

## Crossroads

## Corner Store 'Has Everything'

Veteran's Annual  
Business Is \$70,000

If you run low on gas a few miles north of Westfield on U. S. 31, and happen to pull in at the station at East Union, get out of the car and go inside. You'll see the "biggest little store on earth."

The store is run by 210-pound, ex-soldier William Frost who is usually found near his cash register which rings up something over \$70,000 a year.

After World War II, he opened a store "across the road." It burned down. He bought out his competitor and runs a complete grocery-butcher shop-hardware-working-clothes-farm implement-paint and drug store. He sells everything the rural heart has a right to desire, on a cash basis, too.

"Once in a while," he says, "when a customer is in hard luck, I let him run a week, but that's about all. This is a close-margin business, and it won't stand many losses."

## Hours Are Long

The worst part of running a country general store is the hours. From early morning until late at night, he jokes with customers, hears their troubles and knows their problems.

His customers flip wisecracks at him from all angles. Humor crackles all over the store. For instance:

"This winter, because it was mild, he was stuck with 400 gallons of anti-freeze."

"Run it through a still and make whisky," cracked a customer.

"Nope," he said soberly. "It was an act of God. Weather always is."

## Prefers German Machine

He doesn't trust his addition too much. He has two adding machines, one a Burroughs, and one a little German machine he brought back from the war. "It's almost human," he says. "You can add, subtract, multiply and divide on it."

His wife teaches 42 second-graders at nearby Tipton.

He adds up his inventory to something like \$13,000, which he year.



This might be any crossroad corner in the wide U. S. but it happens to be the General Store of William Frost at East Union, Ind., just north of Westfield on U. S. 31. It's a wonderland of variety—

name anything you want, and he has it.

He turns it as often as he can, moves everything in sight at least once a year.

Paul Pearson, his helper, also is a garage mechanic. The garage is attached. It has enameled oil and anti-freeze drums, a work bench and an assortment of tools which will take care of almost any emergency.

## Too Much for Show Cases

He has a modern meat shop, handles fresh vegetables, patent medicines, small farm tools, overalls and work hats, a variety of headache medicines, candies and soft drinks. His store is packed.

All of it will go into show cases, so he hangs it on the walls, and has filled a little annex where you see shotguns for hunters lined up along with other hardware.

"What's the population here?" He loves that question and has a ready answer.

"About two hundred—dead ones," he replies, motioning to the cemetery back of the church across the road.

There's hardly a house in sight, but for miles around they know where to find Bill Frost's General Store and they bring their money to exchange for his goods to the tune of about \$70,000 a



The proprietor, William Frost, World War II sergeant, wouldn't trade East Union for all of Paris. Here he adds up a grocery order on a little German adding machine he brought back from the war. He has a bigger American machine, but he likes the German make.

## Lloyd's Insures

## Woolley's Beard

LONDON, Apr. 2 (UP)—The London Star said today that Lloyd's has insured actor Monte Woolley's famous beard against destruction by fire, theft, hail or tornado.

The Star said that Harvard University has taken out a \$5000 policy on Mr. Woolley's chin whiskers while "the man who came to dinner" is making a personal appearance at Cambridge, Mass.

## Local Doctor Sues

## Clinton Restaurant

CLINTON, Ind., April 2—An Indianapolis doctor today filed a \$25,000 damage suit in Vermillion Circuit Court charging a restaurant operator here with serving food which "permanently injured and maimed" him for life.

Dr. J. F. Swane, former Clinton resident, said the restaurant served him meat balls and spaghetti which made him "deathly sick."

Ask your doctor or the hospital where your son was born to make the correction with the City Board of Health.

Let Mrs. Manners and readers of the column share your problems and answer your questions. Write in care of The Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

## Greenfield Elks

## Elect Officers

GREENFIELD, Ind., Apr. 2—Members of Greenfield Elks Lodge 1720 have elected Charles Adams an exalted ruler. Other new officers include Richard T. Lineback, esteemed leading knight; James T. Wilson esteemed loyal knight; John F. Mitchell Jr., esteemed lecturing knight; C. Clark Mull, secretary; Gordon Messerle, treasurer; Virgil Blue, tyler, and Tom Williams, trustee.

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Their time was almost up when

Election Beard  
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Emancipate Bettors

By CARL HENN

For Dennis Voshell and Albert Hall, both of Eminence, Ind., the Democratic handiwork last November didn't slide far enough.

As a consequence, their faces are smooth-shaven today for the first time since the election, in which Morgan County crossed them up by voting Republican.

They were relieved of their election-beard beards in the biggest clip-n-snip shop in Indianapolis—the International Barber School at 342 E. Washington St.

## From Beards to Beards

And who should manager Walter Pfaffer choose as the men to shave them but Jerry Hannah and Julian Gunn, two barber college students from Arcadia, Ind., in the process of raising—or all things—a beard.

Jerry, 22, and Julian, 25, are cultivating chin crops so they can be in style when their home town celebrates its 100th anniversary July 24-28. Although they only stopped shaving a couple of weeks ago, they hope to have beards to match the Voshell-Hall variety by the time the beard-growing contest comes up in Arcadia during the centennial.

Since that fateful day five months ago when Mr. Voshell, 28, a farmer, and Mr. Hall, 31, a ditch contractor, found they had to stop shaving or start welsing, they have been looking forward to the day of emancipation.

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## HOLD RITES FOR HOOSIER

—MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 2 (UP)—

Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Harry Stoffels, 32, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., who was

stricken while visiting her family here and died in the hospital

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