

Businesses

Edenville 1856-1882

In 1857, C.B. Rhodes built the first mill and store, in the area that had been platted earlier as the town of Edenville. He brought the lumber for the buildings and the goods to stock them from Iowa City. At that time a trip to Iowa City took at least a week. There were two families in Edenville, besides his own, at that time. The other two were the Brooks family and the Sanford family. Sanford kept the hotel and was later one of the first Justices in the township.

The town of Edenville was laid out around a square. On the north side of "The Square," was a hotel which was also a stop for the stage which ran from Des Moines to Marietta. There was also a drugstore on the north side.

C.B. Rhodes owned a general store and millinery store on the east side, there was also a saloon, run by Westley Snell and a barber shop.

On the West side of the square was the David Thorn blacksmith shop and the Matthew Brewer wagon shop. Mr. Brewer was also skilled in other wood crafts. He made wagon boxes and mended wagons, also bob sleds, doors, window frames and sashes. He made plain furniture such as tables and chairs.

The grist mill stood east, a short distance from the square. It was three stories high and run by steam. There was much wheat grown in the area at this time. Later a disease attacked the wheat. Since wheat was not grown to any degree the mill was abandoned.

In early Edenville the post office was located in the hotel on the square. The first postmaster was Isaac

Sanford, according to records the post office was established September 12, 1860 and discontinued in August 3, 1883. Mr. Sanford also had a shoe store.

In 1876, Dr. J.M. Brown, general practitioner at Rhodes, appeared aged and infirm with a severe case of inflammatory rheumatism causing him to use a hickory cane. Dr. Brown said, he occasionally appeared to be ill so he could better sympathize with his patients. In 1877, the store occupied by the White Brothers was built.

The population of Edenville grew steadily as can be seen from the chart below.

1860 - 285 people
1863 - 355 people
1865 - 517 people
1867 - 441 people
1869 - 592 people
1870 - 649 people
1873 - 649 people
1875 - 693 people
1880 - 788 people

Among those who came to early Edenville and in a few years became wealthy and prosperous were: Mr. D. Harmon, a highly gifted singer; Mr. A.A. Viles, Esq.; Mr. James Nichols, from Pennsylvania; Mr. T. Robb and J.B. Mendenhall.

On the early plat of Edenville, there is a Dr. Edgar's residence. No one seems to know if he was a medical doctor or a veterinarian.

Edenville-Rhodes

The town of Edenville moved from the square toward the depot around 1882, when C.B. Rhodes gave land for the building of the town near the railroad.

The Deming furniture store was moved to a building just north of the corner brick building known as the bank building.

John Gruber moved his shoe store to the building later used as a barber shop by Otto Sanders. The meat market was moved just north of the shoe shop. A new building was built for store buildings on each corner. On the east side of the street in that block, at the north end, the saloon keeper built the building owned for years by C. Francis. On the south end of the block was built the livery stable.



Livery Stable, presently the Dannen's Phillips "66" Station.

In 1882, C.B. Rhodes and son, J.M. Rhodes, built the lumber yard. The main building was built and a railroad spur was laid running from the railroad to the building so the lumber could be unloaded. In 1883, R.A. Munson purchased the lumber company.



Rhodes Lumber Company in 1912.

John Rhodes petitioned to see if he would be justified in building the brick store later owned by Luther Hix, after obtaining the number of signatures he thought necessary he started to build. This building took so much brick that they had to give up building the school until the brick yard could manufacture enough brick.

Tom Slater ran the Brick and Tile Factory located where Gayle Snedecor later lived. The excavation now used as the city dump is the old clay pot. They had six or eight big brick burning ovens.

There were many thriving business enterprises of 1882: The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, with Mr. F.F. Bates as manager, had began to run through Rhodes; R.A. Munson owned the lumber company with Henry M. Weeks as manager; Charles Curry and Company, under the name of Curry and Jones, started a livestock and grain business; and J.R. Deming ran the furniture and undertaking business.

J. R. Deming,



DEALER IN ALL
KINDS OF.....

...Furniture

Cloth covered and wood burial
caskets, robes, etc.
Good hearse in attendance

Rhodes, Iowa.

The postmaster was A. White and he also ran a general merchandise store. Others in business were: Smith and Hide hardware; Potter and Mills, druggist; Undermast and Newell, general merchandise; Hager and Metz, farm machinery and Misses Rummel and Barker ran a millinery and dressmaking shop. Also the Lacey House, hotel; J.S. Booth, livery; H.C. Beltz, hardware; Dumbold and Company, livestock, lumber and etc.; Mason and Hollingsworth, general merchandise; and R.E. Miller the meat market.

Some needs of the town were; bank, flouring mill (absolute necessity), lawyer, druggist, harness shop and a good school.

At this time Davey's, Newton to State Center, stagecoach ran through Rhodes.

John Rhodes built the brick store in 1882. The downstairs of this building was two storerooms. The north side was usually used for a general store and the south for hardware. The large room upstairs was used from 1882 to 1942 for a hall known as, "The Opera House." Graduating exercises, alumni reunions and sporting events were held there.

The two smaller rooms upstairs were originally used as office rooms. H.M. Weeks had his insurance office in one of these. The early telephone office was in one of the rooms for a time. Sometimes these upstairs rooms were used for kitchen purposes and coat rooms, but in later years were used in connection with the hall.

H. M. Weeks

Rhodes, Iowa

Real Estate and Collection
Agent and Notary Public

Justice of the Peace for Eden Township

Special Agent and Adjuster of
The Anchor Insurance Co.
of Des Moines, Iowa

Office, Second Floor, Opera Block

George Gilbert Sr. came to Rhodes in 1885 and engaged in the grain business with his son.



GEO. GILBERT,
BUYER OF
GRAIN AND SEEDS
RHODES, IOWA.



Shortly after 1894, Vern Fitzgerald painted a curtain for the hall. The center pictured a white horse and a black horse in a storm with a streak of lightning across the sky, all around were local ads. Some were: Buck Brothers - Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses, Poland China pigs and Langshan chickens; Dr. Dicky, Physician; H.M. Weeks, attorney, insurance and real estate; Henry Dean, restaurant, tobacco, candy and soft drinks; E.V. Fitzgerald, contractor and builder; and Hattie Francis, ladies fine millinery. This curtain stayed for many years, long after the people who advertised there were gone. When it was replaced, Vance Smith painted a scene from a veranda showing the pillars and railings with roses twining about the pillars with a lake and mountain in the distance.

D. T. DICKEY.
Physician
and Surgeon.
Corner Main and Washington Street
Rhodes, Iowa.



E. V. FITZGERALD.
CONTRACTOR & BUILDER.
RHODES, IOWA.



Designs Furnished on Application.



What Women Wear

All Ladies wishing to see a Fine
Millinery Stock
and want to get their
Hats and Bonnets at
reasonable cost should call on
Hattie E. Francis
Rhodes, Iowa.

H. A. Dean
S. Main St. Rhodes

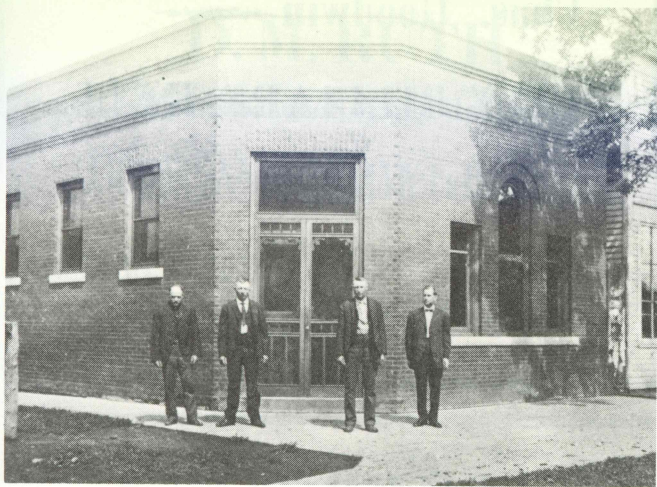


Short Order Lunches
Cigars, Tobacco and Confectionery
Meals at all hours. Try me.

The first bank in Rhodes was established in 1894. It was located in a building just north of the present post office. It was a privately owned bank and not a state chartered bank as we speak of banks today. It was owned and operated by S.T. Goodman and was called "The Farmers Savings Bank". He also owned a bank in



Farmers Savings Bank, from the left; Ollie Luttikin and Lauretta Goodman.



