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812 Iowa Ave

Current Business: Smitty's Grocery (2001)

Previous Businesses:

Roger's Super Market (1983 - 2001)

Moore Bro's Super Market

Dunlap Furniture Frames (1966 – 1972)

H & L Frames Inc. (early 1960s)

Fontenelle Frames Co. (1958 -)

Sweetman Farm Supply Co. (1948 – 1956)

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1867 – Dunlap was platted







April 8, 1948 – Dunlap Reporter

Work Starts on New Building For Sweetman Farm Supply ✓

Present Location is Site of New Structure

Work started this week on one of the most extensive business improvements undertaken in Dunlap for several years. Construction work commenced Monday morning on the erection of a new building for the **Sweetman Farm** Supply company.

The new structure will be on the same location where the firm is now doing business, just east of the Public Library. It will have a 69 foot front and will extend 90 feet towards the alley.

The building will be "L" shaped with the two quonset huts remaining in their present location in the pen part of the L. The old filling station structure will be demolished and a section 42 feet wide built back 90 feet. The 69 foot front will extend from the sidewalk line back to the quonset huts and across the 42 foot section to the east.

The front will be glazed tile and glass while the remainder of the building will be of cement block and steel construction, completely fireproof. The floor will be of concrete while a flat pitch, tar and gravel roof will be constructed over the steel ceiling joists.

Charles Sweetman has contracted with Builders Inc., of Sioux Falls, S. D., for the construction of the new building. E. J. Leaders, president of the Sioux Falls concern is in Dunlap this week getting the work underway. Local help will be employed to do the actual construction work.

Mr. Sweetman said that according to present plans the front will be used for a modern display room, parts department and office space. The repair department will occupy the new building to the east side and rear.

The blacksmith shop will be moved into the quonset now housing the main office and parts department. The space now occupied by the blacksmith shop will be converted into a steam cleaning and paint room.

The present repair shop in the west quonset will be used for assembling machinery and for storage. There will be no driveway into the front of the building as all work will be brought in from the alley.

Present plans call for the completion of the building about August 1. When completed the new modern front should present a vast improvement to East Main street and the library block.

May 6, 1948 – Dunlap Reporter

Sandy Egan

Now Has A New Location for His

WELDING SHOP

AT THE

Sweetman Farm Supply Co.

Portable

Electric or Acetylene Welding

Bring It In or Have It Done on the Job

If You Break Down in the Field — Just Call Sweetman Farm Supply — No. 242.

Welding Welding Welding

Dunlap Business Building Projects Progress Rapidly

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The largest single project now going up is the Sweetman farm supply building. The walls and front are rapidly nearing completion and a roof will be over the structure in a short time so that inside work can be completed. Mr. Sweetman said this week that they are now ahead of schedule and he hopes to be able to occupy the new building in June.

Legion Baseball Fund Drive Nets Tidy Sum

Plans Underway for Benefit Dance

Response to the drive for funds for the American Legion baseball team was gratifying, Hugh O'Day and Charles Sweetman said this week after completing a canvass of business places and individuals here. Cash donations amounted to \$486.50 with an additional donation by Rider & Co. of a Philco Console Radio which retails at \$129.50.

The Legion is now planning a baseball benefit dance which will be held in the new Sweetman Farm Supply building as soon as construction is completed. Definite announcement of the date of this affair will be made later.

Although plans are still indefinite the Legion expects to use the radio given by Rider & Co. and other merchandise items as prizes at the dance.

Individuals and firms donating to the baseball fund were as follows: C. W. Byrnes, \$25.00; Frank Glassburner Jr. and the Booster Buck Co., each \$20.00; and J. P. Broderick, \$15.00.

Those who gave \$10.00 were:

Hugh O'Day, Sweetman Farm Supply, Scott Implement, Glenn Harper, O'Brien and McCann, Dunlap Savings Bank, M. and S. Chevrolet Co., Dunlap Reporter, R. G. Moore, Dally Hardware Co., Drs. W. W. and Carl Walvoord, Briardale Store, The Spot, Dunlap Pharmacy, Bob Roberts, Dave Houston, Bob Barrett, Dave Frazier, Bar-

rett Funeral Home, Bonsall Garage.

Those subscribing \$5.00 were: Hugh Carmichael, Dunlap Grill, Andy Bolton, C. Pagett, Iowa Power and Light Co., T. J. Buckley, Martin Benedickt, Hap Hansen, Moore Brothers, Dunlap Lumber Co., J. W. Hall, Vern W. Hansen, Dr. Denniston, Merritt Milling Co., Doc Willmott, R. C. Summerfield, Charlie Pritchett, J. E. Dwyer, Thomas Lehan, Elliotts Store, Bon-

Baseball Fund —

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Sixteen Boys and Girls Organize 4-H Club

A new 4-H club was organized and met recently at Willow No. 8 school house with 16 members and their parents present. Officers elected were: Eugene Holbrook, president; James Weiss, vice-president; Phyllis Mitchell, secretary; Helen Holbrook, reporter; and Delores Jepsen, historian.

