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More Problems

Do you remember the immortal words of Yogi Berra, the famous New Yor Yankee's catcher?? "It ain't over, till it's over". Well, that the way it is with the back rooms of the Drugstore.

Last year I noticed that some of the shelves on the north side of the back room were pulling away from the wall, due to the heavy boxes full of records. Some of them on the top shelves were full of mold. Luckily, we were able to save them, by gently using a weak Clorox solution. One box had copies of Popular Science and Popular Mechanics from the 1930s, but the mold had destroyed them totally. What a loss.

It took a long time but that side of the room has been cleaned up and painted.

This year I looked at the south side of the room and decided that it needed a cleanup.

Following is a photo of the shelves. They were very full of stuff. A lot of the fountain syrup bottles had cracked and had leaked all over the shelf.



The doll house at the top was cleaned and put in the front window of the Drugstore. Several other items were cleaned and put out for the public to admire.

When the shelves were empty, one could see that they needed replacing. We took them apart and hope to be able to sand them down and paint them. If not, they will be replaced.

Once the shelves were dismantled, the mold became evident. There was apparently a leak in the roof over many years and the water leaked down into the wall. The white mold is the spore stage and can spread easily by floating in the air. I have sprayed the whole wall with Clorox. Some or all of the boards might have to be replaced. Using Clorox and sanding will be tried first. The more important thing is to get the roof fixed. With the advent of warmer weather coming soon, this will be done.



All of the bords on the wall need to be removed and the back side treated with bleach. We will find out what is behind the boards and remedy the situation.

Once the roof leak is fixed and the wall replaced, we plan to put some shelves back. The shelves will be smaller in width. The spaces between shelves will be smaller, thus allowing more shelves. The plan is to provide enough space to put all of the articles from the past that have been stashed in boxes and forgotten, to be on display for the public to see. There are several hundred items. They have to be cleaned and displayed in some sort of order. The items will also have a written explanation attached.

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