

WELL-KNOWN CONTRACTORS AND CARPENTERS in that particular era were: left to right—Frank Fields, Frank B. Snyder, Thomas O. Snyder and Fred Snyder.

OLD LANDMARK WAS WAGON SHOP IN EARLY DAYS OF CITY

(March 31, 1949)

William B. Jenner, who owned the old two-story brick building on the east side of the public square, one of Mount Pulaski's old landmarks, known for the past several years as the Zimmerman Carpenter Shop, sold the property during the winter to Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar Wagner. The structure will be used by their son, Charles Frederick, for his Appliance Store, and Shellane Gas Agency. Work of remodeling the building, and putting in a modern front is almost completed.

The old structure, planned after the Logan county court house, built in 1848 in the public square, had a unique beginning, in the fact that two different interests were connected with its erection. Built in 1864 or 85 years ago, the first story was for Adam Schafer, an early day blacksmith, and the second story for the Mount Pulaski Masonic Lodge. At that time the Worshipful Master was John Ayers, and the secretary was Joseph Welick. It was an unusual deal, and the agreement was that the lodge would have to keep up the repairs on the roof.

In 1876, Jacob Jenner bought the lower half for his wagon manufacturing business and the Masonic group then sold him their half and moved their lodge headquarters to the second-story rooms of the new C. F. Schafer hardware store building. Mr. Jenner became the sole owner, and continued in the wagon business until 1900. For almost half a century the building has been used for various purposes. The Dewey Clothes Rack Factory, operated by William Martin, Herman S. Bekemeyer and James Downing, used the lower floor for a time, and then Ralston & Snyder, and later Tom and Frank Snyder had their carpenter shop there, followed by Theodore Zimmermann, who also rented the place for a carpenter shop. During these years the voting place for Precinct No. 1 was located there.

Mr. Zimmermann moved his carpenter equipment out last week in order that remodeling work could get started for the new owners.

At the time Mr. Jenner sold the building there was a strip of land about 6 feet wide along the south side and this was purchased by the city when the new fire department brick structure was put up, in order to make room for both fire trucks.

1914 SHOWED MANY SALES

Public sales were numerous in the 1914 period. One issue of the Weekly News contained 13 sales advertisements in February.

Business Firms Here Back In 1878

Business and professional firms who were active in Mount Pulaski back in the year 1878, were listed in advertisements in The Citizen, as:

- Dr. C. F. Poppele with office in Schafer Block.
- Cass & George, Physician and Surgeons, and dealer in pure drugs and medicines, wines, and liquors for medicinal use, toilet articles, school books, stationery, at their Drug Store south side of the square.
- M. P. Phinney, M.D., physician and surgeon.
- Dr. J. A. Goff, resident dentist, Schick's Block.
- Wm. D. Kempton, M.D., dentist, east side square.
- A. G. Jones, attorney at law and conveyancer.
- S. L. Wallace, attorney at law, Collecting and Real Estate. Money to loan at 9 percent.
- M. Wemple, justice of the peace and conveyancer (one who draws conveyances of property and deeds).
- R. S. Hershey, furniture and undertaking, east side square.
- M. A. DuBoce, photographic artist, west side square.
- Mary E. Reeves, milliner and dressmaker.
- Scroggin & Sawyer, bankers.
- Mrs. E. P. Hubbard's Millinery Rooms.
- Harry Cassada, fashionable barber and hair-dresser.
- McFarlin & Wood, grain dealers and buyers.
- L. Samson's, Clothing.
- Dr. Nolan, physician.
- Dr. P. H. Oyler, practicing physician and surgeon.
- W. W. Martin, successor to Geo. Mayer & Co., dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes.
- John Roth, butcher, roasts 8c; pork 10c; loin steak 10c. "Don't forget the little butcher."
- S. Linn Beidler, drugs.
- E. A. Danner, Clothing.
- Geo. F. Reinhardt, hardware & farm implements.
- Frank Schick's, popular one-price store for dry goods and shoes.
- Mayer Bros., dealers in harness, saddlery and carriages.
- J. B. Gordon, livery, feed and sale stable, southwest corner of square.
- C. F. Schafer & Co., farming implements and hardware.
- J. Capps & Son, nursery.
- Mt. Pulaski House, G. M. Cass, prop.

Obermiller Family Of Nine Girls

During the last half of the 1890's Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Obermiller and family moved from Burtonview to Mount Pulaski, Mr. Obermiller being in the grain business near the Illinois Central Junction. He purchased the old Judge Fisher brick residence south of the railroad tracks, now known as the American Legion Home. Mr. Obermiller later served as postmaster and was interested in other activities until he died June 13, 1932.

Fred W. Obermiller was born in Germany on April 6, 1856. After coming to the United States and locating in Lincoln, he married Miss Julia Boy at the Spitley House in that city on Oct. 2, 1879. They brought a unique family of girls with them to Mount Pulaski and picture, by Lobber-echt was taken around the turn of the century.



"BOY" - MOTHER OF NINE CHARMING DAUGHTERS—Following are the names of the nine girls of the Obermiller family, all of whom married, and four of whom are now deceased: From left to right—Mary Louise, Mrs. Joseph Gordon, Tacoma, Wash., deceased; Dorothy (Dora) Julia, Mrs. Oscar Wolcott, deceased; Emilie Augusta, Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Peoria, Ill., deceased; Lucille Edna, Mrs. Frank Adams, Philadelphia, Penn.; Winifred, Mrs. Leigh W. Lucas, Mount

Pulaski, Ill.; Helen Frances, Mrs. Ward Harper, Mount Pulaski, Ill., deceased; Pauline Grace, Mrs. Carl Yoder, Peoria, Ill.; Esther Opal, Mrs. George Croll, Larchmonth, N.Y.; Ruth Leigh, Mrs. J. H. McMath, Phoenix, Ariz. It is an interesting fact, and perhaps a strange or unusual coincidence that the mother of these nine girls was named Julia Boy, before her marriage to Frederick W. Obermiller.



REMEMBER US? No story of Mount Pulaski would be at all complete without some mention being made of A. F. "Dillie" Dillsaver. Dillie was the town's barber for many years, was supervisor of the township, was a baseball umpire and temporary postmaster. He was always the life of the party, and is shown here at a Fiesta Parade with his faithful pal. —Times-News Photo

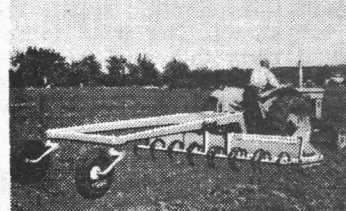
SIX APPLICANTS FOR POST OFFICE

(Jan. 18, 1934)

Six local citizens will take the examination for the postmastership of the Mount Pulaski office sometime this month.

Those who have filed their applications with the Civil Service commission, are: Miss Etta Upp, Albert F. Dillsaver, Elmer Meister, Walter D. Wacaser, Walter M. Drobisch and Timothy E. Weller. The position pays \$2,100 a year.

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