

**Youngs Electric Shop** was founded and operated by Harry T. Young beginning in 1922. The firm was first located in the Gus Flesor building in the space later occupied by Mrs. Mason's Style Shop. It later moved to 113 W. Sale St. In 1956 he assisted in securing and installing new street lights for Tuscola. He was assisted by Richard Thode.

**Standard Oil Products** (leased from Standard Oil) came to Tuscola with the first Model T. Fords. A small station was built at 300 N. Main in 1921. O. B. Smith started at this location January 1, 1932. In 1954 a more modern station was built. Mr. Smith was assisted by L. A. Jones. O. B. Smith retired June 1964. Frances Duensing took over the station.

**Duensing's Standard Service Station** was purchased from O. B. Smith in June of 1964 at 300 N. Main St. In June of 1983 it was sold to Charles and Sara Holmes.

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AND TUSCOLA'S 100TH  
— ANNIVERSARY —  
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(Same Location Since 1932)  
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**Albert Teeters Carpenter and Cabinet  
Maker from the mid 1930's until retirement  
in late 1970's.**

**Neal's Studebaker Dealership** at 601 S. Main St. was owned and operated by Earl, Wayne and Jim Neal who started the business in 1945 after WW II. While there, Max Thode worked as their mechanic. When the dealership was closed, Max ran **Thode Garage** there for several years. He built a building on Rt. 36 and moved there.



In 1960 Paul and Maureen Mattis opened **OK Tire Store** at 601 S. Main St. Larry Phillips ran the garage. In 1961, Larry and Pat Phillips bought the garage and later made it **Phillip's Firestone Store**. They sold it to Harley, Steve and Mike Kirby. It was **Kirby Firestone** for several years. They sold it to Chris Hill, who stored his antique car collection in it. He later sold it to Bruce Rogers who ran **Rogers Body Shop** for several years. It is now **The Consignment Store**.

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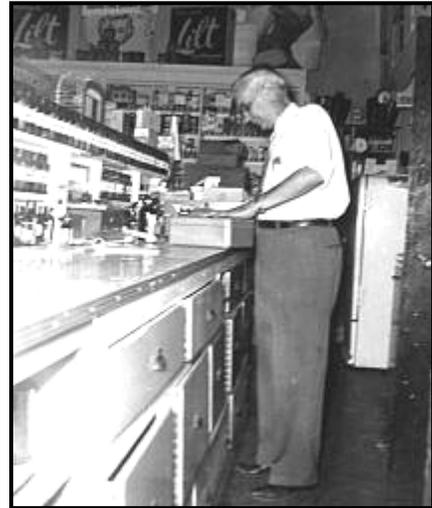
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Burl Mills was owner of **Mills Pharmacy**. He had been in the pharmacy business since 1936. Mr. Mills came to Tuscola as manager of **Aiken Walgreen Store**. The store at that time was located at 120 W. Sale St. – later the location of Mitchells. In 1937 he moved to 108 W. Sale St. later the location of Nick’s Candy Store. In December, 1943 Mr. Mills purchased the store from Wayne Aiken. In February, 1956 he purchased the L. R. McNeill Drug Store located at 104 N. Main St. The two drug stores were combined under the name – Mills Pharmacy. 1957 employees: Bob L. Weaver, Mrs. C. E. Trager, Mrs. Jack Beasley, Mrs. James L. Brothers II, Mrs. C. R. Finley, Glen Weaver, Mrs. William Cler, Edna Mae Goodwin and Donna Hausmann.