The boys leader is Emil Bielfeldt assisted by Clarence Weiss. Leaders for the girls are Mrs. Clarence Weiss assisted by Mrs. Alfred Mitchell.

The club will meet the second Monday of each month at Willow No. 8. They hope to have more members at the next meeting. Games and lunch concluded the evening. The new members were enthusiastic over their projects.

Baseball Fund —

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Ball Appliance, Connie's, Cecil Smith, L. D. Rosenberger, Ivan Corey, Eldon Clement, Charles Hein, Ray Weber, Thompson and Rappells, Paul Davie, Archie McC Kenney, C. M. Worl, Dunlap Lumber and Grain.

Those subscribing \$3.00 were:

Helen's Beauty Shop, Joe Talcott, Giles Noonan, Dr. W. L. Reichelt.

Those subscribing \$2.50 were:

Wendell Grady, Jim Grady, Dean Stewart.

Those subscribing \$2.00 were:

Sandy Egan, Jay Ahart, Dunlap Cleaners, Valjean Glassburner, Ruy Nauroth, Danny O'Brien, Frank Feser, Jasper Edwards, Donald Davis, Robert Dougal, Carl Coe, Gamble Store, Kathleen Hanigan, O. K. Bakery, Dick Benjamin, John Hanigan, Earl D. Thompson, Wade Manchester.

Those subscribing \$1.00 were:

Charlie McDunn, Ferd Lesch, Edward Hughes, Scotchy Baird, Geo. A. Thompson, Phil Shields.

You're Invited to . . .
The American Legion
Baseball Benefit



Dance

In The
New

Sweetman Building

DUNLAP, IOWA

— • —
Friday Nite

June 4th
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Free Prizes Given Away

A Philco Console Radio Donated by Rider & Co. and a New Lawn Mower will be given away **FREE** at this Dance Friday Night. The Sweetman Farm Supply Co. is also donating the use of its building.

MUSIC BY

Gene Glynn

AND HIS ORCHESTRA



Admission 75c per Person — Tax Included

HOLD BENEFIT DANCE FRIDAY

Legion Ball Club Sponsors Affair

Definite announcement was made the first of the week that the baseball benefit dance will be held in the new Sweetman building Friday evening, June 4.

Work on the building is progressing rapidly. The floor is now in place and ready for use, Mr. Sweetman said. The use of the building is being donated to the baseball project. Another donation was that of a Philco console radio by Rider and Co., which will be used as a prize at the dance.

Gene Glynn and his orchestra have been secured to furnish music for the event.

The baseball team has been playing two games a week since the season opened and last week played three. They have come through with winning runs every time except Sunday, when a bad inning with the Ligon All Stars, a colored team, defeated them 9 to 6.

In an unscheduled game they defeated Denison there last week. Games coming up this week are: Sunday, June 6, Manning here and Wednesday, June 9, Mondamin will come to Dunlap.

July 1, 1948 – Dunlap Reporter

Flames Damage Sweetman Quonsets and Supplies Friday

Fire Spreads Rapidly

Fire Spreads Rapidly On Insulation Material

Flames which started from a spark from an electric welding unit raced through the quonset huts at the Sweetman Farm Supply Co. here Friday afternoon.

The fire started in a building shortly after 5 o'clock, caught insulating material attached to the sides and roof and quickly spread to both buildings. The alarm was turned in immediately but before the fire trucks could get there black acrid smoke was billowing from the buildings.

Within a matter of minutes the firemen had the blaze under control and kept it from spreading to the new building now nearly complete, and doing further damage.

Except that the insulation was destroyed the steel quonset huts were not damaged a great deal. Most of the loss resulted from heat and water damage to stored parts and materials. The flames were put out so quickly that even the wood parts bins did not burn.

The loss was covered by insurance and though adjusters were at work Tuesday, no definite figure for the amount of damage had been arrived at Wednesday.

Work of cleaning up, moving out parts, wiping and oiling started immediately that afternoon and the next morning to prevent further damage by rust. To use the expression of one of the men, it was "a mess." Black ashes and half burned and water soaked insulation material had fallen over everything in the buildings.

In commenting on the disaster Mr. Sweetman said the firm was fortunate to have their new building as near completion as it is. They immediately started setting up their shop equipment and parts department in the new building and by Friday and Saturday they will again be able to take care of necessary repairs and parts needs for their customers.

