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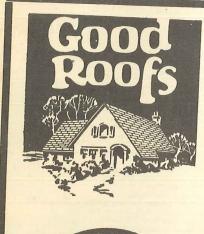
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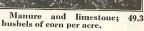


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The surface of Wells County is today almost exactly as the ice sheet let it. The streams turned westward at the edge of the melting ice fans. Deltas and moraines were rebuilt. Lakes and ponds were formed. Stream beds were illide and covered and soils were sorted. With the coming of a warm climate came the forests.

The quality of the soils of the county have been determined almost wholly by the processes that haveoperated since the glaciers lett. These processes were overned partly by the dense vegetation that followed but more by the uneven elevation of the surface which controlled the natural drainage. Rock decay, freeing and thawing, oxidation, bacterial rot, leeching and washing by rain water and pentration by roots secking plant lood were the principal processes, but these were controlled largely by drainage or the lake of it. The adopted soil names are distinguishing of the manner in which these processes worked.

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Peat occurs in Wells County only at the Twin Lakes in Jackson Township. These lakes are probaby the site of a buried iceburg which became entrapped in a valley and remained frozen long after the ice sheet had melted and the surrounding surface tapography

white ice sheet had melted and the surrounding surface tapography
"ad been determined.

Muck soils are composed chiefly of decayed plants with only
a little admixture of silts mainly derived from atmospheric dusts.
While most of these muck areas were covered with forests when our
pioneers arrived, never-the-less it is sale to assume that they were
once open ponds which gradually developed/ariange and filled with
plant remains. Significant is the lact that these muck land have a
waxy subsoil unaffected by the ordinary processes of rock decay.
Freeing probably seldom reached to the bottoms of the deeper
marshes alter the advent of the forests.

The term 'meadow' is applied to the narrow flood lands along
the courses of the creeks. As a soil term it includes all the silty
loams of whatever kind which make up the lower flood lands.
The Genessee silt loam is the term applied to the higher flood
lands.

The Clyde silty clay loam is the black loam above the flood The Crosby silty clay loam is the light colored loam of the noils above the darker colored Clyde. These types nearly always

The Miami silty clay loam occupies the creats of the glacial moraines. These are distinguished from the Crosby in that the drainage of the Miami has always remained more complete.

The Bellfontain and Fox loams are the bench and terrace lands

There is not room here for any discussion of the soil properties The soil content has little relation to money values because of the wide adaptability to various crops. One fact stands out as important. The Wells County soils are deficient in soluble minerals. This is due to the manner of origin and the subsequentuseof these materials by the succeeding forests. The solubleminerals where present and buried deeply under the topsoil. Limestone as a source of calcium and magnesiom is available within the county. Phosphorus and potash as plant foods are fairly abundant in the soils of decayed est material. Humus and other organic materials are most ab



along the larger streams.













