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618 Iowa Ave

Current Business: Bonsall TV & Appliance

Previous Businesses:

Building "A"

Demolished and rebuilt as extension to Bonsall TV & Appliance (2008)

Jerry's Sugar Bowl Cafe, Jerry Spotts (1965-70s)

1976 – Owned by Clarence and Robing Davis

1966 – Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robin Davis

1965 – Owned by Jerry Spotts

Corny's Café, LaVonna Cornelius (1957-1965)

Jap and Lela's Café (Jasper "Jap" and Lela Reeder) (1956-1957)

Siglin Café (Mr. and Mrs. Bill Siglin) (1955-1956)

York Café (Mrs. Clifford York) (1955-1955)

Ott Café (Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leytham) (1953-1955)

Madge's Café (Clark Dunham and Jim Schaben) (1952-1953)

Madge's Café (Mrs. Madge Peters) (1952-1953)

*Madge owned a café at three different times in Dunlap

The Busy B Café (Gloa Betchel) (1950-1952) – Moved to this location from another location

Dunlap Produce Company (-1949)

1867 – Dunlap was platted















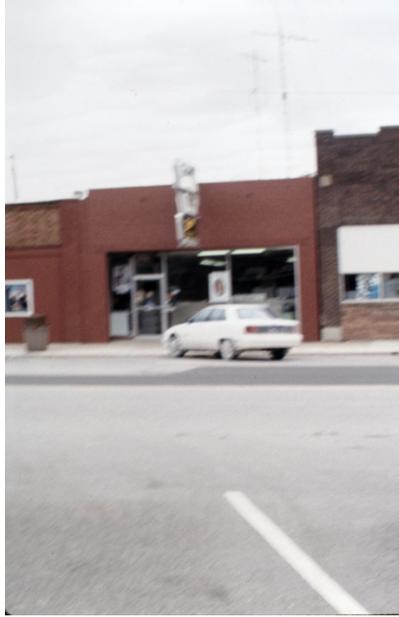








Building A



Building B



Building C

Building "A"

October 20, 1949 – Dunlap Reporter

Dunlap Business Places are Sold

Cafe and Produce Shop Change Hands

Two business changes have taken place in Dunlap the past few days. Last week Clark Dunham purchased the **Dunlap Produce** from S. R. DeCou of Woodbine. The business was formerly operated by Charles Pritchett.

Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith took over the management and operation of Herb's Cafe which they purchased from "Herb" Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are former Dunlap business people. They had operated the D-X Service Station until they were forced to give it up this summer because of his health. Mr. Smith spent several weeks in the Veteran's hospital in Lincoln and is now much improved.

November 3, 1949 – Dunlap Reporter

W.S.C.S. To Hold Scrap Bag Bazaar

The Womens Society of Christian Service will hold a Scrap Bag Bazaar Nov. 19 in the Clark Dunham building formerly occupied by the **Dunlap Produce**.

Harley Betchels Buy Smith Cafe

Will Hold Formal Opening Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Betchel of San Diego, Calif., have purchased Smith's Cafe in Dunlap and will take over its operation January 1. The deal was completed last week. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith, who have operated the cafe for the past few months, have not announced their plans for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Betchel and daughter Lurean have rented the house from John Sondag, recently vacated by the Dean Jones family. They will make their home there as soon as their furniture arrives from California. Mr. Betchel is a former Dunlap man and is a brother of Mrs. Ivan Corey.

The past two weeks they have been in Iowa, spending most of the time in Dow City with her parents. For the past eight and a half years they have lived in California where he was employed with the Interstate Bakers. Mrs. Betchel, who has had former restaurant experience, will be in active charge of the cafe here. Since Dunlap stores will be closed Monday they will hold a formal opening of the cafe Tuesday, as announced in the advertising columns of the Reporter this week.

Announcement

**Smith's Cafe Will Have A
New Owner Starting
Tuesday, Jan. 2**

Cafe Name To Be Announced Later

Come In --- Let Us Serve You

We Will Do Our Best To Please

**Free Coffee
All Day Tuesday**

Gloa Betchel

DUNLAP, IOWA

Smith's Cafe Is Now **Busy B Cafe**

Thanks . . .

We wish to express our appreciation for the fine reception given us, and the interest shown by old friends and customers during the past two weeks, since we have taken charge of the Smith Cafe. We pledge our best efforts to merit your continued interest and patronage.

