

MENOMINEE RANGE MEMORIES 55: DOWNTOWN IRON MOUNTAIN – 515-535 SOUTH STEPHENSON AVENUE

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This detail of a postcard view shows the east side of the **500 block of South Stephenson Avenue** at the East B Street intersection was taken after **May 1921**, when construction began on the **United States National Bank** (Downtown Plaza) and before **June 1929**, when construction began on the **Commercial Bank** on the west side of Stephenson Avenue (Northern Michigan Bank). The photographer was standing in the area now occupied by the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce. The streets were unpaved. The entire west side of 500 Block of Stephenson Avenue and most of the 400 Block was vacant. Dating to about **1925**, this is the earliest photograph found to date showing the east side of the 500 block. Using city directories from **1925, 1913, 1907-1908, 1902-1903** and **1892-1894**, the following merchants along the 500 Block, beginning at the East B Street intersection, were: **533-535: George M. Caram**, confectionery store, 1925; **Abraham and Mary Khoury**, fruits and confectioneries (533), 1913; **Richard White Sr.**, meat market, 1902-1903; **R.J. Kneebone**, of Florence, meat market, **John B. Orr**, manager, 1892-1894; building probably erected by **Richard Williams** in about 1883; **527-531: Quality Hardware Store**, 531, 1925; **Peter Calvi**, saloon, 1892-1913; **Albert Van Laanen**, saloon (529), 1913, and **Anton Swanson**, poundmaster, and wife ran boarding house upstairs; **523-525: Angel Pepps and George Leanes, Pepps & Leanes Restaurant** (525), 1925; **R. Pizzarelli, Metropolitan Saloon & Hotel**, 1902-1903; **Peter Bhirdo, Prosser House & Sample Rooms**, 1892-1894; **521: Elmer Nolingberg**, bakery, 1925; **W.C. Scandling**, grocery store, 1892-1894, 1907-08, 1913; **517: Eric Nelson and Carl Carlson**, grocery and meat market, 1913; **W.C. Scandling**, grocery store, 1902-1903, 1907-1908; **H. Geuting & Co.**, meat market, 1892-1894; **515: American Security Bank**, 1925; **Mrs. S.E. Felch**, saloon, 1892-1894; **513: Zenion P. Rousselle**, harness shop, 1925; **Abe Luke**, saloon, 1913; **Frank Powell**, barbershop, 1902-1903 (may have been 511); **511: Venar H. Vryholf**, barbershop, 1925; **Walter A. Arens**, barbershop, 1907-1908; **509: Anton Fliris, Delima Cafe**, 1925; **Empire Hotel**, 1913; **Empire Restaurant**,

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1907-1908; **J.P. Thomas**, hotel and saloon, 1902-1903; **Kirby House**, 1892-1894; **507: Riley's Smoke Shop**, tobacco products, 1925; **Dr. George H. Boyce Sr.**, office, 1913; **William Tregilgas**, confectionery store, 1907-1908; **William Moyle**, restaurant, 1892-1894; **503-505: Oshin's Ready-to-Wear**, ladies' furnishings, **Mrs. Nellie Barkhurst**, manager; **Mrs. William Tregilgas**, confectionery store, 1913; **John Franklin**, wallpaper, paints, oils and painters' supplies, 1907-1908; **503: John Scandling**, grocery store, known as **Scandling & Soady** (1902-1903); **Ben Kaichen, S. Kaichen & Co.**, liquors, 1892-1894; **501: Apostle Protegere**, confectionery store, 1925; **Domenic Serena, Iron Mountain House**, hotel, 1913; **Peter Langis**, hotel and saloon, 1902-1903, 1907-1908; **John Larson & Co.**, saloon, 1892-1894. The **U.S. National Bank** can be seen at **425** South Stephenson Avenue, and also housed the **J.C. Penny Co.** department store in 1925. The original building on this site was the **Flanagan Block**, one of Iron Mountain's finest large buildings which was used as a theater for many years. It was totally destroyed by fire on February 25, 1904. **Peter E. Engberg** and **John W. Flanningan** sold wines, liquors, cigars and fresh beer here in 1892-1894. [William J. Cummings]

[NOTE: Dates, placed chronologically, are highlighted in boldface red letters for easier reading, and names of individuals and places are highlighted in boldface black letters to facilitate finding information.]

The 55th installment of Menominee Range Memories, a series of articles by William J. Cummings, Menominee Range Historical Foundation historian, now available on the Dickinson County Library's website, is titled "Downtown Iron Mountain – 515-535 South Stephenson Avenue."

The location of businesses at 515, 517, 519 and 521 South Stephenson Avenue is particularly confusing, and it would appear that street numbers changed over the years.

History of 515: **Mrs. S.E. Felch** ran a saloon at this location in **1892-1894** but resided at 513 South Stephenson Avenue. **Thomas O'Brien** was listed as a bartender working and living at the **Iron Clad** at **513 South Stephenson Avenue** in **1892-1894** which could actually be Mrs. S.E. Felch's saloon at this address. In **1902-1903** **John I. Khoury** sold "fruits, etc." at this address. **Louis Stoekly**, a druggist, was conducting business at this address in **1907-1908**.

Louis Stoekly operated a drug store at **225 South Stephenson Avenue** in **1902-1903**, and **Louis Stoekley** worked as a druggist for **Margaret Seibert** at **Seibert's Drug Store, 333 South Stephenson Avenue**, in **1892-1894**. There was no listing for this address in **1913**.

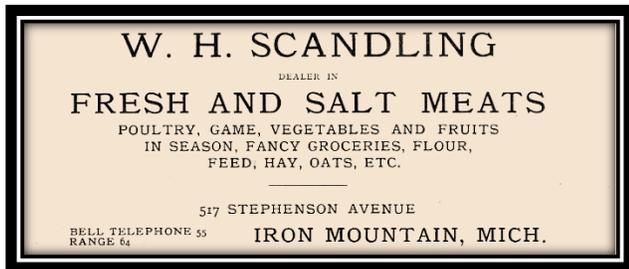
History of 517: **H. Geuting & Company**, a "Meat Market" was located here in **1892-1894**, working as "Dealers in Fresh, Dried, Salted, Smoked Meats and Sausages, Game, Fruit and Vegetables." **H. Geuting** also lived here, as did **Joseph Geuting**, who worked as a clerk in the meat market.

In **1902-1903** **William H. Scandling** sold "groceries, meats, etc." at **517-519 South Stephenson Avenue**. His advertisement on page 3 of the 1902-1903 directory noted he was a "Dealer in Fresh and Salted Meats[,] Poultry, Game, Vegetables and Fruits in Season, Fancy Groceries, Flour, Feed, Hay, Oats, Etc." **Joseph L. Desjardin** worked as a butcher at W.H. Scandling's store in 1902-1903, and lived upstairs at **519 South Stephenson Avenue**. W. H. Scandling was listed as a merchant at this address in **1907-1908**, and since there was no listing

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for 519 South Stephenson Avenue, the store apparently remained the same size as in 1902-1903. **Nelson & Carlson (Eric Nelson and Carl J. Carlson)** ran a grocery and meat market at this site in **1913**.



This advertisement appeared in the *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich. with a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis.*, 1902-1903.

American Security Bank 515-517 South Stephenson Avenue

On **September 2, 1920**, the *Iron Mountain Press* reported that Iron Mountain was to have a third bank (in addition to the **First National Bank** and the **Commercial Bank**) to be known as the **American Security State Bank** with a capitalization of \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares at a par value of \$100 each. The stock was selling at \$120 a share.

The incorporators were **A.A. Conrad, John J. Flanagan, Albert H. Hooper, Zenion P. Rousselle, Edward A. Best** and **James R. Spencer**. Conrad was a resident of Wausaukee, where he held the position of cashier of the local bank. The other incorporators were well-known local businessmen.

In articles published **October 14 and October 21, 1920**, the *Iron Mountain Press* reported that the organization of the **American Security Bank** had been completed and the management expected

to open the doors for business early in **1921** with a capital of \$100,000.

The new bank had purchased the **William H. Scandling** property at **517-519 South Stephenson Avenue**. The property had a frontage of 60 feet on the avenue and total depth of 120 feet. The bank occupied the building in which Mr. Scandling had been conducting business until the larger building was remodeled for banking purposes.

The first meeting of stockholders of the American Security Bank of Iron Mountain was held in the parlors of the **Milliman Hotel** on Saturday afternoon, **October 30, 1920**. The directors elected were **Albert H. Hooper, William H. Scandling, A.A. Conrad, E.E. Bussing, Richard H. James, John Elmer** and **James R. Spencer**.

After adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, a meeting of the board of directors was held and the following officers elected: **Albert H. Hooper**, president; **William H. Scandling**, vice-president; and **A.A. Conrad**, cashier. Hooper had been a resident of Iron Mountain for about twenty-five years and had held the position of agent for the **Chicago & North-Western Railway** continuously. Scandling, one of the city's pioneer merchants, had been a director of the **First National Bank** ever since its organization. He planned to retire from the mercantile business. Conrad, the cashier, came from Wausaukee, where he was cashier of the **Wausaukee State Bank**.

The article in the **November 4, 1920**, issue of *Iron Mountain Press* which reported the organization included a complete description of the bank building to be erected as follows:

The building to be erected by the bank will be a magnificent façade in the Doric style of architecture made entirely of white Bedford stone with considerable hand

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carved ornamentation. It will be a full two stories in height with a high stone pediment surmounted by a flag staff, giving the structure an appearance of a three-story structure. The entrance doors will be heavy bronze copper covered that enter into a marble wainscoted vestibule.

