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# 4 - General History

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AN EARLY main street scene shows the business district as it appeared in 1886. Wayne had just started developing its downtown area.

## John T. Bressler, Sr., an early settler

By Helen Bressler  
Excerpted from Wayne County Anecdotes  
and Historical Notes

In the spring of 1870, John T. Bressler, Sr., came to Nebraska from Pennsylvania to homestead on land in the southeast corner of Wayne County. He had ridden the train to West Point which was, indeed, the western terminus of the Fremont and Elkhorn Valley railroad at that time.

In West Point, he registered the claim to his homestead at the Federal Land Office, then walked the rest of the way...twenty or more miles.

In the fall of the same year as he was plowing the prairie ground, preparing for the planting of grain the next spring, he noticed a yoke of oxen grazing aimlessly and pulling something behind them. Upon investigation, he discovered that they were yoked and pulling a plow.

A search began and ended when a neighbor's body was found in a furrow he had been plowing. He had been scalped by a band of Indians from the reservation near the Missouri River, who had started on a fall hunting trip.

After authorities had been notified, a detachment of soldiers was sent to the area from Fort Omaha and remained there most of the following winter. The Indians responsible for the scalping were eventually apprehended and sent to prison.

# County seat changes locations

With completion of the railroad through Wayne County in 1882, interest increased in the new town of Wayne (first called Brookdale by the railroad). The railroad missed the county seat of LaPorte.

A petition signed by 171 voters was presented to the county commissioners Oct. 31, 1882, asking that a special election be held to vote on relocation of the county seat under article 3, section 1 of chapter 17, Compiled Statutes of 1881 entitled "Relocation of County Seats."

More than three-fifths of the number of votes cast at the preceding general election signed the petition.

The petition was granted and the clerk was directed to issue an election proclamation.

THE COUNTY commissioners of Wayne County proclaimed a special election for Dec. 5, 1882, for the purpose of voting on the relocation of the county seat.

Like all county seat removals, the contest was very bitter.

The railroad officials, interested in the removal, brought back men who had been in the county during the summer, working on land they had purchased and had become voters thereby.

The men of Wayne also used all means at their command to get out the vote, but there was no "colonizing" nor any attempt to get men who were not legal voters to do so.

THE STATUTE authorized any voter to act as a challenger and when a voter

was challenged, he would be compelled by law to swear to legality of his voting.

During the polling, several men who resided in other precincts and who were opposed to the removal of the county seat, appeared and began to challenge voters.

The election board construed the law to mean that such challengers must be voters in the precinct where they sought to use such privileges.

These challengers were totally ignored and the election was carried in favor of Wayne by a very substantial majority.

THOSE OPPOSED TO the removal retained Andrew Bevins of Omaha to contest the election.

He filed a suit asking for an

injunction against all the officers of the county, forbidding them to remove their offices to Wayne.

An injunction was issued by C.E. Hunter, county judge, as asked for.

Bevins took the case to the supreme court and on Jan. 2, 1884, the case was sustained. There was therefore no hearing as to the question of illegal voters at the election.

F.M. NORTHPROP, an early Wayne attorney, went to LaPorte to serve the necessary papers the morning after the proceedings at Ponca.

I.O. Richardson, county treasurer, was the only official friendly to the removal.

Knowing that the records and fixtures of the treasurer's

office would be moved without difficulty, John Lawrence and his dray were secured for that purpose.

As soon as the contents of the treasurer's office were loaded, Lawrence went into the office of Enoch Hunter, county clerk, and began to remove papers and records from the room.

ACCORDING TO Dorothy Huse Nyberg, Hunter hurried and locked the safe, saying something to the effect, "going to move the things anyhow?"

Lawrence reportedly kept on packing and Hunter made no real resistance.

All the records and furniture of the offices were soon loaded and by the middle of the afternoon were deposited in Wayne.

They were kept in an empty store room, where they remained until the promised courthouse building was completed.

THE COUNTY SEAT matter was virtually at an end.

When promoting the proposition of moving the county seat to Wayne, Paul English and nine others furnished the county board with an agreement and bond to provide a courthouse for use in Wayne County.

