

After talking with James Smith at Peter Pans, saw A. BONITO on a plate glass front across Willow st. I remember passing his place many times in past years and reading his Times ad and often wondered how a small store in a small community where there are a lot of stores could keep going. Soon found out after going in and watched Tony serve a few customers. I'll say Tony's a pleasing character. He had to be A-1 to do a grocery business for 15 years in a small circle of potential buyers. Tony has a pretty keen sense of humor, a clear snappy voice and a smile. He's near the high school. "I've seen a lot of children grow up. Some I sold penny candy to, now have children who come in to the same case. I can't get the penny candy I want, now. I won't take trashy pieces because the 'kids' should have the best." It was interesting to learn Tony is a 35-year resident of Wesleyville at the same corner. With the G. E. as coremaker for 18 years, was laid off during a lull and opened a business. He's an example of a neighbor grocer who really does more than just supply a limited number of folks with staples.

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