The entire face of the bank fixtures and the wall wainscoting in the main bank lobby will be of marble with a tile floor. This floor tile is of the hard Tennessee variety such as is used in the leading hotels and banks of the large cities. The lobby will be a spacious one with a marble check desk in the center, and a marble, leather tufted seat at the side. Around the lobby and vestibule there will be a base of the beautiful variegated dark imported Italian marble. The balance of marble fixtures and wainscoting will be Tennessee varvenell. This is the hardest marble known and is originally a sea shell formation from sea deposits left when the Atlantic Ocean was over the state of Tennessee, ages ago. There will be a beam ceiling.

The arrangement of the interior has been prepared by bank building experts working in connection with the bank directors and between them has been planned a banking home having every convenience possible for customers and employees. There will be three private offices for consultation, and the business meetings of both officials and customers. Space for two active cashiers, four tellers' windows, stenographers and bookkeepers. The president's office, customers' room and directors' room, and also the furniture will be of dark walnut. There will be a coupon booth and phone booth for the use of customers desiring to inspect the contents of their safe deposit boxes in private, or desiring to carry on private local or long distance conversation. There will also be a private toilet room with porcelain fixtures

and tile floor. The interior decorations will be in oil with an ornamental frieze near the ceiling in the main banking room.

The vault is a special type known as "a burglar proof, fire proof, shock proof vault." Since it cannot be burglarized, even when the secret of its construction is known, a special description of this most-modern type of vault building will be published at time of construction and the public will be invited to inspect the process. Since the terrible experience of a Chicago bank when a big dirigible balloon crashed through its roof, a new element has entered into requirements of safe bank vaults and that is to make them "shock proof" from either accident or attack from the sky.

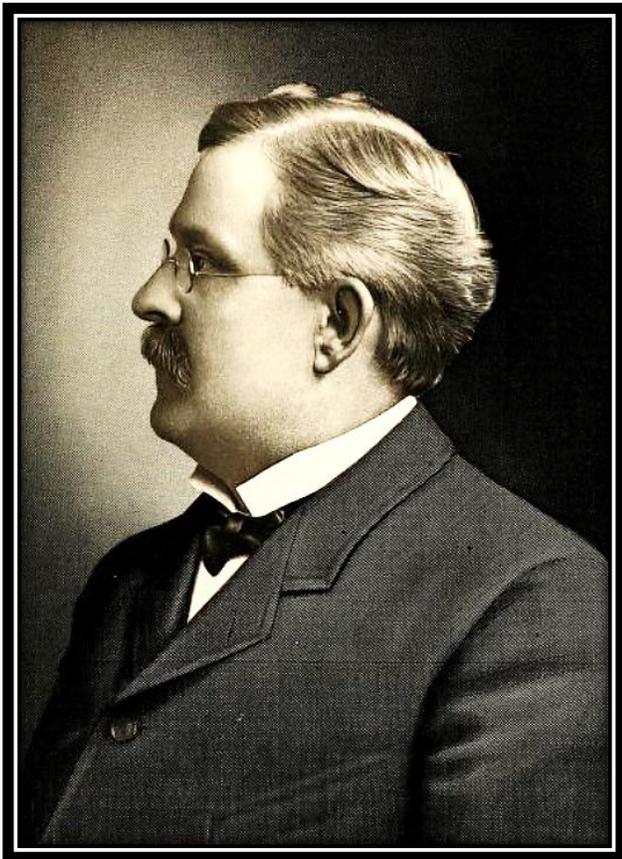
*All the equipment, even including the furniture, ink wells, cuspidors, waste baskets, mop and pail and the flag on the flag pole, have all been let to one contract, together with the erection of the building, to **A. Moorman & Co.**, bank builders, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This firm, the second largest of its kind in the country, has its own factories and designs and builds nothing but the higher class of bank buildings. Their representative, **A.C. Clausen**, has been a guest for several days at the **Milliman**, where the contract was signed last Saturday and their construction manager will be on the job to start operations in a few days. The contract calls for the completion in four months. It is the policy of the construction company to patronize local mechanics and dealers as far as possible.*

*At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the American Security Bank on **December 8, 1920**, **Dr. George Washington Earle**, of Hermansville, was elected president and director of the bank, succeeding **Albert H. Hooper**, who had temporarily filled the position of president during the progress of organization. Dr.*

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Earle also became a large stockholder, and was very much interested in the new organization. Both of Dr. Earle's sons were also stockholders in the bank. The new president had been in business in the area for about thirty-two years and was one of the strongest financial men in the Upper Peninsula at the time. He was connected with a great many banks and was also in the lumber and timber business.



Dr. George Washington Earle
(October 3, 1849 – October 10, 1923)

After this change, the directors were **Dr. G.W. Earle, William H. Scandling, A.A. Conrad, James R. Spencer, John Elmer, Richard H. James, and E.H. Bussing**, of Marquette.

An article in the newly-established *Iron Mountain Daily News*, in its **April 27, 1921**, edition, noted the decorators were at work finishing the new bank, and contained a complete description, as follows:

*Decorators are at work on the interior of the **American Security Bank** building, which, according to **A.A. Conrad**, cashier, will be opened for business soon after the first of the month. The new institution is attractive both in outside and inside appearance.*

Entering through a copper sheathed out door, there is a vestibule separated from the bank lobby by another door of plate glass and walnut finished wood. Walnut is the finish of the woodwork throughout the bank.

To the right of the lobby is the president's office, and next to it the cashier's space. Beyond this is a double wicket, and across the rear of the lobby, two single wickets. The partition dividing the lobby from the bank proper is of Tennessee marble, with a baseboard of Levanto marble. Above the marble are plate glass panels in walnut frames with iron grills part of the height. To the left of the entrance is a public writing room, which will be equipped with a settee, table, and chair, for the accommodation of patrons and others. Another settee will be provided along the north wall of the lobby. The check desk, of Tennessee marble, with glass top, will occupy the center of the lobby. Blanks will be provided in compartments below the glass top.

Public Room Provided.

Passing back from the lobby, on the right is a public telephone booth and just beyond it a door giving access to the safety deposit vault. In the rear of the building is another public room which will be provided with a table and chairs, giving patrons privacy in which to look over the contents of

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their deposit boxes. A lavatory and toilet opens off this room.

Inside the bank proper, the main object of interest is the massive vault. The door of this vault weighs three tons, and, when closed, is hermetically sealed on corrugated rubber cushions. One layer of the door is of special steel, designed to withstand the fame of the oxy-acetylene torch.

Behind the door is the day gate, of ornamental steel grill work, and back of that space the 600 deposit boxes. The first unit is in place. The doors of the boxes are of half-inch special steel, and the boxes themselves are of two document length. A special hinged cover permits examination of the contents of the box without removing it.

Burglar Proof Safe.

Another grill of half-inch bar separates this from the cash compartment. The key to this compartment will be held by one employee of the bank, and he will be responsible for it. Inside is a five cubic foot manganese steel burglar proof safe. The door of this safe resembles the breech block of a 12-inch gun. When locked into place, it, also, is hermetically sealed. In the bottom compartment is a silver chest.

The walls of the vault are 48 inches thick, of solid concrete reinforced with a network of half-inch bars. They go through to the basement, where they enclose the stock vault for the keeping of the bank's blanks and records. Above the vault door is an ornamental frame for a Western Union clock.

"Cages" of iron grillwork, which has not yet been received, will be installed about the wickets. Plenty of room will be left for the other work of the institution.

Attractively Decorated.

The interior is finished with buff walls, cream ceiling, and old ivory trim. A stencil border design will be added. Lighting will be furnished by semi-indirect fixtures. The

latest vapor heating system has been installed. The floor is of Tennessee marble.

Four other suites of two rooms each have been provided on the second floor and three of them have already been rented, Mr. Conrad declares.

*On Saturday, **May 14, 1921**, the **American Security Bank** opened its doors to the public for inspection of the banking house and transaction of business.*

*Once again the *Iron Mountain Daily News* provided a detailed description of the facility, as follows:*

The attractiveness of the interior decorations was enhanced by baskets of flowers placed on the desks and counters. Carnations were given as souvenirs to the lady visitors. Hundreds of people inspected the bank throughout the day.

Organized Last Fall.

Organization of the American Security Bank was effected last October, and construction was begun the following month. Since then, the building has been in course of construction, the interior fittings and decorating being completed last week.

Walnut and Tennessee marble make up the interior finish of the bank, while the walls are in buff, with stencil design, and the ceiling in cream, and old ivory trim. Semi-indirect art glass fixtures illuminate the building.

To the right of the entrance is the president's office, and next to it the cashier's desk. Beyond this are four wickets. To the left of the entrance is the public writing room, with desk, chair, and settee, for the use of patrons and visitors. The check desk, of marble, occupies the center of the lobby, and a marble settee is located along the north wall.