**Mills Pharmacy – 1953 Glen Weaver and Gert Finley**



**Burl Mills**



**McNeil Drug Store 1940's**



**Mills Pharmacy – 1953 Pat (Hill) Phillips**

**The Pharmacy** dates back to 1911 established by Dr. F. W. Eskey, a local physician and surgeon. The store was purchased by L. R. "Doc" McNeill. Burl Mills came to Tuscola in 1936 as manager of the Aiken Walgreen store at 108 W. Sale St. In 1946 he acquired the McNeill store and combined the two stores in the McNeill building. Bobbie L. Weaver joined the Mills staff in 1952 and bought the store in 1956. He died of an accidental gun shot wound on January 12, 1972. Craig Chapman purchased the Pharmacy from Mrs. Patricia Weaver March 1, 1972. During 1974 or 1975, the business moved across the street to 101 N. Main St. In November 1977, Wayne and Katherine Carmichael purchased the pharmacy. During their ownership their business was known as **Wayne's Pharmacy**. Fred and Janice Moody purchased the store March 1981.



**Craig Chapman of The Pharmacy**  
 purchased from Mrs. Patricia Weaver  
 March 1, 1972



**Bobbie Lee Weaver**  
 owner of  
 The Pharmacy  
 from 1956 until 1972



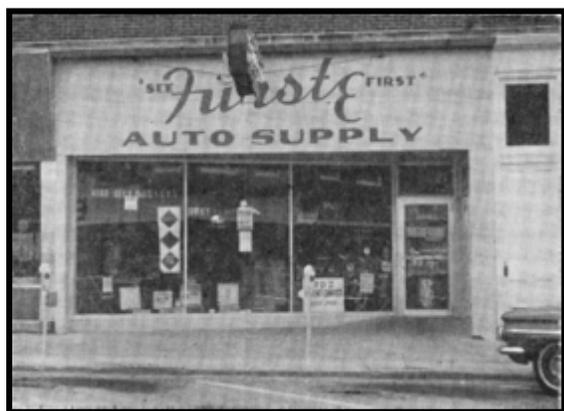
**WELLWORTH GIRLS -  
 1945**

Gertrude Lloyd,, ?\_?\_  
 Marge Edwards,  
 Dorothy Sanderson,\_?  
 Pauline Rearden,\_?

**Frank Earl Wilhelm General Contractor and Plastering Business** was headquartered at his home. The business was established in 1928 by his father, Frank J. Wilhelm and was known as Frank J. Wilhelm and sons. Mr. Wilhelm retired from active work in December 1956. Frank Earl then took over the business. **Wilhelm Plumbing and Heating** started in 1960 in the home and then opened the store at 133 W. Sale St. They installed new heating and air conditioner units and provided service to them. Frank Wilhelm employed Kevin Wilhelm, Don Beck, Larry Sanders, Wendell Warren and Verina Wilhelm took care of selling plumbing and heating accessories and bookkeeping. The business closed in 1988 and the building was sold to the city of Tuscola. It now houses the **Senior Citizen's Center**.



**Wilhelm Plumbing and Heating 133 W. Sale St.**



The **Furste Auto Supply** was founded by Walter Furste in 1934. In 1957 C E Snuffin was manager. Other employees were Claude R. Chilicote and Boyd Henderson.

**Tuscola Cooperative Grain Company** was founded August 13, 1930. The elevators, located at 104 N. Parke St., and the Hayes Elevator were purchased from Ernest Orndorff. The new elevator was built in 1946-47. The temporary board which formed the company consisted of William Knobloch, Henry Rahn, C. H. Wyeth, J. F. Romine, J. L. Bundy, L. D. Hendrix and H. J. Mattix. The first officers were J. F. Romine, President; H. J. Mattix, Vice president; L. D. Hendline, secretary/treasurer. Fred Rose was the first manager and George Monger office manager.

In the 1920's there were five barber shops in Tuscola. Among them were: **C. C. Romine** conducted business in the Hotel Douglas along with Alfred Romine, Al Carson, Edward Galloway and Frank Gray.

