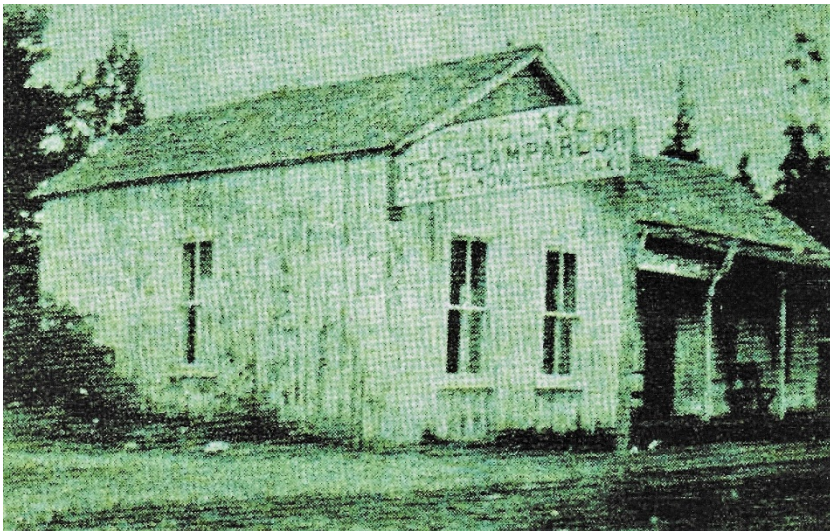


CORNER CUPBOARD

The Corner Cupboard Tearoom was established in 1920. Henry Rhone had returned to Colorado after World War I and married Carolyn Hosmer who was teaching in Denver. The Rhones built a summer cabin in Baker Gulch in 1917. They moved to Grand Lake in 1920 and began their restaurant and lodging business which grew over the years.

The building they purchased on Grand Avenue had been built by Winslow and Lillian Nickerson in 1880 and was known in the mining days as the Grand Central Hotel until 1884. (pic)

The east end of the building was used as the first school (pic) in Grand Lake in 1881 and 1882. Cornelius and Miner expanded the building by adding a new dining room and piazza in 1883 and in 1884 Dr J M R Smith and family occupied the house.



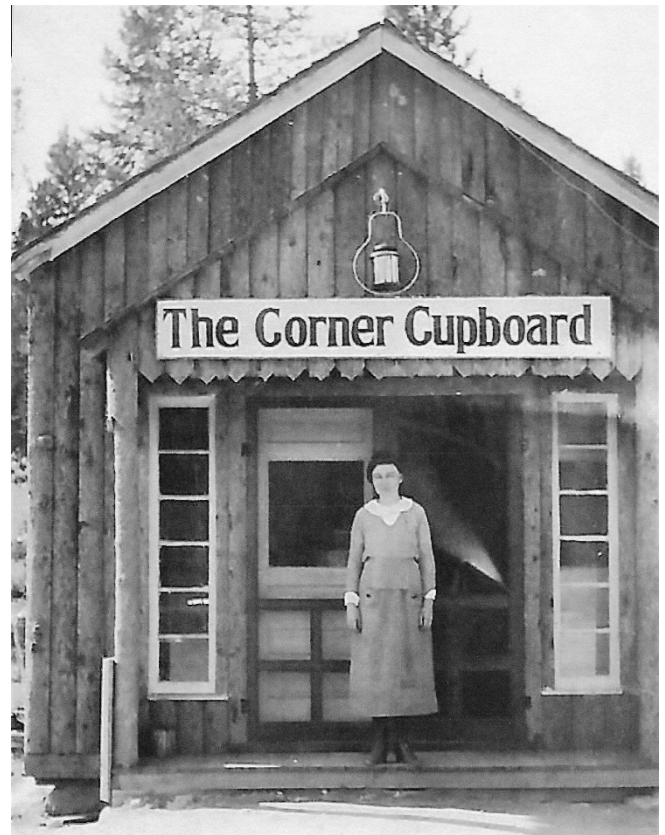
Information from a magazine article written by Mary Lyons Cairns in 1923.

