garage from Roger Olm along with land on the south side of Highway 10 for a used equipment lot.

In April of 1968 the partnership of Miller and Willems was dissolved with R. H. Willems staying in the farm equipment business and the new business as it is today called R. H. Willems Equipment Company.

When Ray Miller left the partnership, he returned with his brothers Vic and C. J. at the John Miller Supply Company in St. Nazianz to start a dealer organization for the distribution of Leyland Tractors in the states of Wisconsin and Michigan.

R. H. Willems has remained in the farm equipment business and the auction business. In 1971 the former Sheahan building was purchased for a service shop and also for assembly of new equipment. In 1972 4½ acres of land were purchased for display of new and used equipment on Highway 10.

The two major suppliers for the R. H. Willems Equipment Company are the John Miller Supply company, who supply the Leyland Tractors and the Gehl Company, who supply all the forage harvesting equipment.

R. H. Willems Equipment Company has the recognition of being the largest volume Gehl dealer in the world in the past two years.

Present employees of R. H. Willems Equipment Company are Donna McDonough who has been with the company for 25 years, Vernon (Marty) Marsichek, Wilfred Schulz, Myron (Shorty) Kochan, John (Grand Pa) Willems, Larry Vallesky, Tom Haeflerisch, Jim Savage, Dale (Beaver) Barnard, Greg Willems, and Jack Willems, with R. H. (Bob) directing the sales of the company. Donna McDonough assumes the responsibilities of the office and accounts. Vernon Marsichek is in charge of all shop, delivery service and parts for the company.

Wojta Store

W. I. Wojta bought the general merchandise store in 1909. He sold it to George Pappe who changed to groceries in 1940. Later the business changed hands again when Andy Schmitt bought it. The business was discontinued and it was changed to a residence.

Ye Olde Inn

The United States of America sold the land to the State of Wisconsin October 14, 1848. George Reed bought all of Reedsville July 29, 1852. In 1857 Ludwig and Wilhelmina Rusch bought the land. In 1876 Ludwig Rusch built the building that is known as Ye Olde Inn.

A huge dance hall is now the tavern and side room. Where the bowling lanes are located, there once stood a blacksmith shop operated by Frank Koudelka. At that time Tom and Mary Koudelka tapped the beer.

In 1916 Michael Benzschawel rented the tavern from the Koudelkas. Michael had two sons, George and Paul.

In 1923 George Benzschawel and Christine Cherney were married. They made their home with Mike Benzschawel to help with the tavern operation. In the winter of 1923 Benzschawel sold to Feigel and Mutschinsky.

In 1936 the building once again reverted to the Benzschawels, George and his wife Christine, and Paul and his wife Alvina. Christine and George had a daughter, Marion.

In 1939 and 1940 the four bowling lanes were added. In 1945 Christine Benzschawel and Jerry and Marion Mulhaney bought the tavern and bowling alleys from Paul Benzschawel. It was then that the place was to become known as "Ye Olde Inn".

Paul Benzschawel passed away May 5, 1956. Jerome Mulhaney moved to Manitowoc in
1958.

The year 1966 brought a remodeling change. Marion and her husband, Charles Winfrey, took over the task of rejuvenating the tavern. They were helped by Mr. Hilmer Grams. Over a four-month period they tore down the outside shell of the barn on the Paulina Krueger farm, pulled nails and ran the boards through a planer. They looked for the wood with the most character and knot holes and gallantly nailed them to the walls. With the aid of fine weathered barn boards, porch posts, wainscoting, wallpaper and many times working through the night, it was finally finished. The adventure certainly didn't end on a note of elegance, but it created an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality that the owners could be rightly proud of.

In 1971 Carl and Kay Handrick bought Ye Olde Inn. They installed automatic pin setters in 1974 to the delight of all the bowlers. Since that time the number of leagues has increased. In 1975 air conditioning and air cleaners were added. The alleys were redecorated.

Carl and Kay have three children: Sheila, 3; Christopher, 2; and Todd, 1. Carl also works part-time for the Reedsdale Water Department. He is president of the Reedsdale Athletic Association and on the board of the Manitowoc County Tavern League. Both are active members in St. Mary Parish. This hard working couple is an asset to our fair village.

Active organizations in Reedsdale in 1976 are:

American Field Service
American Legion Auxiliary
American Legion
Amvets
Athletic Association
Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts
Firemen
Girl Scouts
Homemakers
4-H Club
Housing Authority
Industrial Development Corporation
Jaycees
Knights of Columbus
Lions
Lionettes
Reedsdale Education Association
Senior Citizens Group
Sportsmen's Club
Reedsdale Board of Education