**R. H. Carpenter** was on Main St. with Lafe Myers and Clarence Halberstadt.

**The Fred Cooch Shop** was on North Central assisted by C. L. Huston and Renos Huber.

**E. M. Hollis** practiced on West Sale St. with Edgar Sinclair.

**Frank May** was the barber for the colored along with Marshall Jacobs on Parke St.

**Brock's Barber Shop** began with working for Carpenter's and then Jess and Fred Cooch bought it in about 1930.



**Notice the spittoons and shavings going on!**



**Fred Cooch, Jess Brock and Ray Carpenter**



**Notice pot-bellied stove for heating!**

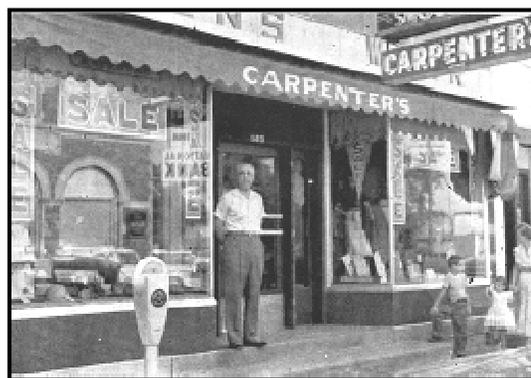


**Jess Brock**

**Carpenters Clothing Store** was purchased from Earl Parker in 1931 by Ray H. Carpenter and his son, C. Eugene Carpenter. R. H. Carpenter had been in business many years in Tuscola as a barber and at the time of the purchase of the clothing store owned his own business. Eugene Carpenter worked as an apprentice as a barber in his father's shop but when there was an opening in the Parker Clothing store, he accepted the position and had two years experience before he and his father purchased the store in 1931. The store was located at 102 N. Main St. until 1950 when it was moved to the Carpenter building at 103 N. Main St. Mr. Carpenter died April 1, 1956 and then the business was continued by Eugene and his mother, Mrs. Edna Carpenter until her death in 1958. Gene then continued in the men's and boy's wear until 1962 when ladies and junior clothing was added. Gene's wife, Tracy, helped with the business.



**R. H. and Gene Carpenter 1936**



**Gene 102 N. Main St.**

**Ellis Service and Appliances** at 211 N. Parke St. was established in April, 1962. Mr. Hercshal Ellis retired after 72 years in the business at the age of 84. He and his wife, Alice Howe Ellis moved to Tuscola in 1928. He worked for **Healey and Son's Poultry**, the **Citizens Gas Co.** for eighteen years.



**Ellis Service and Appliances  
Hercshal Ellis**



**Hercshal Ellis**

**Hi-way Bowl** was first established about 1937 by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morey. They had four lanes and were located at 124 W. North Central Ave. The Morey's sold to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boastick in 1948. The Boastick's sold to Howard Cougill and Earl Chicken in 1952. In 1955 Bill Cain built a building on Highway 36 and leased it to Cougill and Chicken. The new bowling alley had eight lanes.

**The English Welding Shop** was located at 800 S. Main St. and owned by Claude and Effie English. It was a welding and blacksmith shop. They worked on farm machinery and even went out into the fields to work on them.



**Ken Emberton and  
Claude English**



**Claude English  
ENGLISH WELDING - 1962**



**Effie and Claude  
English**

**The Rayburn Auto and Implement Company** was started in 1944 with C. C. Rayburn. He founded a business on Rt. 36 west of Main St., dealing in Oliver Implements. Late in 1945 Rayburn purchased the building at 200 W. Sale St. and secured the dealership for Pontiac cars and GMC trucks. On December 1, 1947 he purchased the Douglas County Garage properties at 211, 212, 214 N. Main St. The premises had been Tuscola's first garage, being founded by Oliver Parker. Later the business was operated by Dewey & Earl Parker, sons of Oliver's. Earl withdrew and Dewey died. The operation was then run by Mrs. Helen Parker (Dewey's widow) until Mr. Rayburn bought it. Roland and Edmund L. Rayburn joined their father in 1945. November 6, 1951 the roof of the two story service department collapsed because of heavy snow (corner of Main and Pembroke). The portion was not rebuilt and the lot was used for display of used cars. C. C. Rayburn retired in 1953. November, 1955 the Oliver implements were closed out and the farm store on the east end of Main St. was discontinued. December 1, 1955, Roland withdrew from the firm. Edmund L. Raymund continued at 211 and 212 N. Main with Pontiac, BMC and garage business. The 1957 staff included: Douglas Ball, Tom VanVoorhis, Lawrence Boyer, Paul Kimball, Marvin Rodmaker and Jerry Breen.