— Mrs. Gloa Betchel



We Invite You to Make the Busy B Your Eating Headquarters

- Complete Meals
- Short Orders
- Steaks
- Fresh French Fries
- Coffee
- Home-Made Pie
- Home-Made Cake
- Meadow Gold Ice Cream

Prompt Service — Food You'll Like

BUSY B CAFE

Mrs. Gloa Betchel, Owner

NOTICE — **The Busy B Cafe** (formerly Herb's Cafe) will be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week while moving. The restaurant will re-open in the former location of the Dunlap Produce. 6-1

April 20, 1950 – Dunlap Reporter

BUSY B CAFE OPENS IN NEW SPOT WEDNESDAY

The Busy B Cafe, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Betchel, opened in its new location Wednesday morning. It has moved to the building on the south side of the street, formerly occupied by the Dunlap Produce company.

The Betchels have operated the cafe here since the first of the year when they purchased it from Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Smith. Before that it had been operated by Herb Hunter. The cafe was closed the first of the week during the moving process.

March 8, 1951 – Madge did not own restaurant in Dunlap at this time (She owned a restaurant in Dunlap at three different times in her life.)

Madge Peters Will Return to California

Mrs. Madge Peters arrived in Dunlap Thursday from Santa Monica, Cal. She had spent the past three months there at the home of her mother, Mrs. Howard Zimmerman. She plans to return to California in a couple of weeks. She has rented her home here to Mr. and Mrs. Garth Veech of Dow City.

Madge Peters Re-Opens Cafe

Buys Busy B Eating Place

Mrs. Madge Peters has purchased the Busy B Cafe and opened it Monday morning under her management. The cafe and been closed for several weeks. Mrs. Peters will be associated in the operation of the cafe with her son Gerald Peters. It will now be known as Madge's Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peters have moved to Dunlap and are making their home in the former Raymond Fitzgerald residence which was recently purchased by Phil Shields. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have been making their home on a farm near Red Lake Falls, Minn., for the past four years, where he recently held a farm sale. They have two daughters.

Announcement . . .

I Wish to Announce That I Have Purchased The Busy B Cafe

IT IS NOW OPEN UNDER OUR MANAGEMENT

We have changed the name and it will be known as Madge's Cafe. To all our old customers and friends and the former customers of the Busy B—we invite you to make this your headquarters for . . .

- MEALS
- LUNCHES
- ICE CREAM
- SHORT ORDERS
- COFFEE
- Pie

FREE Friday

From 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

20 Doz. Pilley's Ice Cream Bars for The Youngsters
COFFEE for EVERYONE

Come In and See Us Everyday!

Madge's Cafe

Madge Peters, Owner

Dunlap, Iowa

December 25, 1952 – Dunlap Reporter

Christmas Party At Madge's Cafe

Mrs. **Madge Peters** held a Christmas party at her Cafe Friday evening for her employees. The evening was spent visiting, and a gift exchange was held. Those present were, Lola Boyce, Donna Smith, Wilma McCoid, Lorraine Price, Mae Terrell, and Lola Egan.

December 28, 1952 – Dunlap Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schaben entertained their employees and wives at a turkey dinner Tuesday evening at **Madge's cafe**. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Schaben were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schiltz, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Will Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Malone, Hank Buter, Pat Quirk, Bill Burks, Herman Schwarte and Foster Tillet.

August 6, 1953 – Dunlap Reporter

Leythams Buy Madge's Cafe

Will Open Monday Morning

Mr. and Mrs. **Otto - Leytham** have purchased Madge's Cafe and will open it for business Monday morning, according to announcement made this week by Mr. Leytham.

The Cafe has been closed for the past week or more. It was purchased from Mrs. Madge Peters by Clark Dunham and Jim Schaben who later sold it to the Leythams. The deal was completed Wednesday of last week. The Leythams who had spent the past two months in Idaho are now living in the apartment in the George Hicks place.

April 21, 1955 – Dunlap Reporter

New Ownership
— FOR —
Ott's Cafe

We wish to announce that we have purchased Ott's Cafe and it is now under our management. We extend a sincere invitation for your patronage. Please come in and get acquainted. You'll find the same fine food and prompt service.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford York

Thank You . . .