Farmers Savings Bank, from the left; Charles Buck, Charles Jaroleman, Ollie Luttikin and Fay Stouffer.

nearby Melbourne. On October 16, 1896 the Farmer's Savings Bank at Rhodes was broken into and the safe was blown to atoms. No clues were found as to the robbers. The money taken was estimated to be \$175. The cashier received \$565 that evening but did not put it in the safe. The damage to the safe and vault was estimated to \$12,000. In November of 1896, Ben Richards moved his family to Rhodes and was the cashier in the bank.



FARMERS' BANK

RHODES, IOWA.

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S. T. GOODMAN, PRESIDENT
BEN RICHARDS, CASHIER

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CAPITAL, : \$50,000.00

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Prompt Attention Given Collections

FARM LOANS

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GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED



RHODES:

THIS beautiful little village is situated on the Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul railroad, in Marshall county, Iowa, 20 miles southwest of Marshalltown and 40 miles northeast of Des Moines. The town is surrounded by the most beautiful groves, and is in the center of one of the most productive agricultural districts in Iowa. One of the principal features, and one of which all our citizens are proud, is the Mineral Well situated in a beautiful grove one-half mile west of town, the water therefrom having been analyzed and found to contain the same healing properties as the springs at Colfax, and many people come here to obtain the benefits to be derived from the use of the water.

RHODES has a population of about 600; nearly all branches of business are represented; has good schools and churches, and beautiful homes, and is populated by an excellent class of people.

Residence and business lots are cheap. Any information will be cheerfully furnished by addressing J. A. Harmon, editor of THE REVIEW.

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In 1895, there were many businesses in Edenville-Rhodes, to name a few; C.F. Stevens, general merchandise; C.D. Darling, insurance; C.E. Vauthrin, painter and paper hanger; F.E. Pershall, Physician and Surgeon; T.A. Cunningham, City Restaurant; C.E. Frost, Drugstore; Geo Gilbert Sr., grain and seed; Soliday and Rapp and Company, general merchandise; H.M. Weeks, Notary Public; L. Blumenschein, shoe shop; J.R. Deming, furniture; G.E. Baker and Company, agricultural implements; H.S. Titus, Veterinary; L.W. Thomas, Medical Doctor; and Jaroleman and Goodman, Lumber Company.

F. E. PERSHALL, M. D.

RHODES, IOWA.

Physician AND Surgeon

All calls promptly attended to
by day or night.

Special Attention given to Chronic Diseases

Office East Side Main Street opposite brick.

W. S. GIRTON,

**Brick and Stone
Mason and Plasterer**

CISTERNS A SPECIALTY
RHODES IOWA

Carpets - and - Rugs.

MRS. MARY WEBSTER.

All kinds of weaving done.
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
At her residence.
RHODES, IOWA.

J. R. BAXTER.

WOOD AND IRON WORKER

SHOEING A SPECIALTY.

Repairing Promptly Done.
Shop East Side Main Street
RHODES, IOWA.

J. W. KINTZ.
City Dray Line.

Two Spring Drays.

All Work Promptly Done.
Charges Reasonable.
Rhodes, Iowa.

Chas. Goodwin
CITY BILLIARD HALL.
Cigars and Tobacco.

Temprance Drinks.

Rhodes, Iowa.

C. P. KINTZ,

Rhodes, - Iowa.
Livery Feed and Sale Stable.

GOOD HEARSE IN CONNECTION.

Also Proprietor of the

RHODES HOTEL.

Special Attention given to Traveling Men.
Prices Reasonable.

John Jackson.

**Tonsorial
...Artist**

Rhodes, Iowa.

Hair cutting and shampooing
a specialty.

AGENCY FOR MARION
STEAM LAUNDRY

Choice Cigars.

AUSTIN DENNISON.
**Practical <
> Well Digger.**

Guarantees Satisfaction.

Prices Reasonable.

Rhodes, Iowa.

By 1896 many changes had taken place in the Rhodes addition to Edenville. In June of 1896, Robert Pool bought the Hildreth Brothers (Charles and Harry) hog buying business and operated that station.

In October of 1896, the livery barn of C.E. Frances was found to be on fire at eleven o'clock at night and all efforts to extinguish the flames were to no avail. The horses were all taken out. The loss was estimated at \$12,000 with no insurance. Soliday and Rapp warehouse caught fire from the burning barn and was totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed to have caught fire from a stove in the office of the livery barn.

In December of 1896, the side walk movement in Rhodes began. Notice was served on a dozen property owners to fix up their walks and they decided to do it. Alderman Crouch set a good example on his own walk and the M.E. Church put down a fine wide plank walk in front of its property.

Some different businesses in 1896 were; Rhodes Hotel, C.P. Kintz, proprietor; D.T. Dickey, Physician and Surgeon; the Cash Store, W.I. Good, proprietor; and Stevens and Jaroleman, Groceries. Others were:

White House

Rhodes, Iowa.

S. S. Rapp, Proprietor

*First-class Accommodations
at Fair Rates*



YOU
—
A

ARE INVITED

To make headquarters at

THE RIGHT PLACE

During the Fair We carry a full line of FIRST-CLASS
GENERAL MERCHANDISE and sell for cash at Rock
Bottom Prices.

GIVE US A CALL.

E. WEISHAAR, Rhodes, Iowa.

V. N. MACKEY,

PROPRIETOR OF

CITY - MEAT - MARKET.

DEALER IN

FRESH AND SALT MEAT,

Bologna, Lard, Fresh Fish, Etc.

Cash paid for hides and
Butcher Stock.

...RHODES, IOWA.

Soliday & Rapp

Cash
Store



BRICK FRONT

General Merchandise

MOTTO



Good Goods and
Fair Dealing.....

GIVE US A
CALL

Make your headquarters
at our store during
the Fair.

— Rhodes, Iowa.

J. S. GRAY,



VETERINARY PHYSICIAN
AND SURGEON.

Office in the Review office.

RHODES, IOWA.

At State Centre Tuesdays and Fridays,
At Brimhall's Pharmacy.

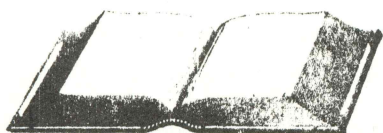


C.E. FROST



DEALER IN
**DRUGS,
 PAINTS,
 WALL PAPER,
 BOOKS,
 SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
 TOILET ARTICLES
 STATIONERY.....**

Physician's Prescriptions Carefully
Compounded at All Hours



R H O D E S I O W A

In April of 1897, D.E. Rober and Mr. Denniston moved a photograph galley from Collins and located just south of the millinery shop.

In November of 1897, grain buyer George Gilbert increased his corn crib capacity to 70,000 bushels. His cribs shut off the whole south horizon of Rhodes.

Not much is known about the businesses in 1897 and many of the earlier businesses remained the same in 1898 except for the following:

**THE
 RHODES
 DRAY
 LINE...**

**HARRY ROBINSON,
 Proprietor.**

Wood always on hand for
 sale. All kinds of draying
 and hauling promptly done.
 Prices reasonable. Give me
 a call.

HARRY ROBINSON,

RHODES, IOWA.

JAROLEMAN & PHILLIPS,

.....Dealers in.....

**STAPLE
 AND FANCY
 GROCERIES
 QUEENSWARE**

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and
 Shoes, Notions, Flour and Feed.

East Side Main Street.

RHODES, IOWA.

VAN MACKEY'S

• Economy • Cash • Store •

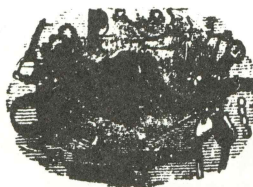
RHODES, - IOWA

**GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
 BOOTS AND SHOES**

WHEN IN
 THE CITY GIVE
 ME A CALL

V. N. MACKEY

R. E. Griffith



**Harness
and
 Saddlery
 Ha'dware**

East Side Main Street

Rhodes, Iowa

J. R. BAXTER

.....Dealer in.....

General • Hardware

**THE BEST STOCK IN TOWN.
 THE LOWEST PRICES.**

East Side Main Street,

DAVID KISER.

EAST SIDE MAIN STREET, RHODES.

Wagon.... Shop

All kinds of wood work and repairing
promptly done.

Hard wood for sale

In February of 1899, the Hildreth boys took over the butcher shop. They made decided changes for the better in the business. Under the supervision of William Beard, the place was thoroughly renovated and cleaned. Everything looked fresh and neat and the white aproned meat man, now in vogue, was an entirely new feature. In 1899 the new businesses were: James Mills and Son, Lumber Company; Brick and Tile Yard, P.M. Best, owner; and others were;

H. H. HILDRETH
JOHN T. HILDRETH

HILDRETH BROS.,

RHODES, IOWA.

