The C.L.S.C. met at the home of Beryl Huber with Anne Leinen and Lillie Ruth assisting on Sept. 15, 1943. This was a joint meeting of the two township clubs with an attendance of 40 including 6 visitors. The meeting was called to order by the president Mildred Newhouse and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved. Roll call was answered by an exchange of plants or bulbs between the members of the two clubs. Mildred and Freda were to see about the Christmas boxes to be sent to the boys overseas before the next meeting.

The afternoon was turned over to the program committee Freda Kurtz, Doris Howard, Bertha Robison, Bernice Hurst and Mrs. Rowe. A debate "Resolved Flowers are Essential in My Victory Garden" was held. Two members, Ferne and Bernice from the Rural Club on the affirmative, two members, Mildred and Margaret from the C.L.S.C. on the negative. Time was called by Bea and judges were Lillie, Mabel and Vera, with the decision going to the affirmative. A poem was read by Mary Katherine and a picture quiz on flowers was given. Cleo led the group in singing. Pictures were taken of the two clubs. Ruth Coffman became a member.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Vera Mohr, Secy.

We have not been able to determine the date of this old settlers' celebration except that Mary Horn sang "Stars and Stripes Forever". She is seated near the piano in a white dress.

The Auxiliary Ladies enjoying an old timers' party. Left to right: Eva Coffman, Iva Robison, Iva Moyer, Alice Grove, Edna McGowan, Gladys Miller, Alice Sitler, Joy Slate, Cathreen Buchanan, Lottie White, Clara O'Neil, Addie Horn, Zetta Safourek, Lottie Powers.

Grandpa Brock

Fred Brock put up this electric shop on the lot where Ed Shipman's building stood. Besides rewinding motors he manufactured air generators and installed them for farmers before the REA service was available.

Uncle Bill

Bill Brock stands in the doorway of his shop where he follows in his father's footsteps of repairing electric motors. Together, they have served over fifty years in that capacity.

This is a series of the action of oats harvest. In the top picture Frank Evans is driving the grain binder. Other pictures are unidentified.

At the time, this 16 horse power Advance Rumley, with tender, was the modern steam engine for furnishing power for threshing. The separator was constructed of wood with a web stacker. The picture was taken at the Joe Grove farm east of South English in the early 1900's.

S.E. Herald, July 25, 1940 - A clipping from the Gazette which tells of the anti-bulge braces built in the Evans' barn:

The bracing is across the end of the mow(each end) and tied down to the siding near the mow floor. Pressure of hay, or whatever forage, would need to be great enough to take out the whole end if any bulge resulted.

The barn is unusually well built in all respects. Builder was Dave Van Auken of North English. The barn is on the Frank Evans farm northwest of South English.

The barn is 32 by 50 with a 10-ft. porch. Corner posts are 14 feet. All of the lumber is native except the cedar shingles and the tongue and groove siding. Approximately 17,000 feet of native lumber was used.

Mr. Evans and his sons felled 180 trees in their 30-acre timber patch to obtain the lumber. The saw logs mostly were red oak and red elm.

Besides room for 11 dairy cows and 8 head of horses there is a corn crib, oats bin and a bin for feed in the building.

LOOKING somewhat like wooly bears, Amy, left, and Rudder flank their masters, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walk of South English.

NORM WALK'S 'RUDDER' TOP DOG

Jan. 30, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Walk and Mrs. David Walk and Mr. and Mrs. James Mound and family of Keota attended the Wheaton Kennel Club Dog Show in Wheaton, Illinois on January 19.

The Walk's young male Newfoundland, Harbour Beem Rudder, won Winners Dog and Best of Winners which gave him a three-point major win that applies toward an American Kennel Club championship.

The Mound's Newfoundland pup, Barfy, won his first blue ribbon in the Puppy-Dog class. Barfy's mother, Petite, won Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex which gave her a 3-point major win.

On Sunday, January 26, at the Wisconsin Kennel Club Show at Milwaukee, Rudder was again Winners Dog and Best of Winners, for a four-point major win.

English Valley's Val-Sage, (Amy for short) of the Walk's English Valley Kennels, is the mother of the Mound's Petite, and is an American Kennel Club Champion. Rudder was imported from Newfoundland when he was six months old.

