



The image, above, of Runcorn Stores before the war, inspired the setting for the play. This store was located at the junction of Runcorn and Ladypool Road. Many people would have passed through the front door on a daily basis and this seemed a perfect location for the play.

The morning newspapers and the postman's daily delivery both presented plenty of opportunities to discuss local and national events. The downstairs layout used was of a shop area behind which was a lounge (with stairs to the bedrooms). Off the lounge was a kitchen. Sadly, in later years, the shop was demolished.



Some of the Francis family (above) outside their house in Runcorn Road. They were used as the basis for the family in the play. In reality the father, Bill, was a cooper at Dare's Brewery, while his son Albert was a delivery man. This house is just a few doors up from the shop above, and like it has since been demolished.