



## Edwin Billingham Ayres (1891-1964)

Ed Ayres was a nationally known pharmacist and was one of the leading citizens of Hillsboro. The business he owned and operated, Ayres Drug Store, was a mainstay and landmark on East Main Street in Hillsboro for a multitude of years. In fact, it was recognized as the oldest continuous drug store in the state of Ohio, and even the younger generation will recognize the venerable red mortar and pestle that still stands in front of the bygone pharmaceutical store of yesteryear. All of his life, Mr. Ayres was active in civic and other affairs in the community. He was a graduate of Hillsboro High School and was considered the school's "top track star of all time." In 1957, he was the first member elected to the HHS Athletic Hall of Fame.



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