

Mentone History

This information written from notes from telephone conversation with June Aughinbaugh early in 1976

used to be

Did you know there was a merry-go-round where the Church of Christ stands now? The kids in the community gave it the name of "merry-ge-round" because of the shape of the round flower house. The owner was (~~X~~) Susie Forst (?) Mrs Mac Forst who lived upstairs in the building where the drug store is now. ~~X~~ He owned a store. She could look out and see her flower house.

The Forsts built the big house where John Smith lives and moved the flower house up there west of ~~beside~~ it. It has had much remodeling, but Dana Star lives there and a little of the round part shows in front.

Originally it had a porch all around.

June can remember when there were only three houses in that east part of town. One was Ralph Blue's - Mrs Lash's ~~brother~~. Isn't that Mrs. Lackey's? One was Secrist's and one was Aughinbaugh's

The big Peterson house was Mel Milbern's.

Maybe Kaiser's lived in Dr. Van Gilders's house.

Bessie Bybee might know about this.

At one time the Romine Building had the telephone office in it. Nell (Lyons) Reed lived there.

Dr. Davidson's office was Tucker funeral home - the Tucker's at Clappool

Dobbs Miller, John's father, had a tin shop.

Dr. Van Gilder's father was also a dentist and his father had an office above the bank then Davidson. (Does this mean locatin?)

At one time the post office was west of the bank. East of Romines in 1st doorway is a slot Earl Shin was postmaster there.

Mentzer Bldg is postoffice .

Conversation with Arlo Friesner Election Day (?)

The little building where Dr. Van Gilder has his office was once Bell Mollenhour's millinery shop. She lived in a dwelling behind this.

West of Vangilder's office was the theatre - Jones Barber shop

Boggs and Nelson's place used to be Dr. Yocum's office

John Aughinbaugh's harness and at (?) first groceries

School in west and south \_\_\_ of bank building

Later George Clark's ~~xxxxx~~ grocery store took place of the school

1900 - F. M. Jenkins's store there (Mary Cox's father)

Behind the bank south was Pete Hubler's Shoe Repair and Bicycle Shop

Where the Broadway Tavern is, was Dave Ellsworth's Shoe Repair.

House on fire where Leonard Smith lives - They (firemen) got water from Levi Eaton's horse tank - took it in milk cans to the fire truck. The hose clogged!. What was wrong? Some of the fish from the horse tank were in it.

Double check details if you use this.

*One time*  
I'm adding this: when Arlo was fire chief, there was a county firemen's meeting at Montone. ~~The~~ <sup>a</sup> fire call came in - someone answered - visitors decided to go along. "Where's the fire?" Arlo asked.

"At your house," was the reply -

No serious damage

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April 1976 conversation with Earl Shinn

Earl Shinn was postmaster east of where Romine's is. He moved the post office to the Mentzer Building into the center of things. There was one rural route from the new location. Some of the merchants - one, at least - (He didn't mention any names) objected to rural mail delivery because the farmers wouldn't come in to town to trade.

Earl

I thought there weren't any rural carriers in early days, but Arlo Friesner said Burdette Holloway was in 1921 and Marguerite (Dunlap) Wakefield mentions routes.

April 1976 conversation with Earl Shinn

Earl Shin said he lived across the street from Lawrence Bell. Bell's lived across from Markely's and thrid house from the corner (? Whetstones ? house north of T.R. Jones)

Mr. Shinn has a school picture with Bell, paul sunny and others.

Mr. Bell (Lawrence's father) was a big man who liked race horses. Mrs. Bell was a little woman. Their children were Lawrence, Grover, Von and some girls. One girl was Lugardia. She was a young lady when Earl was little or young.