They agreed to provide free for five years, suitable offices and court room for the county officers and for holding courts.

They also agreed to provide two brick fireproof vaults as large as those in use at LaPorte.

## Many LaPorte buildings are moved to Wayne

Moving buildings from LaPorte to Wayne was one of the big problems in 1881-82.

Mr. Yost of Yankton did much of the moving, using a horse and windlass. He made his own road from LaPorte to the Logan, going through valleys as much as possible.

A bridge was built over the creek south of Wayne.

Dr. R.B. Crawford's house was one of the largest and most difficult to move. It was necessary to build a special bridge over Logan creek for this.

AFTER THE CRAWFORD house had been taken safely

across the creek, a rope broke and struck Mr. Yost on the head, knocking him senseless. He was taken to the hotel.

When he did not regain consciousness after two days, his mother came from Norfolk and took him to her home.

Doctors said Yost's trouble was pressure on the brain and that an operation would be necessary.

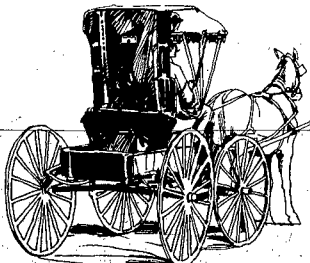
His mother refused to allow an operation and for seven years Yost lay senseless.

Finally, Mrs. Yost consented to her son's operation and as soon as the brain pressure was removed, Mr. Yost asked: "How's Crawford's house coming?"