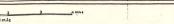








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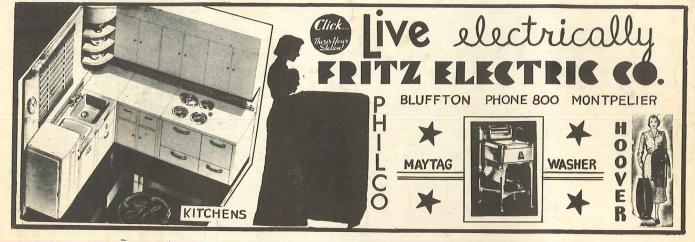
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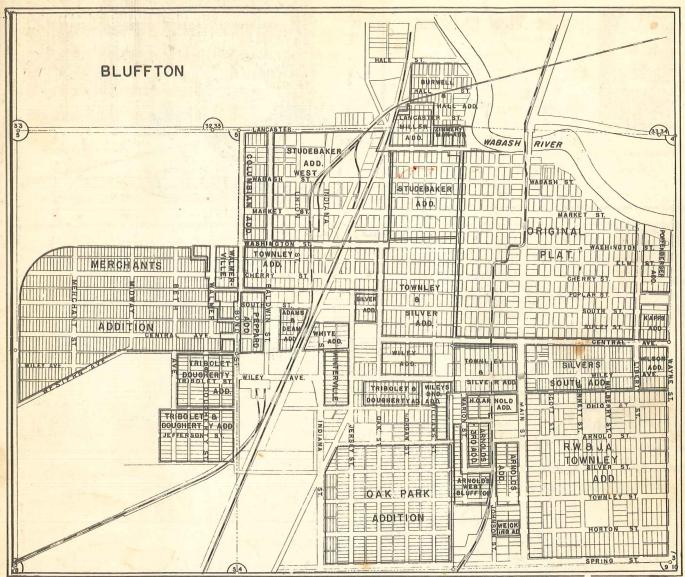
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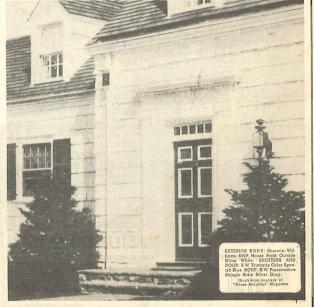
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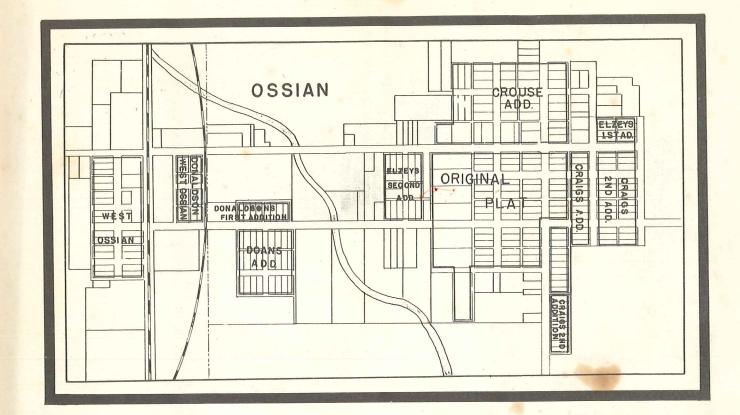
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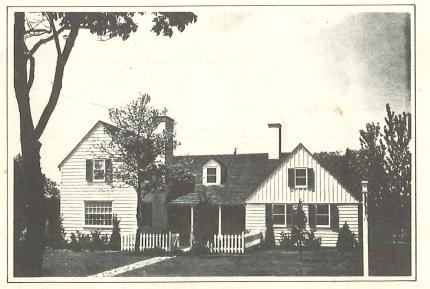
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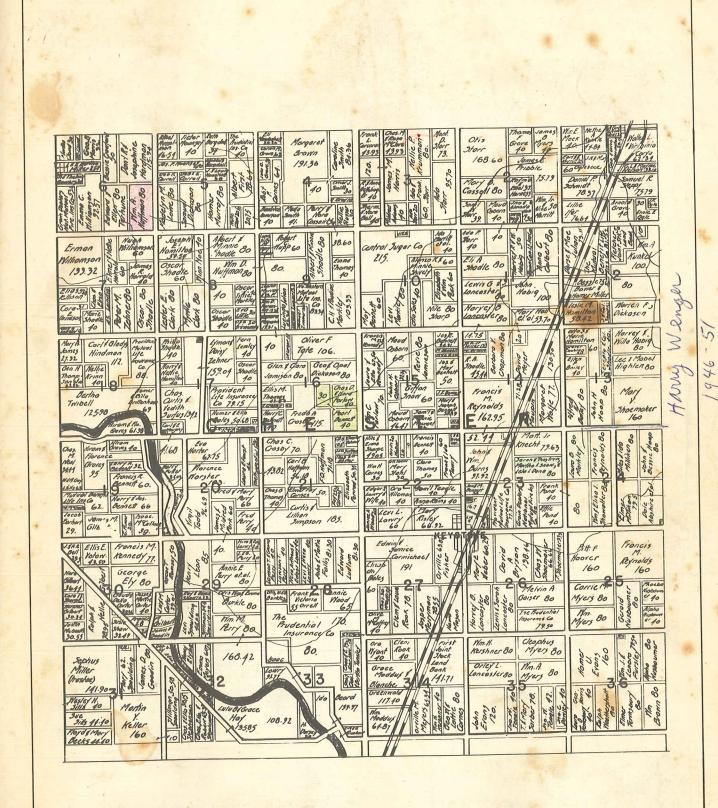


