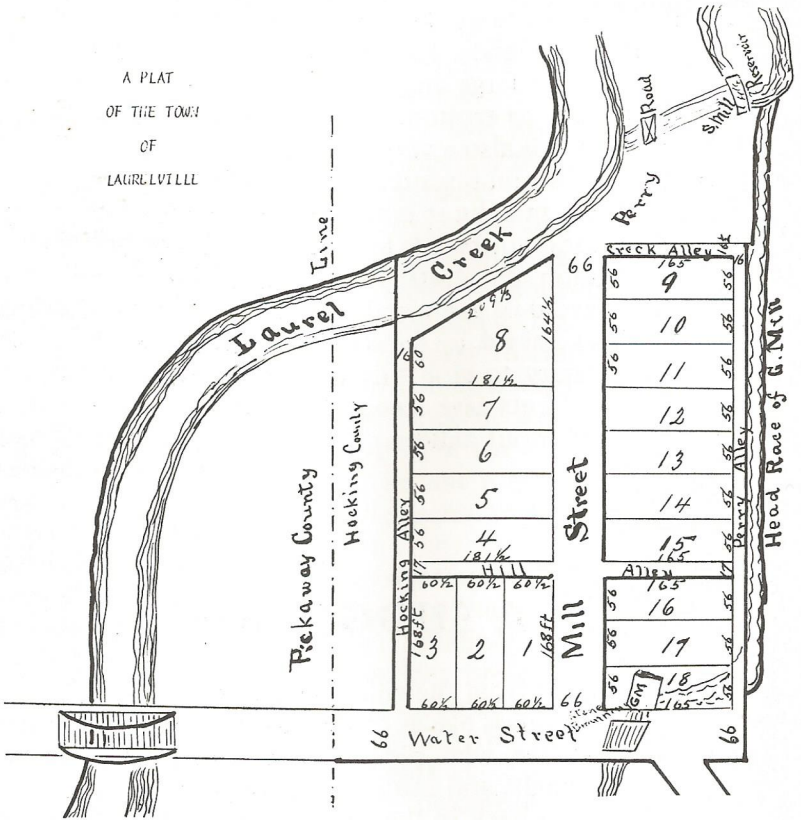




A PLAT
OF THE TOWN
OF
LAURELVILLE



THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF LAURELVILLE

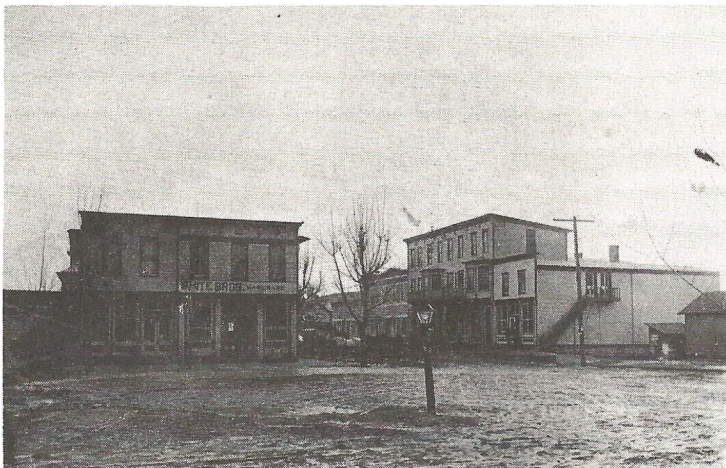
Note: The Mill Race which furnished the water power for a sawmill and grain mill.