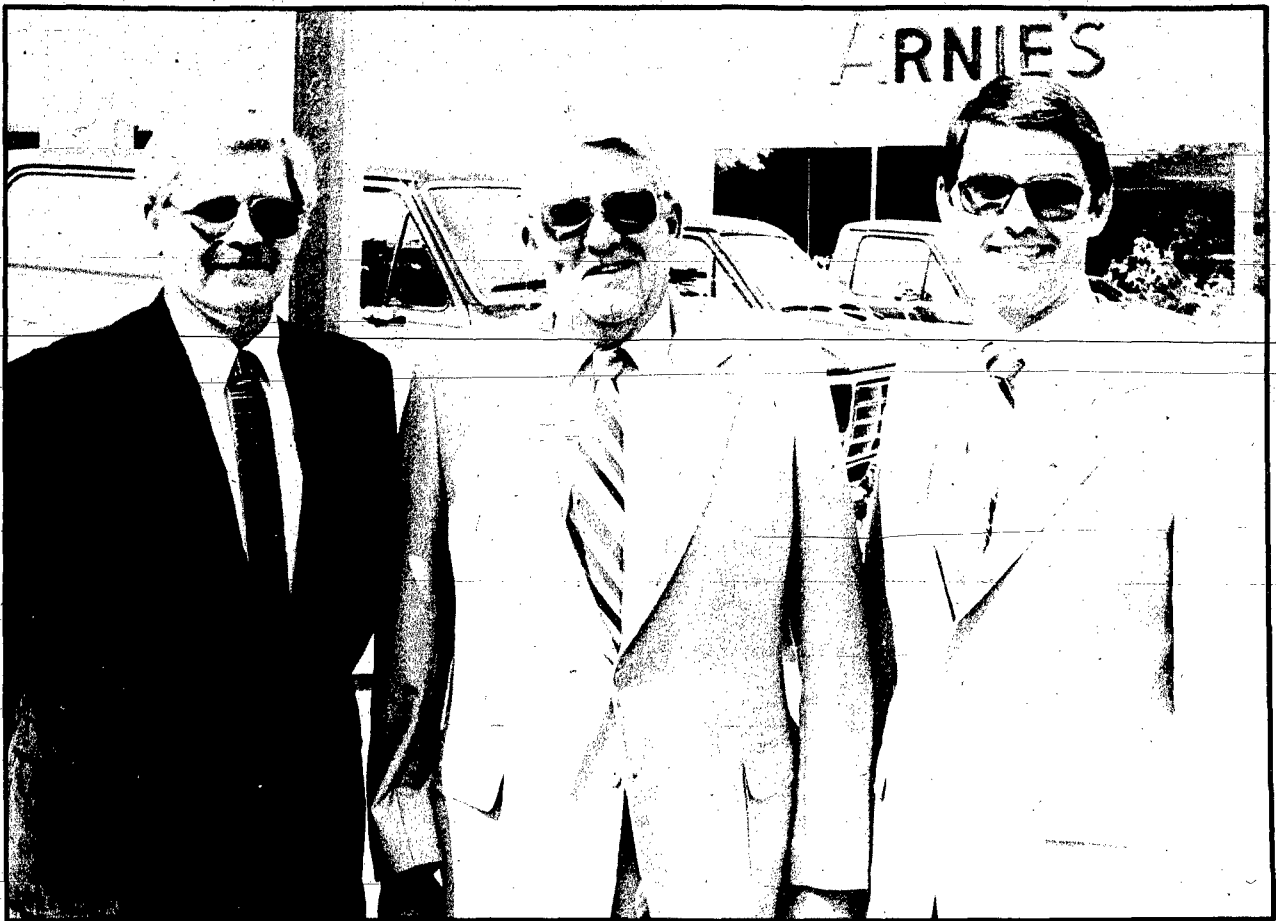


Submitted by State National Bank

IN 1899, ceremonies were conducted in Wayne, laying the cornerstone of the present courthouse at 510 Pearl. The county seat location changed from LaPorte to Wayne when the railroad missed the original town's location.



# Wayne's Ford-Mercury dealership 'all in the family'



Owners Dean Bruggeman, Arnie Reeg, and Bill Reeg.

There's no better location for a family business than Wayne. That's the feeling of Arnie Reeg, his son Bill, and son-in-law Dean Bruggeman, owners of Arnie's Ford-Mercury in Wayne.

A Wayne native, Arnie's been in business here since 1949, first owning Arnie's Supermarket and, since September, 1978, the car dealership which the three men own. Arnie also owns Arnie's Golf Cart Sales, right across the street from the car dealership.

With a staff of 15, Arnie's Ford-Mercury sells and services Ford cars and trucks as well as Mercury automobiles. A body shop is located adjacent to the dealership, and a complete parts and service department work to meet each customer's needs.

Previous Ford franchise holders in Wayne were Roy Hurd, Ed Seyler, and Elmer Meyer.

## Meet our employees -



Lisa Steffen, bookkeeper.



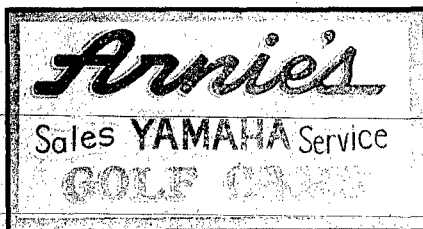
Ray Trezona and Stan Hansen, salesmen.



Technicians John Hightree, Les Keenan, and Randy Bloom.



Working in the body shop are Roger Niemann and Lowell Myers.



# Arnie's FORD-MERCURY

119 East Third  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-3780



Doug Carlson and Ron Meyers, reconditioning.



Dan Kardell, parts manager.

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## City, county namesakes of fiery American Revolutionary War hero

Both Wayne County and the city of Wayne are namesakes of a fiery hero of the American Revolutionary War.

Described as a handsome, dark-haired man with penetrating brown eyes and an aquiline nose, Anthony Wayne was captured by the spirit of the Revolution and his flamboyant leadership earned him the rank of general and the nickname "Mad" Anthony Wayne.

Wayne was born to parents of English ancestry on Jan. 1, 1745, in Waynesboro, Penn. At the age of 16 he attended a private academy in Philadelphia and was

reported to be more proficient in feats of mock warfare than in academic endeavors.

Two years after Wayne left the academy he took a job as a surveyor. A Philadelphia land company sent him to supervise the surveying and settlement of land in Nova Scotia in 1765.

SOON AFTER THIS venture failed, he returned to Pennsylvania where he took Mary Penrose as his bride.

They settled on his father's estate and managed his father's tannery.