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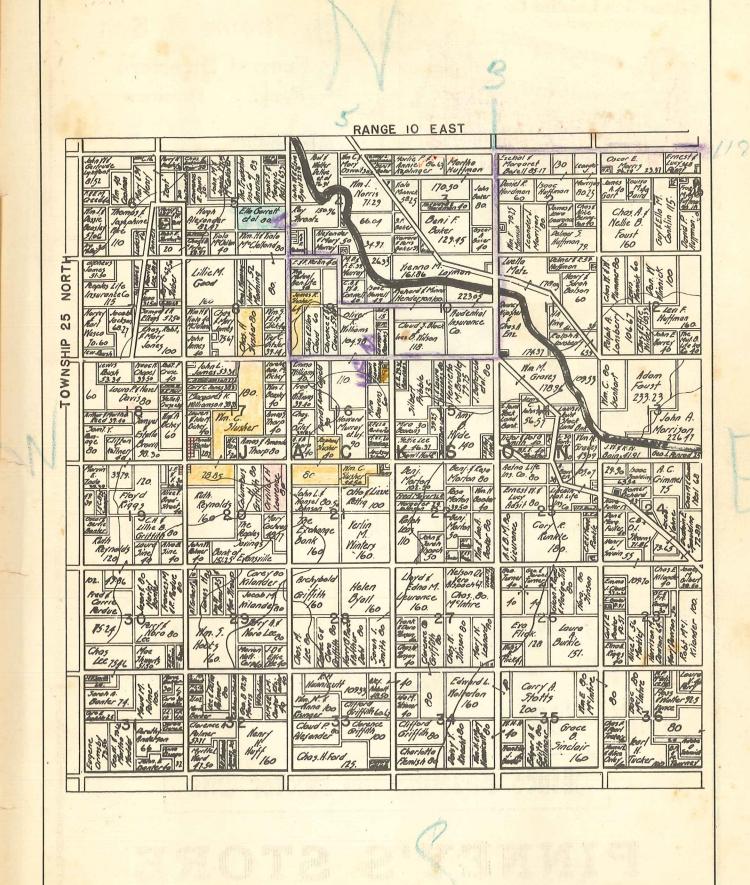
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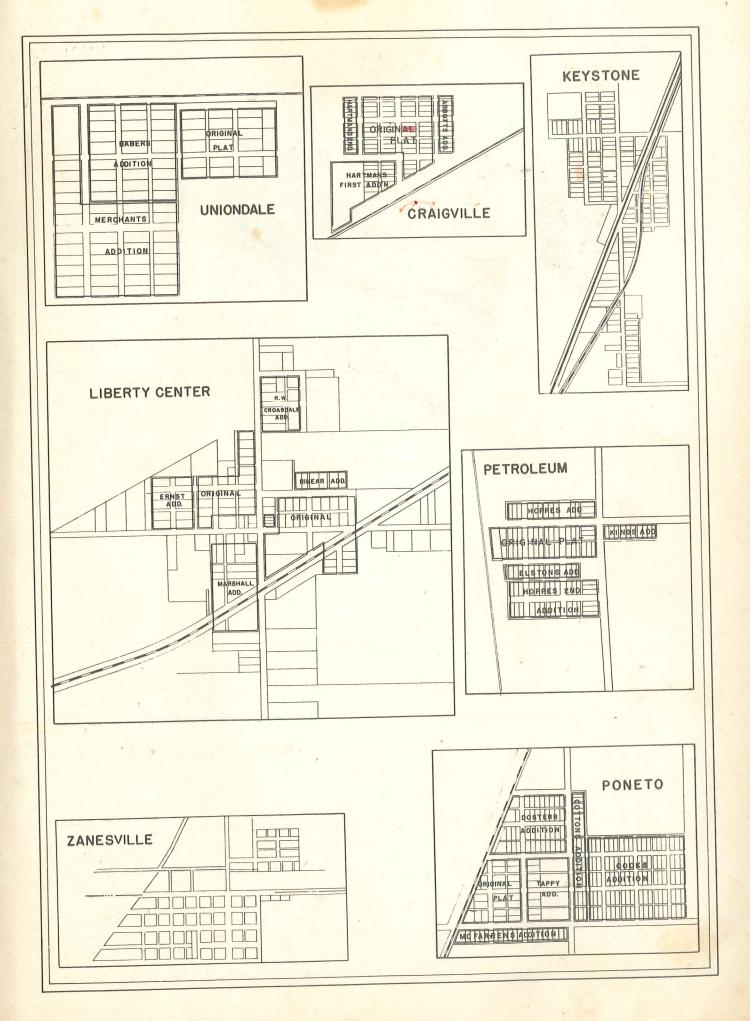
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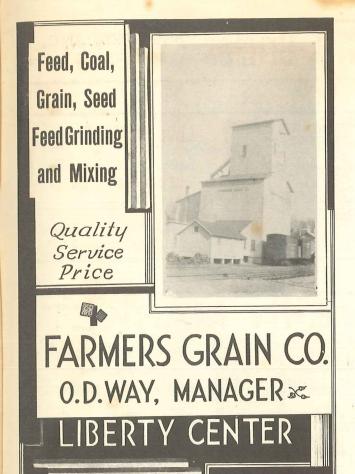
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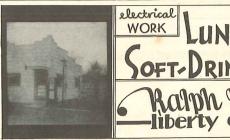
