

Miss Britt's Store Offers Choice Gifts

The present "Gift Shop" located at 1009 East Main street, was previous to 1914, operated as a combined art store and beauty parlor, by Miss Carolyn McNutt, but upon the purchase of the building some time later by Miss Helen Britt, the beauty parlor department was eliminated, the sales room enlarged and redecorated, and the stock increased as well in variety as in quantity, and strict attention paid to the particular lines which the patronage of the business demanded, resulting in a commendable increase and success to the acquired owner and operator.

At the present time Miss Britt caters particularly to patrons who are seeking a well-selected line of original and artistic Art Needlework, stamped for embroidery and finished, and aims at all times to carry a line of these goods as complete as is consistent with the demands of the times and the requirements of the public.

In addition to this there will be found a wide variety of novelties which are attractively displayed for the consideration of the public, at consistently reasonable prices.

A cordial invitation to the public to inspect the stock does not necessarily imply any obligation to purchase, neither is it considered irksome to display the wares of the Merrill Gift Shop.

Stewart Brothers Were Among the First Loggers

Hon. Alexander Stewart and his brother, John, came to Wausau in the fall of 1849, and felled pine trees the following winter where Merrill now stands. There was only a logging shanty here then.

This is evidence that the contention that Messrs. O. B. Smith and E. T. Bosworth, Sr., were the first white settlers to become residents here is correct.

The Stewart brothers were born in York county, province of New Brunswick, September 19, 1829.

Otto Baehman Decorator, In Work 35 Years

Otto Baehman, painter and interior decorator, and proprietor of the paint and wall paper store, at 1316 East Main street, this city, bears the unusual distinction of pursuing his decorating business with one hand, and to all appearances accomplishes the feat with no loss of perfectness or satisfaction to his patrons.

Born in this city in 1878, Mr. Baehman has spent practically all his life here among the friends of his youth, and graduated from the Merrill High School in the class of 1899, subsequently teaching in the rural schools for two years. Through an unfortunate accident at the age of 14 years, Mr. Baehman's right hand was amputated at the wrist, which might have proven a barrier to one of less determination. Having acquired a knowledge of painting and paper hanging, he embarked first as a carriage and wagon painter, to which he later added interior decorating and paper hanging, which business he has now followed for approximately 55 years, eight years of that time in the city of Milwaukee, and the balance in Merrill, meeting with deserved success.

On March 1, 1915, Mr. Baehman opened a retail paint and oil store, to which he added a very complete line of wall papers, and with the efficient co-operation of Mrs. Baehman they are enabled to continue both the decorating and retail business with excellent and quite satisfactory results.

FIRST PHONE OPERATOR
Miss Tena Clark was the first telephone operator in Jenny and handled the first long distance call out of this city in 1882. Until her death not long ago she still resided in Merrill, after serving as operator for almost forty years.

Fowler Drug Store Second Oldest in City

In point of years of public service, the Fowler Drug Store, barring one, is the oldest drug store in the city, and during all of its 36 years of catering to the public trade, has sustained its reputation for prompt and cordial service, and its ability to meet the demands with a complete line of pure drugs and the usual assortment of drug store sundries, with an ever increasing stock as the advance in medicine and sundries demanded.

Charles Fowler, the head of the Fowler business, came to this city from Eau Claire, 38 years ago, to assume charge of the drug store operated by Charles W. Norway, whom the older residents will well remember.

At the conclusion of this service Mr. Fowler entered into partnership with J. T. Drinker, as Drinker & Fowler, at the location 914 East Main street, where he is still located. One and a half years later, he purchased Mr. Drinker's interest in the store, and up to the present time has continued at "the old stand," where he may be found daily responding to the demands of his customers, with the same old friendly interest which the years of duty have not paled.

In the prescription department he has been assisted by the genial Gene Semling, who like Mr. Fowler, is a registered pharmacist, for the past thirty years, until it has become an unfeeling expectancy to meet Gene's "how-d'ye-do" upon entering the Fowler business place at any time during the business hours.