Carolyn opened a tearoom and restaurant in 1920. Before her opening day, she sent out attractive cards stating that the doors of the Corner Cupboard would be opened at a certain hour the following Saturday, and extended an invitation to family and friends. An enormous crowd poured in during the day and evening to all of whom refreshments were daintily served without charge. Even though the initial expense was rather heavy, it proved to be a mode of advertising that paid well in subsequent returns.

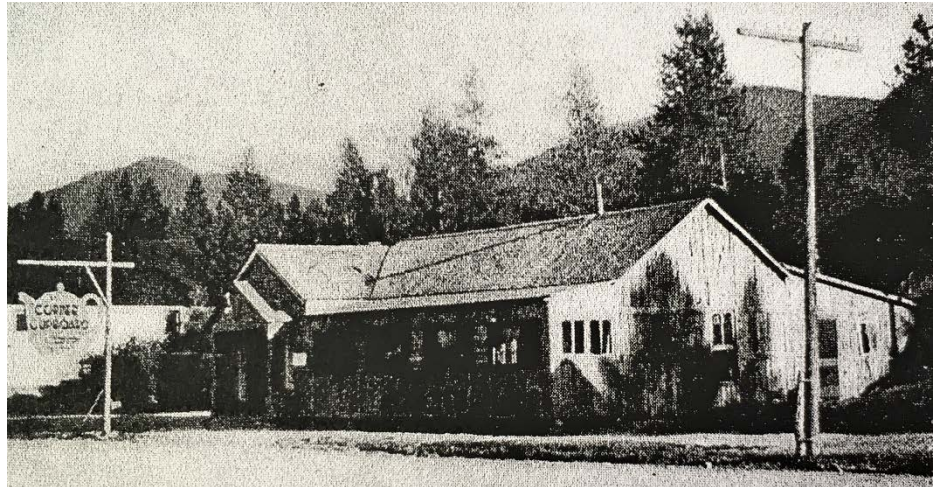
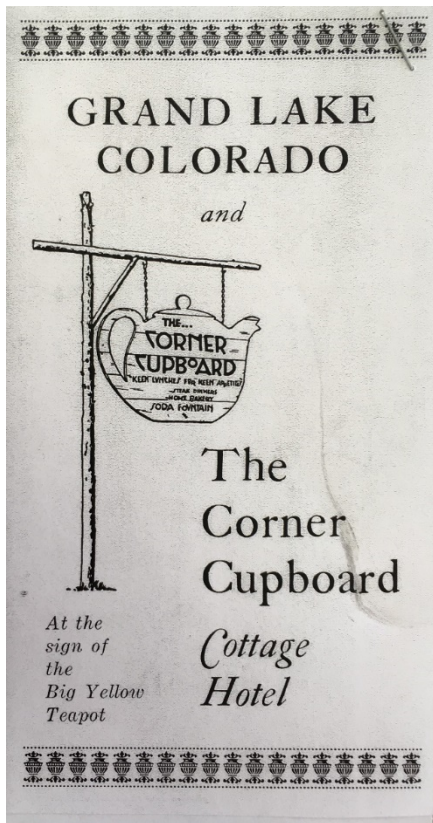
It was an old, ugly, one story frame house from which The Corner Cupboard evolved. The unpainted exterior presented a most forlorn appearance. It soon welcomed visitors with a neat covering of white paint and cool green trimmings.



In 1918 and 1919 the building was an Ice Cream Parlor operated by Mrs. L. M. Lehmkuhl.



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The interior was a more difficult problem. Partitions had to be removed and five rooms became three. The living room and front bedroom have become a soda fountain. The former dining room is still used as the main dining room where lunches, teas and dinners are served. Two small bedrooms have formed the "Blue Room", a semi private dining room. The old kitchen was of ample size for its new use and except for proper equipment did not need remodeling. The decorations and furnishings are unique. In the Blue Room the walls are tinted a deep soft shade of blue while the walls of the other rooms are a quiet gray. The draperies are blue, black and yellow.

All of the chairs were first painted and then enameled black and a stenciled design in blue and yellow was applied. The tables were treated in a similar way and one gate-legged table has a quaint flower design in one corner.

The pottery dishes were made to order in Denver, one set blue and one a light shade of gray. Menus were hand-made and the inside pages were typewritten and changed from time to time. Each table has a pair of black candlesticks holding blue or yellow candles and the tables are never without fresh flowers.



