

DeWitt Pharmacy

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Melvin Brooks, whose drug store had burned in the 1930 fire, was one of the merchants who chose not to rebuild. Thus, DeWitt was without a druggist until 1932 when Percy J. Carris came from Detroit and opened a drug store in the former Forbes building on West Main. He brought with him his wife, Mildred, and two daughters, Barbara and Margaret. They made their home at 206 W. Main in the former Florian house.

In 1939 Mr. Carris built the present building at 113 S. Bridge. Besides his prescriptions and patent medicine business he also installed an ice cream and soda fountain. This white marble counter became a popular gathering place of area youths for many years.

For approximately twenty years the DeWitt pharmacy was owned and operated by Keith Blizzard who modernized and remodeled the business. The DeWitt Pharmacy went out of business a few years ago.

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