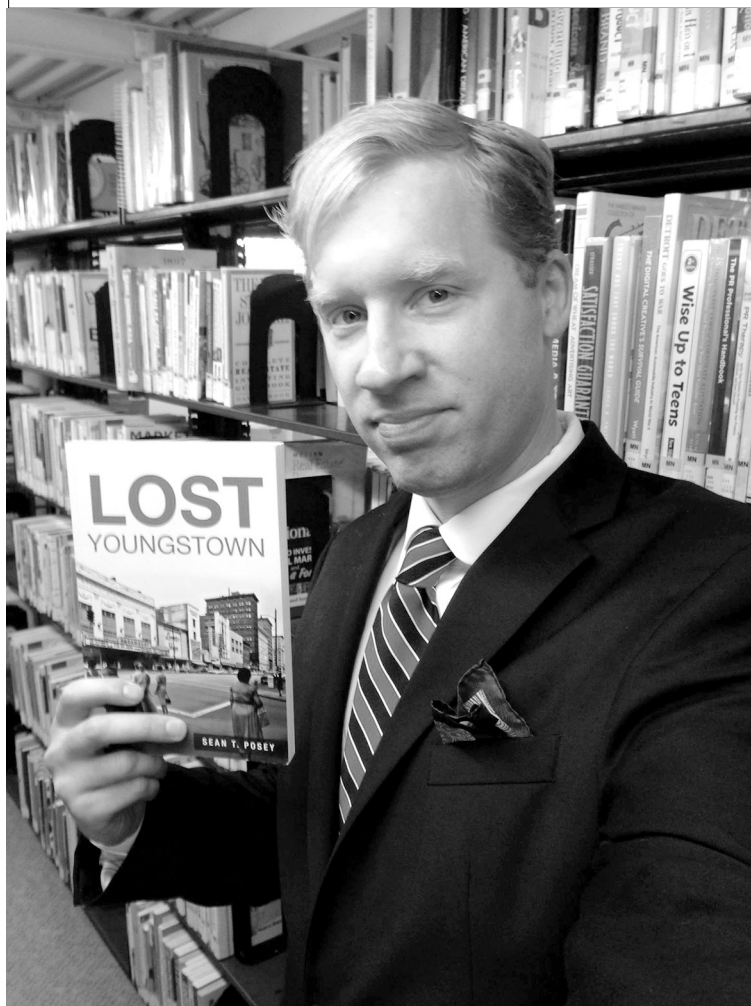




Sean Posey was the guest speaker for the Niles Historical Society's 2019 Annual Spring Banquet.

President's Notes: *Anna Marie Beagle*

Once again thank you to all who have renewed membership in the Niles Historical Society. Membership renewals continue to be received and are gratefully appreciated. This is the main source of the Society's income.

Annual Spring Banquet:

The Annual Spring Banquet and fundraiser on April 25 was well attended. We continue to receive positive comments concerning this event. Ciminero's Banquet Center provided a very pleasant environment and a delicious meal. Our speaker, *Sean Posey*, author of "Lost Youngstown" and "Historic Theaters of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley", presented an informative talk on the rise and fall of iron and steel manufacturing in the Mahoning Valley. Mr. Posey used the history of U.S. Steel Corporation as the basis of his talk which included a history of steel production in Campbell, Youngstown, Niles and Warren.

Mayor *Steven Mientkiewicz* presented the Society with a brick from the now demolished Garfield School for our collection. Also in attendance representing the City of Niles were council members *Michael Lastic* and *Ryan McNaughton*.

Property Committee Invitation:

Vice President *Dave Martin*, who with *Joyce Mahan* and *Lynn Gombos*, maintain the grounds, green house and barn, extends an invitation to all to visit the Ward – Thomas property. If you have not visited the property in the last three years, you are missing out. Much work has been done that warrants a visit to see the landscaping, the flowers in the greenhouse in full bloom and the new exhibits in the barn.

Third Grade Tours:

The tours for the third grade children of the Niles City School System will take place May 14 – 15 & 16. The children will visit the McKinley Memorial Library and Museum, the McKinley Birthplace and the Ward – Thomas Museum.

Harry Stevens Day and Heritage Day:

The Society will once again participate in Harry Stevens Day. Publications of the Society will be displayed for sale that day.

Heritage Day events will be expanded to include a Car Show. This will take place in August, 2019, date to be confirmed.