We are in the market
at all times for

FAT CATTLE.

**PAY THE HIGHEST
PRICE FOR POULTRY**

Handle and keep in stock all the
time that splendid
poultry food. **Crushed Oyster Shell**

We pay the highest cash price for

Hides, Lard & Tallow

and keep a thoroughly
equipped

....**Butcher Shop** 

**HAVE PLENTY OF ICE
FOR SALE**

When you want to do business come and see us

MACKAY & BEARD,

City Meat Market,

RHODES, IOWA

Choice Brands of Flour.

Fresh and Salted Meats.

Cash Paid for Hides and Butchers'
Stock.

Ben Richards,

Rhodes Iowa.

.....
*Has five per cent, five and one-half
per cent, five and three-fifths per
cent and six per cent money to loan
on Real Estate.*

KITCH & SON,

LIVERYMEN

RHODES, IA.,

Have made arrangements with the Rhodes
Fair people, whereby they will meet the
trains on the Diagonal at Melbourne during
the three days of the fair.

Their prices will be
advertised at that time

Sipena Webster in an interview told us that she graduated from the eleventh grade in Rhodes School. There was no twelfth grade at that time. She then learned the millinery art and as there was no millinery shops in Rhodes to patronize, she made glad the hearts of the ladies by filling their needs in the hat line. Dr. L.W. Thomas practiced here from 1871 to 1901. He had his office in Rhodes at one time in a building that stood where Keith and Harriet Good now live. Dr. Thomas died in Rhodes in 1901.

L. W. THOMAS, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

RHODES, IOWA.

In 1900 the population of Rhodes was 476. During this period we found many improvements in our town, the telephone, water and lights came.

There were many businesses in town at this time: R.E. Gray, blacksmith; Hattie E. Francis, millinery; J.R. Deming, furniture; the White House Hotel and others;

Meet Me at the Fair.

RHODES, IOWA.

If you are looking for a store that makes Quality the Test of every article bought and sold. Put our store on your shopping list. For there are bargains for you.

In Shoes and Gent's Furnishing goods. Teas and Coffee's the freshest and the best. Flour that gives satisfaction—"Cream of the West," Wells, Minnesota.

See our line of Glassware, Plain Crystal and Ruby Glass Sets.

Headquarters for Green Fruits and Vegetables. Tobaccos and Cigars.

"Salt"—either in barrels, lump rock or crushed rock in 100-pound sacks. Just the thing to feed stock.

Butter and eggs wanted at top prices.

M. BILLMYER,

Low Priced Grocer.



Stove Polish - 10¢; Post Cards 1¢; Broom - 25¢; Salt - 10¢ lb.

H. S. TITUS,
Veterinary
Physician and Surgeon.

Will treat all cases of

FISTULA SORES

and guarantee cure or no pay.

EXTRACTS TEETH.

Cures all diseases and disturbances arising from defective teeth of any character common to horses.

Specially Made of Castrating horses, Ridging and Spraying heifers and cows.

All Calls Promptly answered.

OFFICE AT KINTZ'S DELIVERY BARN.

RHODES, IOWA.

WHEN IN NEED OF
Binders, Mowers, Hay Rakes, Loaders and Tedders,
Plows and Harrows of all descriptions,
Corn Planters and Seeders,
Single and Double Buggies and Surreys.

CALL ON

John West

AT RHODES, IOWA.

He will use you right.

I am a "Daisy" on Pumps

St. Elmo Hotel,

East Side Main Street,

Rhodes, Iowa.

H. R. Wilson, - Proprietor.

Good Accommodations.

Fair Prices.

House Renovated and in First-class Order.

Rhodes

**Brick and
Tile Works.**



P. M. Best, Prop.

Good Brick in stock.

3- 4- 5- 6- and 8-inch Tile.

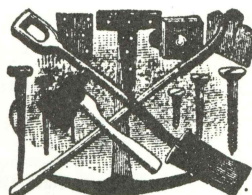
*A first-class grade of
Goods on hand.*

*Write for prices on
Car Load Lots*

P. M. Best, Rhodes, Iowa.

**The New Hardware
Store**

East
Side
Main
Street



RHODES, IOWA.

Stoves and ranges a specialty. The best washing machines.
Shelf and heavy hardware. CALL AND SEE ME.

A. W. HARMON, Proprietor.

CITY RESTAURANT.

RHODES, IOWA.

H. B. Downs, Proprietor.



Fine Cigars and Tobacco.

Canned and Bottled Goods

L. A. GIRTON.

Rhodes, Iowa.

STANDARD BRED STALLION,

Harry Pinkerton,

Reg. No. 32093.

Sire, Prince Allerton, 3-year old record 2:21½. He
sired by Allerton (2:09½).
Dam, Harry Pinkerton, by Dock Edwards (2:28½).

**This Stallion will be kept at my stable in
Rhodes the coming season.**

ALSO PROPRIETOR OF

City Meat Market.

All kinds of

Fresh and Salted Meats,

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Rhodes, Iowa.

L. A. GIRTON.

**Pennsylvania
House.**

D. B. KUHN,
Proprietor.

Corner Main and Linn Streets.

RHODES, IOWA.

Commercial Livery and Feed Stable

IN CONNECTION.

Good Service. Reasonable Rates.

Star Livery Stable.

RHODES, IOWA.

WALTERMEYER BROS.



Good Rigs. Fair Prices.

Only Hearses in Town.

Corner Main and Walnut Streets.

**S. W. ALLEN,
CONTRACTOR
AND BUILDER**

Estimates made for all kinds of buildings.

Saw Filing a specialty.

If in need of work give me a call.

RHODES, IOWA.

Farmer's telephone cooperative was started around 1901. Ben Pull of Melbourne installed a telephone on the Vic Vauthrin farm with a line eventually strung into Rhodes and Melbourne. The connection in Rhodes was the Harrison White home.

Prior to this note from the Collins Clipper dated June 25, 1896 tells us that, "Rhodes has raised the amount to put in a telephone and soon will be within talking distance of the rest of us."

In 1901, the Rhodes Hotel was run by Joe Gilson. J. Walston bought the livery stable.

J.F. Anway moved into the Rhodes Hotel in August of 1901. This was located on the east side of Main Street. It was later the home of Charles Wilson. He ran this establishment for many years.

Businesses in 1901 were: John Jackson, Tonsorial artist; George Gilbert, Grain and Seeds; J.S. Gray, veterinary and many more are;

PERRY & MERRYMAN,

Dealers in

**Drugs, Paints,
Wall Paper,
School Supplies,
Toilet Articles,
Books,
Stationery.**

Physicians' Prescriptions
Carefully compounded
At all hours.

Rhodes, Iowa.

H. H. HILDRETH,

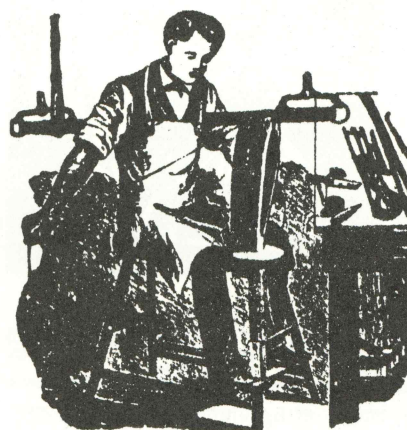
DEALER IN

Poultry

Of all kinds. Highest market price paid for poultry. Also keep on hand that splendid Poultry Food; CRUSHED OYSTER SHELLS. Agent for Pike's Lice Destroyer.

RHODES, IOWA.

G. W. ROSS,



Manufacturer and Dealer in

**Harness, Whips, Collars,
Lap Robes.**

HANDMADE HARNESS A SPECIALTY.

Repairing promptly done.

RHODES, IOWA.

G. W. Bolei

Has opened a first class

Tin Shop

In Rhodes,

All Kinds of Tinware

And solicit a share of your patronage

R. E. Gray

BLACKSMITH.

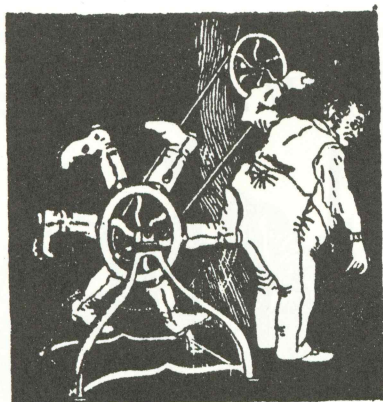
Artistic Horse Shoeing

A SPECIALTY.

