



Robert Flesher



Don Anderson

## Local business incorporates

On Nov. 1, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. (Noonie) Pease, opened a one-room candy shop in their residence at 3rd Street and South Grand Avenue. The basement served as the candy kitchen. In 1953, the manufacturing was moved from the basement to 321 Highland Avenue, its present location. Later the same year a new shop was opened at State and Laurel Streets. This is the present

location for the bulk of the expanded retail as well as wholesale business that Peases conduct. A second retail shop was opened in March 1959 at its present location in the Laketown Shopping Center, 1828 Stevenson Drive.

On April 1, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Pease will sell the business to two long-time employees, Robert G. Flesher, who is Pease's nephew, and Don Lee Anderson. A corporation has been formed and will continue to be known as Peases Candy.

Flesher joined his uncle in June 1948, after graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in Marketing. He assisted in the manufacturing of the candy until 1959, at which time the increase in business necessitated the hiring of Anderson. Anderson and Flesher became sales manager.

Under expert training by Noonie Pease, Anderson has become the chief candy maker and is maintaining the quality and high standards that have made Peases famous. A very big part of the business today is the roasting and 'secret processing' of Peases Famous Salted Nuts.

At the present time the two retail locations and the candy kitchen hire 16 persons. The two shops feature homemade candies, salted nuts, ice cream, caramel corn, cheese corn, and popcorn.

Flesher and his wife, Patricia, are parents of three daughters and a son. Anderson, and his wife, Nancy, are parents of two daughters and a son.

Pease plans to spend more time with his two favorite pastimes, gardening and golfing. He will continue to participate in the business in a limited capacity.