

History of Sherwood, Ohio
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In 1880 Sherwood Village was favored with her first druggist, when James K. Denman, who had married Miss Emma Speaker and residing in The Bend, opened a drug store in Sherwood, continuing the business two years after he again resumed his medical profession as a general practitioner in The Bend before locating in Sherwood as a practicing physician with offices in the Openlander building where he remained until his death.

Succeeding Denman, the druggist, was Dr. E. J. Potter, Pharmacist, who continued the drug store business until he removal from Sherwood. Dr. Potter was followed in business by James H. Miller, a competent chemist and pharmacist, a graduate of the Chicago School of Pharmacy.

When the newly built Town Hall was made ready for occupancy, The Sherwood Banking Co. was organized and established in the location of the present Sherwood State Bank with Mr. Miller, the druggist, becoming Sherwood's first bank cashier. Druggist Miller had sold his drug business to a prominent young man from Williams County, who has recently prepared himself as pharmacist, a graduate from the school of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio.

When William C. Newman became established in his chosen profession in the south room of the Openlander Block (Cooper), on May 22, 1901, the young druggist married Miss Estella Miller, a daughter of the late Stewart and Harriet (Armstrong) Miller and began housekeeping in a remodeled home on South Harrison Street (Noffsinger residence)

In the latter years of the new century's first decade, Mr. Newman constructed the commodious residence, corner Vine

and Taylor Streets, where they resided and reared their family of three daughters Dene, Janice and Elsie (deceased)

In 1934, Mr. Newman purchased the corner business rooms from the Kuhl estate and removed his stock of drugs, wallpaper, etc., to the new location where this old established business house remains to this date.

On August 22, 1960, Mr. Newman suffered the loss of his wife after a brief illness and injury sustained in a fall at her home.

Previously, to his wife's death, Mr. Newman had disposed of his store to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Musselman of Sherwood. ending a tenure of nearly 60 years of faithful service to an appreciative patronage, having served, also, in official capacities in numerous public offices of trust in the interest of his adopted town in which he had great pride and faith.

William C. Newman left Sherwood Saturday morning to make his future home with a daughter, Janice - the Ed Colcotts - at Bucyrus, Ohio; and with him, he has the gratitude and best wishes of his many friends in the Sherwood community.

In June, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bayliss purchased the Musselman Store, and it is now known as Don's Variety Store. The new owners will continue to serve their many patrons by extending to the public courteous attention, and will have on sale gifts for all occasions, one day film developing service, a display of toys for children, magazines and books, packaged drugs, sundries, soda fountain service, and will feature school supplies for all students, etc.

Don and Marcella welcome you and will appreciate your patronage.