All work promptly done.

East side of Main street,

RHODES, IOWA.



Sorry He Didn't Know Us Before.

This is one of the fellows that has been buying his building material elsewhere, but has just dropped in and looked over our grades and got our prices.

We keep a complete line of Lumber and Building Material at all times, and will take pleasure in figuring on your bills and submitting estimates on anything needed.

COAL ALWAYS ON HAND.

JAS. MILLS & SON

RHODES, IOWA.

On April 24, 1902 Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lingenfelter of Collins were in Rhodes looking at the telephone situation at that point. If sufficient number of subscribers are had, they would put in a local exchange and connect with Collins. This was later done and we note that the first charge was 20¢ for 3 minutes.

In our notes we find that a Dr. Dickey retired, September 18, 1902 from medical practice in Rhodes.

In 1909 a few businesses in town were: A.E. Vauthrin, painter; J.W. Garis, auctioneer; H. Weeks, Insurance; M.J. Rohwedder, lumber; and J.C. Roebuck, general merchandise. Others were:

J. F. ANWAY

Contractor and Builder

ESTIMATES FURNISHED
ON APPLICATION

RHODES, . IOWA

City Dray

AND COAL DELIVERY. SPECIAL
ATTENTION GIVEN TO
MOVING. ALL WORK GUAR-
ANTEED.

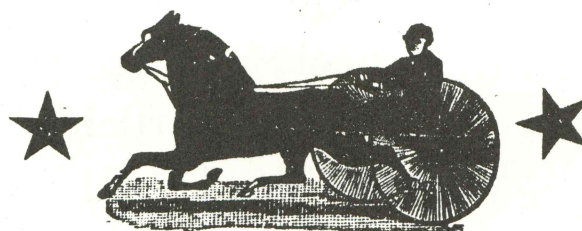
W. H. EMERY

RHODES, IOWA

Chas. A. Wallace

Rhodes, Iowa

Star Livery



Auto Service in Season

Telegraph and Telephone Calls Given
Prompt Attention.

RhodesCementCo.

Manufacturers of

**Everlasting Cement Building Blocks
Fence Posts and Side Walks.**

Brick, Cement and Gravel for sale.

Fair prices and work guaranteed.

R. A. SANDERS

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Rhodes, Iowa

Hair Cutting and Shampooing
a specialty, Agency for the
Marion Steam Laundry

SOFT WATER BATH AT ALL HOURS

C. F. Dewey

RHODES, IOWA



**Threshing, Corn Shelling,
Wood and Lumber Sawing**

DR. L. E. NOBLE

=====
All calls promptly answered.
Spectacles accurately fitted.
Office and residence, one
block north of Drug Store.
=====

RHODES, - IOWA

HAROLD HILDRETH

Rhodes, Iowa

—
I always Pay Cash and the
Top Price for

Eggs, Butter, Poultry

See Me Before Selling

R. L. Shyrock

Rhodes, Iowa

City Dray Line

Baggage and Transfer

FRED WALKER

Manufacturer of
and Dealer in

**Harness, Whips, Collars
and Lap Robes**

Hand Made Harness a Specialty
Repairing Promptly Done

RHODES, - - IOWA
One Door North of Bank

W. D. HIX

City Restaurant

Rhodes, Iowa

Fine Cigars and Tobaccos

Foreign and Domestic Fruit

Ice Cream and Summer Drinks

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ANDY HALE

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RHODES,

IOWA

In 1910, John Breunig and his son-in-law Vern Mallicoat purchased the hardware store which they ran for sometime. Mr. Breunig later disposed of his interest. In 1913, Mr. Mallicoat also sold out and embarked in the grocery business in Rhodes. Mr. Breunig, in the meantime entered the furniture and undertaking business. In 1914, he and his son-in-law both sold out and together with Mr. Breunig's son, Lester, purchased the general store known as the "Weishaar Store."

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Yours for business,

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Rhodes,

Iowa



Breunig and Mallicoat Store

In May of 1913, J.C. Roebuck began building a two story brick building on the old hotel site. E. Abrams Mead ran a hardware store in Rhodes at that time.

E. A. MEAD

E. Side Main St. RHODES, IA.

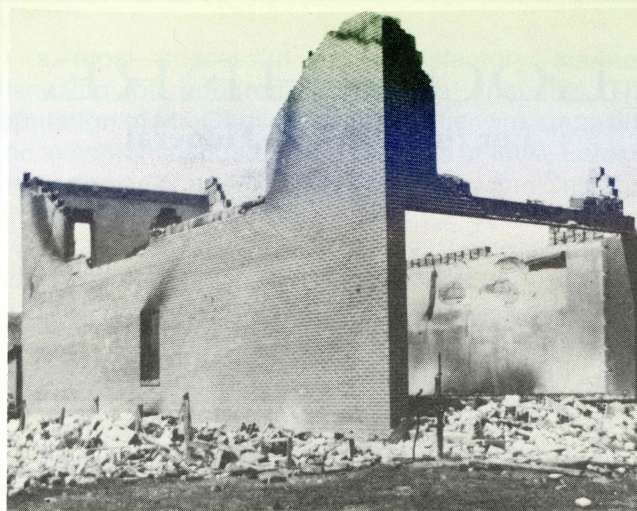
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Call and See Us

In April of 1914, a fire started in a defective flue in the Luig Restaurant and destroyed five buildings in the heart of the business district of Rhodes on a Sunday night. The fire was discovered about ten o'clock shortly after the restaurant had closed. The chemical engine was rushed to the scene but would not work so word was sent to the State Center firemen who responded to the call for help and pulled their engines down behind an automobile. Had the wind been in the opposite direction, instead of the northwest, it is probable that the entire business section would have been wiped out.

The losses, together with the insurance as far as could be estimated are as follows; J.C. Roebuck, his brick store with contents shows loss of \$8,000 with the insurance of only \$2,000 on his stock of merchandise. The building was built the preceding year. Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Neighbors of America, all of these located on the second floor of the Roebuck building and used as lodge quarters had unknown losses. Don Luig's Restaurant, a frame building owned by J.C. Roebuck had a loss of \$1,000 with little insurance, Greeley Brown, barber, over the Luig Restaurant saved two chairs. Lon Richmond, restaurant building and contents had a loss of \$1,000 with \$300 insurance.



1914 fire on west Main Street.

The building occupied by Charles Darling as a repair shop and Ralph Marsh undertaking business were partially saved. This building was owned by Walter Hix. The Charles Morrison Pool Hall saved nothing.

Many people from neighboring towns came to Rhodes attracted by the fire. Several people were injured slightly in fighting the flames and helping to get the contents out of the buildings. This was a great blow to Rhodes, losing four of its newest buildings and some of its best business establishments.

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Merchandise.

SEE US

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Opera House Block, Rhodes, Iowa
Highest price for Eggs

In 1914, the Rhodes Savings Bank moved into its new brick building on the west side of Main Street. The building had a marble floor. The front, a handsome one, was of pressed brick. On October 17, 1914 Fred M. Willis became cashier of the bank. The Rhodes Savings Bank was one of the strongest institutions of its kind in Marshall County at this time. Its original capital was \$1,500 and was backed by many of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of the community.

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4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME
DEPOSITS



West side of Main Street around 1911, looking north.

In 1914, William L. Harper opened the Star Movie Picture Theater in Rhodes. Mr. Harper also managed a furniture store in Rhodes. He gave picture shows every night and had a western vaudeville with the Friday and Saturday night shows. The theater was located in the building now occupied by the tavern. The electricity for the theater was produced by a generator powered by a one cylinder gasoline engine. This engine was located in a special building back of the theater. The front of the theater was an arch of lights, the arch of the theater is still visible on the building.

By October 1, 1914 nearly all the pipes for the water works had been laid. Late in October they built a cement block power house over the town well and installed an engine. The water was pumped for three days but remained so unsettled that it was decided to dig the well deeper. Two drinking fountains were installed on west Main Street, one for the thirsty wayfarers and one for the animals. "Who could say that Rhodes was dry?" The drinking fountains for the animals was located on the property now owned by Emmett and Violet Brittain.



West side, Main Street looking south.

In February of 1915, Theodore Schmidt and Dick Runner purchased and took possession of the W.L. Harper Star Movie Theater. A new Concord player piano and new seats were installed.

In September of 1916, the interior of the Rhodes Hotel was completely painted, renovated and wired for electricity under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Anway. This institution was then prepared to cater to the public in the most modern manner.

