

New merchants open to serve Bloomington

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cupied by the Graham Plaza. The Gentry ad in the 1895 *Arbutus* boasted of "Everything First Class" and regular board at \$4 per week.

MANAGEMENT OF THE National Hotel, long a landmark in Bloomington on Kirkwood Avenue, claimed the establishment had "The Best Accommodations, The Best Table and The Largest Patronage."

The 1900 *Arbutus* also contained an ad for a Bundy Hotel in a "central location."

For those who wanted to preserve their faces for posterity the photography studio of L.E. Shaw was located on the northwest corner of the square. His full-page ad in the 1900 *Arbutus* shows a sample of his

work, a nostalgic photo of a farmer and his dog. Already operating a photography business in Bloomington along with Shaw were W.O. Nicely and S.L. Wilhite, whose ad claimed they offered "Paris Panels and Aristo Platinos."

GENTLEMEN DESIRING a haircut were advised to drop by the Charter Oak Barber Shop on north Walnut Street for a cut and egg shampoo. The owner was a J.W. Mason. One of his assistants was H.V. Eagleson, who was soon to open his own shop the following year in 1898. Eagleson proudly proclaimed that he was "The finest hair cutter in Indiana."

A few businesses advertised in the turn of the century *Arbutuses* are still in operation today. Among them are the Kahn Clothing Company and Wiles Drug Store.