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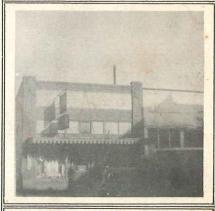
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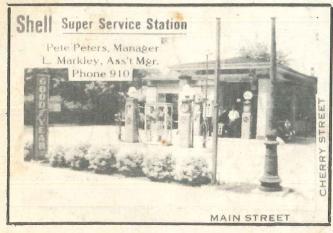
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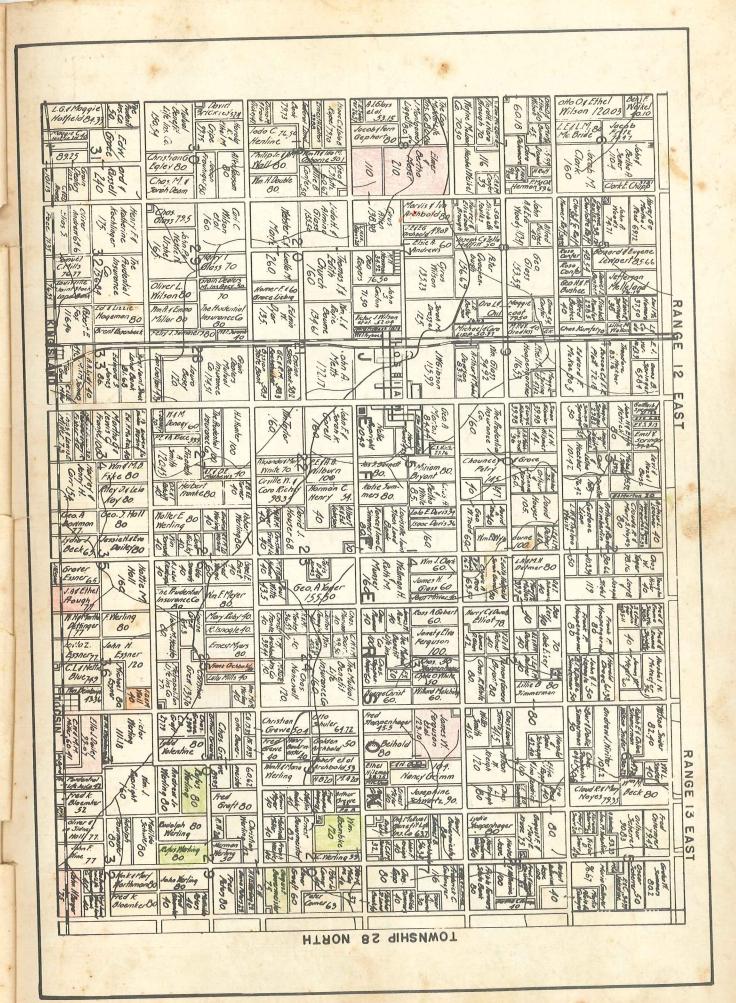