J. W. GARIS

Auctioneer



Dealer in Automobiles

**Proprietor and Manager of
Mammoth Horse Pavillion
Rhodes, Iowa**

Best Horse Market in Iowa.

For 26 years around this period John Garis was a successful auctioneer and his mammoth sales pavilion at Rhodes was the largest of its kind in the country. During the season he conducted regular sales

in a most successful and satisfactory manner, disposing of hundred of animals annually. The reputation of Mr. Garis as an auctioneer was statewide and even transcended the boundaries of Iowa. Later in the period he conducted sales in Omaha and Chicago. His sale barn was located where the service station owned and operated by Sam Clement now stands. the sale barn went north to the next block.



Les Gearhart station in 1933. It was built with the lumber from the old sale Pavilion.



George Goodman on an implement at his garage.



Main Street looking north in 1916.

RHODES, IOWA

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Conservative Sound and Safe

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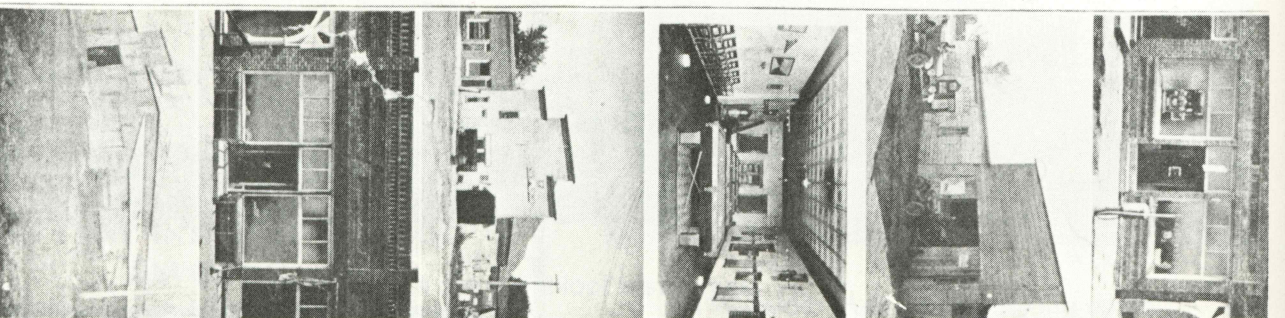
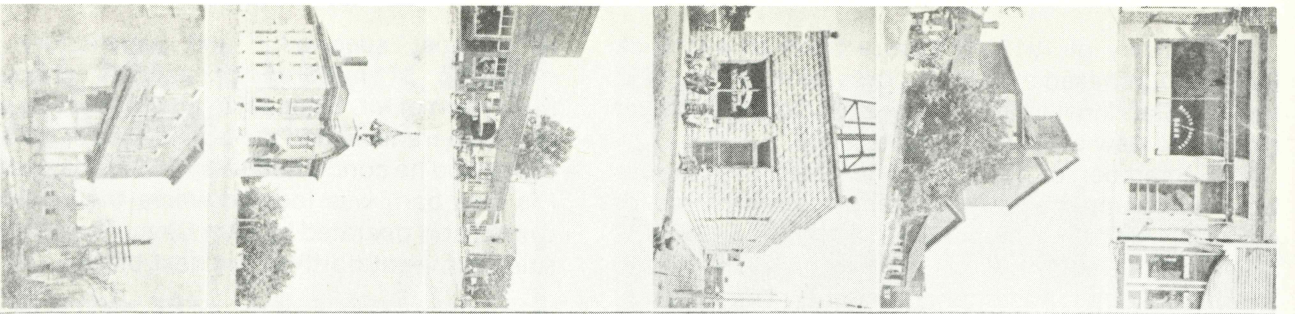
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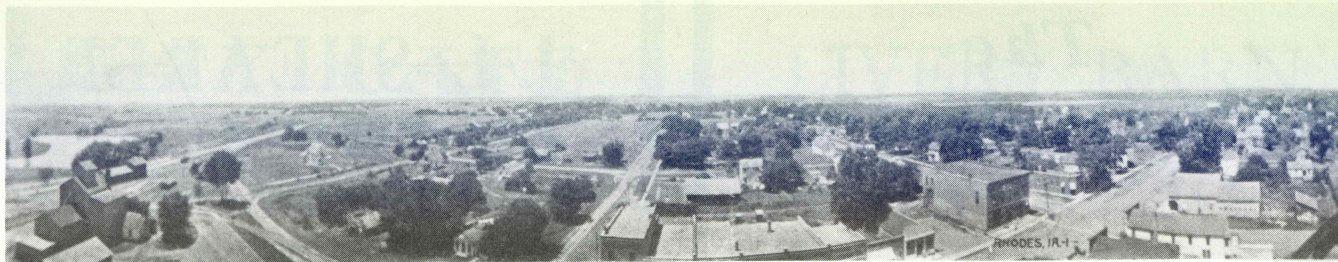
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MARSHALLTOWN



The way things looked and the men in business in
1916.



Rhodes in 1916.

In 1916, there were many businesses in Rhodes. Some were: John C. Ewing, insurance and real estate; J.W. Garis, Auctioneer; R.E. Marsh, furniture; E.A. Mead, Hardware; C.D. Darling, contractor; Andy Hale, painter; and Dr. Noble. Others were:

DR. H. A. SPOONER

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City Shoe Shop

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LET US BAKE YOUR CAKES
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AT ALL TIMES

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED

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Choice cigars, short orders and
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Odd Fellows Building, Rhodes, Ia.

E. B. PERRY

GENERAL BLACKSMITH

Horseshoeing a Speciatly
Repairs of all Kinds : :
Give Me a Call : : : :

New Shops South of Sales Barn

RHODES : : : : IOWA

There were two banks in Rhodes at this time, the Rhodes Savings Bank and The Farmers Savings Bank. Also one newspaper, The Rhodes Tribune.

During the late 1800's and early 1900's there were several prosperous farms and stock breeders in the Edenville - Rhodes area.

Submitted by
Fred and Lucille Cheville



John Johnson in his barber shop.

Memories of Rhodes

I moved to Rhodes in 1920 to the present Jim Perin home. Hannah Fuch was my nearest neighbor to the south living where Delight Ward now lives. My neighbors on the east were "Veterinary" Gary, Carl and Minnie Dumjohn and Myrtle Daugherty, who married Ollie Luttikin. I remember the threshing machine that belonged to Charles Dewey which fell through the bridge east of town.

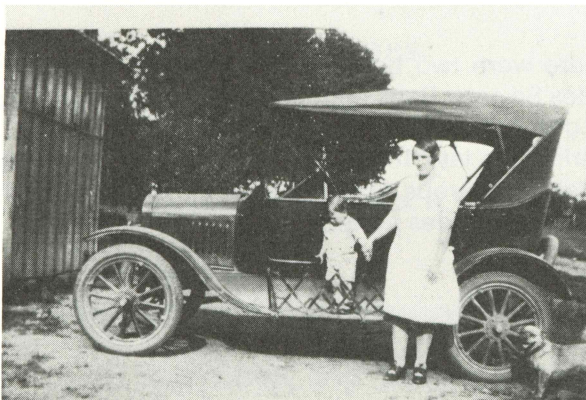
The Indians use to say no severe storm damage would come to Rhodes and so far it has not been too severe.

Mr. Ewing lived where Bobbie Sanders now lives. I also remember Walter and Emma Hix, Ike Ingersoll

who had the blacksmith or tinker shop on the Caroline Wignall property. Lester Walker lived in the present Wayne Hildreth home. I also remember "Pike's Peak", the horses across from John Overman, Bill Coates, the Shattuck family and Howard Hale who moved so slow they called him "Speedy". My neighbors to the west were Fred Allen, "Basket" McNeal and the race track which was on the Pike property.

I don't get around much anymore, but I play the organ or piano when I have the opportunity. My eyesight is failing, but I can still see people. Love to all my Rhodes friends that I knew.

*Submitted by
Eva Reinschmidt Schaper*



Eva Schaper with Paul.

Rhodes Shipping Association

The Union Stock Yards of Chicago was the big market for livestock in this area. The interior markets had not gained a foothold. Small butchers were located in Des Moines, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City. But the bulk of the livestock went to Chicago by rail.

Around 1918 farm organizations promoted shipping associations for producers who had less than carload lots, to secure a better price. Stock was consigned, marked, shipped and costs pro-rated to shippers.