Now that we have sold our cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford York — we want to express our sincere thanks for your fine patronage and friendship in the past. It has been indeed appreciated. We hope you will give our successor the same fine consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Leytham

June 13, 1955 – Dunlap Reporter

**SIGLIN'S BUY
YORK CAFE
IN DUNLAP**

A deal was completed last week in which Mr. and Mrs. Will Siglin purchased the York Cafe in Dunlap and took possession of it Saturday. Mrs. Clifford York of Logan purchased the cafe from Ott Leytham several weeks ago and had operated it since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Siglin have had considerable experience in the operation of cafes and restaurants.

June 21, 1956 – Dunlap Reporter

**Fire Alarm Wednesday
At Siglin Cafe**

The Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department made a short run Wednesday morning about 6:45 when an alarm was turned in from the Siglin Cafe. Cooking fat caught fire but was quickly extinguished with little or no damage.

August 23, 1956 – Dunlap Reporter

REEDERS BUY SIGLIN CAFE HERE MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Reeder are now the owners and operators of the Siglin Cafe, according to a deal that was completed Monday. Also figuring in the transaction was an 80 acre farm belonging to the Reeder's which went to the Siglins. Mr. and Mrs. Reeder have been making their home in Dunlap the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Siglin purchased the cafe 14 months ago and had operated it since that time.

bert home.

Announcing . . . New Ownership

FOR THE

Siglin Cafe

We wish to announce that we have purchased the **Siglin Cafe** and are now in charge of its operation. We invite you to continue to make this your Coffee-Break and Mealtime Headquarters. We pledge our best efforts to give you Prompt Service, Courteous Treatment and Wholesome Appetizing Meals and Snacks. The only change is in the Name — Jap and Lela's Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jap" Reeder

Thank You . . .

Now that we have sold our Cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Jap Reeder, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your generous patronage during the past months. It has indeed been a pleasure to serve you. We highly recommend our successors and trust you will continue to favor them with your patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Siglin

Work Starts on Business Block

Bonsalls Plan Expansion

Work was started this week on a new business building in Dunlap. The Bonsall Appliance is starting on an expansion program, which when completed will move the television, radio and electronics department into the new location.

The building will be constructed on the vacant lot between Egan's recreation parlor and Corny's Cafe. It will be of cement block construction, with a 25-foot glass and brick front and a depth of 74 feet. The building will be one story and construction work has been contracted to the Fouts Construction Co. of Dow City. It is expected to be ready for occupancy in July.

In commenting about the project John Bonsall said, "To improve service facilities for all electronic equipment, we are moving part of our operation to the new building. It will house the facilities needed to sell and service black and white and color television, transistor portables, home and car radios, stereo and hi fi record players and other electronic equipment."

TWO GRAND OPENINGS

OF BRAND NEW Dunlap Business Firms

NOW ... A New

Electronic Sales and Service Center
For Dunlap and All Western Iowa



Free Coffee and Cookies

Starting at 10:00 o'clock and Continuing thru the day and evening

Saturday, Sept. 26

For the past several months we have been busy building our new building and getting our new location ready to serve you better in the Electronics Field. We are mighty proud of it. The picture above shows only a small part. We sincerely invite you to come in, enjoy a cup of coffee and inspect the whole premises. It is our way of saying "Thank You" for your patronage in the past.

REGISTER FOR
FREE
Door Prize
We Will Give a Clock-Radio and Record Player - Free at 9:00 o'clock Saturday night. Nothing to Buy - Just Register!

Grand Opening Specials Store-Wide Discounts Saturday

45 R.P.M. AUTOMATIC
Decca Record Player
Reg. \$39.95 Value - \$10.00 Free Records
Grand Opening
Special Price ... **\$19.95**

RCA Victor Blend Wood Cabinet
21 in. Color TV
Grand Opening
Special ... **\$595.00**

We Offer These Services

- Color and Black and White Television
- Antenna Installations
- Hi Fi, Stereo, and Popular Records
- Record Players
- Transistor Home and Portable Radios
- Automotive Radio Repair

3-Speed Record Player
A \$27.95 Value - \$8.00 Free Records
Grand Opening
Special Price ... **\$15.95**

RCA STEREO CONSOLE
Hi Fi Record Player
Reg. \$229.95 Value - \$20.00 Free Records
Grand Opening
Special Price ... **\$189.50**

17 in. Portable TV
Reg. \$149.95 Value
Grand Opening Special ... **\$129.50**

RCA Victor Remote Control Mahogany
21 in. Console TV
Reg. \$369.95 Value
Grand Opening Special ... **\$289.50**

