

"World's Best" Prompts Many Recollections

The picture of the old mill titled "The World's Best" that appeared in last week's NEWS was a familiar sight to three Mentone residents, all of whom remembered that it stood north of Frank and Jerry's market where a portion of the stone foundation remains.

Earl Shinn said it was a grist mill that ground flour by getting power from a gas engine without a muffler, and he recalls seeing bags of flour sitting out front waiting to be picked up by the farmers who brought the wheat. He said his father was returning home late one night when he noticed the ancient building was on fire. It could not be saved because of the limited fire fighting equipment then available.

Arlo Friesner, who moved to Mentone in May of 1921, recalls the old mill was vacant but was used during the winter of 1920 and 1921 by an independent basketball team that played there. He said sometime during 1921-22 his father-in-law, Charles Blue, helped dismantle the building, and he thought the beams were taken to No. Manchester. He, too, recalled the flour and thought "World's Best" was the name by which it was sold. He said Alviah Rockhill operated the mill.

Goldie Kesler remembers driving with her grandfather in a buggy hitched to a fat white horse to get corn crack-

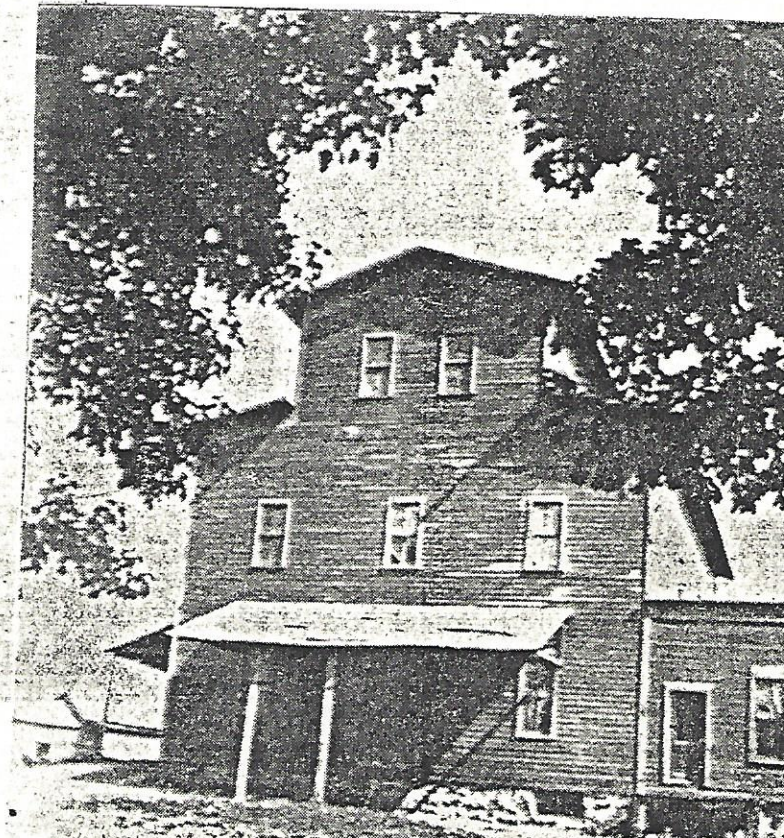
ed for young chickens and to get clean corn meal for corn bread and pancakes served with slices of ham, two eggs and fried potatoes at their breakfast table. More importantly, she remembers it as a source of admonishment for wayward youngsters: Bad boys reportedly were ground over into girls and bad girls into boys. The grinding process was not worrisome but one would have to be good forever after. She notes most girls cherished the idea of being ground over into a boy, but she has no idea just how bad one had to be to get "ground over."

Any Pictures Of Cider Mill

The old mill picture in last week's paper reminded Mildred Friesner of the old cider mill that stood approximately where Nell Reed now lives and she wonders if anyone has a picture of it. If you do, bring it to the NEWS, and it will be published as part of what is planned as a continuing series of old photographs from all areas covered by the NEWS.

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Gertrude Holloway is now residing at Millers Merry Manor, Warsaw, and would enjoy hearing from friends.



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