



In the early 1890's Mr. and Mrs. George Jenner and family occupied the big two-story brick house on South Washington St., now the property of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Maddox. He had already constructed a brick business building a half block from the public square, and at the time of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, he built the Jenner Hotel and which is shown with trees growing in front of the hotel for a great many years.

The picture you see here is the Jenner Hotel as it was constructed during the year 1894, when the Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago. On the north stood the two-story building on the alley. Where the hotel was built was a frame building in which was operated a butcher shop, and adjoining it was a frame residence. On south was a vacant business lot, where a building was constructed at a later time.

The hotel, located on South Washington Street, was well patronized for many years, under the management of Mr. Jenner, and several others to follow him. With the coming of the automobile, the hotel business in smaller places dwindled to a point it was unprofitable to continue same, giving way to the cities.

In 1940 Harry J. Wible, publishing the Mount Pulaski Times-News, purchased the hotel building and moved his printing office there from the Odd Fellows building, giving the printing business room to greatly expand. Mr. Wible then bought the two-story building adjoining on the north to be used for the business office. The space in the stories above were made into apartments.

During the first years of the buildings there were trees growing in front of them, as may will remember. This picture was found recently by Miss Katie Jenner, while she was packing to move.

#### NOW NEWSPAPER PLANT AND APARTMENTS



A new look has been added to the old Jenner Hotel, famous in the old days as a first class place to spend the night, or to secure an extra fine meal. Today, the building, while fundamentally the same, has acquired a partial new front and houses not only a newspaper plant on the ground floor while the two upper stories have been converted into needed apartments.

The Times-News acquired the hotel building in 1940 when it had deteriorated into an unwanted piece of business property. Several had tried in previous years to make it pay off as a hotel, but the days of the hotel in the small towns were a thing of the past. It kept coming back into the building and loan company's hands like a yo-yo. So, when the Times-News management decided that they had outgrown their one-room on the north side of the square in the Odd Fellows building, they were only too happy to make the only kind of arrangements the publisher could afford—a little down and a little each month.

The building proved ideal for the purpose, with the lobby being used as a business office until a few years later when the tavern adjoining the building on the north was purchased and the business office moved into it.

The dining room made a commodious room for presses, make-

up stones, typesetting machines, etc. The kitchen, with a concrete floor was a "natural" for the big Miehle press on which the paper is printed in part each week, as well as magazine publication work.

Then, the washroom adjoining the kitchen made a fine place to do our casting, routing, sawing and making "pigs" for the typesetting machines.

Up front just off the lobby was the cloak room which was converted into a perfect dark room for picture developing and using later-on in connection with a complete offset equipment plant that was added in 1941 and placed in the salesman's room.

The upstairs of the old hotel which had mostly one room service was converted into apartments, and all of them furnished. Modernly equipped with gas, hot and cold water, refrigeration, electric and steam heat, many folks have found a haven there. Some were short-term tenants while others have made it their home for a number of years.

We have enjoyed most of our many tenants, and those we did not appreciate, were not around for long.

Running a newspaper is enough of a headache, but when you add onto that seven apartments and three single rooms, you have double headaches. If it isn't a leaky faucet, it's a toilet that

won't flush. Or, the hot water isn't hot, or, the oil burner goes on a strike. But we've been fortunate in having a lot of patient folks who make life as easy as possible for us that way.

Apartment tenants as of July 1, 1961, are: Mr. and Mrs. David Dillon and baby; Mr. and Mrs. William Landreth, Miss Minnie Hershey, Miss Anna Roth, Mrs. Letitia Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Unland, Mr. and Mrs. Keith

Sheehorn and baby. Room tenants are: Chloe Jenner (now at the Deaconess Home for a time); Lucille Grathwohl and Lillie Green.

#### ZONING ORDINANCE PASSED BY COUNCIL

(Oct. 9, 1952)

A Zoning Ordinance recently passed by the City Council will

seek to regulate the type of buildings erected in various sections of the city and the classifications have been divided into four district areas. A building official has yet to be appointed by the Mayor to enforce the ordinance as well as receive the necessary applications.

Welcome to Mt. Pulaski next week, as you come to help us celebrate our 125th birthday.

## MOUNT PULASKI--

### An Ideal Place To Live!

We're proud of Mount Pulaski, a fine modern City populated with fine people. As our City prepares to Celebrate its 125th Anniversary, we join in offering sincere congratulations.

## Zim's Market

### -- An Ideal Place To Shop!

We're proud, too, of our Modern Super Market. We have done everything possible to make your shopping pleasant and convenient. Here you'll find a wide selection in every department, well displayed in a modern, bright store, and a paved parking lot right at our front door.

## GREETINGS FROM THE "OLD SOURDOUGH"

(ALIAS RUSS CURTIS)



THIS CELEBRATION of our city's 125th anniversary is a lot of fun, and it brings back many pleasant memories of the "good old days."

WE'RE OLD-TIMERS in the business life of Mount Pulaski ourselves, having served this area with gas and oil for the past 33 years. We feel very proud of our record of service and of the many friends we have made.

AS OUR CITY celebrates with the biggest celebration in its history, we extend greetings to our customers and friends and best wishes to the city for many more years of progress.

WE'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE OUR FRIENDS DROP  
IN DURING THE CELEBRATION FOR A VISIT!

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