In the sales department, Mr. Fowler is assisted by his two sons, Carl and John, the former of whom has arranged to enter upon a four years' course in pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin. The latter will continue his clerical position for the present at least.

This prospect is evident that the name of "Fowler" will not be removed from the store front for many years to come.

First Murder Here In 1873; Man Broke Jail

The first murder to be committed in this section occurred in the winter of 1873. A William Reed operated a logging camp up on Newwood. Mr. Reed had engaged two men to chop down timber, William Tech and Thomas Rockford. The two choppers had worked only three or four days, when Rockford killed Tech with a double-bitted ax. Evidently some difficulty had risen between the two men, but what, no one learned. Tech was dead and Rockford did not tell.

Rockford was arrested and put in the Marathon county jail, which was only a small building made of logs, and stood on the northwest corner of the Wausau court house square.

When the time came to put Rockford on trial for murder, he broke jail and was never heard from again.



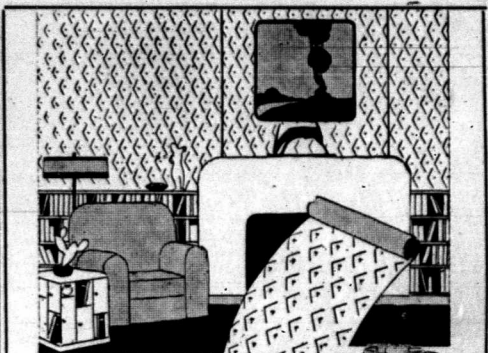
Prescriptions . . .

The accurate compounding of prescriptions is a duty not to be taken lightly. Even the simplest of drugs demand care, freshness and expert handling. We promise you a prescription service that is safe and precisely compounded, at a fair price.

FOWLER'S DRUG STORE

914 E. MAIN

PHONE 46



Let Us Modernize Your Home

New Wallpaper of the right design and price—a new paint job here and a varnished floor there can change the entire aspect of your home.

Otto Baehman Paint Store

1316 MAIN

PHONE 394W

SINGER SEWING SHOP LOCATED HERE 50 YEARS

A half century is a long time to consider in advance, but the "tick of time" tells it off with little effort, and the various representatives of the Singer Sewing Machine Company have unitedly maintained a local headquarters in this city for approximately that period of time. It has been ascertained by those in position to so determine.

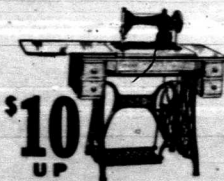
The present representative of the Singer Company is Mr. J. G. Newton, who has been in charge for the past four years, the business place being 507 Second street, and owing to the fact that the same location is the residence of the manager, constant attention to business is maintained through the available assistance of Mrs. Newton, who also is familiar with the business, and "tends store" while the proprietor is looking after business elsewhere.

made by the Singer people embraces both the electric and treadle types, and the stock is supplemented with a full line of needles, parts and supplies for all makes of machines, including the many new attachments which the Singer Company has developed in recent years, to meet the requirements of the thousands of women who sew at home.

Another product developed by the Singer company in recent years, is the "Singer Vacuum Cleaner," into which has been built many new and important features, and Merrill and Lincoln county housewives are invited to ask for a home demonstration of this modernly designed cleaner.

A personal call at 507 Second street, or a phone call for 824-W, will equally well afford an agreeable contact with the Singer Sewing Machine office representative.

CLEARANCE SALE of used SINGER Sewing Machines



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Because of the reduction in prices on new Singers all used machines, both treadle and electric, have been cut to the lowest prices in years. Also a few others taken in trade, priced for quick clearance. All thoroughly reconditioned. New Easy terms. Home Sewing Course free with every machine.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO.

502 SECOND ST.

PHONE 824W

In addition to the "Gift Specialties", we also carry the "GOS-SARD LINE OF BEAUTY" foundation garments, such as combinations, hook-around Corsets, and Brassieres.

NO EXTRA
CHARGE FOR
FITTINGS



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