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MORE NEW (OLD) ISCH'S PICS – more pictures of Isch's from the Phil Fischer collection! Thanks, Phil!!



The original brick store was built in 1871. The matching wing was added in 1901. It was originally known as Abersol Corners.



John Isch is standing on the far left in the east, grocery side. Anyone recognize the others?



The equipment directly above is a peanut roaster and popcorn machine. The white box above it is a container of "white" gasoline, used to heat the roaster. Do you remember those old fans in stores before air conditioning became the norm?



The west side – dry goods. The white pieces hanging from the ceiling are women's collars. The stools on the right were used by ladies to leisurely examine dress patterns.

Open Houses Returning - We Think! With the virus tamping down and mask regs loosening up, we are tentatively planning on Open Houses this summer. To find out more – dates, hours, etc. – hit our Facebook page (address above) for details. Also, if your group would like to set up a special tour, please contact one of th board (contact information below.) We've added a lot of new artifacts since our last open houses in 2019.

Homes of Early Metamora Leaders -

We often read about leaders who had great success in building early Metamora. But did you ever wonder where these leaders actually lived? Thanks to the copious notes of Mr. Keys, we now have some of those answers. Mr. Keys was on the board of the Woodford County Historical Society for several years and kept detailed notes not only of their activities, but also a lot of various subjects that he was interested in. One of his projects was a list of where early leaders lived and the names of some of the early commercial sites. The list is presented exactly as Mr. Keys wrote it. Some of these homes may no longer be standing or have been replaced, but try to imagine what things were like when these folks were busy building the community...!

If anyone has any information about the former owners, the location, the house itself, ghost stories, etc., we'd love to hear from you!

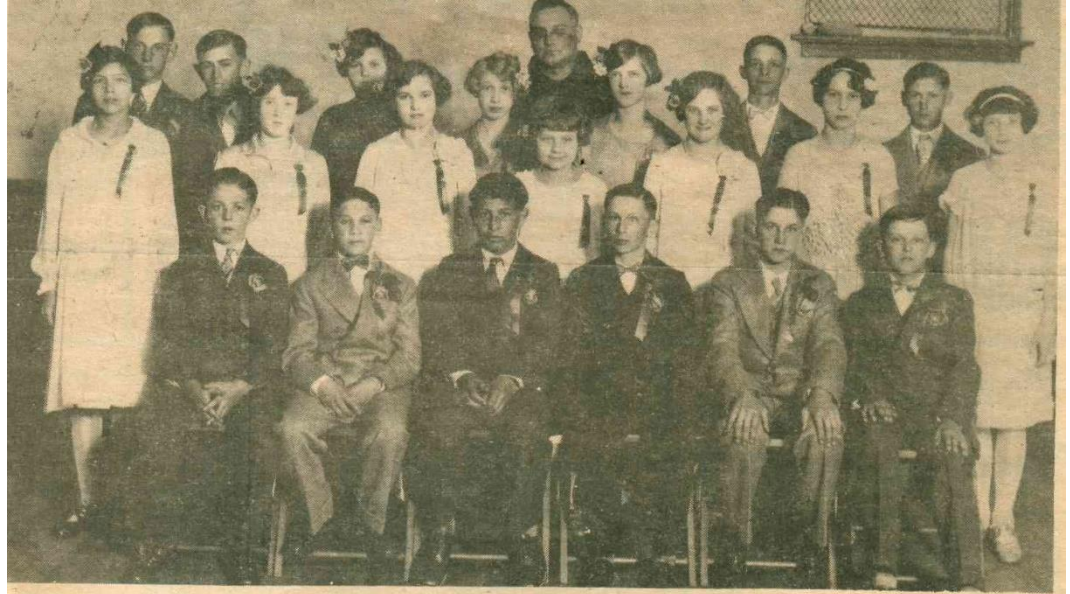
Owner	Address
Charles Warner Building	109 E Partridge
Dr. J.I. Knoblauch House	219 E Partridge (owned by Howard Mason funeral home)
J.C. Irving House	222 E Partridge (Briggs Bros. house)
Old County Jail	304 E Partridge (former Joseph Theena house)
Henry Marin House	515 E Partridge
Albert Rich (attorney) House	901 E Partridge
Bassett House	901 E Partridge
John Isch Building	101 W Partridge
Abersol Store (before 1870)	109 W Partridge
Captain Sol Egbert House	220 W Partridge
Hanna Tanton House	314 W Partridge
Wikoff Building	128 N Davenport
Sim Snyder House	121 S Davenport
H Conrad House	205 S Davenport
Peter Schertz House	221 S Davenport
John L McGuire Original House	300 S Davenport
Sam Page House	301 S Davenport
George Lemon House	104 W Walnut (former Charles Abel)
John Snyder House (built 1915)	116 W Walnut
Jack Whitmire House	105 S Menard
Jim Whitmire	120 S Menard (former funeral home; former Hugh Abel)
John L. McGuire	121 S Menard (former Orville Schertz)
Barbara Portman House	121 W Chatham
John Delph House (1 st postmaster)	303 W Chatham
George Noirot House	305 W Chatham
Herbert Adami House	416 E Chatham (former John Schumacher house)
Kielian Shickling (sp ?)	215 Mt Vernon
Isaac Wikoff House	504 E Mt. Vernon
Lorado Taft House	521 E Mt Vernon
David Stowell House	301 W Mt Vernon
Rachel Banta House	406 W Mt Vernon
Von Feilitzak (sp ?) House	415 W Mt. Vernon (built around 1880)
N.P. Baker House	605 W Mt. Vernon (former R.J. Ranny)
Lamson House	115 N Hanover
Fairchild House	123 N Hanover
Joseph Schneider House	303 N Hanover
Hippolyte Jacquet House	422 N Hanover (former Clarence Guth)
W.K. Briggs House	121 S Niles (former Ernie Harroun – Briggs Bros house)
Kellogs House	222 N Niles
Theena House	401 N Niles (owned by Joseph Theena)