Preceding the revolutionary period, Wayne was a leader of

the Whig Party and a member of the colonial legislature.

When war broke out in 1775, he recruited the 4th Pennsylvania regiment and later protected the retreat of this force back to Fort Ticonderoga.

WAYNE LED A DIVISION at Brandywine, commanded at German town and took part in the siege of Yorktown.

In 1777, he was appointed to the rank of brigadier general. After his daring attack and recapture of Stony Point in 1779, Congress awarded him a medal.

His bravery and ambition

allowed him to be made a brevet major general on Oct. 10, 1783. General Wayne retired from active service one year later.

After retirement, Wayne spent much of his time engaged in civil pursuits until his death on Dec. 15, 1796.

His character is remembered by a once popular saying, "where Wayne went there was a fight always; that was his business."

General Wayne also possessed a distrust in people. He believed that a man could not even depend upon himself.

## Joy Ley recalls family history

Excerpted from Wayne County Anecdotes and Historical Notes

As I remember family history, my great-grandfather came with two brothers from Germany well over a century ago. They parted at St. Paul, Minnesota, one going to Washington State, one staying in St. Paul, and my great-grandfather settling in Jordan, Minnesota.

My grandfather, Henry, came as a bridegroom to Wayne around 1880 and built the German Store on 4th Street where the First National Bank now stands. It was a two-story building with living quarters upstairs. At that time, a good 60% of the people here spoke German.

The store was open day and night. In the front part was a base-burner with chairs around it and there were three open wooden barrels, holding crackers, pickles and sauerkraut for everyone to dip into. A wooden sidewalk was put in the second year and one could often see a dozen pairs of shoes left there on rainy days while the farmers made their purchases inside. The store carried almost everything: food, clothes, drugs, nails, hardware, and so on.

I have heard that sometimes at night, wolves could be heard howling and men would form a posse to hunt them when the pack got too close for comfort.

Now, jumping twenty years, to my grandmother Ley:

she was a real promoter and always had the small community involved in some project. First, the old Opera House was built on 5th and Main and there she put on plays and musicals with home talent.

Through her influence, the Fourth of July was most colorful with Main Street full of booths, and with parades and dances. One year, she had twenty homes, each decorated as a different country, with refreshment and entertainment for the townsfolk.

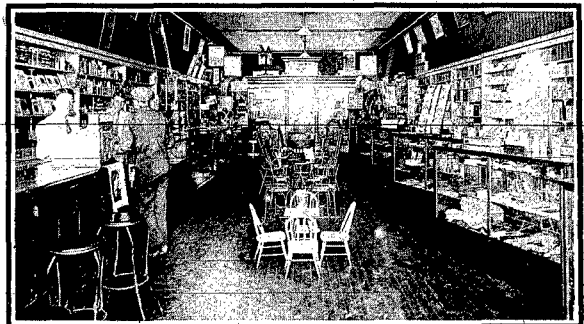
Talk about being modern! She wore a wig from the time I can remember. I think she began to wear it when her hair started to get gray, and I never saw her without it. She was a character, full of life, and a help to the community.

# GRIESS

# REXALL



1984 present location.



1912 store interior.

The drug store was opened in Wayne by Ed Raymond in 1898. It was sold to Warren Shultheis in 1912. Warren sold it to a Mr. Roberts in 1914. Roberts sold to L.W. (Lester) Vath around 1925. Vath sold to Bob Chitlick in 1934 and a year later Bob Kirkman purchased the store. Kirkman owned the store for 10 years and in January of 1945 Wilmer Griess purchased the store, selling to his son, Phil, on July 1, 1973. In August of 1978 the store was moved to the current location.



