

change were getting news, markets, "commercials", etc. through a "line ring" broadcast by Mr. Shaver. In the early days of the exchange this service was given at noon but in later years in the evening. It took five different "broadcasts" to reach the 25 rural lines as only five lines could be included at one time. During the years when North Henderson did not have a newspaper, Mr. Shaver's reports were giving local and world news. He reported World War I, day by day, through 1917 and 1918. He also reported the principal livestock and grain markets and his circuits provided a great trading place for people who had things to buy and sell. His service to the patrons of the exchange even included a lost and found department as he would mention lost and found items and strayed animals.

Instructions in a telephone directory of the North Henderson Exchange state that the following information could be had by asking "central" for it: the time of day, the time trains leave, the bids on grain, the Chicago cash market, and whether coal, cement, gravel, posts and plaster were available at the local dealers. "Central" would also write down bids on grain and hand them on to the local dealers because as Mr. Shaver stated in his directory "It is accidental if we can get either of them for you except at meal time." He also warned the ladies in his suggestions to limit their visiting to hours not at or near meal time when men were wanting to use the phone for business calls.

Many Business Firms

We have reviewed the business and professional services of the village in the early 1880's and it might be interesting to note the ones in 1911 in the telephone directory of that year. They were as follows: two elevators, the east one with F. A. Mathers manager (also hog buyer) and the west elevator, operated by Alec Miller; two blacksmith shops, one operated by O. W. Hallstrom and one by S. A. and Charles Tornquist; two threshers and corn shellers, Frank E. Nelson and Robert P. Higgins; two general merchandise stores dealing in everything from groceries to made to order suits, one called "The Big Brick Store" operated by O. F. Lundgren and the other by Martin Peterson; one harness shop, Dickerson and Co., selling "everything for the horse"—also stock food and chicken remedies; one hardware store with L. J. Smith proprietor dealing in farm implements; the Miller and Lindsey lumber yard; the Murry and Briggs meat market who also butchered for farmers and bought horse and cow hides; one poultry house operated by H. H. Clayton; one painter and paper hanger, M. E. Ashley; a cider mill with John P. Schwartz as the operator located 1½ miles north of town; The Farmer's Bank, Bert G. Widney, banker; two doctors, E. E. Morgan and Frank Eyre; a barber shop with Hank Steepleton, the barber, advertising "hair cuts for 25 cents, shave including neck 10c", the barber shop also being a collection spot for laundry and cleaning; one restaurant operated by George Allen with ad indicating that he had a stock of fine candy, fruit, nuts, cigars, bread, ice cream, and fresh oysters in season.

News Correspondent

Mary Allen, the wife of George Allen, will be remembered as the local correspondent for neighboring newspapers for many years as well as practical nurse and mid-wife in many local and area homes helping wherever she was needed. Mrs. Allen, one of the older citizens, is still living but has been in the hospital for some time.

It might also be noted in relation to the business places men-