**Rayburn Auto Agency**  
Optimist Club Toy Collection  
Dean Zeigler, Bill Rogers,  
Lloyd McDaniel, Jim Lemna,  
Mike Lemna  
Late 1940's

Bruce and Frances (Collings) Williams came to Tuscola from Bloomingdale, IN in 1923. Bruce was an employee of Shannon and Havens produce firm. The **Williams Grocery** began its existence as an outdoor lunch stand, known as the **Dew Drop Inn** in the spring of 1926. The dimensions of the stand were 8 x 12 feet. It was enlarged to 16x24 feet that fall and the interior sealed for all year operation. A poultry and egg business was added shortly after that and a little later groceries and meats were stocked. The building was enlarged countless times and finally measured 240 x 120 feet. The store site at the NW corner of Main St. and Pinzon St. measured 240 x 120 feet which included a residence. Bruce T. Williams pulled half the residence of Tuscola through the Depression years. He had faith in people and that's what made him so wonderful. Bruce was idolized by young folks and respected by everyone. Frances assisted Bruce in the store throughout its existence.



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Frances and Bruce Williams



Paul Woolridge, Dale Archibald,  
 Alfred Weatherford



Blanche and Alfred Weatherford



Frances Archibald, Pete Quinn  
 Lyra Stallworth

## **Alfred and Blanche Weatherford – Recollections – 1970's**

(Taken from an article written by Shirley Neal)

Bargain hunters found hard to resist items in front of and in side of the Weatherford's garage on W. Scott Street. Blanche spent hours at her big loom in the back of the garage, turning out a good supply of those sturdy, long wearing, and colorful throw rugs which were one of the best bargains of the day. Blanche was Bruce Williams' sister who ran the Dew Drop Inn. Blanche recalled that she, along with Helen Ziegler, Lela Reeder and others, often prepared as many as 1,000 chickens in a day to supply the Dew Drop and other meat customers.

Weatherford's recollections included earlier days of the Negro community which used to live here. They remembered, for example, old Lode Hunt, their neighbor who raised a wonderful crop of vegetables in his garden across the alley from their house. Then there was Billy Buck, and Flora and Bingham Phillips who lived over in the vicinity of where the Douglas County Museum is now. Bingham had a team of Western horses that were "wilder than the wind!" Sal Savoris lived in the same neighborhood and so did Frank Mays, the Negro's barber. Most of the fifty or so people who made up the Negro community in Tuscola in the 20's and 30's clustered around their church which were located in the northeast section of town.

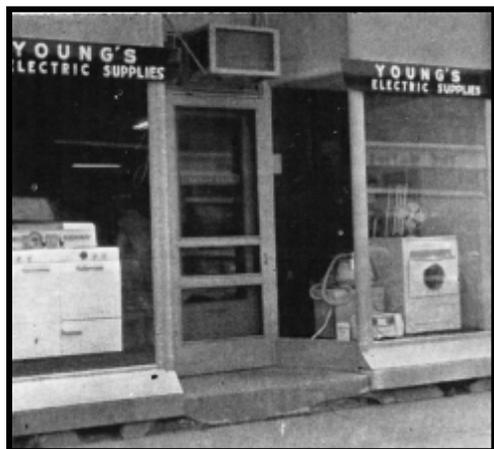
Al and Blanche raised six children: Barbara, Raymond, Harold, Bruce, Richard and Harriett.