It is always well, in catering to the varied appetites of the public, to specialize in a few things and originate concoctions which are so good that one's tea room will gain an enviable reputation. A round topped mountain in the vicinity is know as Mount Baldy and from this source the "Mount Baldy Sundae" was created. A mound of chocolate ice cream is placed upon a piece of sponge cake. Two little knobs of the same ice cream are dropped on each side of the large one to represent projections of rock on the mountain. Marshmallow cream (eternal snow) surmounts the summit, while a rich raspberry syrup is poured over it all, in lieu of the wild raspberries which grow in the region. Simple? Yes, but it has also proved to be a very effective drawing card.

The Corner Cupboard, in its three years of existence, has won a merited success, founded chiefly upon the hard business fact that its patrons receive full value for their money.

THE CORNER CUPBOARD		
July 3, 1949		
---Clam Chowder, Grapefruit Juice, Seafood or Fruit Cocktail 2.50		
BFTEND		
Fried Chicken.....	2.25	
Mountain Trout.....	2.25	
Chicken Fried Steak.....	1.75	
Pot Roast with Brown Gravy.....	1.75	
Pork Chops with Apple Sauce.....	1.75	
Baked Ocean Perch with Tomato Sauce.....	1.50	
Beef Hash.....	1.50	
Combination, Fruit Jello, or Cabbage and Carrot Salad		
AUGUSTIN		
French Fried Potatoes		String Beans
Mashed Potatoes		White Kernel
Corn Muffins		Corn on Cob
Sun King Raisin, Cherry, Blueberry, Apple, Pineapple, Rhubarb, Lemon Cream, or Raisin Pie; Ice Cream and Homemade Cake, Cottage or Chocolate Pudding; or Boisenberry Cobbler		
Coffee	Tea	Iced Tea
PLATE LUNCH.....	1.00	
Clam Chowder or Grapefruit Juice		
Baked Ocean Perch with Tomato Sauce or		
Beef Hash		Salad
Corn Muffing		
Cottage or Chocolate Pudding		
Coffee	Tea	Iced Tea
VEGETABLE PLATE WITH SOUP, PUDDING, BEVERAGE.....	.85	
TROUT OR CHICKEN SPECIAL.....	1.85	
Clam Chowder or Grapefruit Juice		
Mountain Trout or Fried Chicken		Cream Slaw
French Fried Potatoes		Corn Muffins
Coffee	Tea	Iced Tea
Clam Chowder.....	.15	
Homemade Pie.....	.15	
Pie a la mode.....	.25	
Corn Muffins.....	.15	
Club Sandwich.....	.90	
Turkey Sandwich.....	.75	
Swiss Cheese on Rye.....	.50	
Pork Chop Sandwich.....	.85	
Steak Sandwich.....	.85	
Hot Beef Sandwich.....	.85	
Ham on Rye.....	.60	

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Additional cottages and their home Hogan's Lodge were purchased in the 1920s.



Pioneer Cabin was the first frame building at Grand Lake, the lumber having been sawed in the old P. H. Smith sawmill.

Hogan Lodge was the Rhone's winter home and a summer annex for twenty guests. Twenty modern cabins offered hotel or housekeeping accommodations.



Podunk Cottage served as the county clerk's office. Skyband Cottage became not only a school house but the teacher's home as well. Morningstar Cottage was originally an Episcopal Chapel built by Dean Hart. There was maid and wood service in the cabins.



In the 1930s the Rhones purchased the Tavern from the Wiswall Brothers and operated a hotel and furnished cottages on the lake shore with a capacity of 150 guests. The name was changed to Tatonka.



The new west wing of the dining room added the charm of a fireplace, knotty pine walls and adequate dining space for American Plan guests. The Corner Cupboard has developed the two-meal American Plan: breakfast, dinner and lodging with maid and wood service in cabins.

