

"Going back to the intersection, there was a small building in the corner next to **Gould's** store. There, **Ellen Tolliver** ran the Post Office. It closed in 1984 and the mail is delivered my rural carriers now. **Charlie Farris** married **Cleatis Gould**, daughter of **Charlie** and **Mahalia Rinehart Gould**. **Theoren Gould** died in 1922. I have no record of what happened to the store from then until 1926, when **Charlie Gould** and **Charlie Farris** bought **Philander Gould's** share of the store and operated it. **Cleatis** and **Charlie Farris** lived in the home of her parents, **Charles** and **Mahalia Gould**, east of the little stream called **West Fork** that runs along the East side of **Bible Grove**. In those days, there was a foot bridge on the north side of the road, that allowed one to walk across the stream and up a concrete walk to the center of the town. This sidewalk was a bumpy ride on roller skates, but the walk up to the front of the school made up for it, and we coped.

"**Ed Lewis** bought the old home place. **Will Lewis** bought the **Barnett** place from **Tom McGee**. **Mike Brummer** bought **Clarence** and **Vida Webster Richards** farm. **Andrew Ballard** operated two brick kilns. One was west and a little north of **Ellis Hall's** home. The other one was north of **Kirk** and **Althea Winterrowd's** house.

Early Doctors were **Duncan**, **R. L. Falley**, **Enfer Webster**, **Shumaker Gibson** from **Hoosier**, and **Claude Lewis**.

"**George Curtright** had a barber shop in the tiny space east of the blacksmith shop. **Kincaid** had a store in 1907, but I can't find the location. **Otis Ballard** had an undertaking parlor on **Lot 35**, west of **Gould's** store. He and **Dillman** were pioneers in the funeral home operation. **Cy Colborn** had a General Store across the road, same side of the street as the bank.

"**Farrell** and **Ruth Tolliver** bought the Bank Building around 1948 and kept a grocery store there. They bought **Colborn's** Blacksmith Shop from **Colborn** heirs. **Jim** and **Misty Lewis** operated **Tolliver's** Store for a time after the **Tollivers** retired. The **Bible Grove Bank** had closed its doors in 1926."

Now I believe this story of **Bible Grove** would not be complete if we did not get into the **Bible Grove Bank** closing and the **Bank Affair** which rocked this small community three quarters of a century ago.

Richard Falley was the cashier of the small town Bank and **Alfred Specht** was the assistant cashier. **Richard** was the son of **Dr. R. L.** and **Isabella McKnelly Falley**. He was married to **Merle Tolliver**, the daughter of **Richard** and **Rosa Tolliver**. They lived east of town near where **James Barbee** later lived. He went home for supper one night in 1925, and while there told his wife that he had to return to the bank because he had more work to do, and he was never seen again.

Like all matters of similar character where the loss of money comes in, a consequence or mismanagement on the part of someone connected with the business is bound