He said new stocks of binder canvas, twine and damaged parts were already on hand and ready for use for the harvest season. Much more inside work is yet to be done on the new building — we just had to move in sooner than we planned, he added. When it is entirely finished they plan to hold a formal opening later.

SWEETMAN WILL SHOW NEW TRACTORS

Two new heavy-duty John Deere two and three plow tractors, successors to Models "A" and "B" will be announced Saturday, July 19 by the Sweetman Farm Supply.

According to "Chuck" Sweetman these new tractors feature many engineering advancements and major improvements which make them the greatest values ever offered by John Deere. Chuck states that one of the new models will be on display Saturday, July 19, and he extends a cordial invitation to everyone to stop by and see the new tractor.

Schedule Sale At Farm Supply

Auction Set For March 28

A closing out auction sale will be held at the Sweetman Farm Supply Co., according to announcement made the first of the week by Charles Sweetman. The sale will be held next Wednesday, Mar. 28, starting at 10:30 in the morning. Lunch will be served by the Lutheran Ladies.

The Sweetman Farm Supply has handled John Deere equipment here for the past ten years or more. Mr. Sweetman, who has been in ill health the past two years decided to close out the business when a buyer for it could not be found. The Sweetman family plan to continue to make their home in Dunlap.

Jim Schaben, who is auctioneer for the sale, suggested that people should come early. The sale starts at 10:30 Wednesday morning. He said there are a lot of items to be sold. Included are all shop tools and equipment, a stock of paints, hardware, John Deere parts as well as new and used farm equipment and machines. A complete listing will be found on page six of this issue.

Complete Inventory and MACHINERY AUCTION

Because of ill health we will hold a complete close out sale at our place of business on East Main Street in Dunlap, Iowa. Everything will sell regardless of price. This is going to be a big sale so plan to be here early. A lot of new John Deere Machinery, Used Equipment and a complete stock of Paints, Hardware, Miscellaneous parts and items and all the shop tools will be sold. Here is a chance to buy good equipment at your own price.

Auctioneer's Note

Will have over 1000 items to sell so plan to be here at 10:30 sharp. Most items are new. SALE STARTS AT 10:30 A.M.

Sweetman Farm Supply Co.---Dunlap, Iowa

Lunch By Lutheran Ladies

Wed., Mar. 28

4 Plows

- 1 Power Lift 2-15 Plow, new
- 1 John Deere 2-14 Plow on Steel, new
- 1 John Deere No. 52 2-14 Plow on steel, used
- 1 Mounted J.D. 2-14 Plow, new
- Several New Plow Lays
- 3 Side-Hill Hitches for Plow

Spreaders - Loaders

- 1 Model L.J.D. Spreader, new
- 1 Model M.J.D. Spreader, new
- 1 Used Model E Spreader
- 1 Stand Hoist Loader, new
- 1 John Deere No. 50 Manure Loader, will fit M.T.
- 1 John Deere Hydraulic Blade for snow and dirt, new

Drags - Eveners

- 5 Sections of New John Deere Drags
- Several New Harrow Eveners

Cultivators

- 3 Quick Tach Cultivators, never used
- Several Quick Taches for Cultivators, A, B, G Model 50 Tractors

Tractor Accessories

- 1 Pair 10x38 Steel Rims for rubber, new
- 2 Sets 10x38 Tractor Tire Chains, new
- 1 Set Enders for John Deere Tractor, new
- 2 Half Cab Heat Housers for Model B and Model 50 John Deere
- Wheel Weights for John Deere
- Wheel Cleaners
- Brake Locks for John Deere Tractors
- 2 Tractor Lock-on Funnels
- Tool Boxes for Tractors
- Several Sizes of Tractor Tubes
- Spark Plugs
- 1 New Starter for J. Deere Model A Tractor

Mower Parts

- 2 No. 5 Mower Quick Taches
- 4 Windrowers for No. 5 Mowers, new
- 4 Sickles for Horse Mower
- 2 Pitman Sticks for Horse Mower
- 5 Pitman Sticks for Horse Mowers

Chevrolet Truck

- 1 Chevrolet 1946 1 1/2 ton Truck, condition is fair.