Bonsall TV

DUNLAP

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FREE Washing
— And —
Drying

Friday and Saturday

Sept. 25-26 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WITH THE NEW 20-MINUTE CYCLE

Westinghouse Laundromat

Do It Yourself

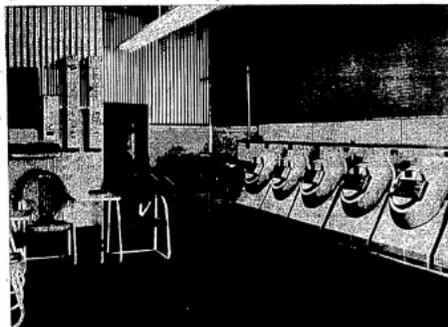
Do It Better

Save One Half The Cost

**Free Coffee
And Cookies**

An authorized Westinghouse Half-Hour Laundry featuring coin metered washers and dryers for self-service. Mr. Alfred Shafar, special Westinghouse representative, will be here Friday and Saturday to assist you with your washing and drying problems.

Come in Friday and Saturday to do your washing FREE. We will have coffee and Cookies for you while you try this time-saving Wash and Dry.



Located North Side Main Street in Dunlap, Iowa

Wash 20¢ Dry 10¢

Per 10 Minutes

Per Machine (9 pound) Load for 20 minutes. Enough for average load in ZERO SOFT WATER at constantly correct temperature in the finest equipment. Tumble drying (Fluffy Soft) in large temperature controlled machines. Use as many machines as you need. You can do your biggest laundry in less than an hour. 12 washers and 4-50-lb. dryers.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK - WE NEVER CLOSE!

**NU-WAY
LAUNDROMAT**

(Home-Owned and Home-Operated)
DUNLAP, IOWA

Laundromat and Bonsall TV Make BOW to Public

Will Hold Open House

Two new Dunlap businesses will hold formal opening this week and it was announced today. They are the **Bonsall TV** and the Nu-Way Laundromat. Both places have been in the process of being readied for the public for the past several weeks.

The **Bonsall TV** has been open to the public for the past three weeks, but the formal opening will be held Saturday. The business is located in a new cement block building on the south side of main street and is in charge of John Bonsall, formerly with the Bonsall Appliance. The new building has expanded operations into electronic sales and service featuring television, radios and record players. Coffee and cookies will be served at the opening Saturday.

The second business is an entirely new one for Dunlap. It is a self-service laundromat featuring Westinghouse equipment. It is located on the north side of main street in the Vern Howe building. The installation has been made under the direction of Milton Foster.

The laundromat has 12 washers and four dryers and considerable work has been involved in their installation. Formal opening of the new business will be held Friday and Saturday when free washing and drying facilities are offered to the public who will bring their soiled clothing. A factory representative will be on hand those two days to help housewives with their laundry problems and to instruct them in the use of the self-service units. Coffee and cookies will also be served during the two day opening.

Both businesses are home owned and home operated and represent additions to Dunlap's business service to the public. The advertising section of the Reporter this week carries announcements of the formal opening and also congratulations from other business men in the community on this added growth and progress in Dunlap.

January 25, 1963 – Dunlap Reporter

A freak accident Friday morning damaged the front of **Corny's Cafe** building. Windows in the front were broken out and the window frames were damaged, when a car, which had been parked in front of the building rolled across the sidewalk. Little or no damage resulted to the car. Mrs. M. J. Buckley had left the motor running in her car because of the severe cold while she stopped for breakfast. For some reason the breaks let go and the car rolled into the front of the building with enough force to damage the front. The damaged part has been boarded up since the accident as it has been too cold to attempt to make permanent repairs.

Your Last Chance . . .

**To Enjoy One of Our Special Home-Cooked
SUNDAY DINNERS — Sunday, May 2**

Our Special Fried Chicken, Baked Ham or Tender Roast Beef
Served with Whipped Potatoes and Gravy
Bacon Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Home Made Dinner Rolls
Special Raspberry Jell-O Salad
Divinity Ice Box Dessert
Coffee or Iced Tea

NOTICE

It is with a great deal of regret that we are announcing the closing of Corny's Cafe Sunday afternoon, May 2. We have tried in vain to sell our business and equipment. As we can no longer put in the long hours it takes to keep a cafe going, we have decided to quit. We will sell our cafe equipment by auction as soon as it can be arranged.

We Thank You . . .

