

I think I remember.....Mr Tucker

Mr Tucker was known as the man with a cart. He lived on the west side of north Maple avenue between Plum and Poplar streets. It was a small white house located at either the SW corner of Maple and Poplar or the SW corner of an alley on Maple that was half way between Plum and Poplar streets.

Mr Tucker was a small man that for years pushed a two wheeled cart most days of the week around Argos. The cart had a wooden box on top that was about four foot long, four foot wide and about two foot deep. It had one large wheel on each side that was about three-four foot in diameter that made pushing the cart in rough terrain easier. It had a large iron pipe for a handle that went completely across and about two foot back from the back of the cart. It had two legs that were attached to the handle so that when he stopped, he would set the cart handle down and the legs would keep the cart level for loading. Mr Tucker collected mostly odds and ends from trash that he thought may have some redeeming value. Some folks would wait until they saw him to ask him if he would be interested in some items but he mostly perused the trash locations for items of value to him. He was a quiet man and mostly kept to himself. I believe that he lived alone at least in his later years.

After his death an auction was held to dispose of the items at his house. It was mentioned that while preparing the property for the auction, a loose porch floor board was found and for safety reasons needed to be repaired. Rumor was that a jar with nearly \$1400.00 was found beneath the board. That appeared to be his banking system.