3 John Deere Tractors

'46-B '40-B '38-B

Shop Equipment

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| 75' Electric Welding Cable | 1 Handy Air Tank, Portable | 3 Work Tables, steel & wood |
| 1 Electric Soldering Iron | 200 gals. Oil, 15, 30, 50 gal. | 2 Honing Sets |
| 1 Electric Timing Light | barrels, 20 & 30 wt. | 1 Tap & Die Set, Little Giant |
| 1 Set: Reamers | 1 Wayne Air Compressor | 1/2 to 3/4 in. sizes |
| 2 Crow Bars | 1 overhead Chain Hoist with | 1 Sledge Hammer |
| 1 Log Chain | Frame Carrier | 1 Growler for Armature |
| 2 Pipe Wrenches | 1 Grinder, Electric | 1 Black & Decker Valve Re- |
| 1 Electric Sander | 1 Welding Table | face |
| 1 No. 120 Battery Charger | 3 Vices | 1 Rivet Machine |
| Battery Testers | 1 Lincoln Electric Welder | 1 1/2" Press Drill |
| 50' Rope | 1 Stanley 1/2" Drill | 10 different sizes of Pullers |
| 2 Acetylene Welders, 1 small | 1 Black & Decker Valve Re- | 1 Chain Hoist, 1/2 ton |
| and 1 large | seater | 1 Hydraulic Jack |
| 1 Genny Steam Cleaner | | 1 Hydraulic Floor Jack |

Also a number of small items for shop use not mentioned.

Planter Parts

- 1 Spring Attachment for 490 Corn Planter
- 4 Complete Spools with Wire
- Check Heads Conversion for planters
- 6 Fertilizer Attachments for planters

Chains - Rack

- 500 ft. Steel and Malleable chain in several standard sizes
- Several Hundred Att. Links in Steel and Malleable for spreaders, Elevators and Corn Pickers
- 100 ft. Roller Chain in different sizes and all roller links
- 150 ft. Half-inch Steel Cable
- 50 ft. 3/8 inch Cable

Bins - Racks

- 1 Complete Bolt Rack, consisting of 3 tiers
- 1 Set Pull Out Drawers with 66 drawers
- 1 Complete Set Parts Bins which will include 23 separate units.
- 1 Apartment of Drawers with rivets consisting of 38 pull out drawers

Elevator Parts

- 1 8-ft. Section for Elevator, 18 1/2 in. width, chain
- 1 6-ft. Section for Elevator 15 1/2 inch width
- Several Feet Elevator Chain
- 1 8-ft. Elevator Section 15 1/2 in. with chain, new

Minnesota

Paint Stock

- 4 gal. Orange Implement
 - 4 gal. Turpentine
 - 2 gal. Dark Oak Floor Enamel
 - 3 gal. Light Oak Floor Enamel
 - 3 gal. Ivory Soft Gloss
 - 2 gal. Canary Soft Gloss
 - 2 gal. Black Screen Paint
 - 9 gal. John Deere Yellow
 - 2 gal. Minnseal White
 - 4 gal. Enamel Undercoat White
 - 8 gal. Walkon Floor Varnish
 - 20 gal. Flat Wall Paint in Several Colors
 - 25 gal. Minnflo Rubberized Paint in Several Colors
 - 4 gal. Du-All Water Paint in Blue, White, Cream and Ivory
 - 12 gal. Outside Paint in Several Colors
 - 5 gal. Quick Enamel in Several Colors, in pints, half-pints, quarts,
 - 4 gal. Anti-Rust Metal Primer
 - 4 gal. Soft Gloss Deep-tone Base
 - 7 gal. Minnspare Clear Varnish
- Also several quarts of tinting paints and other paints not mentioned.

BOLTS

- Several 100 Pounds of Assorted Bolts in 7 and 10 lb. bags

V Belts

- Over 100 Gates V Belts in many different sizes, all new

6 Discs

- 4 John Deere 15 ft. Discs, 16 in. blade, new
- 1 John Deere 15 ft. Disc, 18 in. blade, new
- 1 John Deere 13 1/2 ft. Disc, new

Corn Sheller

- 1 No. 4B John Deere Corn Sheller, demonstrator, used very little

Fertilizer Equipment

- 1 No. 77 John Deere Duster, new
- 15 Gallons of Liquid Fertilizer
- 4 Side Dressing Attachments for cultivators
- 6 Fertilizer Attachments for Corn Planters

Tanks - Heaters

- 1 Round 5 ft. Steel Stock Tank
- 1 Round 7 ft. Steel Stock Tank
- 1 Long 5 ft. Steel Stock Tank, hog waterer
- 1 Long 8 ft. Steel Stock Tank
- 2 Queen Oil Heaters for Tanks
- 1 Electric Hog Fountain, new
- Hog Pans
- 1 Shallow Well Water System, new

3 Grinders

- 1 No. 80 Letz Grinder, new
- 1 No. 220 P.T.O. Letz Grinder, new
- 1 No. 220 Letz Grinder with Blower, used