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the people of Dunlap and this community for your splendid patronage these past eight years. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

LaVonna and Claude Cornelius
Devota Mathys, Ethel Rees, Delores Schaefer, Sharon
Kessel, Bernice Cornelius, Colette Koontz, Gem Smith,
Joan Spencer, and Jessie Levy.

Corny's Cafe

DUNLAP, IOWA

Announcing . . . A New Owner

— FOR —

Corny's Cafe

I wish to announce that I have Purchased the former Corny's Cafe. While it has been closed the past couple of weeks we have been busy, painting, renovating, remodeling and revamping until now we are mighty proud of it. And we want you to see it, too. That's why we invite you to a . . .

Formal Opening Saturday, June 5

We Invite You to Come in and Enjoy . . .

FREE COFFEE

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Also

Free Ice Cream Cones for The Children

During Those Hours When Accompanied by Parents

The cafe will be operated much the same as formerly. We will be serving special Sunday Dinners as usual. Mrs. Cornelius has consented to help us out as head cook and chef. We invite you to make this your Eating Headquarters.

Jerry's Sugar Bowl

Dunlap, Iowa

Jerry Spotts, Owner and Mgr.

Thank You . . .

As I have sold my cafe equipment to **Jerry Spotts**, I wish to say, "Thanks Again," for the splendid patronage you, the people of Dunlap and the surrounding communities have given me the past years. I hope you will continue giving your fine patronage to Jerry in his new venture into business. Thanks again.

LaVonna Cornelius

May 8, 1969 – Dunlap Reporter

Sugar Bowl Busy Redecorating

The **Sugar Bowl** is closed to business this week because of redecorating activities in the interior. Mrs. Dick Chambers and staff are painting the kitchen and other areas. The **Sugar Bowl** will re-open for business as usual Saturday morning.

December 15, 1966 – Dunlap Reporter

Chambers Buy Sugar Bowl Cafe

A deal was completed last week in which Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chambers became the new owners of Jerry's **Sugar Bowl** Cafe. They took over its operation and management Monday.

Jerry Spotts, former owner of the cafe is attending school in Omaha and will devote his time to his studies there. Mrs. Claude Cornilius will remain with the Cafe as cook.

ANNOUNCING . . .

NEW OWNERS
of the
SUGAR BOWL

We wish to announce that we have purchased the **Sugar Bowl** and it is now open for business.

We welcome your business and invite you to stop in and get acquainted. We will be open **SEVEN DAYS A WEEK—** from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sincerely,
CLARENCE & ROBIN DAVIS

March 16, 1978 – Dunlap Reporter

ANNOUNCING . . .

**New
Owners
Of**

Bonsall TV



Dick Bonsall & Dave Roberts

We wish to announce that we have purchased **Bonsall TV** and have taken over its management.

We will continue to offer you the same experienced sales and service that has been associated with **Bonsall TV** in the past.

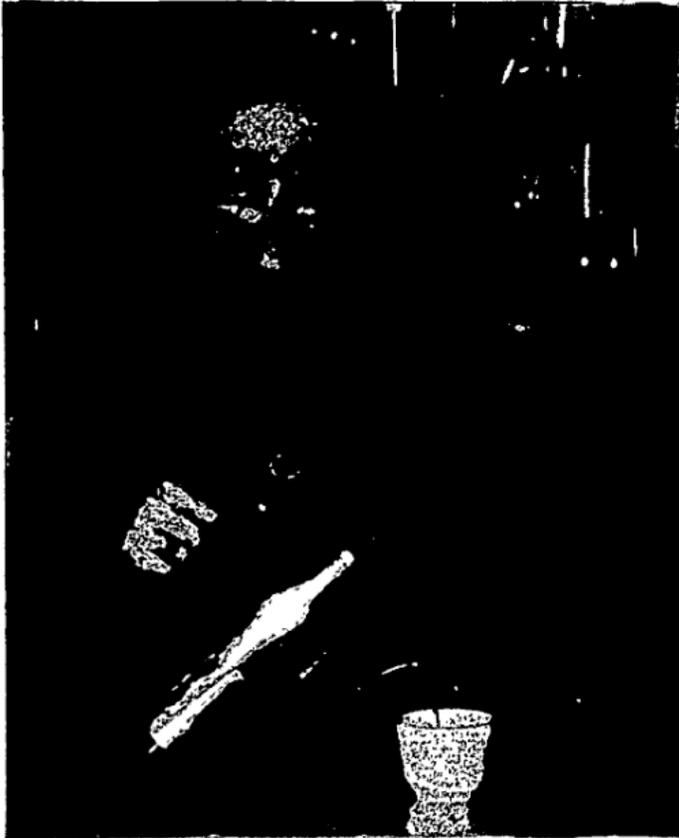
Check our special St. Patrick's Day and Grand Opening Sale in this week's Rocket. Stop in and look around. We're ready to serve you.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you for your past patronage. I first went into business in Dunlap in 1947 and opened the store, **Bonsall TV** at its present location in 1959. I hope you will continue to give Dave and Dick the same kind of patronage I have received. I know they will do their best to serve you. Thanks again,

