

# 400 Block of East Third Street later Frank Phillips Blvd.



*Early Bartlesville about 1913-14 showing the Digney & McGough Livery at 413 E. Third Street with dirt streets, horses, buggies and the Bartlesville Interurban Railroad*



*Bartlesville between 1922 and 1925. This photo was taken from the Washington County Courthouse looking to the west showing the 400 block of East Third Street. On the right is the lawn of the Washington County Memorial Hospital built in 1922. To the left is a Chevrolet dealer facing north and the O.B. Toalson Lumber Company at the corner of Cherokee Avenue and Third Street.*

# Bartlesville City Directory Research

- 1916-1917 421 F.J. Robinson
- 1917-1918 413 Dr. D.E. Hockett  
421 Geary & Leonard
- 1919 413 Dr. D.E. Hockett  
421 McDonald Supply Co
- 1920 413 Phil Bixler Motor Co & Okla Tractor & Implement Co  
421 McDonald Supply Co
- 1921 401 O.B. Toalson  
413 W.M. Sharp  
417 McDonald Supply Co.
- 1922 413 Coykendall Auto Sales Co  
415 Coykendail & Williams  
417 McDonald Supply Co
- 1923 413½ to 415½ McDonald Apartments  
415-417 Bartlesville Chevrolet Co.  
417-421 McDonald Supply Co.
- 1924 413½ to 415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
415-417 Lane-Utley Chevrolet Motor Co.  
417-421 McDonald Supply Co.
- 1925 415 Lane-Martin Motor Co.  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Lane-Martin Motor Co. and McDonald Supply Co.
- 1927 415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Vacant  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1929 415 Jones A.W. Motor Co.  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1930 415 Jackson Auto Hotel  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1933 415 No Listing  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1935 413 Wade Steven S auto repair  
415 Fisher W Robert auto repair  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store

- 1938 413 Wade Steven S auto repair  
415 Fisher W Robert auto repair & Sumpter Lewis radiator repair  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Speed Queen Washer Co  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1940 413 Grindstaff Furniture Co  
415 Fisher W Robert auto repair & Sumpter Lewis radiator repair  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Speed Queen Washer Co  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Market Grocery Store
- 1942 413 Grindstaff Furniture Co  
415 Hughes Motor Co  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Not Listed  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Court House Market Grocery
- 1946-1950 413-415 Gallagher Motor autos  
415½ McDonald Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Not Listed  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Court House Market Grocery
- 1952-56 413-415 Gallagher Motor autos  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Not Listed  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Court House Market Grocery
- 1957 413-415 Gallagher Motor Autos & Eddy & Earl Auto Service  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Not Listed  
419-421 Mc & Mc's Court House Market Grocery
- 1959 413-415 Eddy & Earl Auto Service and Moore Motor Foreign Cars  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 apartments)  
417 Not Listed  
419-421 Vacant
- 1961-1963 413-15 Eddy & Earl Auto Service  
415 Moore Motor Foreign Cars  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 Apartments)  
419-421 E. Third Street United Electric Supply
- 1964 415 A & M Motor Parts and Service  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 Apartments)  
419-421 Vacant
- 1965-1966 415 Arnold & Dean Tire Company  
415½ Warren Apartments (10 Apartments)  
419 Stahls TV and Appliances Inc.  
425 Vacant
- 1967 415 Arnold & Dean Tire Company  
415½ Smeysor Apartments (10 Apartments)  
419 Stahls TV and Appliances Inc.

*Note: Third Street  
was renamed  
Frank Phillips Blvd.  
September 1951*

- 1968-1971 415 Arnold & Dean Tire Company  
415½ Smysor Apartments (10 Apartments)  
419 TECO Home Appliances
- 1972 413 AAA Accounting, Penn Mutual Life Insurance  
415 Airco Heat and Air  
415½ Airco Annex Apartments (7 listed)  
419 TECO Home Appliances
- 1973-1975 413 National Life and Accident Ins., Penn Mutual Life Insurance, Arthur Meyer, Lawyer  
415 Airco Heat and Air  
415½ Airco Annex Apartments (7 listed) (*Daryl Schwermer lived in one of the apartments.*)  
419 TECO Home Appliances
- 1976-1977 413 National Life and Accident Ins., AAA Bookkeeping, Arthur Meyer, Lawyer  
415 Vacant  
415½ Apartments (10 listed)  
419 TECO Home Appliances
- 1978-1979 413 Area Merchant Consultant, Arthur Meyer, Lawyer, AAA Accounting  
415 Vacant  
415 Apartments (10)  
419 TECO Home Appliances
- 1980-1981 No Apartments  
413 Various businesses  
415½ to 419 TECO Home Appliances

