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Sylvania – Then & Now: 5692-5694 Main Street

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LOOKING BACK

History of 5692 and 5694 Main Street

Now at Main and Maplewood you want to cross the street so that we can review the history of the first building on the east side of our downtown Main Street. The first building has the addresses of 5692 and 5694 Main Street. Before 1907 there was a residential home with attached commercial business on this property, which was occupied by Dr. Thomas T. and Harriett Cosgrove from 1865 to 1889. This is where Dr. Cosgrove lived and had his doctor's office. Then from 1889 to 1907 George and Anna Lovewell owned the property. An article in the Toledo Critic newspaper of 1903 said: "Frank Koepfer has leased the George Lovewell buildings, selling farming implements of the most improved kind."

The Sylvania Savings Bank purchased the property in 1907 and demolished these structures in order to construct the current two-story building. The bank built the building so that they could occupy the north side, while renting out the south side of the building, basement and the second floor.

North portion of this building - known as 5694 Main, has been occupied as follows:

- 1907 to 1940 – Sylvania Savings Bank
- 1941 to 1971 – Western Auto Associate Store
- 1972 to 1977 – McIlwain Antiques
- 1977 to 2010 – Sylvania Paper Cellar

Decorating Center

2010 to 2015 – Kevin Charles Salon

South portion of this building - known as 5692 Main, has been occupied as follows:

- 1907 to 1924 – Wagonlander Dry Goods
- 1924 to 1935 – Sylvania Drug Company
- 1935 to 1941 – Boyd's Cut Rate Drugs (1938 - added 7 x 16 foot storage room addition to rear)

1941 to 1945 – Boyd's Cut Rate Drugs – Arnold Rush

1945 to 1952 – Lentz & Sturn Drugs

1952 to 1959 – Hale's Walgreen Drugs

1960 to 1962 – L.E. Gilley Insurance Agency/Hague-Rogers Insurance

1963 – Vacant

1964 to 1965 – Her Highness Beauty Salon

1965 to 1967 – Back Stage Beauty Shop

1967 to 1971 – JoAnn's Dog Shop – John J. Neeper

1971 to 2015 – J & G Pizza Palace
Basement, with entry on the north side of the building, has been occupied as follows:

1907 to 1924 – Basement of Sylvania Savings Bank Company

1924 to 1933 – Bus Waiting Room and Lunch Room – John Mayfield

1933 to 1934 – A Place To Eat – Scott and Alma Rosa

1934 to 1936 – Scotty's Eat Shop – Scott and Alma Rosa

1936 to 1942 – Jo-Cliff Restaurant – Clifford and Josephine Cribb

1942 to 1943 – Cozy Cellar Restaurant - Lucille Grimes, Proprietor – Earl Stott, Manager

1943 to 1943 – Stott's Restaurant – Earl Stott, Proprietor

1943 to 1945 – Cozy Cellar Restaurant – Mr. and Mrs. John Cole

1945 to 1946 – Sylvania Appliance Company

1946 –1962 - Alfred E. "Bus" Carl Photo Studio

1962 to unknown date – Sylvania Cab Company

1977 to 2007 – K.O.V. Electronics/ Kaleidoscope Needlepoint

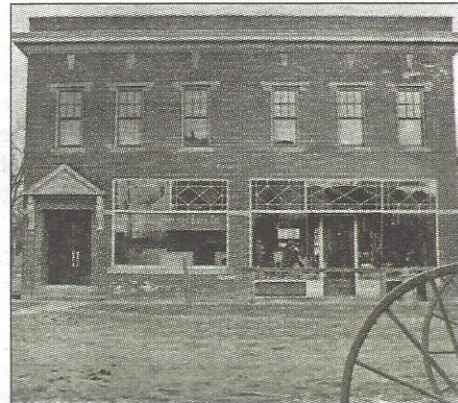
Note: One of these restaurant owners was found dead, mysteriously, in the Maumee River, at the foot of Jackson Street. Newspapers at the time reported that he was found poorly dressed, with no tie, and wore only one shoe, which was without a lace. Additional information is not available at this time.

Second floor

1907 to 1914 – Apartments and the Sylvania Telephone Company occupied the unit with the bay-window that faces to the south.

1914 to 2015 – Apartment units.

As far as the owners of the building, the Sylvania Savings Bank purchased the property in 1907, and constructed the two-story structure. In 1940 the Sylvania Savings Bank merged with the Farmers and Merchants Bank and at that time they moved down to the building where Key Bank is located today (5604 Main). They sold their bank building here in 1940 to Murl E. Boyd. Ardis A. Moyer acquired the building in 1966 and then in 1968 the building sold to Robert and Sue Yee. In 2000 the building transferred to Damon and Deborah Yee, and in 2003 transferred into the name of Yee Properties, LLC., which is the listed current owner at this time.



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