**Jay R. North** began his furniture store in 1935 at 106 W Sale St. The building had housed a furniture store since the 1890's. The original owner was Ernest Williams of Terre Haute, IN. McGary's Furniture Store and Funeral Home was operated from there for many years. Antoinette North and son, Ray, assisted Jay. In 1981 Jim and Audrey Thompson bought the store and opened as **Thompson's Interiors**. Also retiring at the time of the North sale was Mrs. Ruth Turner who had worked for the store for seventeen years. Barb Deem, who had worked for North's for eight years, continued in her same capacity with the Thompson's.

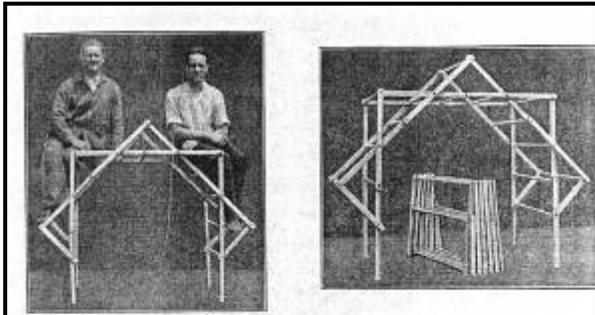


**Jay and Antoinette North  
North's Furniture**

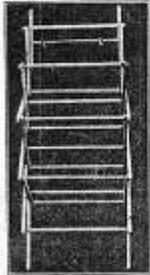


**Harry Young** opened his electric shop in 1917 on Main St. It was later located on Sale St. Harry was born in 1888 and came to Tuscola in 1900. His store had electrical fixtures, electrical accessories, electric stoves and electric washing machines.

George C. Schmitt was born at Ochsenfurt, Bavaria in 1865 and came to the United States in 1884. He located in Tuscola in 1898 and established a 5,000 square foot green house located at the end of the pavement on S. Main St. He was considered one of Tuscola's most loyal and industrious citizens.



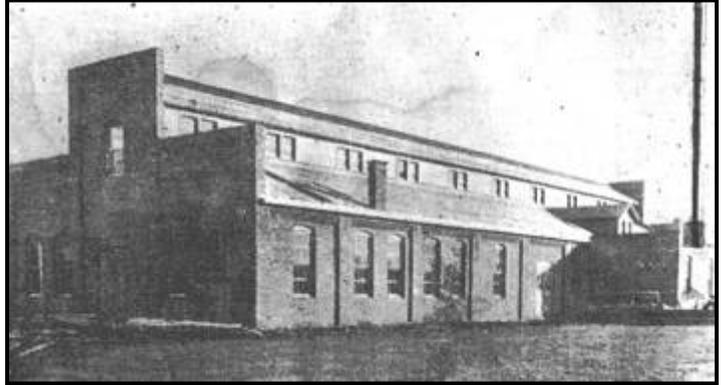
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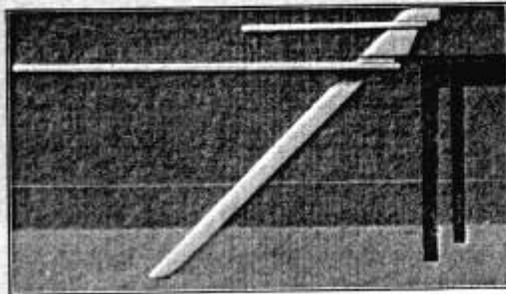
In 1927 Walter George filed a patent application for an invention he called the "Tri-lite" ironing board. While ironing boards were not a new invention, he thought his invention was better because it was lightweight with support on either end. Walter had gone into the ironing board business with Curt Thornton in 1910. Their factory was called the **Illinois Specialty Company**. Their second line was the Tri-lite. Other items manufactured were curtain stretchers, washtub benches, clothes bars and racks,



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