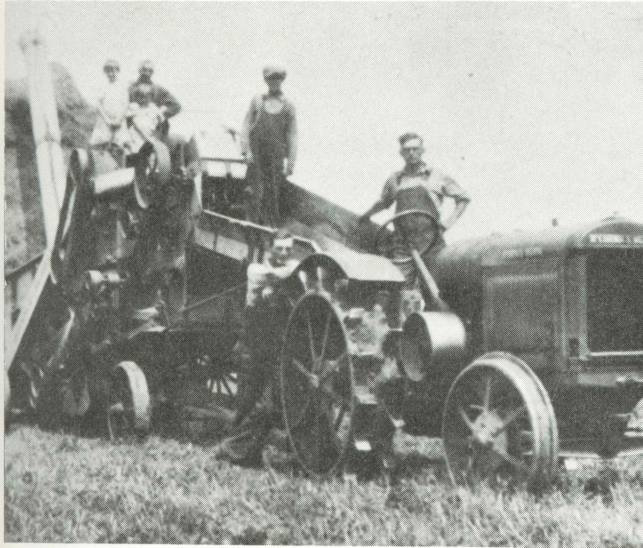
1983 BUSINESS

Rhodes had a healthy organization for many years, but with the advent of the trucking industry and the construction of Interior Plants, the market in Chicago faded into oblivion.

Managers of the Association were: Fred Robinson, 5 years; George Cheville, 10 years; and Lyall Gray, 4 years.

Members looked forward to the annual business meetings and oyster stew suppers at the end of the year.

*Submitted by
Fred Cheville*



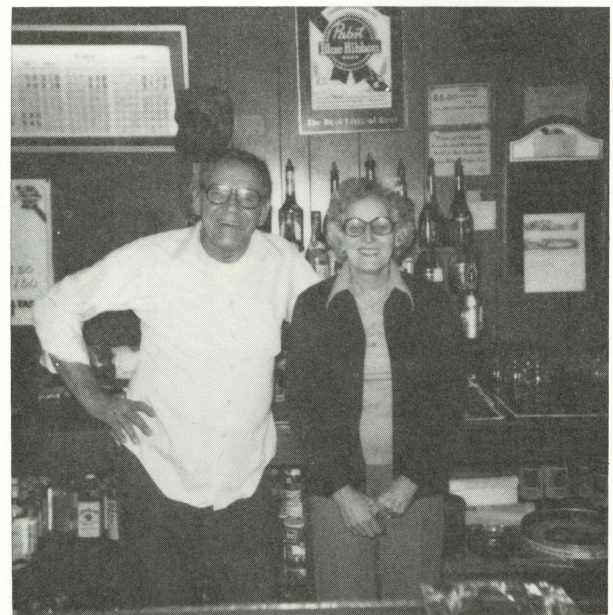
Chris and John Gauch threshing machine, still in operation in 1950.



Bear Twins - from the left; Melvin and Mark



Ray's Distributor, Dick Ray in 1983.



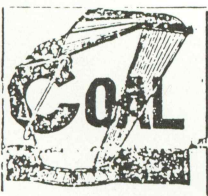
Jigges and Tillie Raney at their tavern - 1983.

Businesses 1919-1982



Henry Dean Restaurant, from the left; unknown, Frank E. Bentley and Henry Dean.

Ollie Lutken, Pres. F. H. Stouffer, Secy-Treas.



The Coal question is not settled yet.

HOW ABOUT YOURS?

We are unloading a car of hard coal TO-DAY. If the size suits you, haul it away at

\$13.00 per ton from the car

Soft Coal? Yes. Several kinds at lower prices than the surrounding towns. Have'nt been clear out yet. Can't tell how soon.

Better Come While the Getting is Good

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MAY WE HAVE YOUR PATRONAGE?

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Come In and See the New
Leather Vests and
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Call and Look Them Over.

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CASH STORE

Keep Your Eyes
On the North Window
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Saturday Special Day

We Want Your Produce

Yours, for Business

Leo. PERRY, Rhodes, Iowa

LET'S GO. WHERE?

To Pattee's

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Why There? That's Where They All Go. What For? For Ice Cream, Good Eats, Cool Drinks and everything found in a first-class Cafe. My Motto:

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Yours to Please,

J. R. Francis, Rhodes, Ia.



George Goodman with his cars.



Charles Hoy's sawmill, from the left; Charles Hoy and unknown.

**Now Ready
For Business**

In my new location first
door south of the P. O.

**Furniture Repair-
ing and upholster-
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Prices reasonable and
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Charles S. Veach
Rhodes, Iowa



Men around town, from the left; Windy Bundy, Charles Wignall, Gib Shattuck and Albert Robinson.



Rhodes Hotel on east side of Main Street, which had many owners, was also, restaurant, apartment house and nursing home.

Kathryn Jane Filer

Kathryn Jane (Kate) and Jim Filer bought the hotel in Rhodes in the early 1920's and sold it in the 1940's. They owned the hotel in Melbourne for many years and operated it having sometimes over ninety men living there. Mrs. Filer was the mother of Edward G. Beye. She passed away in 1945 and Jim in the late 1930's. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Submitted by
Pearl Beye VanHoozer

Weishaar Store

In 1895 Ernest and Maud Weishaar settled in Rhodes where he was in the mercantile business until 1915.

During those years in business he never turned from his store any poor person genuinely in need of food or clothing. His kindness of heart caused him to extend credit to so many persons of modest means or in poverty that when he sold out in 1915 he had some ten thousand dollars of unpaid bills on his books. When someone chided him for his policy he said, "If a man's poor and honest he can't pay, if he isn't he won't pay. I'm willing to let each man's conscience and pocket book decide for him which class he is in. However he decides, I'll try to get along."

Memories

W.B. Nason and two of his brothers went from Rhodes to Newton with a team and wagon for coal. They could not get over two ton per load. They would go down and load one day and come back the next. They had a long shed to keep horses in overnight at the mine. On the way home a bad snowstorm started and they finally found a haystack so they stopped to wait out the storm. Horses had feed and men dug into the hay for protection. Next morning they realized they were only a half mile from home. He said he even helped make the haystack but in the storm didn't realize where they were.

by Leonard Nason



The Fox Construction Company of Forest City, Iowa, started working on the 3½ mile highway from Rhodes to Melbourne. It was completed August 12, 1926.



Ice House in Rhodes.

BLACKSMITHING

I have opened my blacksmith shop in the Ike Ingersol shop in the north part of Rhodes. Come in for any kind of blacksmith work.

HERBERT DAMMAN

Agnes Bucks Diary

There was an epidemic of Scarlet Fever in November of 1919 and the school was closed for two or three weeks.

The ROUND OAK,

Makes 'Em Hustle,

5 SIZES FOR COAL OR WOOD,

With low down Fire Pot, and air tight Bottom, making

PERFECT FIRE KEEPER.

Has Spun Urn, Nicked Rail and Top Ring, Name Plates, Knobs and Hinge Pins. Fittings strictly first-class.

EVERY STOVE FULLY WARRANTED.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

THE GENUINE BEARS THE NAME OF

P. D. BECKWITH,
DOWAGIAC, MICH.

SOLD BY **J. D. SMITH,**
Rhodes, Iowa.

Olden Days

November 12, 1896

Saturday night was Halloween. People who strolled down Main Street Sunday morning thought it was something. Drays, sleighs, self-binders, salt barrels and hen coops were miscellaneous arrayed in front of stores and residences until the thoroughfare looked like Chinatown on Joss day or the tail end of a cyclone's track, moving day on the bowrey or an uprising in a dark town. No damage was done but many an irate householder who hasn't found his front gate goes about muttering dark gloomy threats that make the boys and girls shudder as they pass within hearing.



In 1927, Red Crown gasoline was 17½¢ a gallon.

Sale Barn

Men used to come for miles around to the sale barn. I knew them barns before Harold owned them. They sold horses and mules.

There weren't any trucks so they put a halter on 'em and tie it to the tail of the horse ahead and you'd see a man leading six or seven horses to the sale.

They would run the horses up and down the street to find out if they were wheezy and then start selling them.

They had watering tanks for horses so I'd run down after school to be the first one there and pump, it was hard pumping, it would take me an hour and a half to pump the tank full. I got a nickel for doing it. We had fun watching the sales!

*Memories by
Wayne Hildreth*

Rhodes Hotel

In 1904, Michael Malloy traded a farm in Armour, South Dakota for a hotel in Rhodes. Around 1912 he sold it to J.C. Roebuck.



Malloy Hotel, early 1900's from the left; Etta Malloy, Alice Roebuck, Florence Malloy, Catherine and Michael Malloy.



