a church, so they met either at the home of Nelson Cornell, a log school-house on Mazon Creek, or in the barn on Eber Steven's farm which was near the village.

The first church building was erected in 1858. In 1862-1865, the membership had increased so as to necessitate a two foot enlargement of the church.

The number of members soon out-grew the church, so in 1867 another church was built on the site of the present church. This church was used until 1901 when it was decided that a larger church was needed. In April, 1902, the present edifice was ready for use.

Rev. George Davies, the present pastor, has served the past five years.

Right next-door is the new Public Library. It was dedicated October 12, 1926. The Dwight Woman's Club sponsored the library, but they say that they never could have accomplished their task had it not been for the co-operation and whole-heartedness and support of the citizens. The club sponsored card parties, suppers, and many other affairs, in order to raise the money. The total amount raised was \$7000, leaving about \$2000 still to be obtained.

Individual contributions were as follows: Col. F. L. Smith, \$1000; Mr. Edw. McWilliams, \$1000; Mrs. J. R. Oughton, \$1000; Dr. J. H. Oughton, \$1000; Mr. Chas. McWilliams, \$200; Mrs. Leslie E. Keeley, \$500; Major C. J. Judd, \$500; Philip Ahern Estate, \$100, and Mr. C. M. Baker, \$25.

Many books have been donated, Mr. Dwight C. Morgan having presented a very rare and valuable history of Illinois. The M. E. and Congregational Church Sunday Schools have turned their libraries over to the Public Library. The library opened to the public on January 18, 1927, with Mrs. Clyde Martin as librarian. This is, indeed, a beautiful place, and I should like to remain longer, but my taxi is patiently waiting.

There are two churches on this corner of Washington and Delaware Streets. I'll go into this one first, I guess. It's the Congregational Church, founded in 1866. The location has always been the same, but the church was rebuilt in 1907. The church has two hundred twenty-five enrolled and has three outside activities, namely: The Senior Christian Endeavor, the Mission Study Club and the Ladies Benevolent Society. Rev. J. J. Schmidt has served as pastor for the past three years.

Across the street is the Zion Evangelical Church. In 1853, one year before the town was founded, Evangelicals had found their way to Goodfarm, where they organized the Salem Evangelical Church. A few years later, they held religious meetings in Dwight at the home of Simon Winkler. The German people of the community became so much interested in these meetings and the number of converts increased so rapidly that the Dwight Zion Evangelical Church was organized in 1862. The old church building was erected in 1872, and served the congregation until 1912, the date of the completion of the present building.

This church is an American-born church, full of America's loyal and pioneering spirit. The present pastor is Rev. Paul E. Giese.

All right, taxi, to the next church. Oh! this is St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church, which was established March 14, 1876. Rev. J. A. Hejberg was then the minister. Plans for the building of a church were soon started and the church was completed on July 28, 1876. In

1884, the old church was remodeled and a parsonage was built. In 1917, the present church was completed. In 1918, the congregation agreed to have English and Danish Sunday School and English church services once a month. The approximate size of the congregation is 475. Rev. Svendt Kjaer is the present pastor.

Where shall I go next? Oh! Out this road is the Country Club. And this is the Richard P. Morgan School, or the "West Side School." This building has four rooms, the first, second, third and fourth grades. What a pleasant looking little school it is, too.

I want to see the Club house, but if I do, we'll have to hurry on, won't we? Oh! Such an attractive-looking Club house and an inviting golf course, too.

The Dwight Country Club was organized December 24, 1913, with a membership of fifteen. Frank L. Smith was elected President and Mr. Edw. McWilliams, Vice President, while Mr. J. J. Doherty was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Club has been prosperous and now has a membership of sixty-three. Two years ago, a beautiful little Club house was erected.

For the years 1926-1927, Mr. Orville Brown was elected President, and Mr. R. A. McClelland, Vice President, and Mr. Louis Weicker, Secretary and Treasurer.