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Many people are taking advantage of the excellent crop of wild blackberries which are now ripening. The frequent showers this summer shows results in the large numbers of juicy berries. Chiggers and mosquitoes are plentiful, too.

Great grandma & grandpa's pond out back. now the feathers

A House Full of Antiques

—Gazette photos by Tom Harrington

ANNEX—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McGowan will hold open house Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. at their Heritage House Annex in South English. The Annex is a nine-room house, completely furnished in antiques. Here Mrs. McGowan (left) stands beside an old coster washer as she talks with Mrs. Paul Shebley [seated]. The McGowans recently

PHONE, TOO — A teen-ager could always find phone, as Patty Lemley, 16, proves in this picture taken Heritage House Annex in South English. Her mother

NEW BUSINESS AT SOUTH ENGLISH

Edith Buchanan at Mickl's Variety Store.

Micki's Variety Store opened in South English on December 2, 1969. It was soon expanded to a full line of groceries and meat. After being purchased by Bob Casteel it was named Bob's U-Save.

Some of the former owners and names of the store have been: Central Food Market, O.K. Grocery, Kirkpatricks, Mason's Riteway, Jack Sprat, Durr, and Leroy Claypool.

The corner that was Roberts Store is now incorporated into one large building. What was once a doctor's office, a monument shop and photograph gallery, is now Bob's U-Save.

Coral Raplinger at Bob's U-Save.

Cleita Holmes and Cathreen Coffman at Bob's U-Save.

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This is a reproduction from an issue of the South English Herald published in 1894. W.W. Lawler later ran a restaurant in North English.

Keith and Marlene Leinenweaver.

A taxidermy hobby comes naturally to Marlene Leinenweaver - her life pivots on the outdoors. She became interested in taxidermy after she brought home her first deer from a Western hunting expedition; through correspondence lessons, she learned the art of preserving wildlife trophies.

She aims for the strikingly alive pose. "For instance," she says, "I wanted the red fox to look natural. The sly creature is habitat on top of a hill. As I work I visualize with what makeup Nature has endowed the creature. The eyelashes are carefully placed; the eyes are set for an alert expression."

Describing the 28 and 40-pound coyote hides they have tanned, Marlene muses: "Even predators are beautiful. Notice the perfect V-streak in black on the legs and up the back."

Her taxidermy projects have been for their collection and

S.E. Herald, Sept. 10, 1936

Mr. E. Donathan of Washington, house mover, was here several days last week engaged in moving the Wenger Seed House from the corner north of the depot to the "Old Town" corner. It now occupies the same location which the J.F. White store building occupied 58 years ago. The J.F. White building was moved when the B C R & N railroad was built in to our town in 1879.

Mr. Wenger is arranging with a lot of farmers who were fortunate in raising seed corn from the seed corn he furnished last spring. Corn that was grown on north hill sides and river bottoms lands escaped the extreme hot winds and some of it is reported as producing 40 to 50 bushel per acre.

Mr. Wenger is an old seed corn man and is arranging the building for heating and circulating air for especially drying and preserving the seed. He expects to put up at least 1000 bushel for next season's planting.

The Grove Hatchery was a busy place in the 1940's.

Excerpts concerning the stormy winter - 1936

Jan. 23 - School was dismissed at 11:30 Wednesday due to the sub-zero weather, and strong winds. The thermometer hovered at 25 and 26 below all day. The high wind which blew all day again filled the roads with drifts. The afternoon train failed to arrive. There has been practically no road traffic.

In 1932, W.D. Grove and his sons, Glen (Casey) and Clarence (Pete) set up a duck hatching plant on the Grove farm east of South English. They installed an electric incubator in the basement of the house to do their hatching. They maintained their own flock of ducks for the hatching eggs. Gathering the eggs was a delicate proposition for the eggs were always laid on the floor and often covered over with straw.

Duck eggs were always considered difficult to hatch in an incubator, but the Groves solved the problem by spraying the eggs thoroughly with warm water.

The ducklings were marketed at ten weeks of age, weighing five pounds or better. The price in Chicago was 7 cents to 8 cents per pound. They had their own truck and Pete and Casey did the driving, delivering 720 birds per load.