Sincerely,
John C. Bonsall

Madge Peters To Reminisce for



— Reporter Photo

Madge Peters pours coffee at the Meal Site.

By DORIS BINGHAM

"I could tell you every business place in town in 1914 when I was 10 years old."

Madge Peters, who was born and, for the most part, raised in Dunlap, will carry on with the "Tales of Dunlap" series initiated by Don McLean.

Mrs. Peters, who is treasurer of the Senior Citizen Club and helps as a volunteer at the Meal Site, left Dunlap at the age of 10 to live with her grandparents in Missouri.

She remembers vividly many things about those early-years, such as when the Boyer River was dredged to change its course. Her parents, Eunice and George Cronkhite, ran an old hotel in town and the bridge gang stayed at the hotel. Her father, in fact, worked on the bridge gang while they were straightening out the river.

She remembers a brick yard on the road to the Care Center, the first electric lights, and several bad fires in town.

Madge came back to Dunlap

Continuing 'Tales of Dunlap' Series

at the age of 15 and worked in a restaurant then owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor. The restaurant work was the first in many restaurant ventures through the years.

She married in 1917 and lived for 18 years on a farm west of town. She and her husband had four children. A daughter died in infancy. A son died 20 years ago. She now has a son in California and a daughter in Michigan as well as 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. "My oldest great grandchild is 18 so if I live to be 80 I just may have a great great grandchild," she said.

Madge moved to town from the farm in 1939 when she and her husband separated. She returned to cafe work and in 1943 she bought the restaurant where she worked and called it **Madge's Cafe**. Actually three times through the years she bought a restaurant in Dunlap and called it **Madge's Cafe** but each time she was foiled before too much time

had passed by recurring health problems.

Along with restaurant work she cleaned houses. "There are more old houses in this town that I've cleaned than I haven't," she said.

Somewhere she acquired the nickname of "Buggies" and as Buggles she did a lot of papering and painting. She had a Model A Ford with a rumble seat, she recalls, and she would load the rumble seat with ladders and paste board as she went about town doing her job.

She went to California in 1957 with her son and spent 20 years there, 17 of them working in restaurants as a waitress and as a pastry cook.

"Restaurant work is hard work," she said, "but I loved it. You see somebody different every day. I like working with the public."

She says she made good money in California. The money wasn't always so good in cafes in Dunlap. "It's a farm town," she said. "If the farmers

have money, you make money."

A few years after she retired at the age of 69 she returned to Dunlap. "Actually I never left Dunlap. In that 20 years I was back here 16 times." She said she returned to Dunlap because it was home even though she has no family here.

"I like the small town because here everyone is concerned about one another. This morning someone offered to help me get out of a snow drift. In California nobody ever offered any help to anyone. I didn't even know the last name of the girls I worked with. Someone could die next door and you'd never know."

She was invited to be cook at the Meal Site when she returned but she insisted she was retired. She works as a volunteer instead and helps serve meals every day and, as an officer in the Senior Citizens Club, helps the president, Rena Berens, with coffee