Niles Newspapers of the Past

The first newspaper founded in Niles was the Niles Register, in 1867, by Messrs. Butler and Moore. The Niles Independent was established in 1868, and its name was changed with a change in ownership in 1875, when it became known as the Trumbull County Independent. As its personnel changed, it reverted back to its first name, The Niles Register.

The Niles Daily News was founded in 1890, and the Niles Register in 1921, both of which suspended publication. The only paper published in 1928 is the *Niles Daily Times*, which is a growing and substantial daily paper, with *James Wick* as its editor and manager.

Below is a view of the exterior of the building that housed the Redman's Lodge, as well as The Niles Daily News and the East Ohio Gas Co. It was located on South Main Street between Water Street and the Pennsylvannia Railroad tracks, where Main Street slopes down to the river and the old Iron Bridge.

From Souvenir Program 'Homecoming' October 1, 1928.





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Monthly Calendar

Museum 'Open House'
The first Sunday of each month, 2-5 pm
Last tour begins at 4 pm

Membership Meetings

10:00 am First Saturday of each month
Call for private tours to be scheduled
330.544.2143

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How it all Began...

Pasquale "Patty" Pipino, a shoemaker received a check for \$6,000.00 from *Mayor Bill Thorp* and *Leonard Holloway* for the East State Street property. This was the first acquired property for the city and the beginning of the Urban Renewal project.

Mark Your Calendar:

Monday, May 20, 2019, 12 Noon:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Holy Family Hall, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles, OH
"Early History of Niles"

Speakers: *Sandy Bilovesky, Donna Nellis and Ralph Tolbert*
Light lunch provided: \$5.00
Reservations: 330.652.5825

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 10 AM

Monthly meeting

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 2 – 5 PM

Open House, including Greenhouse and Barn
(last tour at 4 PM)

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Harry Stevens Day

Saturday, July 6, 2019, 10 AM:

Monthly meeting

Sunday, July 7, 2019, 2 – 5 PM:

Open House, including Greenhouse and Barn
(last tour at 4 PM)



Fowler & Elder (Troutman Drug Co.) - 1931

Interior of Elder & Fowler Drugstore, 1931

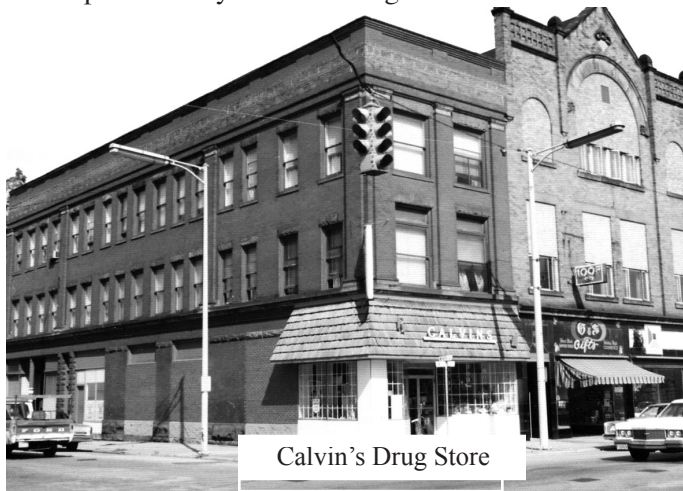
Historic Pharmacy Moments in Niles, Ohio

by Jim Tallman, 2017

1924- There were 6 pharmacies in Niles: *Frank P. Piper's* at 20 South Main, *E.C. Ferguson's* at 5 East State Street, *Wagstaff's* at corner of Park and State, *Ward's* at 11 South Main, *H.T. Calvin's* at corner of Park and Main, and *Park's* at 533 Robbins Avenue. The latter 2 both owned by H.T. Calvin. By the 1930's only 3 remained that were viable for the future and only one still remains.

Let's take a look at those 3: *Ward's Pharmacy* existed before 1908 and future entities moved several times- from 11 S. Main to 13 then 15 and finally-41 S. Main. It was known as *Reznor's Drugs* at least by 1927. Then in 1953, *Ray Vaughn* bought it from *Jake Small*, and it was re-named Vaughn's Pharmacy. In October 1971, it was purchased by *Ron Theis*, and named Theis Pharmacy. A new building was constructed at 41 S. Main in October 1976 (current location of Stoneward). In October 1985, this pharmacy was bought by *Gary Kuszmaul*, who named it Kuszmaul's Pharmacy and it was permanently closed in November 2006.

