

# **HISTORICAL TIDBITS**

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The first doctor in Murdock was Dr. Madding who had his office in a small building south of the present post office, and north of Norm's Barbershop. The building is still standing and is the residence of Dick Jones. In the early 1900's Dr. I. D. Jones located in Murdock from South Bend. He doctored here until his death about 1915. He purchased and used one of the first Brush cars in the vicinity. Dr. Merkle and Dr. Hoops were each here for a short time. Dr. Hornbeck followed Dr. Jones and remained here until about 1925. Dr. Lee came and served for several years until Dr. C. J. Formanack came and remained until 1940 when he joined the Red Cross War Service. Dr. Formanack joined the United States Medical Corps and served during World War II. We have had no resident doctor since he left.

Mr. H. V. McDonald, who ran the drug store before the time of World War I, was a great lover of cigars and it cost him several dollars a week to purchase the ones he smoked. He therefore, as a patriotic gesture, quit smoking and invested the money in Liberty Bonds.

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