Phil Griess



Katy Griess



Amy Gross



Margaret Hansen



Trish Park



Zo Joy



# Wayne Centennial Schedule Of Events August 29 thru September 3

## WELCOMING DAY

Wednesday, August 29

7:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY with introduction of dignitaries - City ballpark (3rd & Windom)  
SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AUCTION - 3rd & Windom  
Quilt, coins, belts, etc.  
JUDGING OF CENTENNIAL ATTIRE (Ladies, gents and families) - 3rd & Windom  
8:30 p.m. SQUARE DANCING - parking lot of Midwest Federal Savings & Loan (4th & Main Street)  
Rain: City Auditorium  
Sponsored by Leather & Lace Square Dance Club. Caller: Dean Dederman

9:30 p.m. JAYCEE'S GALA FIREWORKS  
City ballpark (3rd & Windom)  
All day CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

## MERCHANT'S DAY

Thursday, August 30

All day "SALE OF THE CENTURY" special sales by local merchants  
JUDGING OF STORE WINDOWS  
7:00 p.m. CHARLEY PRIDE "The King of Country"  
& Memorial Stadium on Wayne State College campus. Advance tickets \$6.00  
9:30 p.m. CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

## AG & HERITAGE DAY

Friday, August 31

7:00 a.m. CENTENNIAL BREAKFAST, \$2.50 - City Auditorium, 7-10 a.m.  
(Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice)  
1:30 p.m. AG & ANTIQUE PARADE - Main Street  
Antiques on display downtown after parade  
4:00 p.m. WILD WEST SHOW - 3rd & Main  
Ed Eldridge and Todd Betermann  
6:30 p.m. "HORIZONS '84" - Reception for Nebraska Statewide Competitive Art Exhibition  
Nordstrand Visual Arts Gallery, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building. (Exhibition August 31-September 21)  
8:00 p.m. "WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building. Advance Tickets \$5.00  
All day CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

## YOUNG AMERICA DAY

Saturday, September 1

8:00 a.m. 10 KILOMETER ROAD RUN  
1 1/2 MILE FUN RUN  
Start at Willow Bowl (10th & Main)  
10:00 a.m. YOUTH PARADE (ages 16 & under) - Main Street, 6th to 1st  
1:00 p.m. CENTENNIAL PITCH TOURNAMENT  
The 4th Jug  
Contact Albert Nelson (375-3805)  
1:00- HOMEMADE PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
Sponsored by The Order of Eastern Star  
LEMONADE STAND  
Sponsored by Business and Professional Women  
Peoples Natural Gas - 208 Main Street  
2:00 p.m. SHRINER'S PARADE - Main Street  
3:30 p.m. OLD FASHIONED SPORTS DAY - Tug of War - Elementary School practice field (Grades 1-4 and 5-8)  
Car Rodeo and Tug of War - (Grades 9-12)  
High School parking lot

7:30- Tug of War (ages 19-23)  
9:30 p.m. DANCE (Grades 7 & 8) - City Auditorium  
Music by "Stanton Sounds"  
8:00 p.m. "WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building. Advance Tickets \$5.00  
9:00 "100 YEAR STOMP" High School dance  
Midnight at High School gym  
Music and Video by "Stanton Sounds"  
All day Dance (ages 19-23)  
CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

## FAITH OF OUR FATHERS DAY

Sunday, September 2

All local churches will have regularly scheduled morning services. Centennial exhibits will be on display at participating churches.  
Noon UNISON RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS  
1:00 p.m. HORSESHOE PITCHING - Roosevelt Park  
Contact Albert Nelson (375-3805)  
2:00- BLACK POWDER EXHIBITION & BLUEROCK SHOOT - 1 1/2 mi. E. on Hwy. 35  
5:00 p.m. COUNTRY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE on the Wayne State College Campus - 14th Street - Refreshments  
Sponsored by Wayne Retired Teachers Association  
2:00 p.m. "WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building. Advance Tickets \$5.00  
6:30 p.m. UNISON RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS  
7:00 p.m. FESTIVAL OF FAITH - United Methodist Church - 6th & Main Street - Refreshments  
Guest Speaker: Rev. William A. Koerber, Jr. - Gretna, Nebraska  
All day CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