Calvin's at 2 N. Main began in 1914 by *Harry T. Calvin*. From 1934 until 1961, it was owned by *James Jewell*. *Sam Woodcock* bought it in 1951 and owned it until 1958, when it was purchased by *Rudy Prinz*. In 1979, it was moved to a new building across the street to 1 S. Main. Prinz sold it in 1983 to *Jeff Scheumann* and *Glenn Fernandez* from Cleveland. Calvin's remained with the same name throughout the years. It was permanently closed in August 1986.



Calvin's Drug Store

1926-April: *Park's Pharmacy* was purchased from H.T. Calvin by brothers Frank and Robert Fowler who brought in Paul Elder one year later. This pharmacy was located at 533 Robbins Avenue.

1929-May: The Fowlers built a new brick building at 501 Robbins Avenue-corner of Robbins and Cedar, finding they needed more space. On the second floor were 3 doctors offices and in the basement, a barber shop. The first floor was occupied, half by Fowler and Elder's Drug Store and half by Tom Anderson's Deluxe Market.

The former Park's Pharmacy building at 533 Robbins would become in succession: The Robbins Avenue Meat Market, Robbins Avenue Super Market, Morabito's Market in 1949, then Ward's Costume Shop.

The basement barber shop, called Modern Sanitary Barber Shop (hair thinned for 40 cents) was owned by *Phillip Melillo*. He later moved to his home next door and it was eventually taken over by his son, *Frank*, then by Frank's nephew (Phillip's grandson) *Michael*.

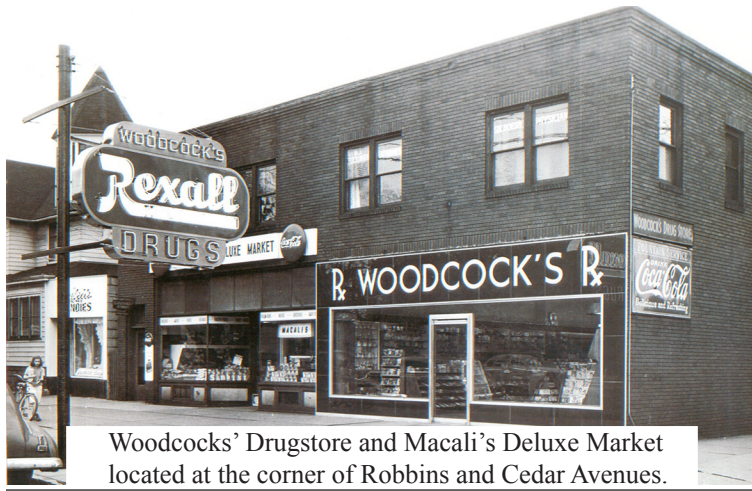
The 3 doctors with offices upstairs were *S.W. Boesel*, *Swaney*, and *Knox*. Dr. Boesel would be there through the 1940's, eventually becoming Niles Health Commissioner. That space would later be occupied by *Thomas Ingledue*, Architect.

The Eastern half of the first floor, occupied by *Tom Anderson* changed hands in January 1948, being sold to *Barney* and *Gilbert Macali* and being renamed Macali's Deluxe Market. Macali's would move in 1957 to 353 Robbins Avenue (now Family Dollar) then to their present location at 48 Vienna Avenue (former A & P) in May 1979.

In 1929, Fowler and Elder placed ads selling among other things-a box of 1lb Mary Lincoln Candy for 70 cents, pack of cigarettes 15 cents or 2 for a quarter, or \$1.15 a carton, a "beautiful" golf set for \$9.19 (with 3 free balls), and free balloons for the kiddies.

At the market next door, you could buy eggs for 20 cents a dozen or beans 4 cans for a dollar or bread-2 loaves for 15 cents or oranges 25 cents for 3 dozen... the good old days ? Remember—this was 5 months before the stock market crash—the depression was about to begin!

Fowler and Elder would soon become Fowler's Drug Store (Robert Fowler). Then, in 1937, Robert Fowler retired due to ill



Woodcocks' Drugstore and Macali's Deluxe Market located at the corner of Robbins and Cedar Avenues.

health, selling the store to *Sam Woodcock* and his brother *John* (not a pharmacist). The Fowler name was continued for a while, then became Woodcock's Drug Store. In February 1951, Sam Woodcock also acquired Calvin's Drug Store.