All right, back to town, Mr. Taxi-driver. First, we'll visit the Catholic Church, on the corner of Mazon Ave. and Washington St.

When Mass was said for the early Catholics of Dwight, a priest came from Wilmington and said it in the old school house on the East side or in someone's home. Such were the conditions from 1858-1862. In 1861, the members decided to build a church. It was built on the present location. Neighboring priests came regularly and conducted the services.

In August, 1867, Rev. Lamerance Dunne became the first resident priest. He was succeeded by the following: the Reverends Hanley, Halpen, Recourvia, Belgania, Hedges, Moore, O'Brien, Egan, Power, Parker, and the present pastor, Rev. John Cummings.

As time passed, the congregation grew, so the little church was not large enough to accommodate so many. In 1895, a new church was commenced, which was completed in 1896. This church is one of the handsomest churches in town. The interior is beautifully decorated.

Now, we'll go to the Christian Science Church. This society was organized in May, 1924, as a branch of "The Mother Church," which was the first church in Boston, Mass. In December, 1924, the society purchased what was known as the old Presbyterian Church. This is a very interesting old building, because Edward VII, then the Prince of Wales, worshipped in it during his stay in Dwight.

Why, right up this street is the Dwight Greenhouse, which is owned and operated by Mr. Moritz Zschau, and it is located on East Waupansie Street. Mr. Zschau has been in the business, in Dwight, for six years. He has two greenhouses consisting of 7,500 feet of glass

and specializes in flowers, more than in shrubbery. His wife assists him in his work.

Next comes the Emmanuel Lutheran Church located on East Mazon Avenue, I guess. The church was built in 1895 in Dwight. At that time Dwight was nothing but a swampy mud-hole. Before this church was built, the little school house was used for services. Rev. M. H. Mueller, the present pastor, has presided since 1914. The church has now a membership of 212 and a Sunday school enrollment of 110. The organizations are, the Ladies Aid Society, American League, and the Walther League.

Is this the Dwight Township High School? Oh! I would have forgotten it, I believe, if we hadn't passed it now. It was built in 1896, and recently an annex was added. It is a nice-appearing building, and I only wish I could have a minute or so to visit it, but I could not visit all the classes anyway.

I almost had forgotten the Village Hall, too. Dwight, I learned, is a beautiful little town of two thousand two hundred and seventy-three inhabitants. One square mile of land is within the city limits. It has ten miles of paved streets and two State Highways, Route 4 and Route 17. It also has two grade schools, one high school, a twenty-acre park, a public library, and a beautiful little village hall centered in Dwight.

The water-works have been completely remodeled, including a new stand-pipe, all new pumps, and two hundred new meters, making five hundred fifty meters in all. The stand pipe has a capacity of 35,000 gallons. There is also a 50,000 gallon reserve tank. There are seven hundred and eighty taps to the main. These furnish all residents, business houses, and the N. Y. C. R. R., 11,000,000 gallons of water per year. Since the rebuilding of the works, it has been put on a self-sustaining basis. The water is pumped directly into the stand-pipe. In 1923, a new sewerage disposal plant was installed.

In the way of fire equipment, Dwight has an American La France Fire Engine, which is capable of throwing three hundred gallons of water per minute. Also, it has a Ford Chemical Wagon with a two hundred twenty-five gallon tank.

East Main Street has been improved by widening the street from thirty to a forty-five foot street. The same thing was done to West Main Street a few years ago. Lately an ornamental lighting system of thirty-two cluster lights was installed.

The Village of Dwight is organized as follows: Board of Trustees: Mr. J. E. Garrett, President and Mayor, and Messrs. Philip Conway, L. F. Hornberger, Earl Drew, N. L. Mamer, H. V. Scott and Jas. C. Nelson. Miss Ruth M. Brendley is the village clerk and the village attorney is Mr. C. H. Thompson, while Mr. Harold West is the village treasurer.