A door to the rear of the lobby gives access to the safety deposit vault, the public telephone booth and the private room where patrons may inspect the

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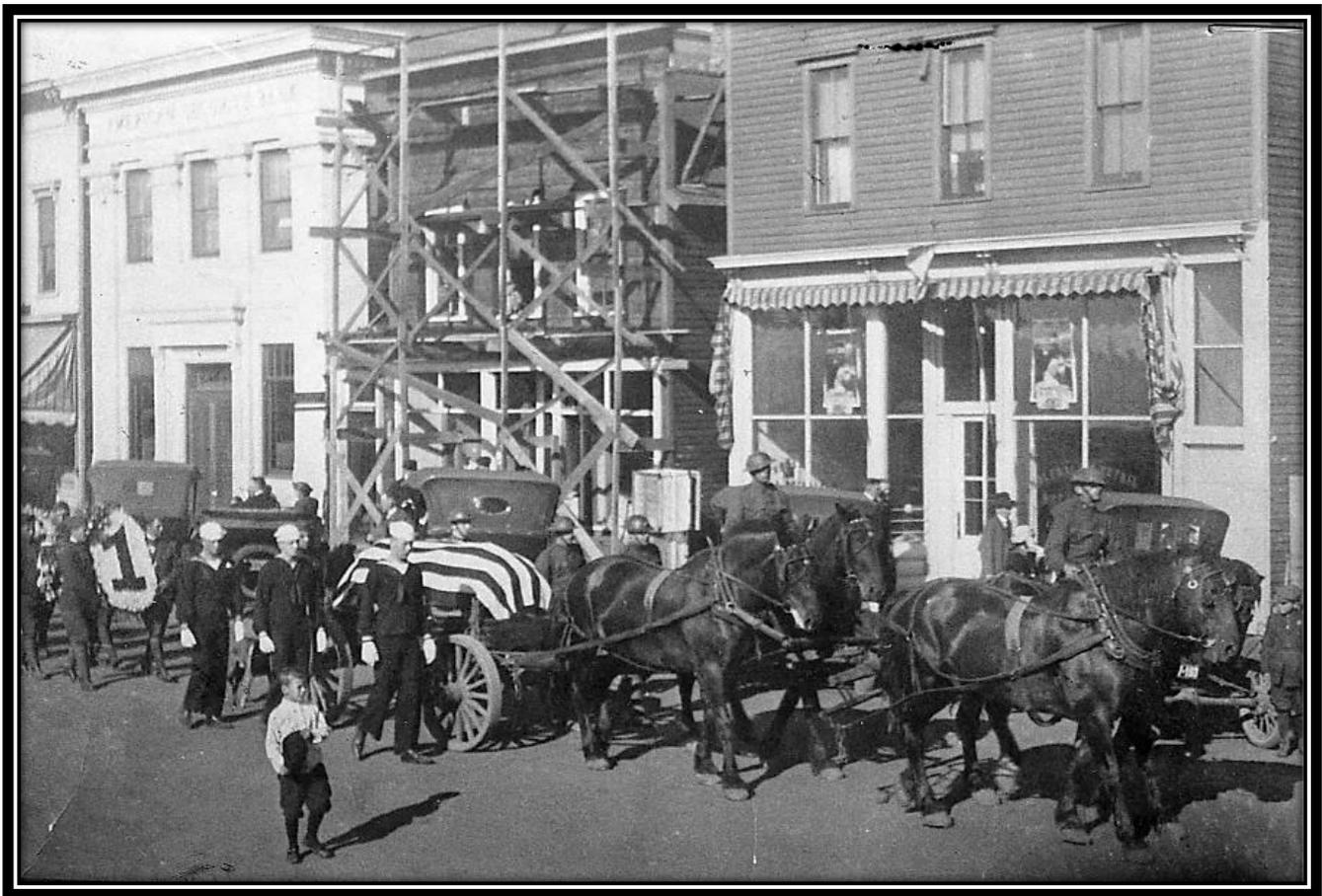
contents of safety deposit boxes at their leisure.

Vault Is Massive.

Space is provided for 600 deposit boxes. One unit has already been installed, and many of the boxes rented. The sections are installed behind the great steel door, weighing three tons and built to withstand the flame of the oxy-acetylene

torch, and which also seals the vault interior when closed.

Back of another iron grill is the manganese steel cash vault, five cubic feet in capacity, and as nearly burglar proof as a vault can be made. Walls of reinforced concrete, 48 inches thick, enclose the vault, which was built by the Deibold company, of Canton, O.



Four horses pulled the caisson bearing the coffin of **World War I veteran Theodore R. “Ted” Trowsell** past the **east side of the 500 block of South Stephenson Avenue** in **mid-September 1921**. The lead horse was ridden by **Hugo Tramontin** and the second horse was ridden by **Ernest Tramontin**. Trowsell was killed in an automobile accident on **September 16, 1921**. The stores visible in the background from left to right were: **513: Zenion P. Rousselle**, harness shop, 1925; **Abe Luke**, saloon, 1913; **Frank Powell**, barbershop, 1902-1903; **515: American Security Bank**, 1925; **Mrs. S.E. Felch**, saloon, 1892-1894; **517: Eric Nelson and Carl Carlson**, grocery and meat market, 1913; **W.C. Scandling**, grocery store, 1902-1903, 1907-1908; **H. Geuting & Co.**, meat market, 1892-1894; **521: Elmer Nolingberg**,

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On the evening prior to the grand opening, **E.H. Bussing**, of Danville, Ill., formerly of Iron Mountain, and Miss **Maud L. Ward**, of Marquette, were united in marriage in the president's room of the **American Security Bank**, the **Rev. Dr. J.F. Young**, of the Presbyterian Church, performing the ceremony.

On Saturday, **May 14, 1921**, the American Security Bank opened its doors to the public for inspection of the banking house and transaction of business. The account of the grand opening appeared in the *Iron Mountain News* of that date as follows:

Following the completion of its handsome new home on Stephenson avenue, the American Security Bank this morning threw open its doors to the public, for inspection of the banking house and transaction of business. The bank will remain open this evening until 9 o'clock.

The attractiveness of the interior decorations was enhanced by baskets of flowers placed on the desks and counters. Carnations were given as souvenirs to the lady visitors. Hundreds of people inspected the bank throughout the day.

... [NOTE: A portion of this article was a verbatim repeat of an earlier description, and has been omitted here.]

Green Bay Cashier Here.

Besides **Mr. Conrad** and **Douglas Wheelock**, bookkeeper [sic – bookkeeper], formerly of the *Wausaukee State Bank*, **A.C. Smith**, assistant cashier of the *Citizens National Bank*, at Green Bay, is

here to attend the opening and to assist Mr. Conrad as teller.

*Currency was received yesterday, and, after completing his examination, **F.F. Bernsteine**, of the state banking department, last night authorized the institution to open. The absence of the bank examiner until yesterday afternoon prevented earlier announcement of the opening.*

*The bank as organized has a capital and surplus of \$120,000. The officers are: **Dr. G.W. Earle**, president; **W.H. Scandling**, vice president; **A.A. Conrad**, cashier. The directors are Dr. G.W. Earles [sic - Earle], W.H. Scandling, A.A. Conrad, **James R. Spencer**, **John Elmer**, **R.H. James**, **A.H. Hooper**, **F.H. Bussing**, and **Henry Suino**.*

On Saturday, **March 29, 1924**, the **Wisconsin Lunch Company** opened the first of three restaurants it intended to conduct in Iron Mountain. The restaurant was located in the basement of the **American Security Bank**. Short order and regular meal service was offered at the new restaurant, which had accommodations for 50 persons.

An article in the **March 26, 1924** edition of the *Iron Mountain News* announced the opening of the **Wisconsin Lunch Company** in the basement of the **American Security Bank** at this address on March 29 as follows under this headline: RESTAURANT TO OPEN SATURDAY – Will Be First of Three Wisconsin Company Plans Here

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The Wisconsin Lunch Company will open on Saturday the first of three restaurants it intends to conduct in Iron Mountain, it was said today. The first restaurant will be located in the basement of the American Security bank.

The other two will be opened within two months, according to the management.

Short order and regular meal service will be offered at the new restaurant, which will have accommodations for 50 persons.

Creditors sold the restaurant a little more than nine months later, according to an article in the **January 16, 1925** edition of the *Iron Mountain News* which follows:

The Wisconsin Lunch, located in the basement of the American security [sic – Security] bank building at 517 Stephenson avenue and taken over by creditors of Ehmed Elli, former owner of the Blue Bird cafe, was purchased yesterday by Stephen Thanos, of Iron Mountain, and four others, it was announced today.

The restaurant has not been open since the former owner left for parts unknown. It is understood that the new management will re-open the place either tomorrow or Sunday.

Mr. Thanos is interested in the Boston Meat market on Fourth street and also in a grocery store and meat market in Kingsford Heights.

In **1925** the following institutions and individuals were listed as occupants of the American Security Bank Building, 515-517 South Stephenson Avenue: **American Security Bank** (Isaac W. Byers, Iron River, Mich., president; G. Harold Earle, Hermansville, Mich., 1st vice-president; Albert H. Hooper, 2nd vice-president; Russell C. Hanchette, cashier; F. Dean Cardinal, assistant cashier); **B Realty Company** (Benjamin Brill, Green Bay, Wis., president; Simon R. Brown, Green

Bay, Wis., vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Brill, treasurer; Clarence J. Bellows, secretary; B. Isadore Brill, salesman); Edward J. Dundon, attorney-at-law and counselor.

Sometime before **November, 1929**, the **American Security Bank** failed.

History of 515-517 (Continued): In an article in the *Iron Mountain News* on **November 27, 1929**, Angelo B. Bracco announced his new **City Drug Store** would open early the following week in the Stephenson Avenue site formerly occupied by the **American Security Bank**. At the time the article appeared most of the interior decorative work was completed and workmen were setting up storage and display cases and racks.

The article described the interior as follows:

Various up-to-date features will be included in the establishment, and all of the fixtures are new.

Display and storage racks along the north wall will contain, for the most part, patent and other medicines, while on the opposite wall will be displayed toilet articles, novelty goods and similar merchandise.

Eight glass cases, ranged along the sides and in the center of the store, will display novelty and specialty goods and the cases themselves are of the new type, all electric-lighted and utilizing the space at the bottom as well as the top.

In the rear of the store to the right is the enclosed prescription room, with the shelves and vault already installed. Along the rear wall and in a sort of alcove are eight lunch booths, of latest design, with tapestry wall effects and mitered mirrors in each compartment.

New Fountain.

The soda fountain is in the center at the rear – all new equipment, and while temporary swinging stools will be provided

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for the opening, a new style of revolving seat, with a high-back support, will be installed later.

At the end of the alcove to the rear-left is the telephone booth.

The soda fountain is of the new liquid-carbonic type, with an up-to-date cooling installation.

Low chandeliers, comprising the inverted-lighting system, hang from the ceiling in the sales department, and these,

with the window space and the cream-colored walls and ceiling, will provide ample light.