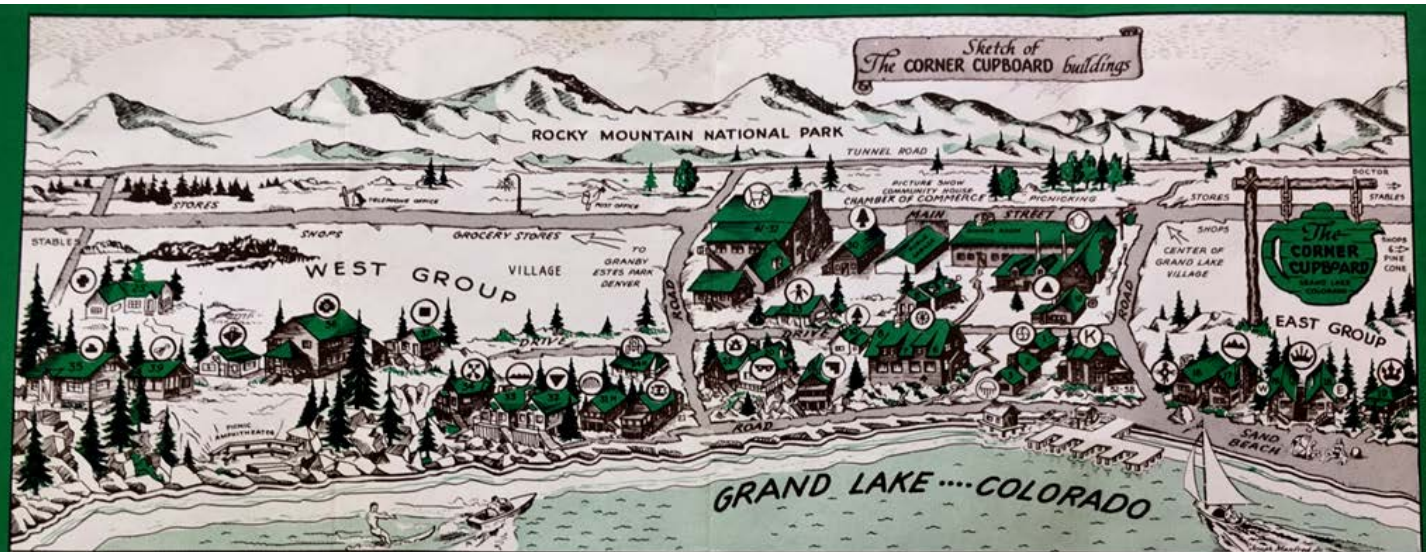


1948 they had purchased the Kauffman House and operated 58 cottage units. The Kauffman House was used as a dormitory for the people who worked for the Rhones.



Boat rides were offered for guests with Louise Millinger providing the service. Hogan Lodge and the Kauffman House can be seen in the background.





YOUR KEY TO A CORNER CUPBOARD HOLIDAY

1. Iymo (four ages of man). Two knotty pine hotel rooms with twin beds, connecting bath, fireplace, and beach view.
2. and 3. Nowata Hi and Nowata Lo (water view). Two separate one-roomed cabins, each with fireplace, shower bath, two beds, and screen porch.
- 4 to 9. Hogan Lodge (permanent house). Four-room suite with fireplace, picture windows, and bath. Five upstairs rooms with twin beds, running water. Separate entrance. Bath on floor.

10. Alpine (mountain high). Two knotty pine rooms, double and twin beds, shower bath, and fireplace stove.
11. Kaadota (there we rest). Three bedrooms with running water, living room with fireplace, service room, shower bath. Large screened lakeview porch. Two double beds, one double deck.
12. Podunk. Historic three-roomed cabin used for a shop. "Wagon Wheel Shop."

- 16 and 17. Sunset (evening happiness) and Shadow Mountain (big mountain) each with living room, with fireplace; service room with dinette; bath; two bedrooms with running water, enclosed sleeping porch. Four double beds, one single bed, each.
- 18 and 20. Chipeta East (famous Ute squaw) and West (Ouray's wife). Separate twin houses. Bedroom with twin beds and bath. Mantel bed on porch (18) and living room (20). Fireplaces. Kitchenette.