In April, 1955, *Willis Troutman*, coming from Tarentum, Pennsylvania, bought the Woodcock store on Robbins Avenue, soon renaming it Troutman's Drug Store, and incorporated the business in 1967, as The Troutman Drug Company.

In July, 1972, Willis sold the store to his son, *Barry Troutman* and *James Tallman* who would also start up The Medicine Man Pharmacy located at 1150 Niles-Cortland Road in *Dr. Carl Gillette's* new building. It stayed in operation from 1978 until 1997.

In February, 1983, Barry Troutman died, and *James* and *Dawn Tallman* became sole owners, keeping the name The Troutman Drug Company. It remained under the same ownership until November, 2017, when it was purchased by *Joseph N. Gioiello*, and is currently the only independent pharmacy in Niles, and one of a handful in Trumbull County.

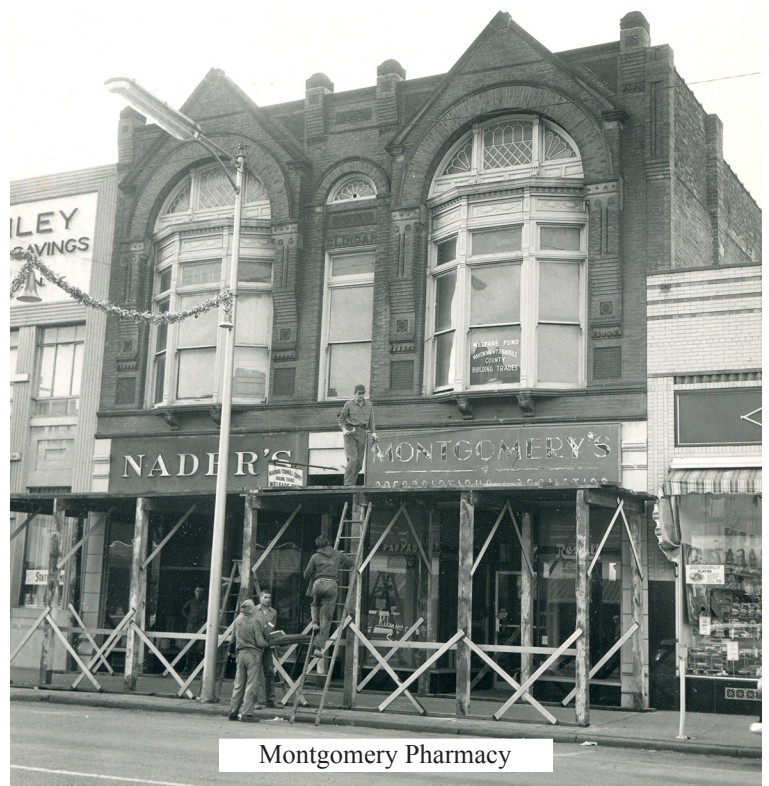
The building at the corner of Robbins and Cedar was built on the site of the former *W.R. Gilbert* home, a historic landmark.

It was of steel construction and used Niles fire bricks and built by the *Arthur B. Neidlinger Construction Company*. It was begun in 1928 and finished in 1929 just months before the "New" Niles Bank Building went up (called the first "mini" skyscraper in Niles.) **Next: Some Side Notes**

After Macali's left in 1957, the store was expanded, taking out the middle partition and soda fountain, keeping the 2 front doors and 2 rear doors and covering the entire front in glass.

Norman Entler died on February 8, 1968 while smoking in his bed at his home located at 513 Robbins Avenue. The home was destroyed and Willis Troutman bought the property and converted it to a parking lot which exists today.

Over the years, there have been many break-ins and armed robberies at the pharmacy. One was reported as early as August 1939. Waitress at the soda fountain, *Jane Holloway*, reported that a man about 22, "snappily" dressed in a pin striped suit with a shoulder holster gun came in at about 9:15 P.M., ordered a drink and straw then went to the rear of the store and demanded money from the register from employee *Eddie Hey* and owner Sam Woodcock. The registers were emptied of about \$94.00, the man sent them to a back room and left in a green sedan parked at the corner. People eating at the soda fountain weren't even aware it was happening.



Montgomery Pharmacy

In February, 1956 *Carmen Pappada* bought Montgomery Pharmacy at 32 S. Main St. He then in March 1960 also opened Pappada Pharmacy with his brother, *Nick*, This was located at 519 Robbins in the building now housing a gun shop. The name was changed later to Avenue Pharmacy. It was closed in June 1968.



Drug House of Wagstaff & Jenkins