Miscellaneous

- A great number of small items a farmer needs including many not listed.
- 3 Pitch Forks, 3 tines
- 4 Umbrellas
- Steel Pins, assorted set
- Key Stock Rack
- Half Moon Key Assortment
- Electric Pencers
- Several Punch and Chisel Sets
- Alomite Grease Fittings
- Several Pints Penetrating Oil
- Several Pints Pullmore Belt Dressing
- 1 Set Fork Hangers
- 10 Wood Rollers for No. 226 Corn Picker
- Several Rake Teeth for Dump Rakes
- 1 Soil Surgeon, 2-section, used
- 1 Hay Boom, new
- Wagon Tongues, wood and steel
- Several Different Lengths of Hydraulic Hoses and Couplers

DUNLAP DAYS PATRONS

No Need to Leave — You Can Win at the Sale — Remember Sale Starts Promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Sweetman Farm Supply Co.

SCHABEN and PRYOR, Auctioneers

DUNLAP, IOWA

DUNLAP SAVINGS BANK, Clerk

Furniture Frame Company Leases Sweetman Block

Fontenelle Moves from Woodbine

Fontenelle **Frames Inc.** have leased the former Sweetman building on east main street and are moving to Dunlap, it was announced this week by Dale Miller, president of the company.

Already some equipment has been moved to Dunlap and some work is being done here. Mr. Miller is in Indiana this week buying additional machinery for the Dunlap plant. The plant had formerly been located at Woodbine, but was destroyed by fire last January 8. **Since** that time the firm had been operating in one location in Logan and two buildings in Woodbine. Their move to Dunlap will consolidate the operations of the firm.

Associated with him in the operation of the firm are Mr. Miller's sons, Jack, Dick and Frank. With their families they are now living in Woodbine, but expect to move to Dunlap as soon as suitable living accommodations can be secured. Dave Fetter and wife of Omaha have already moved to Dunlap to the Mrs. John Murphy house. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lipichok of Woodbine, also expect to move to Dunlap.

The location of the firm in Dunlap means the addition of at least five or six families to the town. The building, which the Millers say is one of the best they have operated in, was built ten years ago by Charles Sweetman. It was purchased several months ago by Harvey Gilbert, Wilbur Zitzlsperger and L. E. O'Connor.

The company is engaged in making furniture **frames** and they sell their product to upholsterers covering a four state area. They have leased the building for five years with another five year option. They will use the tile building and both quonsets.

Welcome Dinner Given For Fontenelle Frames

Business Men Extend Greeting

A dinner welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller and their sons was held at the Dunlap Grill Cafe club room Tuesday evening. The Millers are the owners and operators of the Fontenelle Frames Co., located in the former Sweetman building east of the Dunlap Library.

About 20 Dunlap business men joined in entertaining them at dinner and welcoming them to Dunlap. The firm manufactures furniture frames for upholsterers. The firm moved their operations to Dunlap in July. They had formerly operated in Woodbine, but a fire destroyed their plant there several months ago.

Present at the dinner besides Mr. and Mrs. Miller were their three sons: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, now living in Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller of Woodbine and Frank Miller. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fetter and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lippinchok, now living in Dunlap. The men are employees of the firm.

Vern Howe acted as master of ceremonies at the dinner and extended a welcome to the Millers. He also called on several business men present for remarks. The Millers expressed their appreciation of the event and invited the group to visit their plant at any time. They said orders were coming in so fast they will soon need additional room and are already planning to expand.

Lease Structure To Fontenelle Frames Company

District Court Approves Sale

Sixteen Dunlap business men have purchased the Rider building in Dunlap and have leased it to Fontenelle Frames, Inc. Though all details of the transaction are not yet complete, it is only a matter of time until they will be finished, it was said.

Work on the deal was started several weeks ago. A meeting Monday evening, June 1, of 16 business men finished up the deal until court approval of the sale could be secured. The property, which has been vacant for several months, was a part of the estate of the Late Thomas E. Rider, and court approval had to be secured before it could be sold.

The sixteen men each advanced \$100.00 in cash, which plus a loan enabled them to purchase the property. Court approval was secured this week. A lease was then signed with Fontenelle Frames to rent the building. Some minor changes will be made in the interior of the building, it was said.

The Fontenelle firm which manufactures furniture frames, came to Dunlap in May of 1958. Their business operations have outgrown the Sweetman property where they are now located and they needed more room. The Rider building was purchased by the businessmen so the Company could expand its manufacturing operations in Dunlap, rather than seek facilities elsewhere.

Further meetings of the sixteen owners of the building will be held to complete matters of organization, and election of officers to represent the group.