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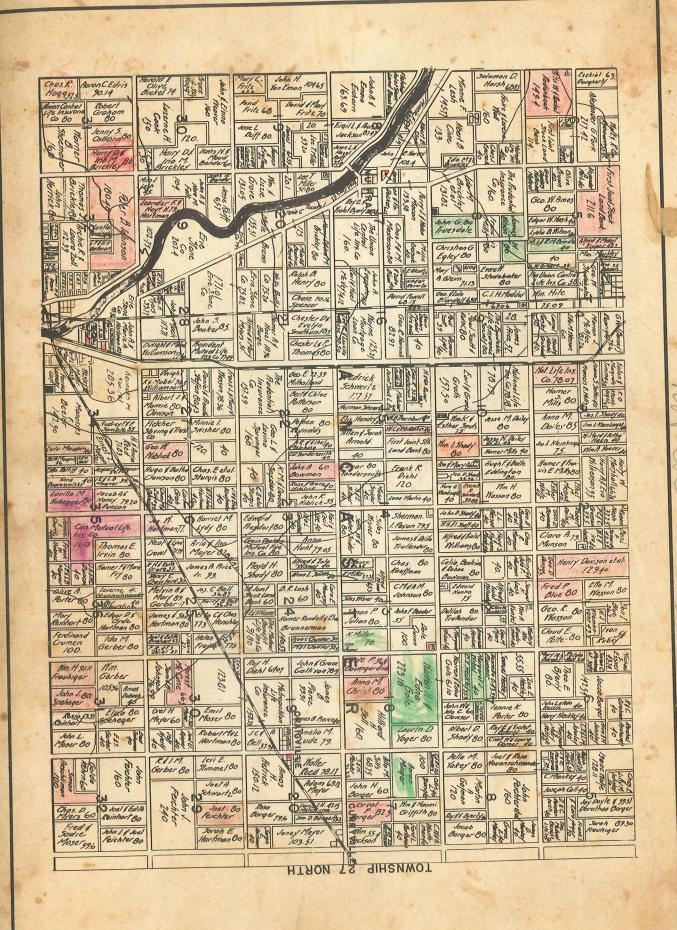
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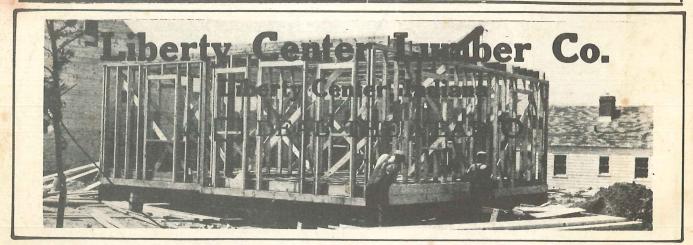
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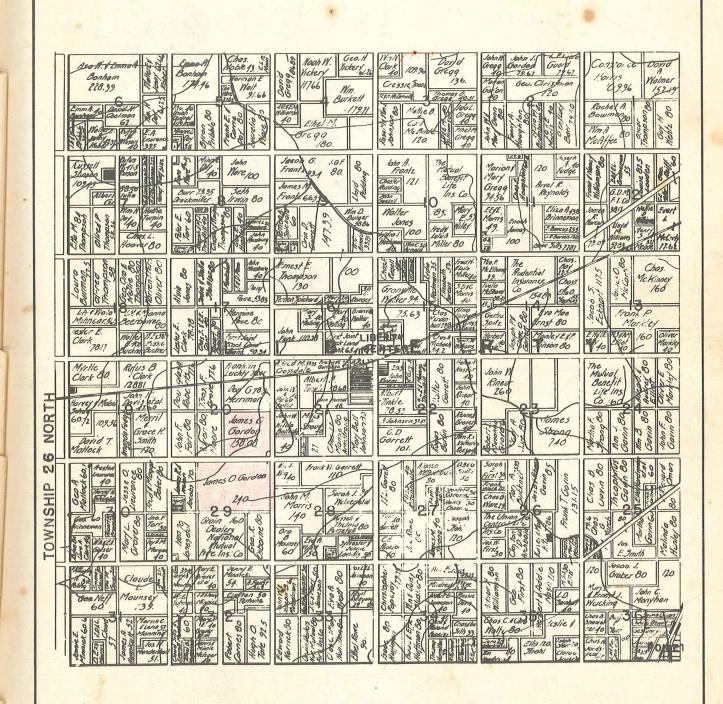
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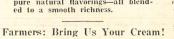