Edna Clark House	106 N Tazewell (part of old school original)
Samuel Hess House	106 S Wetmore
Gordon Wilson House	120 E Pine

With Graduation time upon us,

see how many of these old timers you know.

This is the 1927 St. Mary's graduating class.



Members of the 1927 graduating class of St. Mary's Grade School pictured here are front, L-R, Deloss Wagner, Walter Trapp, Raymond Schierer, Gilbert Stickelmaier, Carroll Volz and Julian Ryan; second row, Catherine DuBois, Susie Alig, Florence Nauman; Velma Eichorn; Laura Nauman, Verna

Noe, and Lela Ehringer; and third row, Lee Seckler, Julius F. Kirchgessner, Florence Studer, Dorothy Waldschmidt, Fr. Alphouse Wilbyrding O.F.M., Eunice Regele, Harland Klein and Emerson Bolle. (Names of the girls listed are their maiden names). The photo was provided by Mrs. Bob Elbert.

St Mary's Picnic

1947 – Bet you recognize some of these boys. Let us know if you can help with some names!



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RAY J. SCHERTZ, A.B., A.M.
 LELAH ALLISON, B.ED., A.M.
 GERTRUDE TAYLOR, B.ED., M.A.
 MARGERY KRAUS, A.B.
 J. AGNES MALKUS, B.ED.
 GILBERT D. VEACH, B.ED.
 GERALDINE MCGINNIS, B.ED.
 ELAINE BRYANT, B.ED.
 ROSEMARY MONNIER, B.ED.
 GERALD L. HARPER, B.ED., B.S.



EUGENE GLAUB:
 IRENE ZOSS:
 ELEANOR JANE ARENDS:
 DONALD STEHR:
 HAROLD SCHERTZ:
 HARRIET SCHERTZ:
 VERNA KENNEDY:
 DONALD RUTHRAUFF:

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NEIL STIVERS:
RUTH BACHMAN:
JEAN SULLIVAN:
LA VERNE SCHNEIDER:
JIM McLAUGHLIN:
MARY ANN KIESEWETTER:
BETTY SCHERTZ:
MARJORIE GOETZ:

WILLARD AHRENS:
JUNE DURST:
MARJORIE HODEL:
HARLAN SLUGA:
MARJORIE WALDSCHMIDT:
JERRY JACKSON:
HUGH ABEL:
LA VONE KERKER:

PHYLLIS WILLMAN:
AUDREY PARR:
MAURICE ELBERT:
LA VERNE REYNOLDS:
MARILYN SCHERTZ:
EARL ZIMMERMAN:
JOHN SCHUMACHER:
BETTY ROHMAN:

Curly Headed Boy Quiz Answer Several readers – including grandkids - correctly identified the “curly headed boy” from the last newsletter as insurance man Dean Zobrist. Guess Dean really hasn’t changed all that much!

“Metamora library was established in 1857 and is larger than is usually found in a Country Town. It contains about 1,200 volumes of standard works of the day and is conducted on such liberal scale as to give those in the most indigent circumstances a full share of its benefits. A share of \$4, with \$1 a year dues, constitutes membership, and with the revenue thus obtained, the society is constantly adding the most valuable books to the library. “ from the *1878 Woodford County History*

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A special thanks to Phil Fischer for filling in the “missing pieces” from the last newsletter. (See below)



This house, believed to be built in the 1830's, was originally on the corner where Eli's now sits.

(The building housing Eli's was built in 1871.)

It served as both a grocery store and sold guns. The guns were stored in a closet that still smelled of gunpowder a century later.

The left side of the building and the upper level were a residence. The bottom right section was a grocery store (note the sign.)



This is the “grocery” side on the east side of the brick Isch store.

That's John standing behind the candy counter in the white shirt.

Mrs. Isch is the lady on the far left.

The Isch's bought the store from Mrs. Isch's parents, the Abersols.

The old candy case was still stored in basement many years later.



The original – right side – of the store was built in 1871. It was used for groceries. The left side addition was added in 1901. It was used for “dry goods” – everything from dress patterns, to men's suits, to shoes to whatever was needed. The two peaks on top are metal.

The old car is a Ford Model T. Original Model T's only came with a fabric top. Since this car has a “hard top” it is thought to be about a 1920 (or so) model.

If you look really hard, you'll see the little girl in the white dress standing in the right entrance. That's the Isch's daughter, Wilma Isch Malone.

Old timers will remember Wilma and her sister Madeline Sullivan. These ladies operated the store for many years. Does anyone recall when they actually sold out? Note the old storage shed directly behind the store on the right.