A plastic decorative scheme is carried out along the walls, while the ceiling is plain cream-colored.

On the mezzanine floor along the width of the rear, and enclosed, is the office. Copper-trimmed display windows, with marble base throughout, and a tiled entrance comprise the new front.



This interior view of **The City Drug Store, 515 South Stephenson Avenue** shows the soda fountain, as well as merchandises display areas, and probably dates to the **1940s**. **Angelo B. Bracco** opened the new **City Drug Store** in **early December 1929** in the site formerly occupied by the **American Security Bank**. An article in the **November 27, 1929** edition of the *Iron Mountain News* described the soda fountain as follows: *The soda fountain is in the center at the rear – all new equipment, and while temporary swinging stools will be provided for the*

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In **1935** the **City Drug Store**, **Angelo B. Bracco**, proprietor, was located at **517 South Stephenson Avenue**. Angelo B. Bracco was also listed as a pharmacist at **Cudlip's Drug Store** in 1935.

On the second floor there were offices for **Dr. Charles P. Drury**, a physician; the **Dickinson & Iron County Medical Society** (**Dr. A.L. Haight**, president; **Dr. A.R. Smith**, vice-president; **Dr. Charles P. Drury**, secretary-treasurer); and the regional office of the **State Emergency Relief Administration**, **Walter M. Berry**, field representative.

In **1939** the **City Drug Store** continued under the same ownership. On the second floor there were offices for **Dr. E.B. Anderson**, physician and surgeon, and the **State Emergency Welfare Relief Administration Regional Office** with **Walter Berry**, Director, while **Adeline's Beaute Salon** was operated by **Adeline Beauchamp** in the basement.

In the **1941-1942** city directory **Dr. E.B. Anderson**, physician and surgeon, **Dr. Francis Desalvo**, physician and surgeon, were listed upstairs and **Adeline's Beaute Salon** was still located in the basement.

In **1946** **Dr. Charles G. Steinke**, physician, and **Swedish Massage (Henry L. Skogman)** were located upstairs and **Adeline's Beaute Salon (Adeline B. Dwyer)** was in the basement.

By **1961** **Sherman Kellstrom** owned **City Drugs** at **517 South Stephenson Avenue**, remaining in business through **1966**. In **1964** **Mrs. Betty W. Kellstrom** operated **The Antique Shop** here.

Adeline's Beaute Salon (Mrs. Adeline Dwyer) was still at this address in **1961** and remained there through **1973**. In **1974**

Adeline's Beauty Salon was located at **400 South Carpenter Avenue** under the same ownership.

Dr. Charles G. Steinke still had his office upstairs at **517 South Stephenson Avenue** in **1961**, but by **1964** his office was located at **500 South Stephenson Avenue** in the **Commercial Bank building**.

Izzy's Ski & Sports Shop, owned by **Ronald E. Israelson**, was listed here in **1967**. **North State Equipment, Inc.** (**Ronald E. Israelson**, president; **Ted J. Koenig**, vice-president; **Mrs. Mary Jane Israelson**, secretary and treasurer) also was listed at this address, repairing and providing parts to the marine trade. By **1971** the sports shop and the **North Side Equipment, Inc.**, were not listed.

From **1976** through **1979** this address was listed as vacant.

History of 519: There is no listing for this address in **1892-1894**. In **1902-1903** **William H. Scandling** sold "groceries, meats, etc." at **517-519 South Stephenson Avenue**. His advertisement on page 3 of the 1902-1903 directory noted he was a "Dealer in Fresh and Salted Meats[,] Poultry, Game, Vegetables and Fruits in Season, Fancy Groceries, Flour, Feed, Hay, Oats, Etc." **Joseph L. Desjardin** worked as a butcher at **W.H. Scandling's** store in 1902-1903 and lived upstairs at **519 South Stephenson Avenue**. **W. H. Scandling** was listed as a merchant at this address in **1907-1908**, and since there was no listing for **519 South Stephenson Avenue**, the store apparently remained the same size as in 1902-1903.

There was no listing for this address in **1913** or **1925**. However, in **1935** **Caviani & Mroz (Ernest P. Caviani and Leo Mroz)**

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worked as jewelers at this location, and Ernest P. Caviani also dealt in music and musical instruments. There was no listing for this address in the 1939, the 1941-1942 or the 1946 city directories. In the 1941-1942 directory Caviani & Mroz, Jewelers, was listed at 517, but, in actuality, was probably located here.

By 1961 the Frankini Building occupied 519-521 South Stephenson Avenue. A.C. Frankini & Sons (Louis A. “Wally” Frankini and Arthur C. “Art” Frankini, Jr.), jewelers, occupied this address through 1999.

The Frankini Building address remained as 519-521 South Stephenson Avenue, but beginning in 1976, the address for A.C. Frankini & Sons was 521 South Stephenson Avenue. A slogan used in advertising in the 1971 city directory was: “If You Don’t Know Your Jewelry, Know Your Jeweler.”

In 1986 A.C. Frankini & Sons, Inc. was formed with Louis A. Frankini, president; and Arthur C. Frankini, Jr., vice-president-secretary-treasurer. Louis A. Frankini died on March 6, 1986. In 1987 the officers were Arthur C. Frankini, Jr., president; Eleanor D. Frankini (widow of Louis A. Frankini), secretary; Michelle Frankini, manager. In 1988 the officers were Arthur C. Frankini, Jr., president; Michael L. Frankini, vice-president). These officers remained the same through 1993.

From 1994 through 1999 the business was known as Frankini Jewelers & Gifts, Ltd. with Arthur C. Frankini, Jr., president; Pamela Frankini, vice-president. Pamela was Arthur’s daughter.

There was no listing for this address in 2000.

From 1961 through 1975 Ellen Blixt Gifts (Ellen C. Blixt and beginning in 1964 Viola V. Blixt) was located in the basement of 519 South Stephenson Avenue.

From 1961 through 1964 Ledger J. Archambeau, attorney, had his office here. In 1961 Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance (Leonard Losito) and Prudential Insurance Company (John P. Creed) had offices here. In 1961 through 1963 Henry L. Skogman, physiotherapist, had his office here. In 1966 and 1967 Emmanuel J. Arrowood provided massage therapy here.

History of 521: William H. Scandling sold groceries at this address in 1892-1894. T.J. Scandling worked as a salesman in the grocery store and also resided here in 1892-1894. There was no listing for this address in 1902-1903. In 1907-1908 John Treneary was found on the street index for this address, but in the alphabetical listing John Trenarry, a mine worker, was living at 519 South Stephenson Avenue. W.H. Scandling sold groceries at this location again in 1913.

An article in the February 28, 1924 edition of the *Iron Mountain News* announced the Nolingberg Bakery Company’s new shop “located in the building next to the American Security bank on Stephenson avenue and formerly occupied by A.C. Frankini, jeweler.” The shop was to carry a “full line of staple bakery goods and a special line of fancy pastries.” The building had been remodeled throughout and an electric oven had been installed. The Nolingberg Bakery Company had been in business in Iron River for eleven years at this time and had erected a new bakery building there two years prior to opening the shop in Iron Mountain. M.F. Norlingberg, who had been with the company since its organization, was to be in charge of the local shop. In 1925 Elmer Nolingberg operated a bakery here, assisted by Maurice Nolingberg, who worked as a baker. Maurice Nolingberg was probably

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the manager of the Iron Mountain shop noted in the newspaper article as M.F. Norlingberg, and Elmer Nolingberg the owner of the Nolingberg Bakery Company, headquartered in Iron River.

There was no listing for this address in **1935**, but by **1939** the **Frankini Jewelry Store** was located here, operated by **Arthur C. Frankini**, and **Dr. Francis DeSalvo**, physician and surgeon, had his office upstairs. The Frankini Jewelry Store continued to be listed at this address in the **1941-1942** city directory, and the **Blixt Dress & Gift Shop** was operated by **Ellen Blixt**, probably upstairs.

History of 525: The **Prosser House**, a hotel with “sample rooms,” was operated by **Peter Bhirdo** at this location in **1892-1894**, advertising: “Good accomodations [*sic* – *accommodations*] for the traveling public by the day or week at living prices. Fine bar of wines[,] liquors and cigars.”

By **1902-1903** the establishment at this address was called the **Metropolitan Saloon** in the street index and the **Metropolitan Hotel**, operated by **R. Pizzarelli**, in the alphabetical listing. In the Classified Business Directory for **1902-1903** the name **Rocco Pizarello** appeared under “SALOONS,” so the Metropolitan Saloon is probably the correct name, and the owner probably lived on the premises.

There was no listing for this address in **1907-1908** or **1913**.

In **1925** the **Pepps & Leanes Restaurant** (**Angel Pepps** and **George Leanes**) occupied this site, but the 1925 directory indicated that the building was “vacant.” **Angel Pepps** and his wife **Henrietta Pepps** lived at 216 West Brown Street in 1925, and **George P. Leanes** ran a billiard parlor at **407 South Stephenson Avenue** in the basement of the **Jacobs Building**, and lived at 203 South

Stephenson Avenue with his wife **Rose Leanes**.

E.M. Kotler ran a grocery store at this location in **1935**. **E.M. Kotler** lived at 518 West A Street, as did **Louis D. Kotler** and his wife **Esther Kotler**, and **Ruth Kotler** and **William Kotler**, both clerks, possibly in the grocery store at this address.

By **1939** the **Gambles Store**, managed by **Alfred Humphrey**, was listed at **523-525 South Stephenson Avenue**, but the address noted in the **1941-1942** city directory was **525 South Stephenson Avenue** with **Arnold Sjodin** serving as manager. In the **1946** city directory the Gambles Hardware Store was listed at **523 South Stephenson Avenue** with **Arnold Sjodin**, manager. By **1961** **Willard C. Lange** managed the **Gambles Store** at **525 South Stephenson Avenue**, featuring hardware, appliances, sporting goods and auto supplies. By **1963** the manager was **John E. Price**, and from **1964** through **1969** the manager was **Kenneth G. Muzzy**.