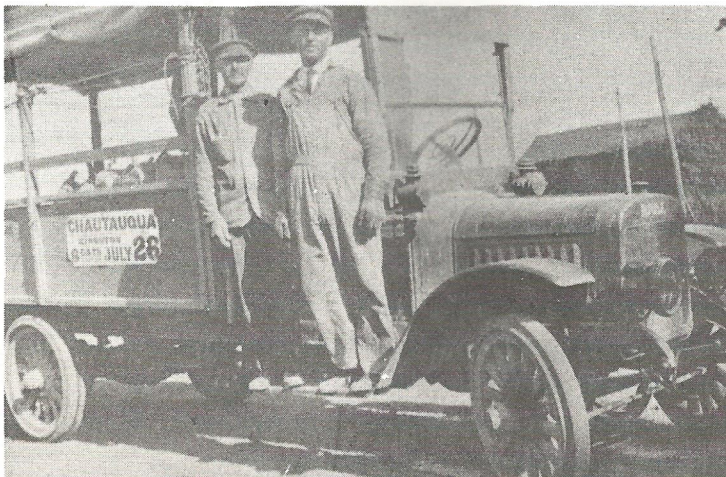
LAURELVILLES FIRST FILLING STATION

W. P. DeHaven - Owner

A. L. Strous - Operator



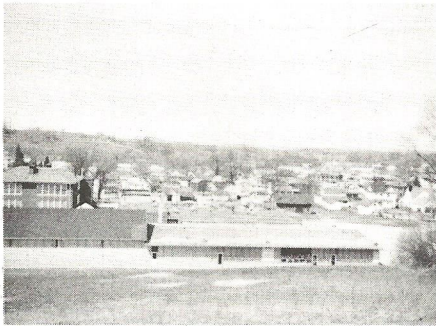
A picture of the past showing Whites Hardware, Mettlers General Store, Mowery Hotel Buildings, and connecting buildings. Notice the gas light in the center square.



**An early delivery truck taken in Laurelville many years ago.
L. A. McClelland - Owner**

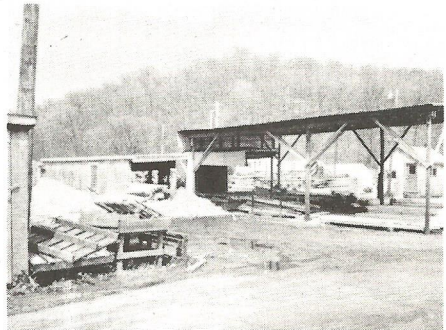


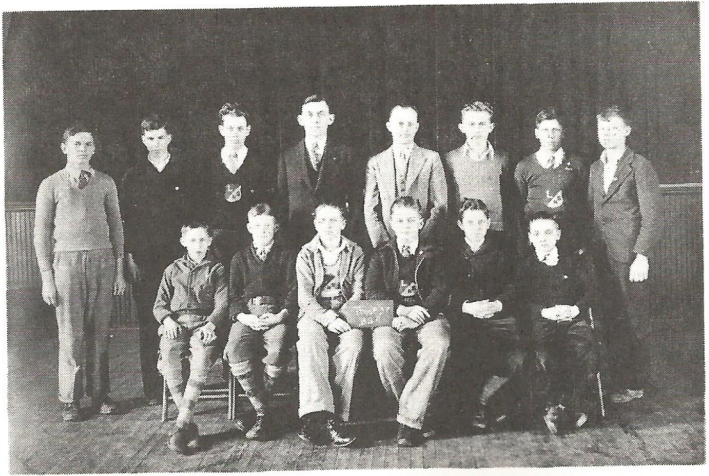
**In 1949 the old E.U.B. Church in Laurelville
Some Snow?**