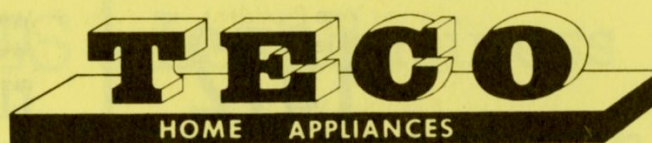
*Do you know  
how the name  
TECO originated?*

**Answer:** *Ted's Company*

*Ted Schwermer owned the building  
and began TECO Home Appliances.*

*Ted is now deceased but his son  
Gary Schwermer has continued the  
company operations as the  
owner/manager.*

## APPLIANCES



Ted Schwermer - Owner



**419 S.E. Frank Phillips Blvd.**

**Tel. 336-3922**

*TECO Home Appliance advertisement in the 1972 Bartlesville City Directory*



*Courtesy of the Bartlesville Area History Museum*

*This building made its mark on Third Street in 1927 as the Mc & Mc retail grocery and produce store owned and operated by John L (wife Cora) and Orris S (wife Mary O.) McDonald. The sign over the front door boldly stated they were "Home of Thoro-Bread Flour" and "We Never Sleep." True to that statement, the McDonalds operated the store 24 hours a day until 1957.*



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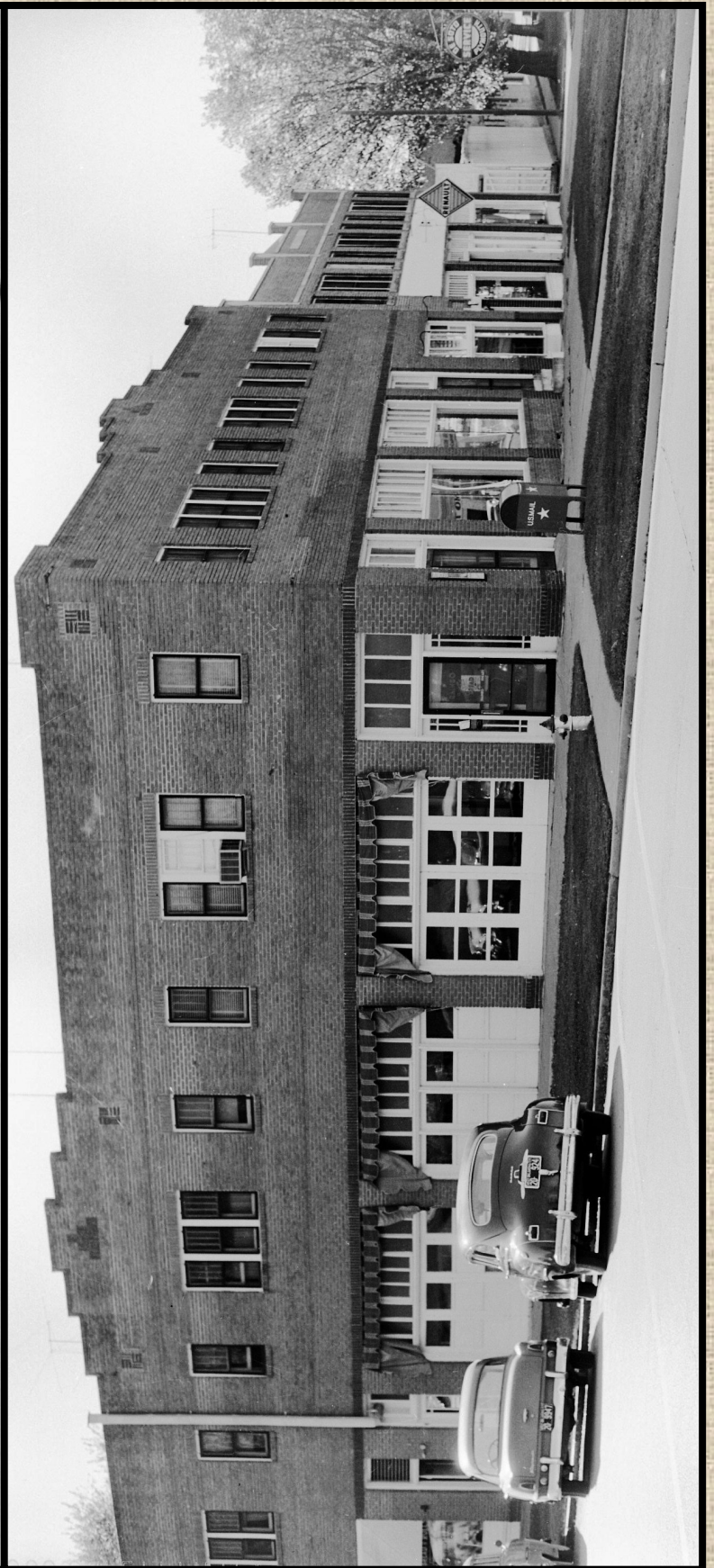
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*Interior photos of the  
Mc & Mc Grocery*