There was no listing for this address between **1970** and **1978**.

In **1979** **Rembrandt Studio** (**Joseph F. Bille**, owner; **Barbara J. Bille**, manager) was located at **525 South Stephenson Avenue**, featuring “distinctive portraits, creating wedding candid, industrial and commercial photography.” In **1980** **Jesse Archie** was the owner of **Rembrandt Studio**. In **1981** there was no listing for **Rembrandt Studio** and **The Archie Studio**, (**Jessie and Lynn Archie**) was located at **722 River Avenue**.

History of 529: There was no entry for this address in **1892-1894** or **1902-1903**. In **1907-1908** the name **Peter Brette** appeared in the street index but was not found in the alphabetical listing. **Albert P. Van Laanen** ran a saloon here in **1913**, and **Anton Swanson**, the poundmaster, and his wife **Hilda Swanson** resided upstairs

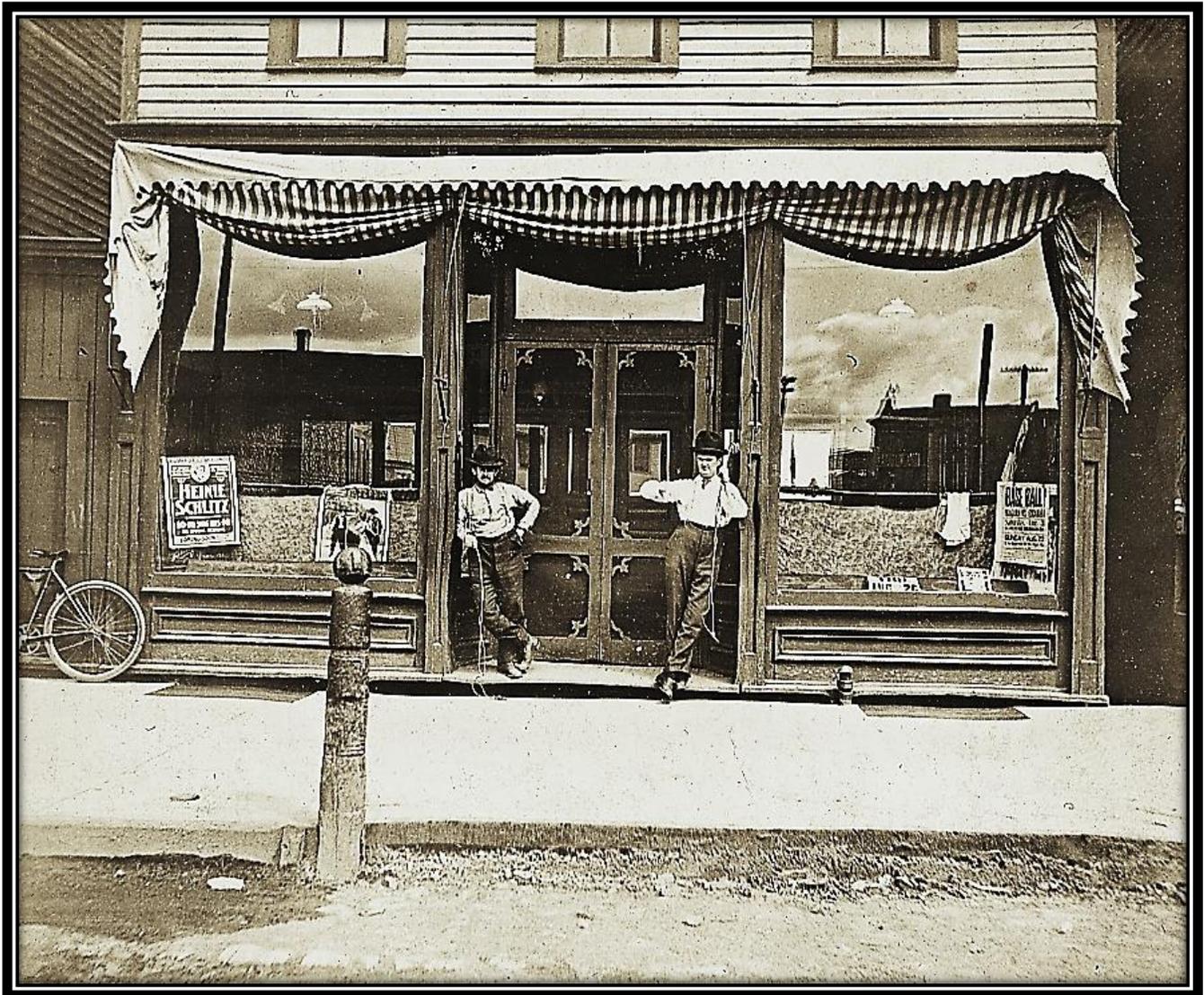
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where Mrs. Swanson ran a boarding house. There was no listing for this address in **1925, 1935, 1939, 1941-1942** and **1946**.

History of 531: The **Palace Sample Rooms**, owned and operated by **Peter Calvi** at this location in **1892-1894**, advertised: “A fine bar of imported and

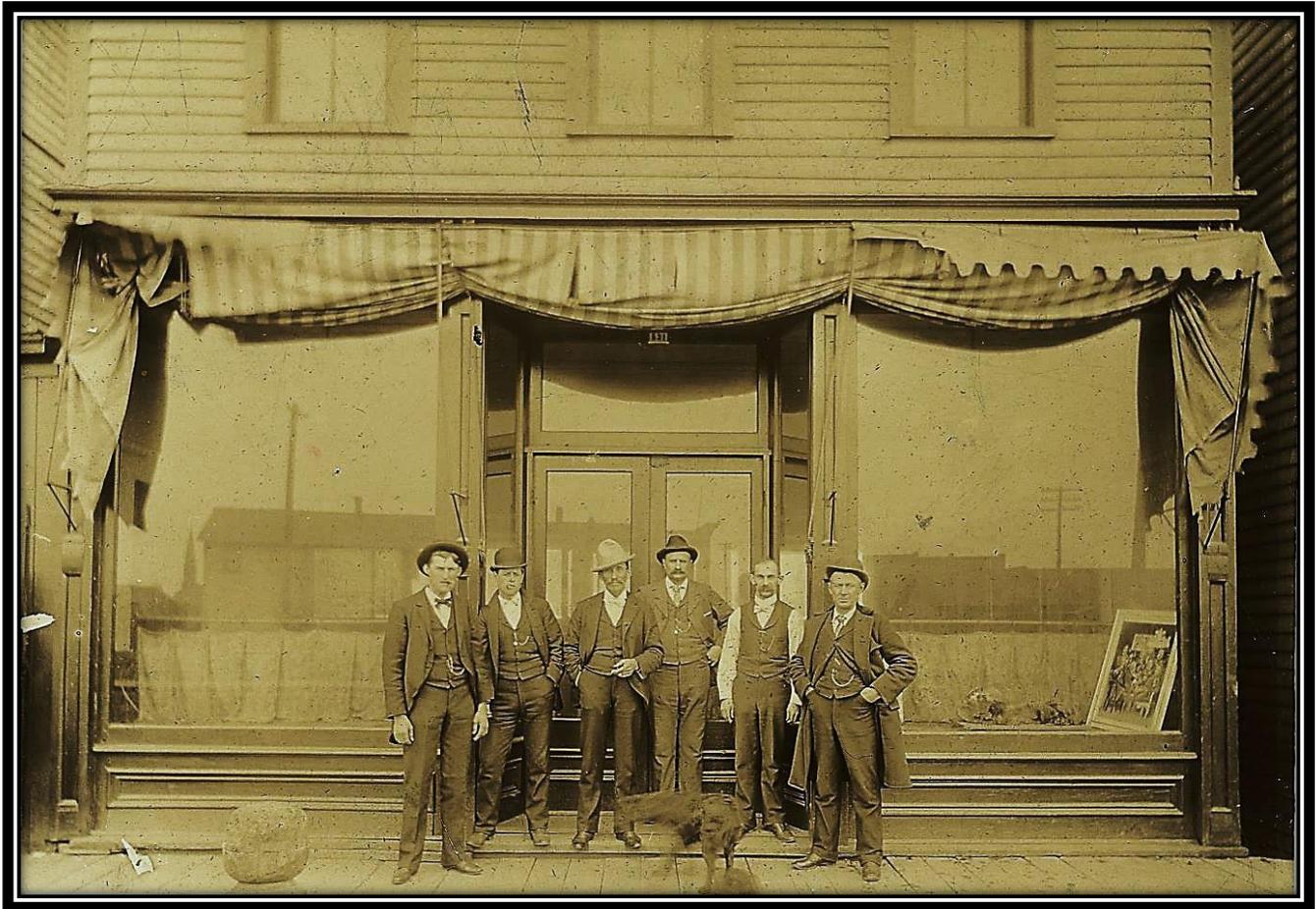
domestic wines, liquors and cigars. Fresh beer always on tap.” Peter Calvi resided on the premises. In **1902-1903** Peter Calvi still ran a saloon at this address, but no longer resided here. Peter Calvi continued to run a saloon here in **1907-1908** and **1913**.



Peter Calvi's Saloon was located at **531 South Stephenson Avenue**. Note the hitching post in the foreground and the bicycle at the far left. The poster in the left window advertises Heinle Schlitz beer and the poster in the right window advertises a baseball game. The two men standing in the doorway are unidentified. This photograph probably dates **between 1900 and 1910**. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

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Peter Calvi's Saloon was located at **531 South Stephenson Avenue**. **Edward G. Kingsford** stood at the far right, and the other men are unidentified. This photograph probably dates **between 1900 and 1910**. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

The **Quality Hardware Store**, **James P. Palmer** and **Keeler L. Calvi**, proprietors, occupied this site by **1925**, selling a "General and Complete Line of Hardware." **Leslie H. Palmer** was a salesman at the hardware store. **William Rauhut**, an autoworker, resided here with his wife **Frances Rauhut** and **Frank Rauhut**, a laborer, in 1925. In **1935** The Quality Hardware Store under the same management was still located here.