**A birds eye view of
Laurelville taken in 1971**

**Thompson Brothers
sawmill in Laurelville
Picture taken in 1971**





**Laurelville's Boy Scouts Troop 37
How many can you identify?**



**A scene from Laurelville main square
taken in November 1949.
Snow Removal.**

LAURELVILLE MAYORS

Will A. Williamson	—	1889
J. S. Mathias	—	1890
D. B. Black	—	1892
E. D. Ricketts	—	1896
Nelson Armstrong	—	1898
William Hale	—	1900
James S. Steele	—	1902
J. S. Haynes	—	1903
F. W. Hamilton	—	1905
J. B. Riason	—	1907
W. T. Dawson	—	1908
B. W. Friend	—	1910
R. R. Lindsey	—	1912
John W. White	—	1914
J. C. Woodward	—	1916
William Hale	—	1917
S. M. Robinson	—	1918
B. W. Friend	—	1920
W. A. Williamson	—	1924
Chas. N. White	—	1926
Hugh B. Egan	—	1928
Geo. W. Hartsough	—	1933
C. W. Reichelderfer	—	1936
Paul Armstrong	—	1942
L. A. McClelland	—	1946
Robert Bowers	—	1953
D. Huggins	—	1953
A. F. Goodman	—	1954
P. Swackhammer	—	1955
E. D. Kelly	—	1960
J. Spencer	—	1962
J. Daubenmire	—	1968
T. Ebert	—	1971

HISTORY OF LAURELVILLE

Laurelville was laid out in 1871. It was located opposite the point where Laurel creek joins Saltcreek. Water power used by our forefathers as a means of providing power for machinery such as sawmills, flour mills and other machinery, may have been an influencing factor in locating Laurelville at the junction of the two streams.

John and W. S. Albin, along with Solomon Riegel assisted by Rufus Dodson were responsible for the town lay-out. Several additions have been added since its beginning. There were two additions made by Allen Strous and at least one made by George Mowery, and one known as the White addition, taken from a family name of White.

In 1871 Laurelville had three houses but the new village grew rapidly and in a few years it listed 200 citizens.

The citizens of Laurelville were not only thrifty but were proud of their town and they soon developed a sense of good appearance with good streets, walks, neatly trimmed shade trees and well kept homes.

The people who lived here were good neighbors and they were concerned about each others welfare, so with emphasis on brotherhood it was natural for newcomers to move into this new village just as soon as homes were available.

The first three business places to open were general stores owned and operated by Rufus Dodson; Hedges, Drum and John McNichols. H. D. Riegel owned and operated a planning mill. A sawmill was owned by Drum, Riegel and Steel. Zara McDaniels operated a flour mill which had a capacity of 50 bbl. of flour per day - (The sawmill and the flour mill were operated on water power). By the turn of the century several other business places were started such as, blacksmith shops, harness shops, chair factory, canning factory, bakery, hotels, restaurants and others.



**L. A. McCLELLAND'S STORE
Laurelville with clerks and owner.**

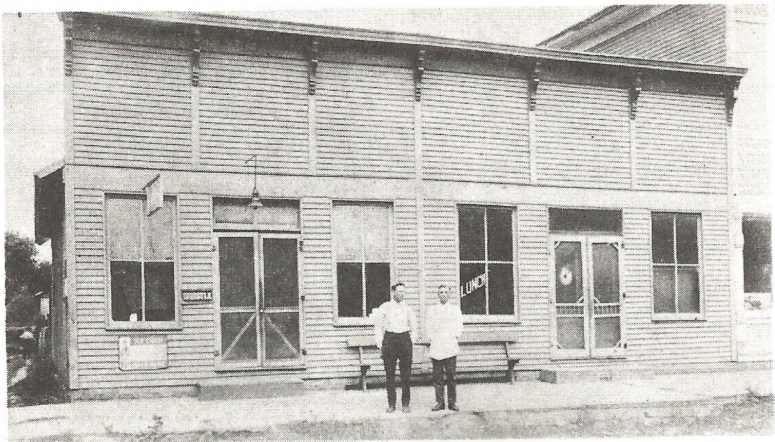


THE FORD AGENCY

Showing W. P. DeHaven with new and used cars and a new Ford Tractor.
In the doorway were the mechanics: Lawrence Woodgeard and Oakley Steel.



