

Westgerdes Flooring 111 North Wayne Street



A small frame building stood here before Elston Adam built the building in 1907. He built it for a bakery. The cement block enclosure at the rear contained the ovens.

Many bakers and bakeries were here including Harry Jones, Lenny Deweese, and the names the Home Bakery, Model Bakery, and Blue Ribbon Bakery.

Peter and Carl Meckes moved Meckes Bros. bakery here. They started an ice cream parlor in the front of the store with a fountain and also a counter to display their baked goods. They bought a mixer about the size of a cement mixer that could mix about four hundred pounds of



Ideal Café next to Sonderman's

flour at a time. Pete Meckes said he could bake a loaf of bread for three cents and sell one for six or seven cents. The loaves were wrapped but

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not sliced. The train brought a freight car of flour that was packed in cloth bags. They mixed their own Coca-Cola with coke syrup that came in five gallon barrels and was mixed with carbonated water. The ice cream parlor did a nice business and the bakery business also grew. They bought a truck and delivered their bread to the country stores.

Buying a larger bakery in Greenville, the bakery sold back to Elston Adams around 1924-25. Perry Kreider ran the bakery then. Apparently during the 1930s sons Ralph and Pete set up a still in the basement of their father's bakery shop. Their mother (Elma) found out about it and promptly called the sheriff. To her, it was more than a matter of zoning restrictions. (Elma was a charter member of the Nazarene Church.)

From 1929-1945 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Douglas began the Douglas Restaurant and later the Ideal Café, a restaurant and confectionery. In 1947 Al and Mary Romer opened R & S Electric (Al Romer and John Salm). They were electrical contractors and electricians. They also sold small and large appliances.

In 1972 it became Fort Recovery Supply, in connection with Union City Automotive Supply owned by Bill Murphy and sons Tim and Phil. Kim Day purchased the store and moved Fort Recovery Supply to its current location.

In 1976 Bryon Sutton removed a large portion of the south inside wall to form one large store. Sutton's were here until 1982. In 1983 Barbara Bailey ran the Village Trading Post, and in 1987 it belonged to Chuck and Lisa Westgerdes (Westgerdes Flooring) who still sell and install carpet and other floor coverings today.