July 2, 1959 – Dunlap Reporter

Fontenelle Frames Asks Damages of Cartage Co.

Logan, June 27 — Fontenelle Frames, Inc., of Dunlap, is asking a judgment of \$780.08 against Paul Crouse of Carroll doing business as the Crouse Cartage Co., for alleged damages of a band saw delivered by the defendant to the plaintiff.

The suit states that around Feb. 1, 1958 Fontenelle Frames purchased a band saw in St. Louis to be delivered to Omaha and then from Omaha to Woodbine by Crouse Cartage. During the transportation, the machine was broken, bent, and twisted as a result of the negligent handling of the defendant's carrier, according to the petition.

Michael Murray of Logan is attorney for Fontenelle Frames.

February 8, 1962 – Dunlap Reporter

Ronald Mefferd Injured When Car Falls

Ronald Mefferd was injured about 1:00 o'clock Wednesday morning when a car he was working on at the Fontenelle Frames building slipped from the hoist and fell. The Dunlap Emergency unit was called and he was taken to Dr. C. W. Byrnes office for treatment and x-rays. Apparently he was not severely injured, but the accident could have been much worse, witnesses said. After x-ray examination he was taken to his home by stretcher and will be confined for a time.

Peterson Buys Fontenelle Co.

High Bid at Foreclosure

Top bid of \$8,000 took the equipment at the Furniture Frames, Inc., at the foreclosure sale held here Wednesday afternoon. C. F. Peterson's bid was high among the half dozen or more bids that were placed.

A friendly foreclosure sale was held to satisfy a chattle mortgage held by the Dunlap Savings Bank. Following the sale Wednesday, Richard Randall, cashier of the bank, said the new owner had indicated he planned to keep the company in Dunlap and get it back in operation as soon as possible.

1965 – Dunlap Reporter

Mark Powell, who is employed at H. & L. Frames had the misfortune last Thursday of getting two of his right hand fingers in a saw. He was treated by Dr. Byrnes with one of the fingers requiring seven stitches. The other finger was not as seriously injured.

July 22, 1965 – Dunlap Reporter

Fire Damages H. & L. Frames Early Thursday

A fire at the H. and L. Frames Co. was brought under control by the Dunlap Fire Department early Thursday morning. The alarm was turned in about 3:15 a.m. by Mrs. Myrtle Fox, who lives next door.

The fire which is thought to have been caused by faulty wiring was confined to the rest room. Most of the unestimated damage was caused by smoke and water. The corporation was able to continue operation by Friday morning. The loss was covered by insurance.

Sioux City Man Buys Frames Co.

Sanford Continues Operation Here

Richard Sanford of Sioux City has purchased the H. & L. Frames, Inc., and took over operation of the plant Monday morning, Feb. 14. A deal for the purchase of the plant located at 812 Iowa Ave., in Dunlap was completed Saturday with Calvin Leaders and Orville Hicks who had been operating the business the past two years.

In an interview Tuesday, Mr. Sanford said he is continuing the operation of the plant here and will continue production work with the same employees for the present. He is an experienced operator of furniture frames business, having had a similar operation in Sioux City, which he is now liquidating.

Richard Sanford and his wife, the former Julia Swak of Sioux City, have three daughters: Christine 12, Debra 11, and Treva 7, all in school in Sioux City. The family plans to move to Dunlap after school is out. They are members of the Rustin Avenue Methodist Church in Sioux City.

Sanford is a war veteran having served two years in the Airforce during the Korean war. He was a communications center supervisor at the time of his discharge.

The name of the business will be changed to **Dunlap Furniture Frames Co.**, and will not be incorporated for the present, Sanford said. Mr. Leaders expects to devote his full time to the implement business.

October 27, 1966 – Dunlap Reporter

HELP WANTED—Male or Female to age 40, evenings 5-10. Must be dependable and ambitious. Dunlap Furniture Frames, 812 Iowa Ave.

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December 8, 1966 – Dunlap Reporter

Sanford Family Moves to Dunlap

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanford and family moved from Sioux City to Dunlap Saturday. They moved into the house, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ulmer and family, that Sanfords recently purchased. The Ulmers are occupying the apartment over the Dick's U-Save Store that has been remodeled.

Mr. Sanford is the owner and operator of the **Dunlap Furniture Frames**. The family consists of his wife, Julia; three daughters, Christine, 12; Deborah 11 and Treva 8.

1967

*Congratulations to
Dunlap on their
Centennial Year*

Dunlap

Furniture Frames

OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

RICHARD and JULIA SANFORD

Sick and Injured In Dunlap Area

Hospital and Injury Report

Mrs. Arnold Melby entered the St. Luke Lutheran Hospital in Sioux City Wednesday, Nov. 6. She had surgery on the following Thursday. Her room number is 305.