Blacksmith Shop, one block west of Main Street. From the left; William H. Wignall, Harry (Blackie) Warner and William (Bill) Phillips.

Bob Gray Blacksmith - 1933

Just as the hitching racks of yesterday have been replaced by concrete curbing for the automobiles of today, the blacksmith's business has been revolutionized.

R.E. Gray, a blacksmith who has been in the business years, has had to slowly change from horseshoeing to welding.

When Bob is in his workshop he is squatting on the floor in the midst of a litter, of dust covered old iron wheels, bars and springs, hammering intently on a bent iron object in quick, sure blows. Always peering over two pair of grease smeared glasses, one pair of which were brown isinglass.

He used to do more horseshoeing than anything else, but folks got to using automobiles and the shoeing business fell off. A man's got to do different things as the times change or he gets left out. He used to depend on wagons, but now its autos so he started to do more welding.

After many years in the same business, he doesn't feel that he has survived any better than anyone else.

Village Blacksmith

Everytown in the early days had a blacksmith. Many farmers did their own blacksmithing, but the village smithy was a special kind of person who could do almost anything with iron or wood.

The smithy fascinated all young boys who watched him wrestle to get shoes on highly spirited horses and make sparks fly from hot iron.

When the farmer and the blacksmith got together things began to happen. All the early inventors of farm machinery were blacksmiths or wheelrights.

Jail

Down behind the corner where Johnson Tavern was, there was a big ice house. They used to put up ice and next to it was the jail.

We had a big jail in Rhodes, had businesses those days. Well anyway, Judge Daley was the Judge up at Marshalltown. He said it was always on account of this horse business, they were always fighting over horse sales. They had a bunch from Rhodes up there as witness's one time. Judge said, "I believe it would be cheaper to move the courthouse down to Rhodes, that's where all the business is!"

*Memories by
Wayne Hildreth*



Hix Grocery Store, early 30's from left; Luther Hix and unknown.



Louise and Luther Hix inside their store (1960).



Hix Restaurant - 1909. Emma Hix behind the counter.

Walter D. Hix & Son

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hix had a cafe in the building known as the Drug Store building on the southeast corner of Main Street intersection. Then Walter had a hardware and grocery store on the west side of the street, later joined by Luther and known as W.D. Hix and Son.

An ad in the Rhodes Tribune, dated March 3, 1921, list specials for the Rhodes Cash Grocery, L.F. Hix, Mgr., successor to W.D. Hix and Son; Peaberry coffee, 22¢ lb.; onion sets, 5¢ qt. or six qts./25¢; garden seeds, 5¢ pkg. or three pkgs./10¢.

In 1924 Luther and his father bought the two-story brick building known as the Rhodes Opera House from John Rhodes, builder. Luther ran the grocery business and his father the hardware.

The building was built by John Rhodes in 1882, from bricks obtained from the old brickyard. The large room upstairs was used from 1882 until 1942 as a hall. Having a very good stage for that time, the Rhodes Dramatic Club put on some very creditable plays from 1899 until 1904. Here many of the early graduating classes received their diplomas, alumni reunions were held, also many medicine shows, minstrel shows,

movies, community programs, Memorial Day exercises, dances and wedding anniversary celebrations. Until the new gymnasium building was built at the school in 1942, basketball practice was held in the hall. Besides being known as the Opera House, "The Old Brick Building," it was sometimes known as "Hix's Haymow."

Luther bought out his father's interest in 1937 and operated both businesses until 1945, when he sold the building and business to Lewis and Hazel Phillips of Zearing. After that Luther was acting postmaster for three years, then bought back the grocery inventory in 1949. Martin Richeson bought the hardware business and operated it for about six years. Luther ran the grocery business in the brick building, the Rebekah building and finally back to the Drug Store building, which he bought from Mrs. Katherine Smith in 1955. He sold the grocery inventory to Jim and Polly Perin in 1969, having been in business for a total of forty-seven years.



You are here by notified not to ride bicycles on the sidewalks. It is against the town ordinance. H.W. Neff, Mayor.



Hix Hardware Store, early 30's, from left; Walter D. Hix, Bud Kielly and John Gray.

White House Hotel

The White House at one time was a very elegant hotel. It sat one block off Main Street on Maple Street. As far as can be established it was built in 1882 or 1883 by P.W. Dumbold and Company. On November 23, 1895 it was sold to Simon S. and Ella U. Rapp, when it received the name of the "White House."

Around this period of time, was when the Hotel was in it's hey day. There were eight rooms upstairs, which were very small with room only for a single bed and a wash basin. One room was just a little larger with French Doors opening into it. Downstairs there were two dining rooms. One for the common man and the other much larger for the upper class. The larger one was decorated with red velvet curtains and white linen table cloths, with its own separate entrance. The small dining room had only wooden benches and tables with no tablecloths. Attached to the back of the building was a large addition that was used for butchering meat and doing the laundry.

In 1900 it was sold to Frank E. and Elizabeth J. Somers and in 1909 it was sold to Jacob and Katie Bolei and remained a hotel all these years.

In 1912 it was sold to Henry Kohlenberg and was

turned into a boarding house. During the 1940's it was the home for the war wives and had been made into a couple of apartments. In the late 1940's it became a private home.



Main Street in the early 1930's, looking north.



The Klatt Cafe, Nell and Mavis, sitting on counter.

Klatt Cafe

Paul and Nell Klatt opened a cafe on the east side of Main Street in 1924. It was moved to the west side of the street in 1927.

Klatt's Cafe was known all over Marshall County for its good food. When the construction of highway 64 (now 330) began, some of the men pitched tents in their yard, after a good breakfast they would pack a lunch and be off to work. Iowa Light and Power crews and many others came here to eat as Nell was known for her delicious pies and good food.

Paul and Nell would rise at 4 a.m. to begin their day and finish at 12 p.m. Nell cooked on a kitchen range and the cafe was heated with a round oak stove.

Business was booming and they hired Mrs. Work and Mrs. Wilson to help.

The cafe on the west side was much bigger. The building was 60 x 132, had 12 stools, 6 booths, a soda fountain and an ice cream freezer that held 9 - five gallon containers of different flavors of ice cream. Ice cream cones at this time were three dips for 5¢.

Their cafe of 12 years played an important part of the Rhodes history. It was the gathering place to get good food, sip on an ice cream soda on a hot night or just eat a piece of pie. The cafe ended in December of 1936. Paul had died six months earlier and Nell couldn't keep it going, so it was closed.

Olden Days

Dr. Howland came to Melbourne in the fall of 1901. He soon became a general practitioner in the "Horse and Buggy Tradition", serving the people in a four mile radius of Melbourne, including, Van Cleve, Capron, Malta and Rhodes.

Olden Days

January 21, 1897

The "Rhodes Review" is finally dead. It has been dead a long time. The subscription list has been sold to the State Center Enterprise.

January 28, 1897

J.A. Brower of Clyde, Iowa has purchased the plant of the defunct "Review" and will soon issue a newspaper in Rhodes.

Wood Saw Operation

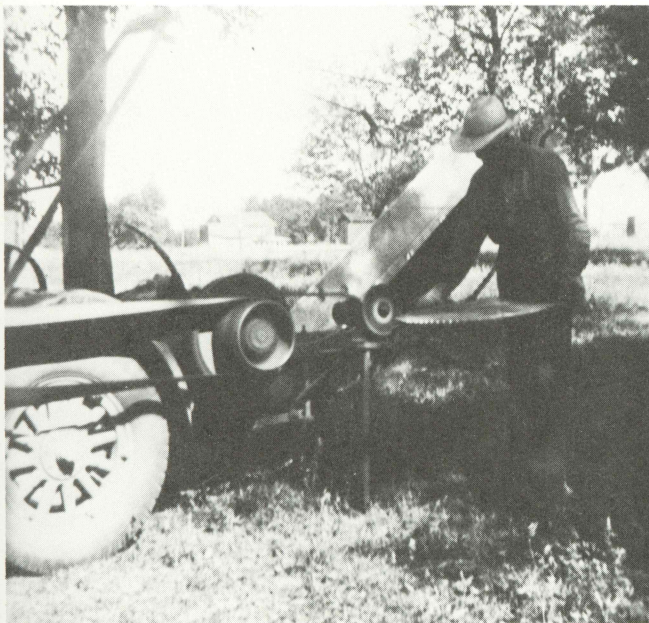
The location of Rhodes, in the middle of Iowa, on the Milwaukee Railroad, halfway between Council Bluffs and Clinton brought John Walker to the community in 1928.