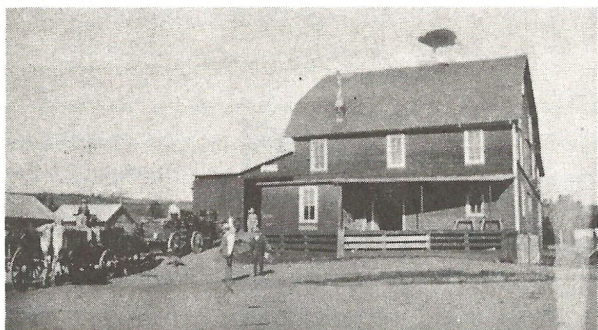
**The Mens Class from the
Trinity United Methodist Church
in Laurelville.
How many can you identify?
This was a working class.**



**A Restaurant in Laurelville
for many years.
Owners: Claude Hart & Arthur Smith
Later Owner: Lucius Allen**



**Main Street in Laurelville years ago
already for the Street Fair**



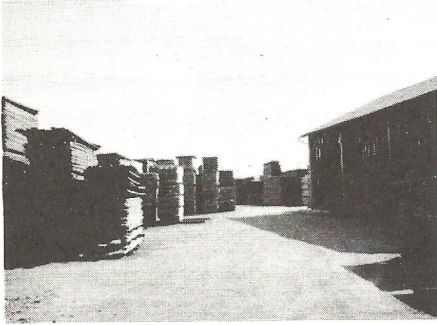
**The Laurelville Grain and Mill Co.
with Elijah DeLong - owner
"an era of the past"**



**The log yard at Riddles Lumber Co.
located near Laurelville in 1971**



**Thompson Brothers sawmill yard.
Picture taken in 1971.**



**Scene from
Riddles Lumber Yard
in 1971**

**Foodtown
in 1971**



**Showing the
Laurelville Square**

**The Armstrong Mill
or
Farm Bureau Mill
Located in
Laurelville village square as it
looks in 1971**



FORESTRY

Sawmilling or lumbering soon developed into the communities most important industry. Sawmills were first operated on water power then on steam and the latest source of power is electricity. The lumber industry provided more employment for the inhabitants of the area than any other industry. It seemed that lumber of various dimensions was always in demand. Lumber of course, was the principle material for buildings of all kinds. Railroad ties, piling, telephone poles, railroad car stock all were in demand.

Sawmilling or lumbering is currently the leading industry in the area. It is true that big industry has moved into our smaller towns and we have such names as General Electric, Carborundum Co., DuPont, R.C.A., Meade Paper Mills, The Container Corp., Anchor Hocking, and many others located in Circleville, Logan, Lancaster and Chillicothe but in our area locally, lumbering is still our largest employer. Methods of manufacturing and producing has changed with the times. The principle power today for the mill and its related parts, which consists of all kinds of saws, planers, chippers, elevators, is electricity. Then we have so many internal combustion engines in trucks, dozers, loaders, skidders and elevators that there is very little to remind one, it is the same industry that had its beginning more than a hundred years ago, except the timber itself.

Better roads, better trucks and more modern methods encourage operators to cover larger areas to obtain the timber and then to market it in a wider area as well. Some of the products of our area are exported to different parts of the world.

Dale W. Riddle, Forest Products Co., is one of the largest sawmill organizations in our area. It has the capacity to process from 7 to 9 million bd. ft. of lumber each year and employ a large number of men. An operation as large as the Dale W. Riddle, Forest Products Co. adds substantially to the local economy. Other mills being operated in the community include: Thompson Brothers Lumber Co., Hart Brothers Lumber Co. and Miller Lumber Co.

Pulpwood (paperwood) is in great demand in this community. The Meade Paper Co. of Chillicothe and the Container

Corporation of America, located in Circleville, pay good prices for the smaller trees cut into lengths which they process and make into paper products. The sawmill ownership will often cut most of the trees using the larger trees for saw logs and the smaller for pulpwood. Many individuals will purchase cut and transport pulpwood to one or the other processing plants, thus providing more and more people with income.



Dumm's General Store Laurelville in 1971



The Saltcreek Valley Bank in 1971