In the **November 30, 1929** edition of *The Iron Mountain News* the following account of a fire which occurred on Friday, **November 29, 1929** appeared under the

headline **FLAMES CAUSE DAMAGE OF \$20,000 – ONE STORE IS RUINED; CAFE IS IMPERILED – Blaze Wipes Out Quality Hardware; Buchman Stock Suffers – ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN – Third Fire In That District In Last Two Years:**

*Damage that may exceed \$20,000 resulted late last night [Friday, November 29, 1929] when fire starting in the **Quality Hardware store**, **531 Stephenson avenue**, destroyed that structure, charred the two adjoining buildings and caused damage to the stock and fixtures in another store and a restaurant.*

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The **Iron Mountain and Ford Motor company fire departments** fought the blaze all night, and the **Norway department** also stood by in case of need. It was the third fire within two years in that section of the business district.

No one knows how or when the fire started, but it was about 10:30 o'clock when **Theodore Apostle**, cook at the **Elroy restaurant**, adjoining the Quality hardware, looked out the rear window and saw flames leaping from the roof of the hardware store. He turned in what is believed to be the first alarm.

At about the same moment another man, whose name could not be learned today, raced into fire station with the news of the blaze, and the trucks at that department started out.

Six Streams of Water.

Flames were leaping from the center of the building, on the north side, when the trucks from department No. 1 pulled up in front of the store. One firemen [sic – fireman] was sent at once to put in a call for No. 2 station. Within the next 10 minutes six streams of water were playing on the blaze from the front and rear.

Meanwhile, scores of spectators appeared and their numbers increased until by 11 o'clock about 500 persons stood about, some wrapped in heavy blankets and all shivering in the bitter cold.

Clouds of black smoke rolled from every section of the building, and occasional puffs of livid red from the roof gave evidence that the blaze had a good start before the alarm was turned in. Inside, on both the first and second floors, the flames and smoke swirled about, casting a dull, flashing red on the windows in front.

Protect Other Buildings.

Mike Scolatti, acting fire chief, directed two streams of water upon the walls of [the] **Buchman Drug store** and the **Elroy restaurant**, adjoining the hardware store on

either side. All night those streams played along the steaming sides of the structures, and were responsible for saving them, although they suffered water and some fire damage.

Meanwhile, four other streams were thrown into the building from various angles. Ladders were run up at the front and rear, from where hose lines were directed into the heart of the blaze. Another hose crew scaled the south sides of the **Buchman building**, crawled across the roof and remained on that somewhat perilous perch during the night.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when, as the flames shot higher into the air, a call was sent in to the **Ford Motor company** department. Shortly thereafter **Chief of Police William Ferzacca** called **Norway** and asked that a truck, with more hose and men, be sent.

Five minutes later the **Ford truck** careened around the corner of **Carpenter avenue** and **B street**, and pulled up to the hydrant near the city comfort station [public restrooms on the south side of the 100 block of East B Street], west of the **North Western tracks**. It added one more stream to the six which the city crews were playing on the blaze.

Norway Truck Arrives.

In another 10 minutes a flood of light splitting out of the smoke on **South Stephenson avenue** announced the arrival of the **Norway pumper truck** with one man, **Frank Haydon**, at the wheel. Driving the stretch protected only by a pair of goggles, Haydon's face was white with frost when he pulled up to the corner of **Stephenson avenue** and **B street**.

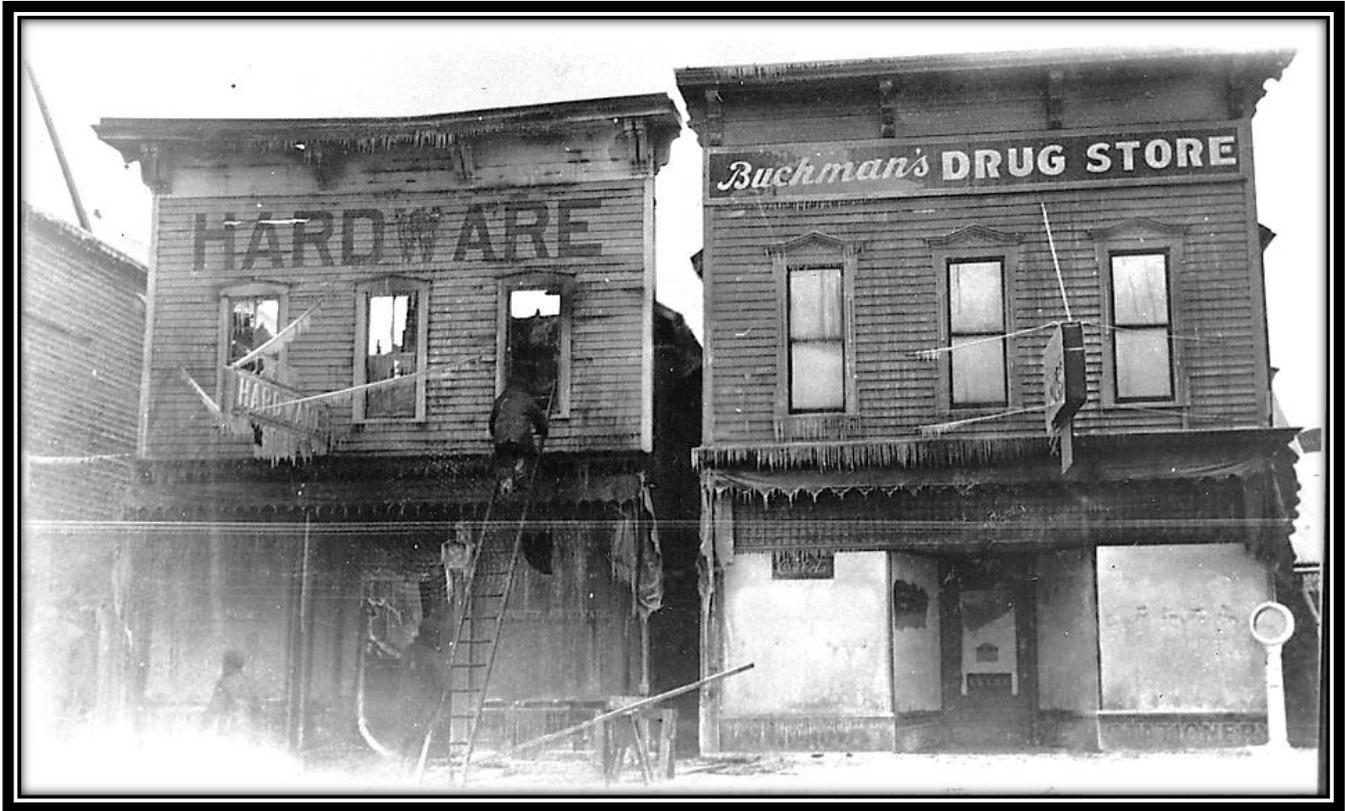
Stiff with the cold, Haydon was directed to the **Shay Recreation parlor** [**Edward Shea**, soft drinks, **120 West Hughitt Street**], where he stayed long enough to thaw out. He then returned to his truck and stood ready in case of emergency. Shortly

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before 2 o'clock a.m., when he saw that the blaze was under control and there was

no need for his equipment, Haydon returned to Norway.



A fire on the evening of Friday, **November 29, 1929** started in the **Quality Hardware Store**, located at **531 South Stephenson Avenue**. **Buchman's Drug Store**, owned by **Abraham G. Buchman**, was located at **533 South Stephenson Avenue** on the northeast corner of the intersection with East B Street and sustained some damage but was saved, as was the **Elroy Restaurant**, located at **525 South Stephenson Avenue**. *[Dick Ferris/Gene Derwinski]*

*Across the street from the hardware store the windows of the new **Commercial bank building** reflected the mounting blaze.*

From within occasional, deep rumblings told of the gradual collapse of the second floor, and intermittent sharp reports gave evidence that the blaze had reached the shelves where shells and cartridges were kept. Undaunted by that, the firemen darted about, seeking new points of vantage, and shooting the streams of water wherever the need seemed greatest. Some

waded, unprotected, into the smoke-filled interior, but came out again a moment later, wiping their eyes and coughing.

Sparks flying about the burning structure sailed high into the air and came down in glittering showers on nearby buildings. There was some fear for a time that these might cause further trouble, but none developed.

Offer To Remove Stock.

When shortly before midnight it seemed certain that the adjoining buildings were doomed, volunteers offered their assistance

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in carrying out the more valuable stock and fixtures. Little of that was done, however.

*Most of the furniture and fixtures in the apartment of **Paul Khoury**, on the second floor of the Buchman building, was damaged by smoke and water, Khoury said this morning. When the fire broke out Khoury and his family and two guests were enjoying a chestnut roast in the kitchen. Suddenly a burst of flame flared against the kitchen window, on the side facing the hardware store. Khoury ran to the street, and returning, gave the alarm.*

*Some of the furniture was removed from the flat. Water seeped into the walls and through the ceiling. There was also a large hole in the roof of the building, which is owned by **Abe Khoury**.*

*Water also seeped through the north walls and the ceiling of the **Buchman Drug store**. Mr. Buchman, assisted by friends, moved all of the display stock from the north to the south side of the store, and as they worked the water trickled down the chains of the chandeliers.*

Later in the morning the seepage spread over most of the ceiling, and water dripped onto the floor. The interior was filled with the pungent odor of smoke. Mr. Buchman today was unable to estimate the damage from water and smoke. He indicated, however, that most of the stock was affected by it.