He owned and operated a woodsaw. The mounted saw was belt driven, from an open fly wheel on the motor of a 1919 Studebaker truck. Railroad ties eight feet in length were lifted in place on a saw table and fed into the large circular blade. Each tie was cut seven times. The cuts of wood fell into an elevator and were elevated onto piles away from the workers.

Wood was one of the main sources of heat during the depression years. The sawing occupation was a seasonal one. From early spring until winter, the wood saw crew followed the railroads. They would return to Rhodes, when bitter cold froze the gravel inside the ties, making them hard to cut. During the winter pole wood would be cut and piled for the farmers in local communities.

Over the years, six of Walker's sons, Johnnie, Donald, Earl, Carl, Paul, Clayton and many more young men from the Rhodes community were employed by John Walker and his wood saw operation.

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Mr. & Mrs. Earl Walker*



John (Buzzsaw) Walker with his portable buzzsaw.

Girton's Sheep Shearing

Merton Girton was born and reared in Rhodes and moved with his parents to South Dakota in 1931. That year when the oats were ready for harvest, his father opened the field and found it too green so decided to



Merton Girton sheering sheep in 1945.

wait until Monday to harvest. But the next day the field was hit by hail so badly his father figured the only way to save anything was to put sheep on it, so he bought a carload. In the fall the price of sheep had dropped to below the purchase price, so the Girtons were in the sheep business. Merton, then 17, bought his first machine, gas engine driven, and sheared his first sheep. It took him all day to shear six or seven head and he had 300 to do!

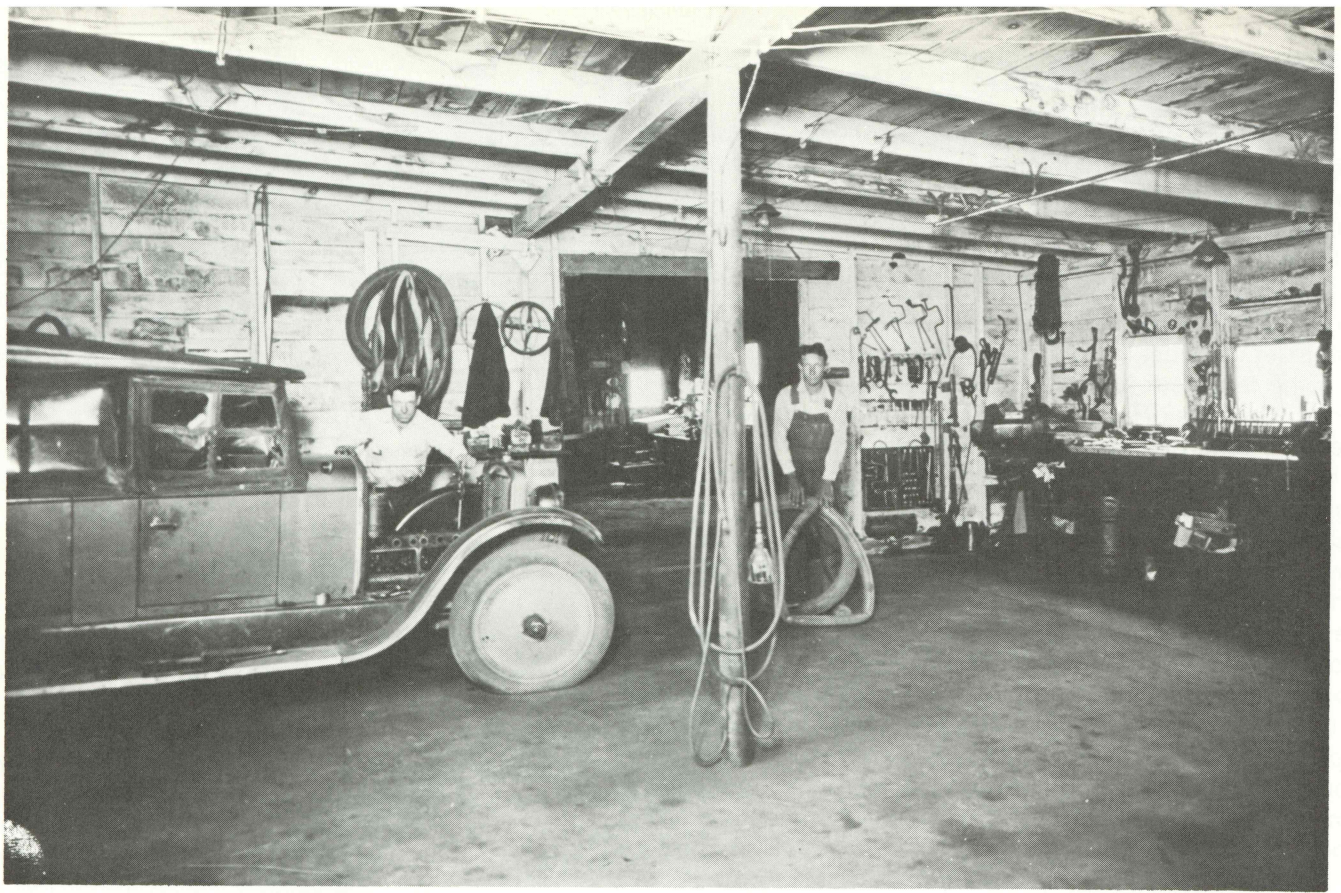
Merton came back to Rhodes in the early 30's, staying with Elwood Robinson until his marriage in 1934.

He used his gas-powered machine until after World War II when farmers began to have more electricity available. He has used the same long-hinged arm machine since. When he started shearing he got a dime a head, later getting 75¢

Merton retired in 1972, after 50 years in the sheep shearing business, with more than 1 million head passing under his gentle hands.



Business District and water tower.



Ray Dewey and Chuck Steiner in Dewey's Garage.



Charles F. Dewey Garage



Jake Jacob's hearse.

Home Remedies

Often medical aid was desperately needed. Babies often died as did many young mothers. Many women served as midwives. Unaccustomed to prairie life they could not stand or survive severe cold and rigors of Iowa winters. So many young women died of quick consumption.

Many died also of tuberculosis, diphtheria, erysipelas, blood poisoning and typhoid fever.

Spring fever was checked with sulphur and molasses. Poultices were made of onions, bread, milk, mustard, turpentine and goose grease.

Many carried asafetida, a gum resin with a garlic like odor. This would be tied in a little bag and fastened to a cord, which was worn around their neck to ward off illness.



Painters, from the left; Tom and Jud Malloy around 1910.



The Hoy sawmill in 1916.



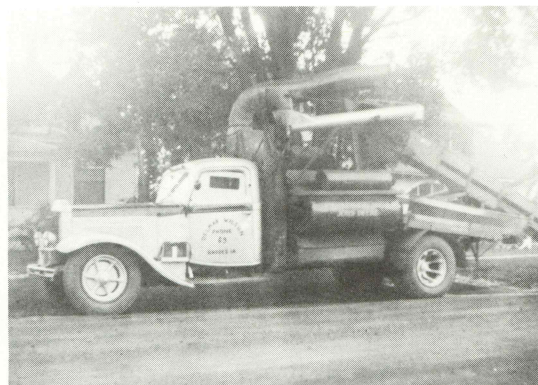
Jake Jacob's Furniture Store



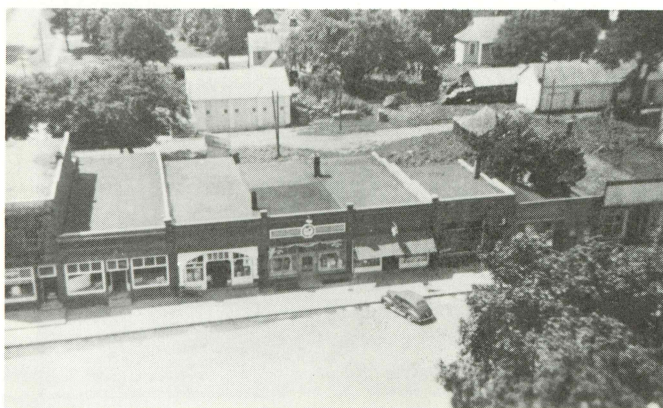
Virgil (Toad) Work at his Phillip's "66" Station. Others unknown.



From the left; Jack and Lyall Gray.



Delmar Wilson's cornsheller.



Main Street in 1937.



Cy Huffaker's sawmill in 1917, from the left; Cy and Henry Toddhunter.