

THE FORMER DAYS IN WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

As I remember there has always been three churches in Whitestown, a good school and fine basketball team. At one time there were three doctors. Dr. Milligan, Dr. Little and Dr. Taylor. The office of Dr. Milligan was across the street from Laughners Drug Store. Dr. Littles office was opposite and across the street, from what was know then as the Kirtley mill and this building where the office was, is still there. As to the exact location of Dr. Taylors office, I am not sure.

Sometime later the sad news to the town and surrounding community came, that Dr. Milligan had met his death by a train accident at the railroad crossing in the center of town.

Back down the street from the Kirtley mill was True and True Lumberyard. Across the railroad in the brick building was Jerry Neidlinger and Son feed store, which consisted of material, groceries, etc. Adjoining the building on the south side, was a cream station, managed by Mae Foster. How well I remember, my mother, Mrs. Scott Harmon and I taking our ice cream there.

On the railroad, beginning from the corner, was a barber shop, where it is now, owned by Robert Linville. Along here also was a bakery and Hine's Grocery. And to where the meat shop was located, I don't remember, but I believe it was the Hagers, who had it. As to the location of the Post Office, at this time, I am not sure but have heard it was back of Hines Grocery, somewhere on that street. Kate Huckleberry was postmistress. I do know that at one time later, the Post Office was where the bank is now and I believe Eva Miller was postmistress then, with Mrs. Spough, assisting.

Next to Laughners Drug Store was the McMakin Printing office, who also put out the town paper, know as the Whitestown Dispatch. On this side of the street was a filling station but I don't remember who owned it. On the corner was a department store, but I don't remember the owner. Employees were Emma Fulwider and Lena Drissenberry. On the other side of the store was a grocery and Carl Bratton had charge of it.

Coming back North from where the marshall office is now, was a dwelling and later a store which sold material and various articles, managed by Mrs. Clarence Pipes, I believe. Then on down, was another grocery run by L. D. Parke. I believe too, that he was a minister and I think he preached at Pleasant View Church, East of town, for a while. Near the grocery was Gray's Hardware with Paul Hand hiring an employee there.

On the corner was the Van Horn Restaurant and across the street was the telephone exchange. I believe I remember one of the operators, Mrs. Bonnie Linville.

And we must not forget the InterurbanStation, located near where later was the Clarence Hand property. How well I remember of my Father, Mother and myself coming here and taking the Interurban to Lebanon, probably to pay the taxes and do shopping and we would spend most of the day there, which we certainly enjoyed.

Too, the Red Men's Picnic was an added attraction and was held once a year on Saturday, in what was know then as Stark's Park. They had stands of different kinds, rides like the merry-go-round, ferris wheel, etc. The Churches served meals which was very nice and good. We usually had a speaker in the afternoon and various entertainment. At about 5 PM there was a balloon ascension. (Continued on next page.)

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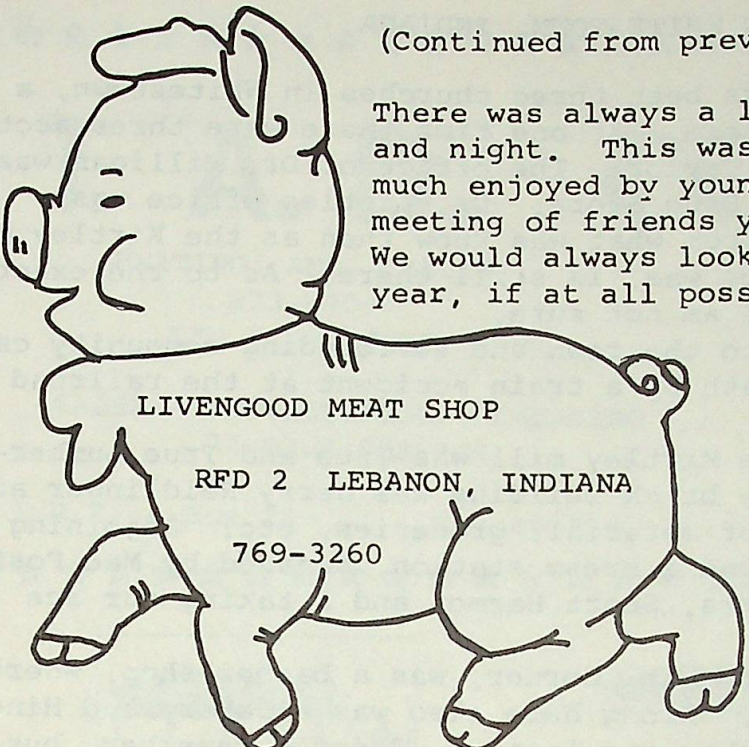
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There was always a large crowd in attendance, both day and night. This was really a day well spent and very much enjoyed by young and old alike. Especially meeting of friends you haven't seen for a long time. We would always look forward to going again the next year, if at all possible.

Later, when some of the buildings burned, Carl Livengood built the building where the Fire Department is now. Mr. Livengood put a hardware store in the building.

The above material was given to us by Mrs. Raymond Wooden. She evidently has very pleasant memories of Whitestown. I only hope that when I am her age, I

can look back and see only the good things about the town in which I live.



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