In 1939 they purchased the Wenger Hatchery in South English. This plant had a capacity of 70,000 eggs. Several farmers in the area would have their flocks of chickens tested and certified to furnish eggs for hatching. They also began the practice of sexing chicks for production of pullets. They also handled feed and by 1956 the volume of feed handled was such that they quit hatching chicks and sold only for other hatcheries.

They started a hog buying station for Morrell in 1941. In 1956 they became a salaried buyer for the Morell Packing Co.

Casey Grove at his desk in the Morrell Hog Buying Station.

For many years Clarence Brower would go to Montana and Wyoming, buy car loads of lambs, ship them to his farm east of town, feed them and then ship them on to market in Chicago.

O.D., Verle, Ramzie and Berniece Brubaker, standing before part of the equipment used by three generations of the Brubakers.

O.D. Brubaker started trucking in January 1934, specializing in livestock hauling, locally and to Chicago. Using a B4 International with a 16 ft. rack, he would make several trips each week. One week they made five trips - in 1935, which was a dry year;

Brubakers went in the following day, they found things really fouled up - commission firms put up small shanties for offices.

Mr. Brubaker purchased a home made semi (20 Ft.) a few years later; later traded it for a 24 ft. During the war, he had it

trailers at one time.

In 1959 he bought a Mack Diesel and later a double deck trailer. After Verle came back from the army they purchased a tractor and trailer in partnership; later O.D. had the trailers and the drivers owned the tractors.

The first computerized gas pump was installed by Art Green.

Ellen Prandy, Geraldine and Arthur Green in 1937. Jimmie Green is standing in the doorway in the back.

ART & JERRY'S

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Green purchased the business they now operate from John Agnew in 1936. Today (1976), they hold first place in the length of time of continuous service in South English as merchants.

The building in which they operate was moved from a location on Ives Street by Charley McDowell about 1928. Some of the other owners have been Beach, Williams, Cummins and Florang, before the Greens purchased it from Agnew.

An addition was built on the side to make more room in 1937. In 1946 living quarters were added to the back, and a commercial air-conditioning unit added for the whole building. This was the first of this kind of air conditioning, using a water cooling tower, in South English.

June 18, 1936 - The new bus line which was inaugurated Monday between Ottumwa and Cedar Rapids skirts South English on the pavement. For the present, at least, busses will not drive into town but persons desiring to ride may flag the bus just north of the track on the highway.

Busses for Cedar Rapids pass through here at 8:40 a.m. and at 5:10 p.m. There is a minimum charge of 25 cents on packages, no single package to exceed 50 pounds. Tickets are now on sale at Niswander's Cafe.

Art and Jerry's as it appears in 1976.

In front of Billy Fluckey's barber shop in the early 1900's.

August 26, 1936 - from Rickey's "Midnight-Oil" column -

J.F. White showed me a bill of a South English Chautauqua of away back when, in which Edgar Bergen (of Charlie McCarthy fame) was starred in a ventriloquist act. I wonder if any residents recall the performance.

The Restaurant building in the center of the picture was moved to the Art & Jerry's location in 1928.

Jan. 27, 1938 - Starts new Orchestra. - Dave Van Auken has been working on the organization of a Community Orchestra for the past several weeks and the group met for their first rehearsal Tuesday evening of last week. Nineteen were present and enjoyed a good rehearsal. They are planning to make their first appearance at the Community Circle program to be held Thursday evening, February 3. Although there may be more players added, the following is the instrumentation according the first meeting: Violins - Eldon Moore, Joy Louise Dunn, Helen Jean Radebaugh; Clarinets - Will Good, Junior Good, Barbara Ann Coffman, Dorothy Dee Hotchkiss, Robert Allen Sheaffer; Saxophone - Ellen Glanz, Billy Van Dunn; Cello - Kathryn Ann Sloan; Cornets - Lewis Garrett, Glen Sigafoose; Trombone - Donald Garrett; Baritone - Frank Miller; Bass - Wilbur Hamersly; Drum - Beth Brower; Piano - Cleta Keiser. Mr. Van Auken is directing the group.