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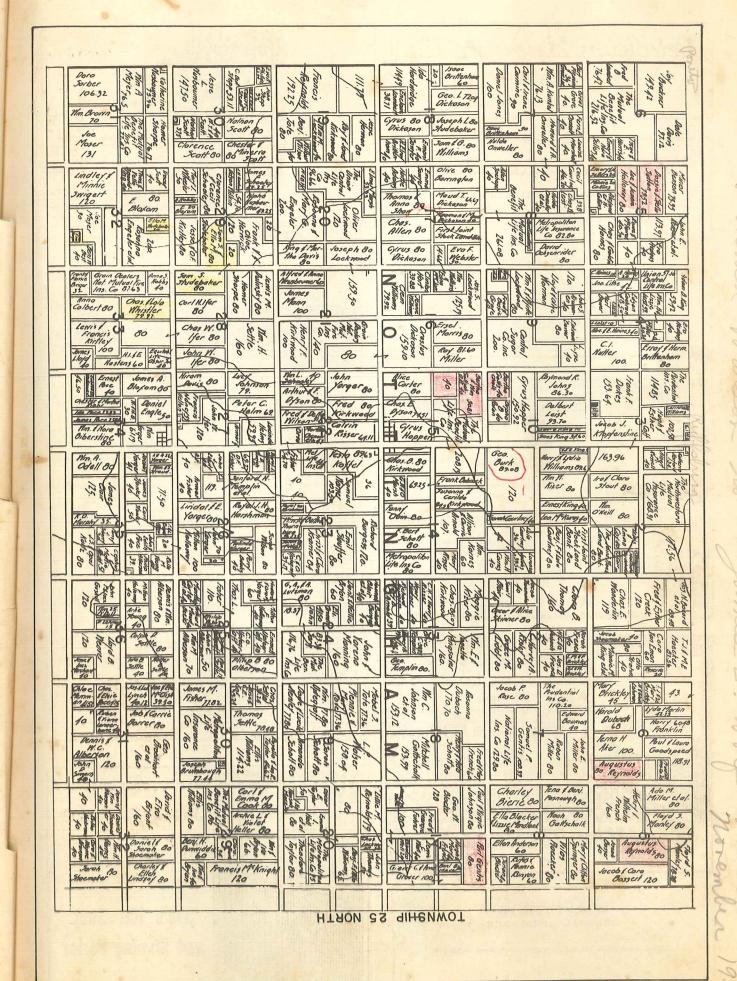
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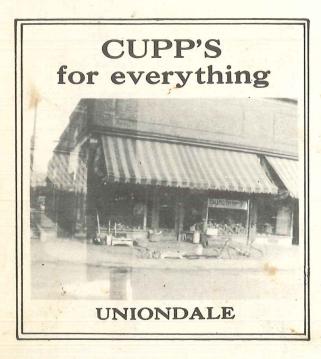
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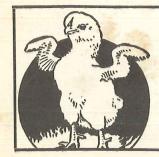
