This picture of the old bridge on Manitowoc Street was printed by L. A. Busse, druggist in Reedsville.

Gust Olm home — Tavern — Meat Market 1915 (now Wagners Tavern)

Wagner's Bar

Wagner's Stumble Inn had its beginnings as Olm's in 1890. Gustav Olm and his brother-in-law, Joe Wills, owned this property in partnership. It consisted of one bowling alley and tavern. In 1892, Gustav Olm bought out Wills, thus becoming the sole owner. In 1898, Mr. Olm tore down the building and rebuilt the present building. The large structure housed living quarters, a tavern, meat market, and boarding house. There were as many as fifty people rooming and boarding there at one time.

The land extended from Menasha Street through to Mill Street and although the business places faced Menasha Street, there was a slaughter house, smoke house and large barn in back. Later on, the land on Mill Street was sold to A. H. Rusch and Son.
Mr. Olm had horses of his own and some of the roomers kept their horses in the barn, too. The building which originally housed the Kugle garage and has since been torn down was also owned by the Olms. It was then a machine shop and Mr. Olm had intended to turn it into a garage by adding on, but he passed away before those plans were completed.

It was necessary to have a huge ice block for cooling meat. The ice house was located upstairs. They used a horse, rope and pulleys to pull big blocks of ice up through a door and pile it up to keep the meat below cool. A butcher shop and small store was off the tavern.

The house located just east of the Stumble In Bar was at one time a shoe and millinery store. Mrs. Olm had it remodeled after her husband died. Then she and her children lived there after she no longer operated the tavern.

In October of 1909, when the Reedsville State Bank was robbed, the two horses used for getting away were taken from the Olms.

In 1915 Mr. Olm died. Mrs. Olm and her family ran the business until she retired. She then rented it to Charles Ryan. Following Ryan there were Kurt Huebner, Peter Zarnoth, Stenger, Charles Meissner, and Sylvan Torisson. The Olm family then decided to sell the building and it was purchased by Charles Gillis who operated the business for about two years. The building again changed hands and it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reiser in 1947. Ted and Tekela Reiser operated it until July 1, 1952 when they rented it to Sylvan Torisson. Gene Behnke rented it from 1954 to 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiser again operated it and rented out apartments until 1965 when they rented it to Elroy Seibert. Elroy and Carole Seibert operated the tavern until 1968. Ralph Kocourek managed the business for the next two years.

In 1970 John and Dorothy Wagner bought “Stumble Inn” from Ted and Tekela Reiser. They are operating it at the present time in 1976.

Wenzlaff Cigar Shop

Charles Kocourek started his cigar shop about 1900. The factory adjoned Kabats Bar. Emil Wenslaff took over in 1905. Around the year 1920, Wenzlaff employed three or four cigar makers and two leaf strippers. They made as many as 300 cigars per day. Wenzlaff acted as salesman and sold the cigars. John Luscher and John Vander Louis assisted in the manufacturing. Later John Vander Louis practiced the trade at his home. The brand was known as Shoe-Peg Cigars. The original building has since been torn down.

Wilhelm’s Resale

Wilhelm’s Resale Shoppe, formerly Miller’s Service Station, dates back to 1925 when the late William Miller established the first station in the Village of Reedsville. He had a small cement block building erected and that original station was the nucleus of the present building. It later housed the oil tanks and air compressor.

Prior to this time “Bill” Miller and his family, wife, five daughters and one son, lived on a farm in the Clark Mills area and just before coming to Reedsville he had resided on a farm near Bonduel. When they moved here, the Millers bought the home of Henry Wordell, which is now being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller. Bill handled the products of Valders Oil Company with which the filling was still affiliated until the time of Leonard’s closing upon his retirement. It has always been a privately owned station, with the Standard Oil Company leasing the station from the Millers.

In 1932 Leonard Miller entered the station picture. Leonard had ideas of expanding the business and in 1934, he and his father started selling farm implements. They were