**Remembrances of Candor** by Joan Beebe Meddaugh

What is now the current home of the Tioga State Bank, there use to be the old Depot, where my dad had his Town Clerks office from about 1952 or 1953. Before that, dad and his father before him had the Clerk's office, in the late 1920's in one of the buildings between, what we remember as Ellis's drugstore and Bert LaGrange Hardware. Later the newspaper and Clerk's office was moved over to one of the small buildings that John Stickle bought I think in 1953/4. He called the business Century Cleaners. Bill Stauback owned it before that I think.

In June of 1934 grandpa Will who was also the publisher/Editor as well as Town Clerk passed away of a fatal heart attack and dad took over both positions. The Clerks position he kept doing until he retired in 1961 when Eudora Yeier became the new clerk.

In either 1941 or 1942, Larry's great grandpa James H. Jennings Sr. died. He owned the drug store now the liqueur store owned by the Twarzs. When he died it went to his son James H. Jennings Jr. who died either in 1944/45. It then went to his wife Daisy who then sold it to my dad, Art Beebe. They moved in over Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 1945. I have a picture of them moving in.

The newspaper and Town Clerks office remained together in the former Jennings Drug Store from Nov. of 1945 until Nov. of 1952 I think when he sold the printing business to Bob and Fran Fox.

Dad then moved the clerk's office over to our house on Church now owned by Margie Krebs Rhodes for a short time until the depot was available.

I remember reading in the Courier that dad agreed to be station master a position once held by Larry's uncle Abe Jackson and I think Killie Kilpatrick.
The Rail Road, since there was no longer any passenger trains going thru Candor and later all freight trains would cease traveling thru, gave the Town of Candor/Village of Candor permission to have the Clerk's office in that building and later the Candor Free Library would be in what use to be the baggage room.

In 1961 dad retired and Eudora Yeier took over as Clerk and moved the office to her home, keeping it there I believe till she retired.

The Candor Courier went thru two owners after my father owned it. First was Bob and Fran Fox. They owned it from 1951/2 untill Nov. of 1956 when they sold it to Bill and Vera Muir. They owned the business but not the building, at least until 1966/67 when the list of subscribers was sold to a newspaper in Owego where Bill, I believe later worked for a few more years.

Now back to the line of businesses.

Next to the old Depot was the Fountain Inn.

I can't remember who owned it but I do have pictures of them. Their daughter Marian married Glenn Jordan, a relative of Phil Jordan. Glen while still in high school enlisted in the service before he graduated high school but made it thru WWII and took his GED getting his diploma in a special ceremony in 2009 during Candor's annual graduation.

I think in the very early 1950s, the Lind family from Appalachian bought the restaurant. It became a noon gathering place for local officials, and of course the older high school kids often met for a quick piece of Dorothy's homemade pie or a hamburger and fries.

I was a youngster back then so I don't remember a whole lot but do remember eating a delicious fried chicken dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy or having meat loaf.
Her pie was the talk of the town.

Later on, our classmate Henry Stead's parents bought it and had it at least until 1966.

Larry and I moved to AZ in 1967 so don't know who owned what after that.

Next to the Fountain Inn when we were young was the beauty shop. In the late 40's it was owned by Marian Maxwell who had just completed her schooling from beauty school. She would later marry Bob Weber.

The other half of the building housed Charlie Marshall's TV and Radio sales and repair shop. He also owned the locker plant up on Smith Street across from what use to be Judge Nathan Turke's home now the funeral home.

Charlie later sold his meat locker business to Fox and Grace Cardwell I think and they lived on Griffith Street I think. She was a school teacher and they had at least one child named Billy.

Now back to Marian's beauty shop. I think she sold to Alice Storm, who had it for a number of years. Don't know who had it after that and before Jeanie Downs Meddaugh.

Next to the beauty shop was the Candor Cutrite store better known to us kids as Killy's owned by Elmer and Clara Kilpatrick. It was there one could actually buy penny candy, spend a nickel or a dime on a single or double scoop of ice cream.Or have a "black cow".

One could buy their favorite comics, school supplies and my favorite for a mere 25cents a good size sugar daddy on a stick or a packet of sugar babies. ( Now there are two apartments there..In 1899 my grandfather and great grandfather rented a small building to house the Candor Courier and sometime between 1918 -1920 my mothers family who had lived near Trumansburg moved to Candor to start up a restaurant.

Grandma Norade pies and doughnuts managed to make my dads tastebuds a little crazy. It was because of all those glorious smells my parents got together later to marry. Also in either 1924/25 my grand mother on my mother's side, got permission to have a post office there.

Because of a fire I think either in the late 70's or in the 90's Killy’s, the drugstore, hardware and telephone office built by Larry's grandfather Frank Meddaugh were destroyed by fire. On the corner of Jackson and Main Street stood D. P, Jackson's grocery store and later the Market Basket owned by members of the Craig family. I think John and Margaret or it might have been Helen Craig located on the corner of Jackson and Main Streets.

Just down Jackson Street was the old G L F where Dick Zavatto now lives.

Continuing on down Main Street was the house once owned by the Bostwick family.

The Hoyt family I think lived in the small house in later years and one of the Bostwick's family in the big house next door.

Ruth Griffin Warren, class of 1916, lived next door with her mother.for years. Then Roger Miller and his family later move in.

I forgot to mention that Winston Ives, the Town lawyer and later a partner of his, I think Ron Telford rented out the lower portion of the building for years. Seems to me there was a dentist office some place around there. But we were living in AZ and later Portland, Oregon during that time.