Terry Frazier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frazier, spent Saturday through Tuesday of last week at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha for treatment.

Mrs. Wilfred Buter was injured Monday morning at the **Dunlap Furniture Frames** Inc., while operating a press drill, her head scarf and hair got caught in the drill. She received face laceration, bruises and loss of hair.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crandall received word that his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly, of Logan suffered a light stroke and is hospitalized at the Missouri Valley Community Hospital at Missouri Valley. Mrs. Connelly is a sister of Henry Jones of Dunlap.

Dow City—Mrs. William Cross spent Wednesday in Denison with her mother, Mrs. Lena Clark, who was transferred by ambulance to the Iowa City Hospital. Her address is Orthopedic Clinic, Ward B, University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa.

November 7, 1983 – Dunlap Reporter

Ehlers to Open Super Market

An application for a beer and cigarette license was approved at a special meeting of City Council Monday morning for Roger's Super Market which is soon expected to replace Moore Bros. Super Market

A notice to creditors was received last week that the store located at 812 Iowa St., Dunlap, which has been operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy regulations, was to be sold on Nov. 15 to Roger Ehlers "free and clear of all liens and encumbrances."

A check with the store on Tuesday indicates it is still open and the change in management is expected to take place some time this week.

Dale Smith buys store from Roger Ehlers

Dunlap's grocery store has a new owner and a new name, but customers shouldn't have any problems getting used to either.

Roger Ehlers — owner of Dunlap in 1989 from a store in Omaha, he and Roger talked about the possibility of Smith taking over the store some day down the road.

"And now, it's becoming a reality," Dale said "I want to thank Roger for giving me the opportunity."

Dale said he planned "to keep the grocery store in this town for a long time, hopefully with the support of the community."

The store will continue to make a special effort to serve senior citizens and will continue to offer "weekly delivery to those seniors

who can't get out," Dale said.

All of the store's current employees — Evelyn Summerfield, Ern Keene, Meridel Berens, Beth Roberts, Brent Nelson, Bernice Summerfield and Larry Siebert — will continue to work at Smitty's Grocery.

Dale said he appreciated the hard work of the employees who have pitched in and helped out during the transition to new ownership.

"I appreciate the support of those who have shopped with Roger over the years, and I hope they will continue to do so with the changeover," Dale said.

Ehlers went to work for the grocery store in Dunlap when he was "about 12 years old." The store was located then on the far

west end of Iowa Avenue.

He continued to work for Moore Brothers Supermarkets after graduation from Dunlap High School in 1962.

Roger's only real break from the grocery business came when he served with the U.S. Army from 1965-67 including a full tour of duty in South Vietnam.

Roger worked at other Moore Brothers stores in Woodbine, Logan and Missouri Valley in addition to Dunlap.

He became manager of the new store when it was constructed in 1973.

Roger and his wife Judy have resided in Solder for more than 25 years. Their daughter Jill graduated this year from



Dale Smith will take over as owner of the grocery store on Monday

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Morningside College, and she currently works in Sioux City. Their son Shannon, a graduate of Central Iowa University, is a research chemist with Phyto-Technologies Inc. in Woodbine.

Smith is a 1974 graduate of Millard High School in Omaha. He began sacking groceries at Hinky-Dinky in Omaha at the age of 15 and "has been in the business ever since."

He and his wife Donna have four children — John, 21, James, 19, Sarah, 16, and Stephanie, 13.

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New Ownership

Roger's Supermarket will change ownership effective Monday, June 25, 2001. The new owner is Dale Smith of Dunlap who will be operating the store under the name of "Smitty's Grocery" at 712-643-2100.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the support of all the customers through the years I have owned the store. I hope you will continue to shop with Dale.

I am so fortunate to have worked with the greatest employees and am glad they have consented to stay on with Dale.

*Again, thank you very much,
Roger Ehlers*

Employees throw 'Happy Retirement' party for Roger Ehlers



Plenty of goodies were on hand as employees honored Roger Ehlers with a 'Happy Retirement' party at Roger's Supermarket Sunday. Numerous customers came by to enjoy the treats and wish Roger well. From left are Sarah Horn, Bernice Summerfield, Roger Ehlers, Erin

Keene, Evelyn Summerfield, Beth Roberts and Dale Smith, who assumed ownership of the store Monday under the name of Smitty's Grocery.

September 6, 2001

Smitty's Grocery sets Grand Opening Saturday

Since he took over on June 25, Dale Smith and his employees have been whipping Dunlap's grocery into shape.

