EDWARDS & KORTENDICK

Waterford's youngest business child—Edwards & Kortendick—came into existence the fifteenth day of July, 1922, when William J. Edwards, of Burlington, and George Kortendick, of Waterford, jointly purchased the Malone business block on Main street and formed a partnership which three days later took over the entire stock of the late Henry H. Kempken, whose tragic death took place on Sunday, July 2.

This general store, now the property of Edwards & Kortendick, was in the dead of winter as they do at the present time.

The store was moved to its present home in 1904 by Mr. Malone who in 1906 sold a half interest in the business to Henry H. Kempken. After the death of Mr. Malone, Mr. Kempken, on June 1, 1918, became the sole owner continuing the business in the Malone block until the time of his death. Sixteen days later the stock was purchased by Edwards & Kortendick.

The east end of the substantial building shown in the picture was erected by Halbach Bros., soon after the big fire, July 2, 1895, and was used by them for a hardware store. They sold the building to a man by the name of Huth, who used it for a saloon. Mr. Malone purchased it of Mr. Huth and moved his printing office to it from the second floor of the building on the opposite side of the street. In 1904 Mr. Malone put up the large addition at the west, moving to the first floor of this new part, his general store and using the apartment above as his home. The rooms over the printing office were used by Dr. Frances Malone as his offices until after his marriage when he moved them to his home. The flat is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maas.

A dwelling house and a store building which stood where the Edwards & Kortendick building now stands were burned in the big fire which destroyed the greater part of the business center of Waterford twenty-four years ago.

The partners of this new firm are well known in this community where they have spent their entire lives. Will Edwards is a former Dover boy, and a graduate of the old Rochester academy, class of 1898. Soon after his graduation he purchased an interest in the general store at Rochester. About two years ago he sold his interests in Rochester to C. W. Atherton and since then has made Burlington his home. Mr. Edwards' family is now occupying the apartment above the store which Mrs. Malone has just vacated.

Waterford has always been the home of Mr. Kortendick. Since selling his farm on the west side he has been employed by the Waterford Milling Co.

Mr. Kortendick and son Al, as well as Mr. Edwards and other clerks are now busily engaged in looking after the large trade this general store is enjoying. The new partners plan to operate the business along the lines followed by their predecessors and to maintain in every particular the same high standards of business honor and integrity. Success to them.