## CENTENNIAL DAY

Labor Day, Monday, September 3

10:00 a.m. MIGHTY LOGAN RIVER WHITEWATER  
"CANOE" REGATTA AND PADDLEWHEELER RACE - South Bridge  
LEMONADE STAND  
Peoples Natural Gas - 208 Main Street  
Sponsored by Business and Professional Women  
1:30 p.m. GRAND PARADE - Main Street  
3:30 p.m. "WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building.  
\*Additional performance if required.  
CLOSING CEREMONY (following parade) - City Hall  
Time capsule closing  
Quilt raffle  
Presentation of Flag  
by Representative Doug Bereuter  
Presentation of Resolution  
by Senator Merle Von Minden  
4:00 p.m. MUD RUN - East Fairgrounds Avenue  
8:00 p.m. CENTENNIAL BALL - Wayne National Guard Armory (age 21 & up) Centennial costume encouraged. Mort Wells Orchestra.  
Judging for Centennial Beard Contest during intermission of Centennial Ball  
All day CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl

Events may be added or re-scheduled at the discretion of the Wayne Centennial Committee, Inc.



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## Centennial garden showy example of turn-of-the-century flowers in Wayne

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From bee balm to coral bells, blackeyed Susans to bachelor buttons, Wayne's Centennial Garden at 4th and Main Sts. was a showy example of flowers planted during the turn of the century.

"We wanted flowers that we felt our grandmothers and great grandmothers grew," said chairman Gail Korn, who along with her committee came up with a list of annuals and perennials typical of those planted 100 years ago.

In February of 1984, the committee put out a call to local gardeners asking for donations to the garden.

"The response was tremendous," said Korn, adding that planting of the garden began in April 1984 following permission by Marion Manes to use an area next to The Headquarters at 4th and Main.

**KORN, OWNER** of Garden Perennials, located three and a half miles south of Wayne, was approached with the idea of planting a centennial garden by Sandra Ellidtt as a cultural and historical project recognizing gardening efforts of 100 years ago.

Serving with Korn on the committee were Nancy Jo

Powers, Carole Schmidt and Lucile Larson.

Korn said the location in the area north of The Headquarters was selected because it was highly visible and surrounded one of Wayne's oldest homes.

**KORN SAID** the committee wanted a display of old-fashioned flowers and ruled out any hybridized varieties.

Donations for the garden included phlox, ribbon grass, asters, day lilies, hollyhocks, blackeyed Susans, yarrow, baby's breath, dianthus, daisies, coreopsis, bee balm, balloon flowers, golden glow, tiger lilies, four o'clocks, balsam, heliotrope, showy stonecrop, coral bells, gaillardia, calendulas, bachelor buttons, spiderwort, cock's comb, larkspur, perennial petunias and nasturtiums.

The garden also included butterfly weed and columbine, both native to the plains of Nebraska.

A path through the flower bed also led to a garden of herbs, including catnip, garlic, thyme, oregano and chives.

**VISITORS** to the garden could identify flowers with the help of a chart located inside The Headquarters.

Adding to the old-fashioned charm of the garden was a



**CHAIRMAN GAIL KORN** stands inside Wayne's Centennial Garden at 4th and Main Sts. in an area north of The Headquarters.

white picket fence which surrounded it.

The fence was taken from the farm home of Mrs. Korn's husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Korn, located southeast of Wayne.

The pickets, which dated back to approximately 1918, overlooked Hunter's Grove where Wayne County was signed into existence.

**THE CENTENNIAL** garden existed because of many Wayne residents who donated both time and talents.

Helping construct the sign which marked the spot where the garden was planted were Dick Powers and Cleve Sharer. The picket fence was repainted by Heritage Homes of Wayne.

Helping to maintain the garden, along with committee members, were Sheryl Polhamus, Betty Schroeder, Sue Olson, and members of Wayne Girl Scouts and the Modern Misses 4-H Club.

Residents donating flowers and plants included Mrs. Walter Benthack, Betty Schroeder, Virginia Wright, Linda Malloy, Sue Olson, Bet-

ty Jensen, Ruth Grone, Lee Brown, Manjit Johar, Marla McCue, Charlene Rasmussen, Norma Magdanz, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caauwe and the Modern Misses 4-H'ers.