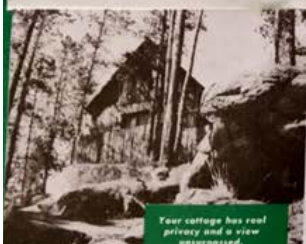
19. Ouray (Ute chief). Three bedrooms. (Double beds.) Living room with fireplace and oil heater. Bath. Large screened porch. Kitchen.
20. Skyband (leading to happiness). Two upstairs bedrooms. Living room with fireplace and daybed. Shower bath. Kitchenette. Large sundeck porch.
21. Butterfly (everlasting life). Two knotty pine bedrooms, sunroom, screened porch, fireplace, bath. Twin beds, double bed and studio couch.

22. Morningstar (guidance). Two rooms with shower bath, fireplace, and sundeck porch. Twin beds and double bed.
23. Kachina (little doll). Modest two-bedroom cabin with shower bath, close to hotel. Not a lake view. Two double beds.
24. Pioneer (oldest house). One roomed honeymoon cabin with shower bath, small screened porch. Fireplace.

25. Halani (paths crossing or greeting). Ranch type, comfortable for three. Double bed, Mantel bed. Ample closets. Fine bath. Not on lake. Pine shaded.
30. Arrow (protection). Rental shop with living quarters and bath.
31. Tonales (house by side of water). Rustic honeymoon cabin with fireplace, bath, and small porch.
32. Nanita (Indian maid mountain) formerly Juliet. Two-roomed rustic cabin with fireplace, oil heater, shower bath, and sundeck porch. Twin beds and double mantel bed.
33. Nakoni (Indian brave mountain) formerly Romeo. Two-roomed rustic cabin with fireplace, oil heater, shower bath, and sundeck porch. Twin beds and double mantel bed.

34. Tanima (nature lover mountain—crossed arrow—friendship). Formerly Bella Vista. Two-roomed cabin with shower bath, electric heat, and sundeck porch. Double bed and studio couch.
35. Talehogan (singing or happy home). Five bedrooms. Nine beds. Two bathrooms. Living room with fireplace, floor furnace, and piano. Kitchen.
36. Talanemion (happy home among rocks). Solid log lodge. Fireplace, bath and 3 bedrooms upstairs. Kitchen.
37. Selani (big rock abiding place). One-roomed honeymoon cabin with shower. Porch. Pine shaded.
38. Dolito (bluebird). One-roomed honeymoon cabin with shower. Pine shaded porch.

39. Hooson (beautiful and good). One room, double bed and porch bed, bath and porch. Pine sheltered.
- 41-43. Tatanka (big house abiding place). Modest hotel rooms with running water; half with bath. Comfortable lounge with huge fireplace.
- 52-54. Kauffman House (pioneer rooms and lake view). Downstairs studio and gift shop. Upstairs, seven lakeview bedrooms. Bath on floor. Two singles, one double; four rooms with twin beds.
- Corner Cupboard. Office and Dining room seating 100. Also coffee shop and fountain. Established 1920. Approved AAA and Duncan Hines "Adventures in Good Eating."
- Also fishermen's cabins on the river





Henry Rhone died in 1955 and the Corner Cupboard restaurant was sold to M. D. Whaley

Carolyn Rhone died in 1965 and the Corner Cupboard building was purchased by Vern Byers. They sold 3.2 beer and opened a restaurant they named the Robin's Nest.

The building changed hands in the mid-1970s when local business owners Allen Millers, Thure Oscarsons and Frank Moultons remodeled and reopened the Corner Cupboard again.

In 1989 an ad ran in the Chamber newsletter for the Corner Cupboard Inn. There is a picture that shows the Corner Cupboard sign at a different location where the Waconda and Spirt Lake Lodge were located (now Grand Mountain Lodge & Restaurant).



A Canadian firm bought the building in 1991 in hopes of using it for a gambling casino but the town voted down bringing gambling to town. Bill Jones purchased the building in 1993 and he tore down the bar area to make room for a clothing store called Corner Casuals.

In March of 2000 it was announced that the building was to be torn down. The building had no foundation under it and there was no interest in preserving it. The building was removed in 2001 and five commercial buildings and condos were erected in its place. There is a sign that shows it was the former location of the Corner Cupboard. The Hotel is still on the block and has been Squeaky Bob's, Max & T's and Squeaky B's restaurants. In 1999 the third floor was added with rooms upstairs to rent.