A. H. Junge, Veterinarian

Dr. A. H. Junge, our first veterinarian came to Reedsville from Random Lake in 1914. That same year he married Mable Klug. He wrote his exams and passed the State Boards after he located here. Dr. Junge had a lot of competition because people were accustomed to calling in the older men in the community to doctor their horses and would have no part of a "young feller". Dr. bought his first horse and buggy in 1914 but when the train came through town, the horse became frightened and broke buggy, harness and all.

In 1931, Dr. bought his first snowmobile. He had it only a short time when they started to plow the roads and it was of no use.

Dr. Junge practiced in our community for 50 years. Like so many of our successful businessmen, he served on the Board of Education for 12 years and as a village trustee for six years.

Kabat's Country Gardens

The abstract dates back to July 15, 1852, when the land was deeded to George Reed from the State of Wisconsin. The plat of Reedsville dates back to December 10, 1856 when the owners of the land were George Reed, Charles Klingholz and John Hermann. Lots 11 and 12 were sold to Fredrick King on February 10, 1858.

Barbara Kings bought the land from the County of Manitowoc for tax title. She turned the land over to Gotlieb Gruett on April 15, 1864. This same land was sold by the State of Wisconsin and the County of Manitowoc to Charles Klingholz.

Bridget Gruett, widow of Gotlieb Gruett sold to Thomas Meany, April 18, 1890. The business changed hands in 1905 when it was sold to Charles Nenahlo. In January 1909, Simon Steffes purchased the property from Nenahlo and April 7, 1912, Steffes sold to Julius Jantz. Mr. Jantz leased the store building to Dave Zimmerman in September 1913. In 1914, Jantz sold to John J. Ott.

May 1, 1915, Carl Luedtke purchased the building. He kept the business until July 1, 1927, when Ignatius (Ig) and William Kabat bought the building.

In July, 1927, partners Ig and William began to operate the establishment under the name of Kabat Brothers. Ig was the tavernkeeper, William was the harnessmaker and their brother Joseph was the shoe repairman.

The William Kabat family resided in the living quarters above the tavern.

May 28, 1933, Ig was held up and shot through the leg. The bandit escaped and his identity never became known.

June 25, 1937 Kabats installed 408 food lockers which became an asset to the community.

"Ig" and "Bill" continued as partners until October 27, 1958. They had been partners in business for 31 years. At this time, Ig took over the business alone on January 1, 1959. Mrs. William Kabat had passed away in 1955, so Bill lived in his home until his death in 1964. Joseph continued to work for Ig for about a year but lived in retirement for several years until his death in 1961. His wife, Mary passed away in 1973.

June 26, 1959 was a big day for Ig and his wife Anna, children Virginia, Harold and Margaret Ann as they broke ground for a 16 x 52 addition. The establishment known as Kabat’s Bar and Diner made the first step toward broasted chicken and charbroiled steaks and was to be known as "The House Of Broasted Foods."

Expansion was again begun and an addition of 50 x 58 was added, making the present size of the building 124 x 60.

Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Kabat operated the bar until July 1, 1964 when he and his wife Bernice purchased it. Their brother-in-law, James Winter was hired as chef to operate the kitchen.

Bernice Kabat, the former Bernice Herrmann passed away in July, 1971. The business was then sold to Donald Theroux in 1972. The name was changed to Pair-A-Tees.

Harold then purchased the Maertz Grocery Store and started shoe repair and shoe store. His father, Ig helped him for about a year until he died in 1973. Harold then built a
laundry and dry cleaner which is being operated at the present time.

On May 17, 1975, Harold and his wife, Laverne who he married June 8, 1974, once again took over management of the tavern. It now goes under the name Kabat's Country Gardens.

Harold and Laverne reside with their children, David, Kay Lynn, Michelle, Bonnie and Debbie at 353 Madison Street, Brillton.

Harold enjoys watching baseball and enjoys bowling. He has many fond memories of this community. One is bowling a 714 on the Reedsville Lanes in 1948. His wife enjoys bridge, racketball and golf.

Kadow Market

The land on the northwest corner of Fifth and Manitowoc Streets in the village of Reedsville was purchased by Fred Young in 1926. Shortly afterward, he built the building that stands on this corner. Mr. Young and his sons operated a meat market.

In 1933, Carl Krieg of Manitowoc rented the building. He operated the meat market as Krieg's Meat Market, No. 5. Arthur Kadow was hired to manage the meat market, as the other four markets were in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Besides carrying on the retail meat business, the Reedsville market bought calves and poultry from the surrounding area to provide veal and poultry for the city markets.

In 1941, Arthur Kadow and his wife Marie bought the business from Mr. Krieg. In 1942, they bought the property from Fred Young. Mr. Kadow built the slaughterhouse and did custom slaughtering for the farmers. He and his wife operated the business until his death in 1953.

It was then rented for a short time.

In 1955, Kenneth Kuether, a son-in-law of Arthur Kadow, took over the business. It was known as the Kuether-Kadow Market. He operated it until 1965.

The building is presently owned by Mrs. Marie Kadow. It is rented by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 5798 as their clubhouse.

Kochan's Service Garage

Kochan's Garage was built by John Schaarbach in 1922. A carload and a half of cement went into its construction. Mr. Schaarbach operated a garage until 1935 when the Kochans decided to become Reedsville residents. They rented the building until 1938 when they purchased it from Schaarbach.

A fire in 1937 caused extensive damage to the building. Myron and Olive Kochan and their family were unable to live in the living quarters for five weeks due to the time spent repairing the establishment.

"Shorty", as he is known to many people, was tagged with the nickname by the late Otto Humburg, who operated the tavern now known as Keune's Welcome Inn. Prior to moving to Reedsville, "Shorty" worked as a mechanic in Green Bay, then served four years in the Navy. After his discharge, he went back to the same trade and worked for St. Clair Chevrolet Company and later at Lowe Brothers Chevrolet Company in Manitowoc.

For some years "Shorty" had the Nash and Plymouth-DeSoto car agency. In the fifties and sixties he specialized in repairing cars and tractors and took care of the needs of many of the farmers. He also added a sideline of repairing small electric appliances. He took a course and graduated from National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C.

Shorty's first customer was William Maertz, Sr. One of the first wreckers in the village was constructed by Charles Hintz, Robert Feile and Shorty Kochan on a 1926 Chevrolet that had been owned by "Butch" Wagner to haul ice. The fellows put in much time on the project and Mr. Feile put a crane on the unit. Mr. Kochan used the wrecker for years to come. In fact, he wore out three such units.

He was the representative of the American Automobile Association, which meant taking care of calls at all hours of the night.