



Trace This Place

When was this photo taken? What does it show? The person who provides the most complete information will win a four-color sesquicentennial button and an official Sesquicentennial History Certificate. The contest is in honor of Elmhurst's sesquicentennial and is designed to spur interest in the city's historic roots. Entries are due July 4. The winning entry will be published in two weeks. (Elmhurst Historical Museum photo)

Contest Winner Points Out Pix

by Jean Van Rensselaer

Raay Steben should have been a private investigator. He has an uncanny way of meshing personal recollection and historical data into winning Trace This Place entries.

Steben's triumph this week was the description of a picture showing four women wearing aprons and standing in an old-fashioned shop. The photo was published June 13.

Steben's entry reads as follows:

"The Weber Building was built by Gottfried Weber

during 1910 at 112-116 North York Street and was used as a bakery for many years.

"During 1940, the bakery was being operated by sons Edward and Ernest and they had four local belles working for them as sales clerks and they are pictured in the Elmhurst Press Photo of June 13.

"From left to right: Edna Weber, sister of Edward and Ernest; Martha Klein Bertelle, sister of Mrs. G. Weber, who was referred to as "Tanta Mart" by many customers (Tanta means Aunt

and Mart meant Martha); Mildred Freundt who later married Bud Shipp, a baker in this shop; and Gertrude Koop, who later became Mrs. R. Kienapple.

"This popular bakery had a sign on the wall to the left of the refrigerator for cream pasteries, which explained to the customers that a red star on their sales receipts entitled them to receive a free cream cake."

Special thanks to other entrant, William E. Reynolds.

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THE WEBER BUILDING - BAKERY