

CITIZENS IN CHERRY VALLEY'S PAST

“Forrest Houghton was for many years the town constable. Clarence Offenheiser operated a tavern, first in the store front next to Bill Oberg’s confectionery store & then, after the bank closed, in the building that it had vacated. Offenheiser added the second floor to the old bank building as a residence for his family.

Carson McFaul was the barber who cut my hair during my high school years; he created & maintained my crew cut. Elmer Johnson & his brother, Clarence, & his sister, Edith Carlson, were the proprietors of a grocery store, & they employed me during my high school years.

Elmer was more than an employer, however. He was in so many ways a mentor & friend. Among other things, he taught me how to drive an automobile. Driver education in schools was an idea whose time had not yet come.”

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