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The south side of the 400 block of East Third Street has been home to a livery stable, tire and auto supply companies, furniture store, grocery store and ten apartments. The Mc & Mc Grocery occupied 419-421 E. Third Street from 1927 to 1957 at which time the address was vacant until the United Electric Supply occupied the address from 1961-1963. In 1964 there was another vacancy until Stahl's TV and Appliances occupied the building from 1965-1967. In 1968 TECO Home Appliances proudly occupied the building and have been serving Bartlesville's appliance needs since that date.

The second floor that once offered ten apartments is currently used as a storage area.



# TECO BUILDING

Courtesy of  
The Bartlesville History Museum



Bartlesville has seen rapid development since the early 1900s. The city began with dirt streets and false-front buildings but it didn't take long for banks, churches, hotels and schools to spring up to serve the growing community. By 1903, brick buildings were being constructed and the street structure followed suit.

The 400 block of East Third Street, has witnessed its fair share of progress. From 1907 to 1912, the only two businesses on the block were a livery stable and florist. Soon thereafter, a grocery opened, Carl Steinhauser purchased the florist and Dr. D. Ernest Hockett opened his Veterinary Clinic.

By 1914, the stately Washington County Courthouse had been completed with an elaborate court room and a jail to house unruly scoundrels. The building's external staircase would serve as a grand backdrop for military "Call to Duty" photos taken before local soldiers deployed for World Wars I and II.

In 1919, Oris S. McDonald and John L. McDonald opened the McDonald Supply, a café and store selling high grade confections, cigars, tobacco and candies at 417-421 E. Third St.

Washington County Memorial

Hospital joined the landscape in 1922, prompting the reconfiguration of Second and Third Streets.

Third Street became Frank Phillips Boulevard on September 27, 1951, in tribute to the oilman, a year after his death. A parade and celebration marked the change.

James M. Coykendall established an auto dealership at 413-415 East Third St. and the McDonalds rented the ten apartments above it through 1952, at which point they became known as the Warren Apartments, and later, the Smysor Apartments.

The McDonalds' grocery became known as Mc & Mc's Grocery & Courthouse Market and operated under that name for thirty years. The sign over the front door boldly stated, "Home of Thoro-Bread Flour" and "We Never Sleep." True to that statement, the McDonalds operated the store 24 hours a day until 1957.

The building became vacant in 1959 until it was briefly occupied by the United Electric Supply Company in 1961.

In 1965, Henry Stahl's TV and Appliance operated at 419-421 E. Third St. That same year, a technician who had been working at Matthews TV and Appliances

from 1961-1964, Stan Norfleet, began working as Stahl's Service Technician. He later opened Stan Norfleet TV. Theodore "Ted" Fredrick Schwermer came to Bartlesville in 1964 and worked as Stahl's Secretary-Treasurer. Still in business today, Steve's TV, as it's now called, is operated by Steve Carleton.

Schwermer became quite the entrepreneur, founding TECO Home Appliances (TED's COMPANY) in 1969. He has also been owner or part-owner of the Tastee-Freez on Frank Phillips Boulevard and Nowata Road, Plaza Bowl, S&S Furniture, Thunderbird Restaurant, Zesto's, Mr. Swiss on 14th St. b, Airco Heating and Air Conditioning, Ramada Inn, Red Apple Lounge and Sports Center, Bartlesville Electric Company, Koppel's Ready-to-Wear and many more!

Around 1985, he turned the TECO reins over to his son, Gary Schwermer, who has continued serving Bartlesville's appliance needs for over thirty years. Schwermer has elected to retire this year, ending a 47-year family business and bringing a close to one of the longest standing businesses in the 400 block of Frank Phillips Boulevard. \*