



GENERAL STORE ----- The above picture was taken in 1924 of the Christ and Smith Store located on what was then the State Highway through Wausau on the southern end of the Village. H.P. Christ began business here in 1890 and operated the store along with being engaged in the logging business. Amos Christ a brother and George Smith took over the business during World War 1 and when George Smith bought out the Christ interest and was joined in business with his sons. The business included farm machinery, hardware, dry goods, groceries and feed sales. Hitching post can be seen in front and on the side of the building for customers to tie their team of horses to. Shopping in those days, for out of towners, was an all day affair that purchases were many instances done on a once a month basis and a wagon or sleigh load of groceries were many times purchased at one time. In the year of 1935 the Smith Grocery business moved downtown to the building now known as Anglers Bait & Tackle Shop. The building has since been purchased by the American Legion Post of Wausau and has been completely renovated inside and out, and is the meeting hall of the Legion and Auxiliary groups. The railroad depot was located directly in front of this business and as visitors arrived at the depot by train, the first sign they read was Christ and Smith, only many pronounced the first name as is done in Biblical reading, Christ. Needless to say it created a talking item for newcomers to the area. The lady leaving the store with her purchase is the late Mrs. Walter Zimmerman, a sister of Mrs. Alma Thomas of Wausau. (Photo Courtesy, Mrs. D.E. Thomas)