

Thien Snipps • 110 West Butler Street



Wagner Block Factory



Crafty Corner & Thien Snipps Barber & Style Shop

Burleigh Burke's was a barber for 36 years (1933-1969). For a few years, Bruce VanTrees joined him.

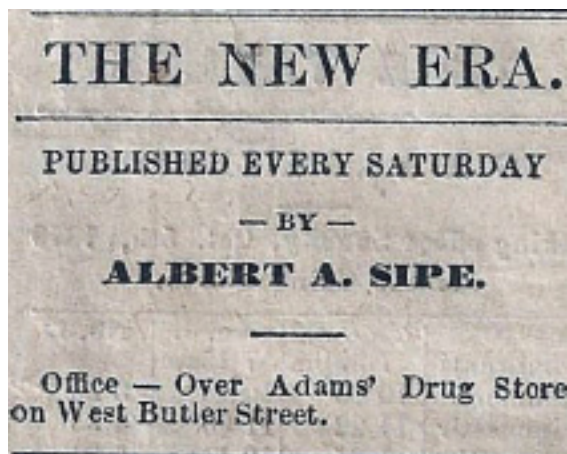
In 1969 Burleigh Burke retired and Linus Mescher became the new barber with his shop, Linnie's. Other barbers as well joined over the years. In 1990 Kenny Thein became the new barber. He continues

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today in his shop, Thien Snipps Barber & Style Shop. Throughout Fort Recovery's history many barbers were located in town. Today, Thien Snipps is the only barbershop in town.

Relax, Massages by Nicky is run by massage therapist, Nicole Stone, who has an office in the back of the barber shop. At one time another building, a two-story frame, stood behind Brockman Appliances. This was known as the Adams building. Jim and Joe Adams were doctors and John Adams was a druggist, somewhere in 1879-1880s.



On the second floor the New Era was published. The dates are unclear when it first was published, but the Fort Recovery Historical Society has a copy of an 1878 edition. Albert Sipe was the editor and the first editor to publish a Fort Recovery newspaper on a regular schedule. As was reported, "Sipe believed in freedom of the press. In

its pages appeared the local scandals in detail, and many of the stories were of such a lurid character that it is small wonder that Mr. Sipe had many enemies. Sipe used impressive headlines and crude but clever cartoons."

In 1885 Arthur Sutherland was printing the paper and moved to this location in 1890. Henry Schwartz established The Fort Recovery Journal in 1892 and by 1897 Leslie Clark was the editor of the paper. A.A. Kolp published The Fort Recovery Journal from 1905-1912 and in 1913 W. T. Ireland first published The Journal. Since this building was later referred to as the Ireland building, it can be assumed it was published here. It also was told that Kolp's Printing Shop was hurt by the 1906 explosion at Meinerding Hardware.

This building was taken down in 1949.