An 8th Grade History Paper

In the school year of 1920-21, Irene M. Saxton, an eighth grader, was given an assignment to write a history of South English. Wishing to be informative and accurate, she made arrangements to discuss the subject with an early settler, Virgil White. When they met together, he leaned back in his chair, closed his eyes, and narrated the dates and facts as fast as Irene could write them. The resulting history follows:

1820-Sioux, Fox, and Sac Indians camped below Hervey hill on English River.

1844-James Mehaffee and Jacob Bowers settled in old town.

1845-James Thomas and John Houstin settled at Houstin Point on Heald's and Mendenhall's farm.

1846-First birth-daughter of H.C. and Rebecca Rodman - Mat Hennon Rodman.

1846-Son of John Houstin born - William Houstin.

1846-Child of James Thomas died.

1847-Thomas Morgan settled.

1847-H.C. Rodman froze to death.

1848-Talley family came from Tennessee.

1851-M.E. Church organized.

1852-Mr. Brinor and Miss Diana Houstin married.

1852-Elected Town Officers: Trustees-Joel Slate, H.H. Rodman, James Thomas. Clerk: Henry Fawel. Justice: W.S. Slate

1852-Snow 1 foot deep.

1854-Mr. Post opened store.

1854-Town of South English laid out.

1854-First School house built.

1855-First Baptist Church built. Samuel West first pastor.

1856-John Brown stopped at Corda Glandon's.

1856-Christian Church organized. Mr. Matthews pastor.

1857-Union Sunday School organized.

1858-First store, Blacksmith, M.E. Church in old town.

1863-Talley killed. Democrats and Republicans fight. State militia called, town fortified.

1865-First Baptist Church.

1871-First Daily mail service.

1872-Frank James kept saloon.

1873-No. 263 I.O.O.F. organized.

1874-First Christian Church built.

1879-Railroad built. Town moved to present site.

1883-Second school house built.

1888 or 1890-Park laid out.

1890-First Bank owned by J.F. White and son.

1893-South English incorporated.

1906-J.W. Sloan established monument works.

1911-Farmers' Savings Bank organized.

1917-Town wired for electricity. School house remodeled.

1919-Electricity turned on.

Dr. Allen Heald Sr. had first telephone.

John Wenger had first successful automobile.

W.W. White first mayor.

Allen Heald and N.W. Miller were the first doctors.

T.E. Matthews was the first preacher.

James McAfferty kept first hotel.

Frank James gang spent winter here.

THE LUMBER YARD

Wood from the standing native timber was most important to the early settlers so the first sites chosen for building were in or near the growth of trees. The demand for sawed lumber increased as the population increased. Before the local branch line of the railroad came through, pine lumber was hauled by wagon from Washington, Iowa.

There undoubtedly have been many sawmills in this area, both waterpowered and with steam engines. It is still possible in 1976 to get logs sawed into boards.

In 1874, Wertz & Son are listed as proprietors of a steam sawmill. In 1880 Geisler & Garlick are listed as lumber dealers. In 1882 a directory lists H.K. Snavely for lumber. An ad in the 1895 South English Herald has W.H. Smith as a dealer for lumber, grain and coal. We have been told that the office building for the lumber company originally stood where the Standard Oil bulk station is now, and that it faced east.

Sometime in the intervening years the lumber yard was acquired by the Home Lumber Co. In 1912 a group of local people incorporated as the Farmers Grain & Lumber Co. and purchased yard and grain elevator.

Managers for the company have been O.K. Morrison, Mr. Ritner, Albert Noffsinger, W.B. Robison and Hamill Robison, Jr. In 1915 a tall wooden grain elevator was erected. In 1964 the elevator was sold to Don Fosdick. The company now has warehouses facing on Ives Street also.

S.E. Herald, Feb. 15, 1940

The Rev. Miss Nettie Senger will speak at the English River Church of the Brethren, next Sunday, at eleven in the morning. The topic she will speak on is, "Mission Conditions in China since the War."

Great, Great, Great Uncle Israel Miller

This picture is a view of the interior of the Lumber office as it appeared in 1914. The men have tentatively been identified as Israel Miller, John Trusler and Harrison Fry. Standing on the cabinet is an old-fashioned grain testing apparatus. A certain quantity of grain was measured and weighed. It would then be placed in vegetable oil, heated by an alcohol burner until all the moisture was distilled. The condensation was then weighed to get the percentage of moisture in the grain. The bass drum cymbal in the background indicates Morrison was manager at the time this picture was taken for he played bass drum in the band at one time.

