Old Fracksville Tales

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This 1904 scene is the siding at the freight station in town. The houses in the center of the picture are 41, 43, and 45 South Railroad Avenue. The Oak Street Bridge can be seen to the right of the picture.

We had several candy stores in town in the good old days. Let's reminisce and see how many we can remember.

Did you ever buy candy at Danny Kiefer's candy store at 38 North Lehigh avenue? Many residents remember the penny candy machine he made for the amusement of the children. He rigged it so that every child received something for his penny. He was a fascinating man and the children loved to hear him tell them, "how many pennies were in a pound." The Fred Sollinsky Appliance Store is now located on this site.

Do you remember the candy store owned by John Jelley at 210 North Nice street or Jim Flanagan's store at 153 North Second street?

You've been in town a long time if you remember Weller's candy store on the corner of Lehigh avenue and Oak streets. This was one of the oldest stores in town. This was a small four room house which was later torn down to make way for the Barker building which is now occupied by Miles Flower Shop.

We all remember going to the Home Maid at 27 South Lehigh avenue. This candy and ice cream parlor was operated by Blanch Herb Zalonis for many years.

It is now operated by the Brosius family.

Right next door was Shadel's ice cream parlor and I remember eating my sundae in the back room. It was furnished with round tables and "ice cream parlor" chairs.

Easter candy from George's Candy Store at 45 South Lehigh avenue was the treat of the year. As you entered the store the aroma of home made chocolate made your mouth water.

You've been around a while if you recall the Charles Yodis store at 214 South Lehigh avenue and right below him the Daniels store at 218 South Lehigh avenue.

Joe Shaffer had his shop at 112 West Frack street and I remember stopping off on my way to school to buy candy when Fred Wagner's store was located there.

You're an old timer if you bought your candy at Mr. Groom's store at 113 South Balliet street or Mike Sunday's at 147 South Balliet street.

You've put a batch of sweet memories behind you if you remember any of these old candy stores.

Those were the days!! Yes, those were the days of penny candy and nickel ice cream cones.

How sweet it was!