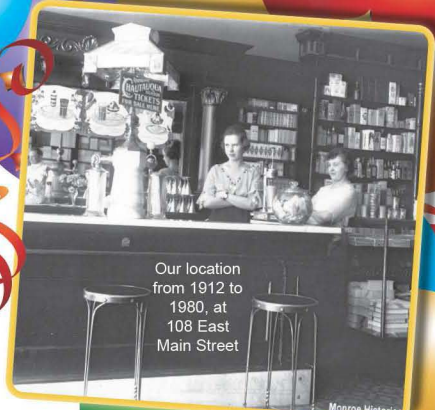


Our first location, at 108 East Main Street.



Pharm-A-Save made its new home across the street from Valley General Hospital in 1997.



Our location from 1912 to 1980, at 108 East Main Street

Monroe Historian

# Happy Birthday To Us!

This month we are celebrating our 100th year serving the people of the Sky Valley. We thought you might enjoy reading about our history.

Our story begins in Philadelphia, where Walter Camp and Guy Riley met in 1906. Mr. Riley had a six week bout with typhoid fever. He was behind in his classes and needed tutoring. One of the professors recommended Walter Camp to tutor him. That was the beginning of a long and lasting friendship. In 1906, both men completed their doctorate in pharmacy and then went their separate ways. Mr. Riley went to Florida, made a trip to Alaska, then settled in Seattle.

Mr. Camp came to Seattle around 1908 as he had heard that pharmacists were being paid \$100.00 a month, which was his goal.

He went to work for M.A. Weed. He was offered a job teaching pharmacy at the University of Washington but they could not meet his \$100.00 goal. While working in Seattle, Mr. Camp heard about a wonderful place called Monroe that didn't have a graduate pharmacist. He was impressed with Monroe so much that he borrowed money from his father, and he and his brother, Birt, formed Camp Brothers Drug Co. Their first day of business was October 22, 1909.

On April 1, 1912, Mr. Riley bought out Birt Camp's interest in the drug store and moved to Monroe.

On Aug. 1, 1949, Gordon Tjerne, David Campbell and Ray Bolton bought the drug store from Walter Camp. Campbell sold his interest to Keith VanderHouwen in 1964. Ray Bolton retired in 1967. Mr. Camp passed away in 1966 at the age of 81. Gordon Tjerne retired in 1979; Keith then became the sole owner.

The store, Camp Riley Drug Co. on 108 E. Main St., closed in 1980 to consolidate with Tri-Valley Pharmacy which was at that time located in the Monroe Shopping Center (which is where the Grocery Outlet is).

Tri-Valley eventually became Pharm-A-Save in 1983. Along with pharmacy, com-

pounding prescriptions and the growing home health care environment that was taking place, Pharm-A-Save decided to make the move in 1997 to be closer to the hospital and medical clinic to accommodate the growing number of patients.

Mike Killen, who has been employed since 1964 while he was in school, would work every day after school cleaning and stocking shelves. He remembers working the weekends. The first thing he would have to do is unbundle the newspapers, Seattle P-I, The Seattle Times and the Everett Herald so they were ready for the customers, as at that time there were no newspaper boxes.

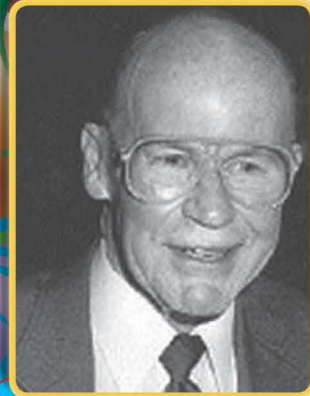
Suzette Graafstra started working for Tri-Valley in 1976. She worked at Camp Riley on the weekends, and during the weekdays worked at

Tri-Valley in the pharmacy long before a Pharmacist Technician was even heard of. Everything was hand-written and filed. The computer was introduced in 1979 and the way of doing pharmacy business was forever changed.

Bridgett Edgar came to work in 1998 from working in a hospital pharmacy in Montana. She is an active member in the community and through her devotion and dedication to our customers in the Sky Valley area, has been elected Pharmacist Technician of the year 2009.

Ben Weaver began his working career in 2000, cleaning medical equipment and making local deliveries at 18 years old. With time he has become a local face for deliveries and repairs.

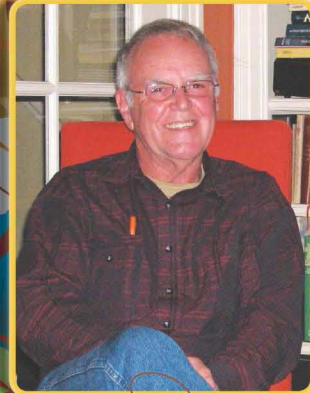
In January, 2008, Keith VanderHouwen decided it was time to retire. He presented the offer of purchasing Pharm-A-Save to Mike, Sue, Bridgett and Ben. Keith's commitment to his employees and community are the reasons for ensuring that Camp Riley Drug Co., dba Pharm-A-Save, Monroe, have remained locally owned and operated, providing fast and friendly service to the community. Pharm-A-Save is YOUR locally owned and operated community pharmacy and medical equipment provider that offers "Service with a difference!"



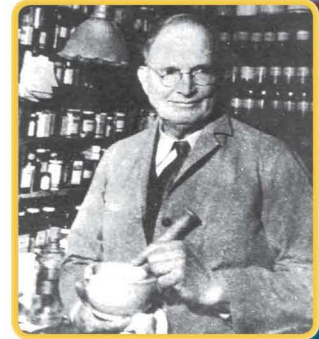
Gordon Tjerne, along with two partners, bought Camp-Riley drugs from Walter Camp. Campbell sold his interest in 1962 to Keith VanderHouwen.



Mr. Riley bought out Birt Camp's interest in the drug store and moved to Monroe to operate Camp-Riley Drugs with Walter Camp.



Keith VanderHouwen closed the Camp-Riley store on Main Street to consolidate operations with Tri-Valley Pharmacy, then in the old Monroe Shopping Center.



Walter Camp loved chemistry, saying it was the most beautiful subject in the world because everything fit together just like a picture.

## PHARM-A-SAVE STORE HOURS

Monday  
Friday  
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Mike, Bridgett, Sue and Ben

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