Lillian and Hamill Robison in the modernized office of the Farmers Grain & Lumber Co. Norm Walk is at the counter.

Dale Robison is operating a fork truck which handles much of the heavy work around the yard today.

W.B. Robison put in about half a century of work at the Farmers

Santa paying a visit to the streets of South English.

Will Schumann in his shop just north of South English.

Wm. Schumann Blacksmith

It all started when Will was 15 years old; his mother was making soap in a large iron kettle and it was his job to keep the fire going. Using wood and coal for fuel, he discovered that by blowing on the fire he could get it a lot hotter. So he set about making a bellows using material such as old boards, leather from old shoes and cloth from wornout overalls. Encouraged by its success he made larger bellows by using wheels and fans and a tuyere iron and by hand cranking he had a forge that enabled him to work iron. His father had few shop tools so he worked the iron on an old ax head using a claw hammer. He repaired his father's machinery and sharpened the plow lays.

After his father's death he began doing work for neighbors. In 1925 he purchased a post drill from Montgomery Ward, and still uses it. Some blacksmithing tools were secured from Lester Spivey when Spivey took over the Noffsinger shop. Many were picked up at farm sales. He made his own electric welder from a Chevrolet car. His trip hammer cost him $35.

The Schumanns moved to their present location in 1936. The shop building was constructed in 1947.

Besides farming and blacksmithing Will has run a threshing machine, a sawmill and made sorghum molasses. He used an 18-36 Hart Parr for the thresher and the sawmill. He sawed 50,000 board feet of lumber at one place. He made his own burner for boiling the cane juice. Used crankcase oil was the fuel.

Will is 75 years old, is not on Social Security, and says he can still do a days work, only it takes more than a day to do it.

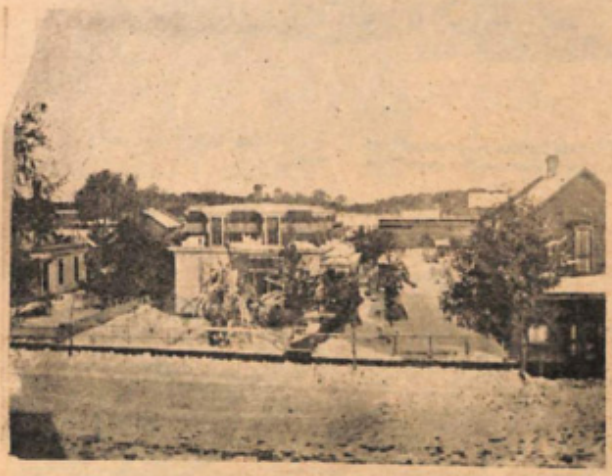
Buses lined up in the school yard at South English awaiting inspection.

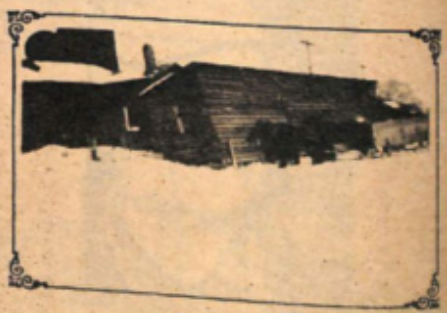
Wayne Lemley in his shop in the Opera House.

Below: The frame building at the right side of this picture is standing where White State Bank is now located. McGowan's Heritage House is in the center.

Wayne Lemley purchased the Spivey blacksmith and welding shop and equipment in 1958. He operated the shop on a full time basis until joining the Amana work force in 1967.

Ads in the 1895 Herald: Bert Sloan, Barber, Somers & Hall, Furniture and Funeral Service. W.H. Smith, Lumber, Grain & Coal.





This crib was used when farmers would bring in ear corn to sell, a wagonload at a time.

If this was a modern hayride, there would be a tractor and a rubber tired wagon.

Moved Band Stand

S.E. Herald, Oct. 10, 1940 - The town assumed a new appearance last week when the band stand was removed from the street intersection. The roof was taken off, the lower part cut away, and the remainder placed on wheels so that it can be moved about. It was taken to the park. The band stand was built between twenty-five and thirty years ago, before automobile developed traffic hazards.