Guests Are Warned.

*In the **Elroy restaurant**, adjoining on the north, the situation was much the same. Fourteen guests in the **Elroy hotel** on the second floor were notified in time to pack up their belongings and vacate. There was no confusion and ample time was provided for their exit. Later in the evening some damage resulted there from smoke and water.*

In the restaurant proper, water seeped through the base of the walls and spread

*over the linoleum on the floor, later dripping through to the basement below. **George Leanes**, proprietor, estimated the damage to the linoleum at about \$650, another loss of \$300 in a quantity of potatoes stored in the basement, and additional damage of about \$550 to other fixtures and stock. The loss, he said, is covered by insurance. Mr. Buchman also is fully protected.*

At no time, however, was it impossible to enter either the drug store or the restaurant, for although water dripping from the walls and ceilings and the odor of smoke permeated both interiors, no appreciable amount of smoke got into either building, and spectators availed themselves of that opportunity to warm up and, in the case of the restaurant, to get a cup of coffee between shivers [sic – shivers].

It was about 1:30 o'clock p.m. [sic – a.m.], before the firemen had the hardware store blaze under control. At that time the walk and street in front of the structure were a sheet of ice, and much of the intersection of B street and Stephenson avenue was ice-coated.

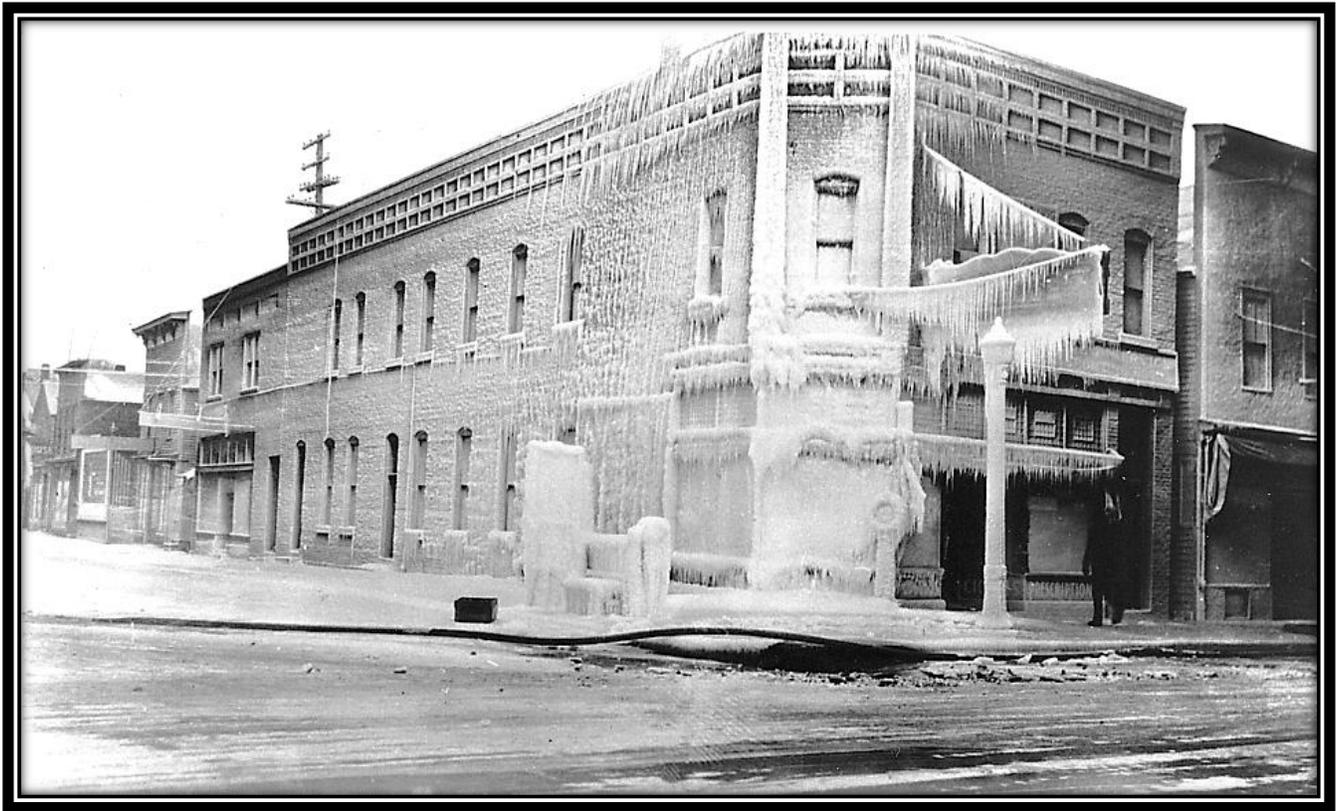
Building Is Coated.

*Perhaps the most unusual angle of the fire was the effect evidenced this morning on the exterior of the **Central Drug store**, corner [of] Stephenson avenue and A street. One length of hose, springing a leak early in the evening, shot a wide stream of water over the front and north side of the building.*

*This morning the building was a rippling sheet of white ice, with long, curving icicles hanging from the door and sign in front and from the second floor eaves. The walk and street in front were a veritable rink. **Jess Suino**, proprietor, his employes [sic – employees] and several helpers were busy today chopping their way out of the mass [sic – mess].*

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The **Central Drug Store** at the **southeast corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East A Street** was covered with ice from a leak in a fire hose during a fire at the south end of the 500 block of South Stephenson Avenue on **November 29, 1929**. Note the fire hose running across East A Street. The photograph was taken by **Albert Quade**, who had a photograph studio at **210-212 East A Street**, and later in the **Felch Hotel** at **219 East A Street**. In **1925** **Apostle Protegere** ran a confectionery store, probably called the **Arcade Confectionery Store**, at this location. **Angelo B. Bracco** formally opened the **Central Drug Store** here on **May 30, 1925**. *[William J. Cummings]*

Suino estimated his ultimate damage at about \$500. When the leak first opened water seeped into the front part of the building. He looked for additional damage when the coating of ice on the roof, walls and front of the building melts.

*This morning nothing remained of the **Quality hardware store** but a charred and smouldering heap. The second floor was caved in and tumbled in a blackened mess onto the main floor. Windows were broken and what could be seen of the stock was burned, water soaked or coated with ice.*

Neither flames, water or smoke, however, touched a small sheet-iron warehouse at the rear, in which were stored quantities of shovels, rakes, scythes, pails, clothesbaskets, stovepipe, roofing and other merchandise.

Stock Valued at \$15,000.

*The stock, owned jointly by **Keeler Calvi** and **Charles Palmer**, was valued at about \$15,000 and, for the most part, is lost. The frame building itself was valued at not more than \$2,000. The structure owned by the Calvi estate, and the stock, were adequately covered by insurance.*

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It was a chilly session for the firemen. Covered with the back-splash of water which froze the moment it hit, and clinging to the ice-covered hose with stiffened leather mitts, the men remained on the job until the last trace of fire was gone. Much favorable comment was heard for their work, particularly in saving the two adjoining buildings, both of which are wooden, and were separated from the hardware store by only narrow apertures [sic – apertures], hardly wide enough for a man to pass through. And these provided only draft areas.

*It was in **December, 1927**, when the last blaze occurred on the corner. That fire destroyed the store of **Paul Khoury**, now*

*occupied by the **Buchman drug store**, and occurred in the below-zero temperature of early December. In **April, 1927**, the first of the series of three fires in the area broke out, also in the **Khoury building**.*

*Neither of the proprietors of the **Quality Hardware** indicated today their plans for the future, but it is assumed they will resume business. Nothing will be done, they said, until the insurance adjuster has visited the scene and appraised the loss.*

The last of the city's fire-trucks left the scene at 8 o'clock this morning.

*By **1939** **Keeler L. Calvi** was the only proprietor of **The Quality Hardware Store**, and the same listing appeared in the **1941-1942** and the **1946** city directories.*



This postcard view of the **500 block of South Stephenson Avenue**, looking north, taken in the **between 1946 and 1950**, shows the **Commercial Bank** on the west side, and on the east side, businesses easily seen include: **513, Combination Lunch (Steve Pappas, George Corombos, John Corombos)**; **517, City Drug Store (Angelo B. Bracco)**; **521, Frankini Jewelry Store (Arthur C. Frankini)**; **523-525, Gambles Store (Arnold Sjodin, manager)**; **531, The Quality Hardware Store (Keeler L. Calvi)**; **535, City Fruit Market, grocery (H.S.**

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Toretti, manager). **Buchman's Drug Store** (**Abraham G. Buchman**), was located at the south end of the **Commercial Bank** with an address of **120 East B Street**. The entrance was to the right of the weight scale. [William J. Cummings]

By **1961** and through **1975** **The Quality Hardware Store** was owned and operated by **Robert C. Calvi**. In **1973** the store was listed as **True Value – The Quality Hardware Store**. In **1976** **Richard Abraham** was listed as the owner.

By **1978** the store was vacant, but in **1979** **Camelot Arcade**, owned and operated by **David and Laurie Walstrom**, was listed at this location. The store was again listed as vacant in **1980**.

In **1981** **Hayward Interiors** occupied this address with **Edith Gazza**, owner, providing interior decoration services, advertising "Everything to Make a House a Home."

By **1985** the store name was **Edie's Hayward Interiors, Inc.** In **1987** country gifts and Christmas items and collectibles were added. Beginning in **1988** **Kris Kringle's Cellar** was noted in the city directory. In **1992** the store name was **Edie's Interiors**. In **2000** the city directory listing was for **Edie's Antique Mall**.

History of 535: This structure, probably erected by **Richard Williams** in about **1883**, is possibly the oldest surviving building in downtown Iron Mountain at this time (2020).

