

The story of the Common

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a scarcity of many things. Sugar was sold only to holders of ration cards. Anthracite coal (sold by Wright & Fletcher too) was of poor quality and rationed also.

When the supermarket with its cash and carry policy was just a dream, the country store carried on a credit system which was pretty risky. Cash on hand was not plentiful (the nearest bank was in Lowell) and reliable customers could charge just about everything, hopefully to be settled up by the tenth of the month. It was difficult for the grocer to refuse credit to an old

Westford family no matter how down and out they might be. The townsfolk were honest and hard working for the most part, but jobs and sources of income were hard to come by.

Dr. Andrew R. Kusmin, local dentist, has carefully remodelled the old building, maintaining its exterior appearance. But he could not save the richly aromatic interior redolent of aged cheddar molasses, a smoky fire, rubber boots, nor the sounds of laughter between customer and clerk, nor the tap tap of a youngster rapping for attention on the top of well worn show case filled with penny candy.