AFTER ALL - - - - Under the Door

She stood in the road where the cars went by,
And they didn't have room for their speed.
So they tore her down as an old-age thing
Which belonged to the buggy and its steed.

She was built years ago where the street corners met,
And stood there through sunshine and sleet;
Horses went by in their clip-clopping way,
Sometimes prancing, sometimes dragging their feet.

She was a gay place on Saturday nights
When the band gathered in to play loud;
They dressed her up neat in red and white paint,
'Twas a band stand to be justly proud.

Children grew up and played round her door,
The town fire-cart stood ready inside.
Hallowe'en pranks even entered her life
A milk cow was brought there to reside.

Time rolled on as time always does
And the men came and took her away,
She's on wheels now and we'll watch for the day
When they bring her back for the band to play.

S.E. Herald, Mar. 5, 1942 - Funeral services were held at North English Sunday for O.K. Morrison. Morrison was manager of the Farmer's Grain and Lumber Co. at one time. His wife and son preceded him in death.

S.E. Herald, April 23, 1942 - According to word received from Lawrence Spivey, president of the South English Alumni Association, the annual banquet will not be held this year. The association was first organized on June 4, 1938, under the sponsorship of the Twentieth Century Club. The meetings have been well attended each year, and it is regretted that there must be a postponement. Many members are now serving the colors and would be unable to

Homer M. Austin was born in Illinois. He studied medicine at Miami University in Ohio. He practiced medicine in South English from 1908 until 1916 when he moved to Wellman. He served as Captain in WW 1. In 1927 he returned to Ohio where he was in the State Department. His son and grandson are M.D.'s in Chicago.

Physicians and M.D.'s

In the earlier accounts of South English we find mentioned as Doctors: N.C. Miller, A. Hale, M.C. Hildebrand, W.W. Newsome, Delos Hurlbut, Dr. Cocklin, J.E. Rankin, C.L. Heald and Dr. Galloway. Dr. H.M. Austin came to this town in October of 1908 and was here until 1916. Following Dr. Austin was Dr. Luther Wall, who in turn sold the practice to Dr. Fred D. Walk. There also have been others practicing from time to time, but the town has been without a home town doctor since Dr. Walk retired in the early 1940's.

Druggists

Drug stores were important to early settlements. Early history names: W.T. Coffman & Co., W.T. Platt, H.C. Coffman, J.V. Johnston and Frank Euler as druggists.

Modeling Mollie Boyd hats. The lady in front was a special hat stylist that came to Mrs. Boyd's shop. To her right was Helen Clark, to her left Eva Stoner. Standing: Lena Richardson and Emma Lester.

Dr. H.M. Austin

Some early comers to the South English community. In front: Mary Stoner. Seated: Elizabeth Brower, Henry Stoner, Catherine Stoner, Peter Brower. Standing: Almeda Stoner, Frank Stoner, Emma Stoner Fry, Joseph Stoner, Cora Stoner, Lula Jackson Stoner, Solomon Stoner. Inset is Dave Fry.

Above--William Smawley, Morgan Sassaman, Charles Sprague and Roy Sprague constructed many of the frame structures in South English and the surrounding community. After the retirement of Smawley and Sassaman, W.J. Garrett joined the Sprague brothers in contracting and building.

Top right--Ross Trusler began contract building in 1950. He is shown here at work at the Farmers Grain & Lumber Co.

Second right--James Morgan began helping his brother-in-law in the electric business over 20 years ago. He spent three years in the service and worked for contractors before coming to South English in 1974 and starting his own business.

Third right--Harold Coffman was caught in the act of leaping down from his machine as he was preparing for a day's work of maintaining the county's roads. He has been employed by the county for several years.

Below--Mr. and Mrs. Byron Powell purchased a farm southwest of South English in 1950. In the following years Byron dismantled several older buildings in South English and used the lumber to erect structures on that farm. About 1965 he began doing carpenter work for other people and at the present time is kept fully employed at the trade. Mrs. Powell is busy at home caring for the 400 layers they have housed on the farm. We can say the hens have an historical background. They are in buildings made of lumber from the depot, White's Store, J.H. Lester Building, Dunn's garage and part of the Dillaway House.