In **1892-1894**, **R.J. Kneebone**, of **Florence, Wisconsin**, operated a meat market here with **John B. Orr** serving as manager. This business dealt in "fresh, dried, salted, smoked and dried meats and sausages, butter, eggs and vegetables." **R.P. Helson**, who sold "fruit, game and fish" at **601 South Stephenson Avenue**, just across the street, resided here in **1892-1894**, and **George Bender**, a tailor working for **John R. Johnston** at **204 East Ludington Street**, also lived at this address.

Richard White, Sr., ran a meat market at this address in **1902-1903**, and **Dr. Henry A. Newkirk**, a physician and surgeon, had his office upstairs. Dr. Newkirk still maintained his office on the corner of East B Street and South Stephenson Avenue in **1907-1908**, his name being listed at this address in the street index.

There was no listing for an occupant for the store at this location in **1907-1908**. **Michael Khoury** operated two stores selling "fruits and confections" on Stephenson Avenue in **1913**, one at this address and the other at **305 South Stephenson Avenue**, managed by **Abe Abraham**.

According to the following article in the **August 17, 1923** edition of the *Iron Mountain News* under the headline **STEPHENSON AVE. PROPERTY SOLD – Abe Khoury Purchases Corner Lot at B Street**, this property changed hands three times within two years:

*For the third time within two years the building and lot at the corner of Stephenson avenue and B street, occupied by the **Carom "Sugar Bowl" confectionery store**, has changed ownership, having been sold to **Abe Khoury**, 305 Stephenson avenue.*

It is understood the purchase price for the property was \$18,500, probably the highest in proportion ever paid for real estate in Iron Mountain.

*The property was formerly owned by **Sam Khoury**, who sold it to the **American Security bank** at a price reported to be \$15,000. At this time **A.A. Conrad** was cashier of the institution. Later, when he severed his connections with the bank he organized the **Conrad-Martin company**,*

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which purchased the property from the American Security [bank]. The price in this instance was also said to be in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This deal occurred several months ago and the company has not disposed of the property to Abe Khoury.

In **1925** **George M. Caram** ran a confectionery store at this location, and also resided here with his wife **Brenda Caram**. **Cashway Stores**, a grocery store managed by **Joseph Coenen**, occupied this address by **1935**. In **1939** the business was listed as **Cashway Store No. 27** with **Michael J. Stern** serving as manager. **H.S. Toretti** was listed as manager the Cashway Store at this address in the **1941-1942** city directory.

William Khoury, who, with his wife **Mary Khoury**, owned the **City Fruit Market** in 1980, began business here on **April 11,**

1946 and was listed in the **1946** city directory. The City Fruit Market remained under the same ownership through **1980**. The business sold retail liquor, toys and hobby supplies.

In **1981** **Eugene T. Berger** was listed as the owner of **Northside Television Sales & Service** at this address, remaining here through **1985**.

In **1986** the store was listed as vacant.

From **1987** through **2000** **Crystal Art Glass Studio**, owned and operated by **Shelly Wiggins**, was located here, advertising custom design and fabrication, including architectural panels, stained glass supplies, frames and more. Beginning and advanced classes in stained glass were offered. **Pepper Pot Dog Grooming**, also owned and operated by **Shelly Wiggins**, was located here.

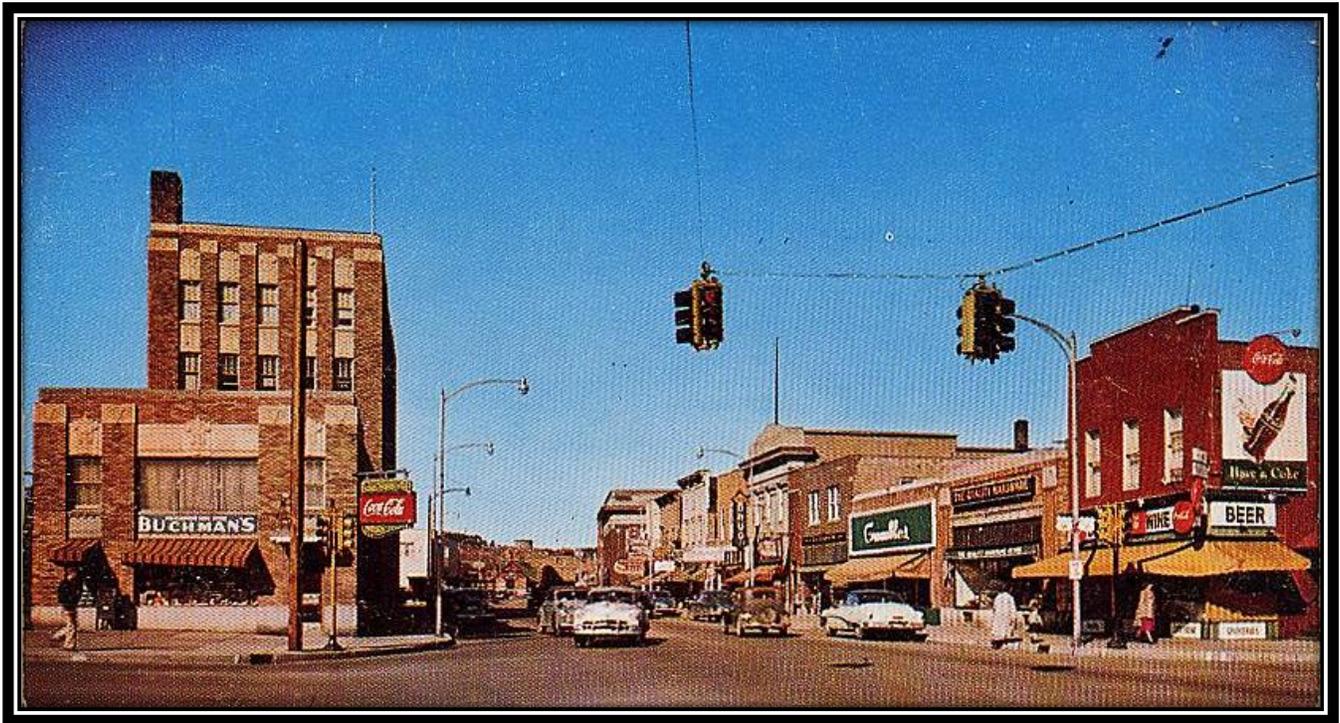


This postcard view of the **500 block of South Stephenson Avenue**, facing north and taken in the **late 1940s**, shows the **Commercial Bank** on the west side, and on the east side, businesses easily seen are: **513, Combination Lunch (Steve Pappas, George Corombos,**

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John Corombos); 517, City Drug Store (Angelo B. Bracco); 521, Frankini Jewelry Store (Arthur C. Frankini); 523-525, Gambles Store (Arnold Sjodin, manager); 531, The Quality Hardware Store (Keeler L. Calvi); 535, City Fruit Market, (William A. and Mary Khoury). Buchman's Drug Store (Abraham G. Buchman), was located at the south end of the Commercial Bank at 120 East B Street. The entrance was to the right near South Stephenson Avenue. *[William J. Cummings]*



This postcard view of the 500 block of South Stephenson Avenue, facing north and copyrighted 1951, shows the Commercial Bank on the west side with Buchman's Drug Store (Abraham G. Buchman) at the south end, and on the east side, businesses easily seen include: 513, Combination Lunch (Steve Pappas, George Corombos, John Corombos); 517, City Drug Store (Angelo B. Bracco); 521, Frankini Jewelry Store (Arthur C. Frankini); 523-525, Gambles Store (Arnold Sjodin, manager); 531, The Quality Hardware Store (Keeler L. Calvi); 535, City Fruit Market (William A. and Mary Khoury). The City Fruit Market began business here on April 11, 1946. *[William J. Cummings]*

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West and East Sides of the 500 Block of South Stephenson Avenue, Looking North, 1950-1955: This postcard view of the **500 block of South Stephenson Avenue**, looking north and dating from the **early 1950s**, shows the **Commercial Bank** on the west side with **Weber's Drug Store** (Verlin Weber, Jr.) at the south end, and on the east side, businesses easily identified are: **513, Combination Lunch** (Steve Pappas, George Corombos, John Corombos); **517, City Drug Store** (Angelo B. Bracco); **521, Frankini Jewelry Store** (Arthur C. Frankini); **523-525, Gambles Store** (Arnold Sjodin, manager); **531, The Quality Hardware Store** (Keeler L. Calvi). *[William J. Cummings]*

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West and East Sides of the 500 Block of South Stephenson Avenue, Looking North, ca. 1960-1965: This postcard view, probably from the early 1960's, shows the Commercial National Bank on the west side with Weber's Drug Store (Verlin Weber, Jr.) at the south end, and on the east side, businesses include: **501**, Koffman's Store for Men (Mrs. Nina Z. Koffman, Peter D. Koffman); **505**, The Brass Knocker (Arthur A. Muth), gift shop; **507 ½**, M & M News Co. (Joe I. Masty); **509**, Woman's Fashion Shop (Frank W. and Mary S. Peterson), Tot's Shop (Mrs. Inez E. Olson); **513**, Vigo's Restaurant (Ernest and Clara B. Vigo), Stogie's Barber Shop (Julius C. Eutizzi); **517**, City Drugs (Sherman Kellstrom); **519-521**, A.C. Frankini & Sons (Louis A. Frankini and Arthur C. Frankini, Jr.), jewelers, and Ellen Blixt Gift Shop (Ellen C. and Viola V. Blixt); **525-527**, Gambles Store (Kenneth G. Muzzy, manager); **531**, The Quality Hardware Store (Robert C. Calvi); **535**, City Fruit Market (William and Mary Khoury). Alvin Thompson ran the Thompson Barber Shop, on the south side of the City Fruit Market at **200** East B Street, for many years. The 1964 city directory was used for business identifications. *[William J. Cummings]*