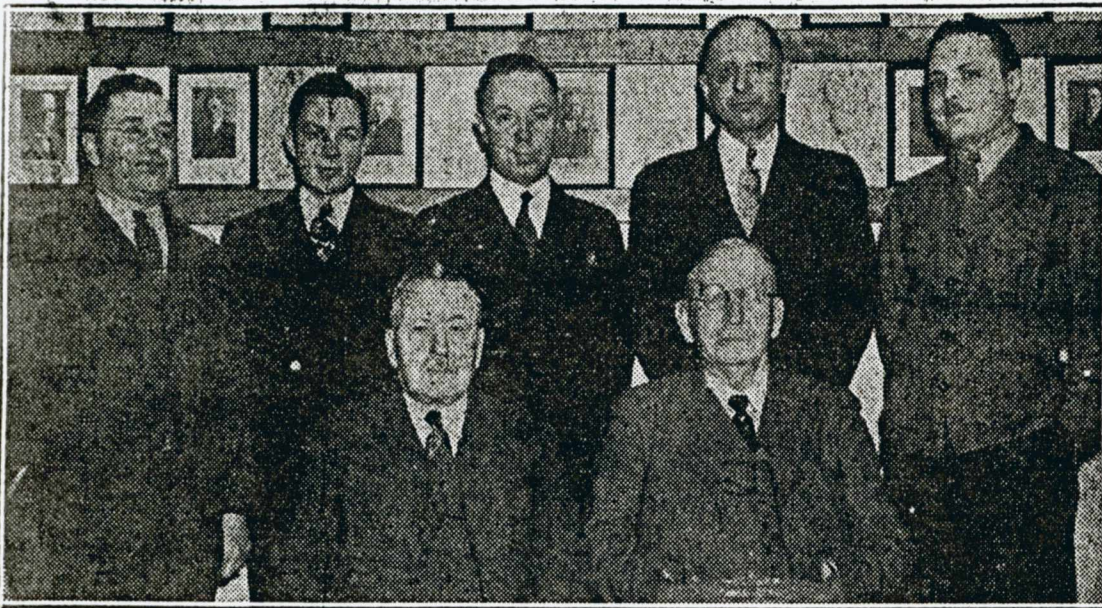


Three Generations Active in Two Stores Here



The group of men shown in this picture are working representatives of two north side business firms, both of which are over 50 years old. The group represents three generations. The two old business organizations are John Affeldt and Sons, meat and food dealers, at 303 and 305 East Grand River avenue, and the Dunham Hardware and Implement company, 1216 and 1218 Turner street.

John Affeldt, sr., seated on the left in the front row of the group, began wholesaling meat in North Lansing in 1881. Beside him is Paul E. Dunham, who started in business for himself in 1882. Both men began independently but later formed partnerships. Standing at the rear of Mr. Affeldt and Mr. Dunham, from left to right, are Charles Affeldt, J. Ellsworth Affeldt, John Affeldt, jr., E. Clare Dunham, and Brayton L. Dunham. E. C. Dunham is a son of the elder Dunham and Brayton L. Dunham, is the grandson of E. C. Dunham. Charles and John Affeldt are sons of the elder Affeldt, while J. Ellsworth is a son of John Affeldt, jr., and grandson of the founder of John Affeldt and Sons. The Dunham Hardware and Imple-

ment company and John Affeldt and Sons are among the oldest retailing organizations in Lansing.

Brothers Form Partnership

Mr. Affeldt, who began wholesaling meat in a small way in 1881, in 1885 former a partnership with his brother, the late Fred Affeldt, and the two brothers bought the Charles Hacker market at 307 East Grand River avenue. It was Franklin avenue then. In 1890 the firm bought property at 303 East Grand River avenue and later built a new market home on the site. Later the concern purchased a lot at 305, built there, and consolidated a meat and grocery business in the larger space.

In 1912 Fred Affeldt sold his interest in the business and his brother, John, took his sons into the firm. From that date this old business has been operated as John Affeldt and Sons. John Affeldt, jr., came into the firm in 1912. As part owner, Charles Affeldt joined actively in the business in 1925. John Ellsworth Affeldt, son of John Affeldt, jr., joined the old firm after his graduation in February from Central high this year.

John Affeldt, sr., although in his 88th year, is on the job every day and

while not so active as in his younger years, greets old time customers and waits on many of them personally.

Other Founder Still on Job

In the Dunham organization Paul E. Dunham, founder of the Dunham Hardware and Implement company, is also at the store on Turner street each day. Of late years, however, he has given more of his attention to his group of farms north of the city. Mr. Dunham started out as a tinner in a small building located on East Grand River avenue where the old Auto Body offices now stand. Later, however, he opened a hardware business on Turner street and has never moved his business from this street. E. C. Dunham, the son, came into the firm 32 years ago. The grandson, after a course in a Chicago art school, returned to Lansing to take up the business of his grandfather and father.

It is believed that there are not many firms doing business in Michigan in which three generations are still actively engaged in their direction and activities. The number of retail organizations that are over a half century old are also limited. So the picture is unusual in the annals of the mercantile business of Lansing.

THE COURT: That is a matter of law. That is not for this jury. I shall instruct the jury as to what the law is, and I expect the jury will follow the court's instructions.

Mr. OTT: I think, after the jury hears the testimony, this will be a question of fact.

THE COURT: I will exclude that. I think you have gone far enough.

Q Now you have referred to a fence. You have described before that

A It had windows

THE COURT: A Yes, sir.

Q So far as a fence

for a fence there, if

the rear or side of

lot—if your building

line? A Yes, that

Q Is this wall built

your building or is

A No space; tact

building.

Q I mean is there a

Q You said it was

the building stand

does this wall stand

your building? A

THE COURT: A

dence district? A

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there? A No sir.

THE COURT: A No sir.

Woodward Avenue?

or Woodward.

THE COURT: A

A That would be on

Q Don't you know,

Cooper, that there is

right near there.

MR. LEE: Well,

terial.

MR. OTT: The

court as to whether th

said no.

Q Don't you know there is a screw works right near there?

THE COURT: How far away?

MR. LEE: Your Honor, for the sake of the record I would like to object.

MR. OTT: About half a block away.

THE COURT: If it was on John and this is on Brush, it would be more than a block away.

MR. OTT: A

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