Now Smitty's Grocery is ready to hold a Grand Opening, and Dale is offering special bargains on select items on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Prices on sale items will be good from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only Saturday. Included in the bargains are 10 different brands of soda pop with the price set at five 12-packs for only \$10.

The store is reserving the right to limit quantities with no resellers participating.

In addition, there will be drawings for "lots of prizes," and the Illusions Soccer Team will be selling hot dogs, pop and chips from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with all proceeds going to the team.

"I have been encouraged by the support of the community and this is a way to show my appreciation," Dale said.

In addition to regular customers,

Dale is hoping residents who haven't been by for a while will stop in to see the employees' efforts to make Smitty's "a brighter and nicer place to shop."

The sprucing up included "lots of cleaning and painting," Dale said. The parking lot has been resurfaced with new curbing and parking stripes. Also, the produce and meat sections have been reset with both being taken apart, cleaned and rematted.

The floors were stripped, sealed

and waxed and ceiling tiles have been replaced.

The cleanup involved a "lot of elbow grease" by the employees and a few outside workers, Dale said.

Working with Dale are checkers Deb Leonard, Beth Roberts Evelyn Summerfield and Erin Keene. Other employees include Larry Siebert, Brent Nelson, Sarah Horn, Ben Swertzic and Rocky Malone.

November 8, 2001 – Dunlap Reporter

Clowning around on Halloween



Dale Smith drew plenty of chuckles from customers as he bagged groceries on Halloween at Smily's Grocery

April 18, 2002 – Dunlap Reporter

More improvements at Smitty's



Dale Smith, owner of Smitty's Grocery, looks over the new frozen foods display at his store. Nineteen freezer units have been installed, and the store has added more than 100 new varieties of frozen foods.

June 27, 2002 – Dunlap Reporter

Congratulations to Dale Smith who this week is marking his first anniversary as the owner and operator of Smitty's Grocery. Dale and his crew have made significant improvements at the store, and we can all take pride in the fact that Dunlap has such a first-class operation.



Dale Smith owner of Smitty's Grocery Store of Dunlap

DCDC plans open house for Smitty's Grocery Store

By Dianne Walker

DCDC will hold an open house for Smitty's Grocery Store on November 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the store. It is DCDC's plan to support other Dunlap businesses with open house parties throughout the next year or so.

In June of 2001 **Dale Smith** took ownership of Dunlap's grocery store. He decided to re-name his store Smitty's. Over the last five years Dale and the employees of Smitty's have given the citizens of Dunlap outstanding service and a quality product.

DCDC invites everyone to come and visit with Dale and the employees of Smitty's. Having a grocery store is vital to the continued growth of Dunlap and Dunlap has one of the best run, cleanest and best service of any grocery store in the area.

Question of the week

by Jane Davie

*What are good things
about living in a small
town?*



Dale Smith (Smitty)—“I can ride my bike to work with out getting run over and when people wave at you, they use all their fingers.”

the younger generation in the nation

the week.

10 years later and he's still glad he bought the store!

by Dianne Walker

Dale Smith is glad he bought the Dunlap grocery store from Roger Ehlers 10 years ago.

"There were times that I thought, what have I done," says Dale. Like when Dunlap had a power outage and he had to run home and get a small generator and hook it up to his freezers so that he could keep his frozen products, frozen. They stayed open that day with the use of flashlights so that their customers could buy what they needed.

Dale likes it that they are able to deliver to seniors and those who are not able to get out. He said, "Those thank you's make everything worth while."

A great staff with very little job turnover is something else he is thankful for. They make it possible for him to take a vacation every once and a while. He knows he can leave it all in Evelyn Summerfield's hands when he feels the need for some down time.

Another problem Dale has had to contend with, since gasoline prices have gone up, is having some of his suppliers cut how many times they deliver. It has been a problem for him and all small grocery stores. Sometimes it is hard to anticipate how much product to buy when a supplier who previously came once a week and now comes only twice a month.

Another problem is when a customer asks Dale to stock a product he previously has not carried. He likes to make his cus-



Dale Smith celebrated his 10th anniversary at Smitty's Grocery Store.

tomers happy so he buys a carton of the product and then when it doesn't sell well, he has to choose whether he will order it again.

He said, that doesn't always happen, many times the item is sold and he is able to keep it on the shelves.

Fresh products can be the trickiest to anticipate, because they can rot before all are sold. Not something any owner likes to see happen.

Dale realizes he can't offer all the products that large stores carry, but he tries to keep a good supply of the basics and he appreciates all his customers; whether they buy a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread or two weeks worth of groceries.

He is proud of the improvements he's made in the last ten years and looks forward to another ten years of supplying food for the citizens of Dunlap.