The Board of Health is Mr. Garrett, Dr. C. H. Barr and Miss R. M. Brendley. The three park commissioners are Messrs. Edw. McWilliams, Roger Mills and Robert Dunlap. Mr. Peter Dransfelt is

our night police and Mr. Thos. Brown is the town teamster. Wm. Miller, of Dwight, is engineer of the water works.

The members of the Fire Department are: Chief, Mr. Wm. Barth; Assistant Chief, Mr. Philip Conway; President and Second Lieutenant, Mr. Walter F. Welch; Vice President, Mr. Elwood Boyer; Captain, Mr. John Matzen; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Ralph H. Boyer; First Lieutenant, Mr. John Metzke and Messrs. A. A. Boyer, Chas. Bergman, Jas. I. Orr, Ernest Miller, Fred Horn, Tony Miller, Jas. Christensen, A. Metzke and David Riordan.

Oh! Goodness! I was going to over-look the Keeley Institute. Please take me there right away, Driver, because I simply can't leave Dwight without seeing it. Dear me! I'm getting forgetful because I know my time is nearly up and I'll have to get back to the depot in a few minutes. What a nice-looking building the Institute is. The Keeley Institute was established by Messrs. Leslie E. Keeley, John R. Oughton and Major Curtis Judd. It was conducted for several years in the Government Hospital building, and was then moved to the corner of South Street and Prairie Avenue, its present location. Treatments are given for drugs, liquors, tobacco, etc. People from all over the U. S. come here for treatments. At present, the doctors are Dr. J. H. Oughton, Dr. R. E. Maupin, and Dr. C. L. Hamilton. Misses Mattie Johnson, Martha Paul, and Leona French are employed in the office. Other officers are: Mr. Martin Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Thomas Tostenes, janitor, and Mr. Michael Halloran, attendant.

My! I'm glad I saw that lovely place, and what's that over there? Oh! Boston & McClelland's elevator. This is owned by Messrs. Roy Boston and R. A. McClelland, and is a coal and lumber concern.

Then there's the Hay Press factory over there. This was owned by the late Mr. J. A. Spencer, and is managed under Mr. Wm. P. Johnston. The following are employees: Messrs. Chas. Jeffries, Wm. Duffy, Otto Metzke, Peter Burgwald and Mr. Hohenshell. Miss Hazel Scott is employed as stenographer. This concern makes, at present, hay presses, harrows, aeriels and brick-yard machinery.

That was a very interesting place, too, and now I don't think I have missed a single place in Dwight, have I, Mr. Driver? Even if I haven't seen them all I have to go back to the depot because my train is due in five minutes. What? Renfrew Park? Oh! I'd love to go to see it, but here's my train now. I'll come back again to this delightful little town and I'll visit the park first, so I won't forget it again. Well, good-bye, Mr. Taxi-driver, I'll want you again, for I'll be back to visit the lovely town of Dwight soon.

Margaret Rabe.

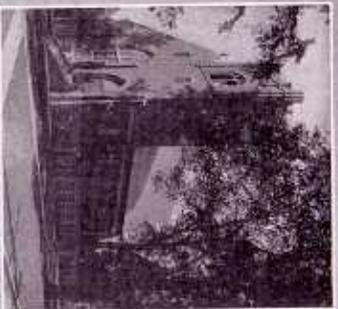
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Robert Brendley—"I bet he couldn't stand the gate."
Robert Dixen—"Then let him jump over."

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Alice Wyllie—"Do you know why you are a blonde?"
Martha Nelson—"No, why?"
Alice Wyllie—"Because you are light-headed."

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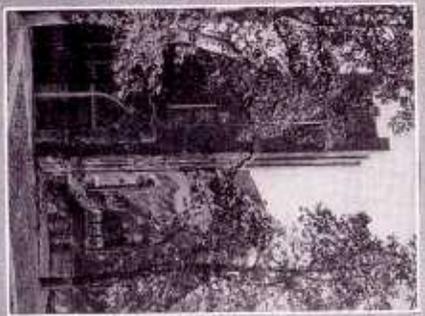
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