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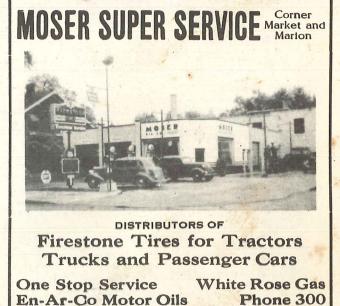
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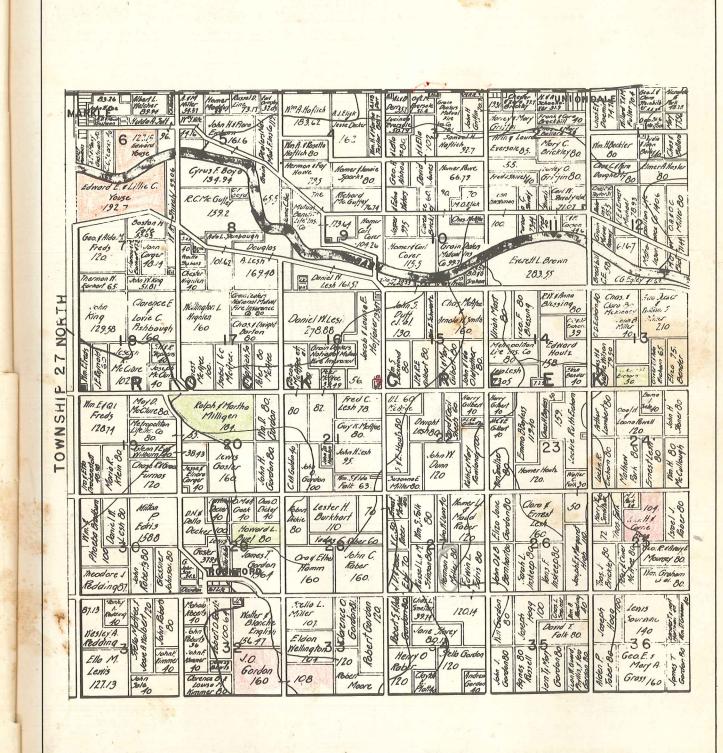
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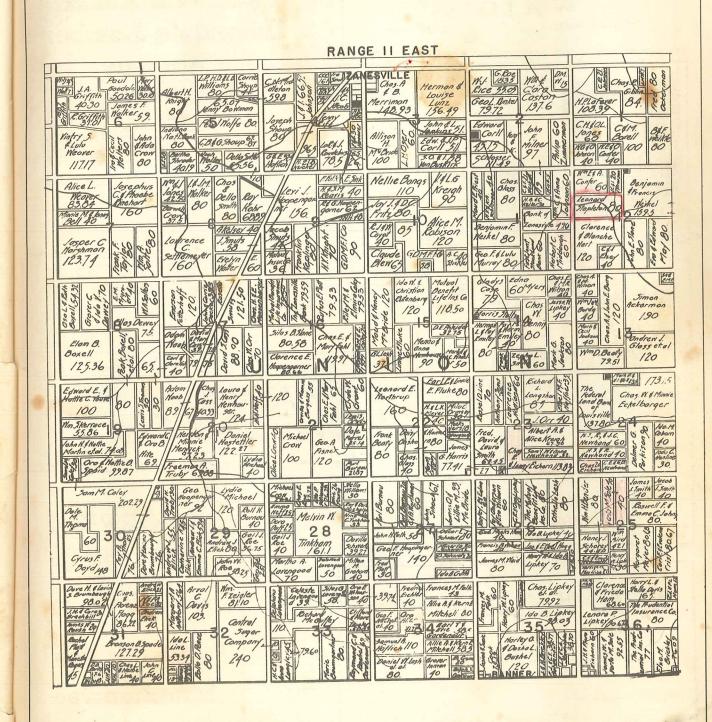
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