Ottelien Shoes

August Ottelien was born in Hanover, Germany in 1862. He came to the United States in 1880 and settled in Manitowoc. He came to Reedsville about 1890 and began the shoe business in the building next to the present shoe store. The present building was purchased in 1902.

All shoes were handmade in the early years of this century. Even after the retirement of August Ottelien in 1928, many customers came to have shoes "handmade" and Grandpa Ottelien had to come down to the store to make them.

Art Ottelien bought the business in 1928 and operated it under the name of "Art's Shoes." After Art died in 1968, his wife Marie took over the business until 1971. Now the proprietor is Marie's sister Helen Wachai. The name remains Art's Shoes.


Pautz Hardware

E. W. Pautz came from Waupaca in 1899. He and his wife opened a hardware store in the Shimon building. They bought a home on the site of James Phillips residence. The home was moved back and on this location Pautz built his store in 1903. At first it was just a sheet metal business. Later they were in the hardware and plumbing lines, too. Some of the early employees were Fred Reinert and August F. Rusch.

This business made milk cans by hand for cheese factories both locally and in northern Wisconsin, to which they were sent by express.

Much of the work was in putting on tin roofs.

E. W. Pautz died in 1926. Then the store was operated by Earl Pautz and Harry Krueger.

January 31, 1939 Mrs. E. W. Pautz sold the business to Earl H. and Hilda Pautz. They in turn sold it to Matthias L. and Edna G. VanLannen in 1944. The next owners were Clarence J. and Margaret VanLannen.
James and Helen Phillips bought the hardware store November 23, 1949 and operated it as such. In October 1961, they remodeled it into an apartment building.

Piepenburg and Reichardt Garage

Reinhold Piepenburg and Art Reichardt operated a garage on Manitowoc Street. The first shop was used for machinery. They built the building which is now Reedsville Sheet Metal.

The large windows are reminders that this once was a showroom for new cars. They also repaired cars.

Piepenburg and Reichardt had the Ford dealership. They hired a few young men to make the trip to Michigan and then return to Reedsville via Chicago driving the new cars. This took place around the year 1917 when Fords sold for $400 to $500 a car.

Piepenburg & Reichart in 1908. Located on Manitowoc Street between 6th and 7th.

Pritzl Station

The service station building owned by Barney Pritzl is located on the corner of Fourth Street and Highway 10.

Elmer Hein built it after Highway 10 was rebuilt, then sold it to Richard Neuser. Pritzl purchased it in 1949 and operated it for five years.

Since that time the following persons have rented it and operated the service station: Claude Meyer, Vernon Kabat, Allan and Donald Eichhorst, Don Schuh, Charles Kuene, Ronald Reis, Barnard Oil, Vernon Bauknecht, and Dave Corbeil. At the present time it is unoccupied.