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Madge Peters

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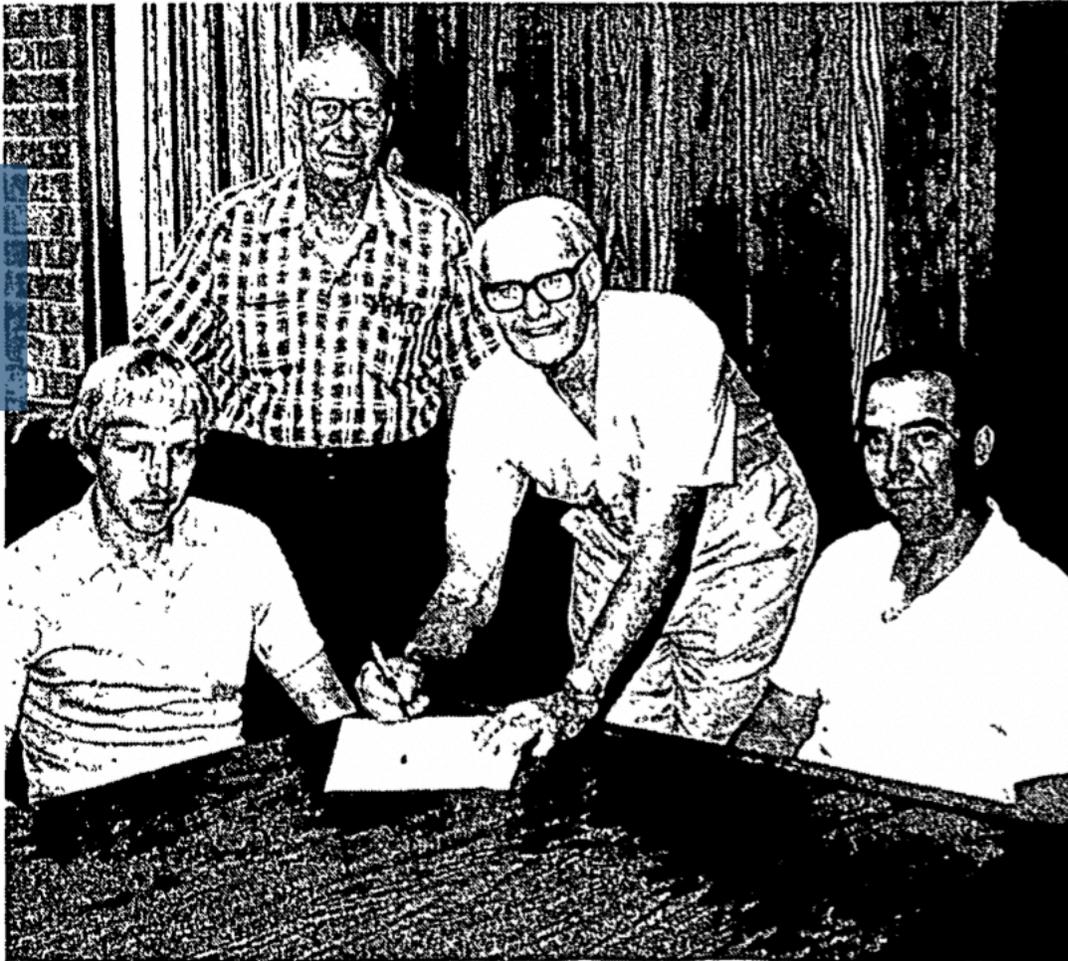
and rolls on Saturday morning. "I love it here," she said.

Every afternoon she plays cards from 4 to 6 at the Meal Site and in her spare time she likes to crochet. "I made a full afghan during the three weeks in Michigan."

She has arthritis in her legs, but "it's okay if I remember to take my medicine. I can remember everything in the past—even dates—but sometimes I can't remember to take my medicine," she said.

(Madge Peters' series of columns will start next week.)

September 6, 1984 – Dunlap Reporter



Marlon Bonsall signs contract to turn over Bonsall Appliance, owned by Marlon and Harold Bonsall, second from left, to Dick Bonsall, left, and Dave Roberts, owners of Bonsall TV.

Bonsall TV, Appliance To Be United Again

Dave Roberts and Dick Bonsall signed papers to take over Bonsall Appliance from Marion and Harold Bonsall in a transaction last week.

Dave and Dick plan to display the appliances in the addition to their Bonsall TV store formerly occupied by Murphy's Bar and Grill. They will be opening the new section within a week or ten days, "as soon as renovation is completed," said Dave. The combined store will be called Bonsall TV and Appliance.

There are plans for a Grand Opening to initiate the new venture.

