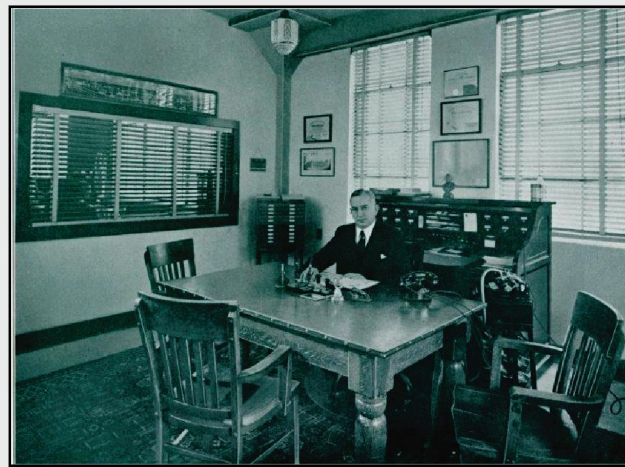
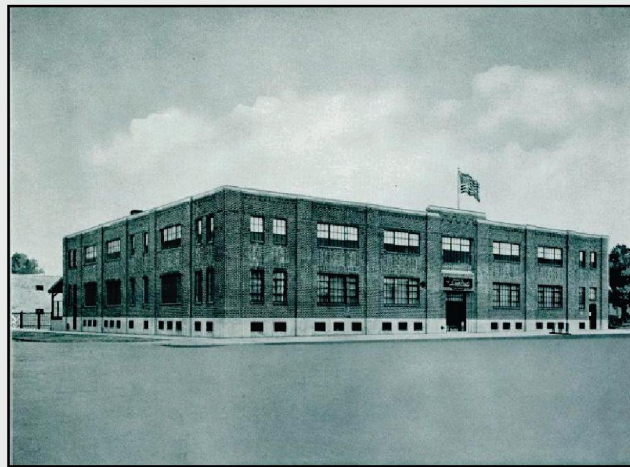


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C.D. SMITH BUILDING

C.D. Smith was born in Las Animas, Colorado, in 1879, the son of a cattle rancher. In 1900 Mr. Smith became the youngest registered pharmacist in the state. That same year he acquired a small pharmacy in Grand Junction. By 1907 he owned seven drugstores in western Colorado. Mr. Smith opened a wholesale company, the C.D. Smith Drug Company, in 1910.

The wholesale business prospered. In 1936 he opened this 45,000 square-foot building. In 1928, Smith's sons joined the business, which diversified in many areas, including the Smith Chemical Company, American Wholesale Company, and Hygrade Laboratories. Smith's son Sterling helped the Museums of Western Colorado acquire the building in the 1990s and financed a large portion of the Sterling T. Smith Educational Tower.



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