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ROGER KIDDER of Miller-Kidder Hardware holds the Blue Lustre machine used to shampoo rugs. He says people have been pleased with the way it works for the past 20 years.

(Outlook photo)

Special needs found at Miller-Kidder Hardware

They've got a service at Miller-Kidder Hardware, 120 N. Main, that's in demand.

It must be good because Roger Kidder says they have been renting the Blue Lustre shampoo machine for the past 20 years. He credits The Outlook classified section with bringing most of the business.

That's the only place he advertises.

The Blue Lustre machine rents for just \$1 per day. Shampoo material is sold in quarts, ½ gallons and gallons. Roger says a quart will shampoo a 9 x 12 rug one and one-half times.

You simply shampoo the rug, let it dry, and vacuum it off. This is a product he'll stand behind, because people like it, Roger says.

Miller-Kidder is an old time hardware store. They still use the ladder along the wall shelves. Many items can be found in the store that can not be found in the discount outlets. Odd sizes of things like nuts and bolts can be found at Kidders.

Gardening tools and other gardening necessities are in stock. Roger specializes in Ortho products. He will shortly go to a special Ortho seminar to learn more about the product so he can help his customers.

If you plan on planting a lawn or want to learn how to care for it, Roger will help.

The store also carries paints and pushes True Test.

There is an old-time friendly atmosphere at Miller-Kidder. To some folks, the items that come from the past make it a little like a museum.

For example, there is a strange metal loop with a hook on the end. If you don't recognize its use, Roger will explain that it is a hook to remove stones from a horse's hoof.

He had a fair supply once but he's down to just two hooks now.

Roger was born in Gresham and has lived here all his life except for a few years he worked in a hardware store in Portland and while he was in the military service.

The store was started by his father in 1911 in a location just across the street. They moved to the present location in 1919.

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