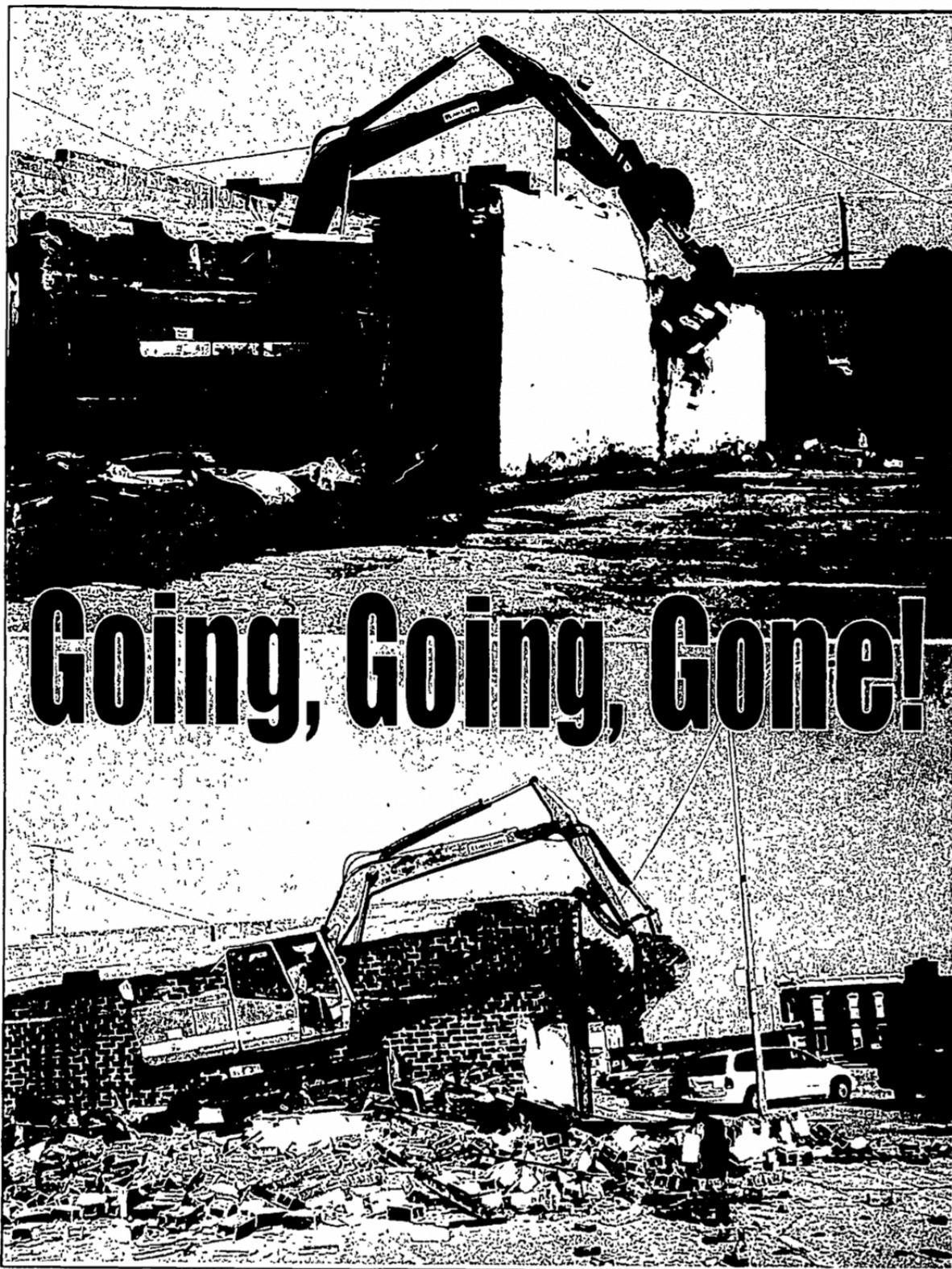
Bonsall Appliance is the

oldest business in town with a continuous ownership. It was started by Marion, Harold and a third brother John in 1945 and at that time included both kitchen appliances, radios, record players and eventually television.

The company expanded and split in 1959 when John took the radio and television unit into a new store across the street. In 1978 John sold Bonsall TV to his son, Dick, and Dave Roberts. Now the two units will again be operated under one management.

Marion said he and Harold will probably be helping out for a while when needed.

June 12, 2008 – Dunlap Reporter



Thursday, June 5 Malone's Construction (Earl and Brad Malone) demolished Bonsall TV and Appliance's storage area. Onlookers remembered it was once [Corny's Cafe](#) owned by Lavonna Cornelius.

June 26, 2008 – Dunlap Reporter



Paul Weber along with the crew of Harold Melby are putting together the Fox Blocks in the basement area of the new addition to [Bonsall TV](#) and Appliance.