**THE GARDEN WAS** in full bloom throughout Wayne's Grand Centennial Celebration, held Aug. 29 through Sept. 3, 1984.



Reprinted from  
The Wayne Herald  
August 13, 1984

Helen Russell, a director of nearly 200 Wayne theatrical productions, faced one of the most interesting and challenging scripts of her career as she prepared a cast for a Labor Day 1984 weekend performance.

That was the holiday weekend when Wayne celebrated another big event — the city's 100-year birthday party.

And, as a special gift to Wayne, a home-spun theatrical production was created by talented artists and historians which transported the audience through 10 decades of lively history with song, dance and acting.

"Wayne, America — A Musical Celebration" premiered at Ramsey Theatre

## Homespun production recalls Wayne history

imately two-hour production was again performed on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 2 at a 2 p.m. matinee.

**IN NOVEMBER 1983**, Russell, along with Margaret Lundstrom, Mary Halverstadt and Margaret Schulz, began researching the history, songs, and dance of the past 100 years.

The basic characters in the play (which included Harold and Mary Wayne and family members George, Anthony and Sarah and Abner and Myrtle Bustie) never grew old — rolling along at the same age for 100 years.

Most of the Wayne historical material was received from

**AS FEBRUARY 1984** approached, Lundstrom and Russell began the process of assembling the research material and both wrote a script for the first scene.

Lundstrom then wrote the remaining script while Russell edited the copy and placed the writings in "play form," complete with stage directions and other additions.

Lundstrom completed the writing by May 1984, and the editing was finished by June 1984.

The finished product was two acts, each with five scenes. Each of the 10 scenes represented a decade of Wayne's 100 years, from when the courthouse records were brought from LaPorte in 1884, to July 10, 1982 when the Wayne family goes downtown in Wayne.

**SANDWICHED IN** between were remnants of familiar scenes from 1889 (Wayne Opera House's first production); 1894 and 1897 (schoolhouse and telephone troubles); 1910 (when the state agreed to take over Wayne Normal College); 1917 (dedication of the Nelhardt Monument in Bressler Park); 1936 (dedication of Wayne City Auditorium); 1944 and 1945 (D-Day and V-J Day); 1958 (rocking around the clock); and 1960 (Wayne State's 50th anniversary).

Some of Wayne's actual historical characters were portrayed in the play, such as John T. Bressler, Phil Kohl, Henry Ley, James Britton and John Lawrence.

There were 33 speaking parts in the play. Connie Smith of rural Pender directed the chorus of up to 18 members, and up to 14 dancers were under the direc-

tion of Mindee Zimmerman of Norfolk.

An orchestra, consisting of Clifford Fredrickson on the accordion, Wayne Gilliland on the harmonica, and Ralph Olson on the fiddle, also got in to the first act.

Soloists also were featured, along with quartet tunes and choral numbers such as "Turkey in the Straw," "McNamara's Band," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Over There," "Night and Day," "Star Dust," "God Bless America," "Aquarius," and the new hit called "Wayne."

**DANCES PERFORMED** included the Irish Jig, pony dance, tap dance, Charleston, jitterbug, twist and the monkey.

An important part of the show was scene set-ups, during which scenes of history were shown from two rear projectors. The rear screen projections provided the time and the setting.

Approximately 210 pictures, with about 90 percent related to Wayne's history, were projected on the screen.

Other smaller props, such as desks and tables or chairs, were used in the production.

It was a musical production which offered a rare opportunity to enjoy history as offered through the talents of individuals who were determined to have the story of Wayne told to Wayne's residents through acting, dancing and singing skills.

**RUSSELL, AN** instructor of drama at Wayne State College for 26 years, also directed many community theatre presentations.

Both Russell and Lundstrom agreed that "Wayne, America — A Musical Celebration" was more than a pageant.



Helen Russell

in the Wayne State College Fine Arts Building on Aug. 31, 1984 at 8 p.m. The approx-



Margaret Lundstrom

Dorothy Hughes Nyberg's writings, George Criswell's information on Wayne State College, and various newspapers or publications.

The play also included general knowledge, bringing in what was happening in the world.



Wayne Herald photo

## Mayoral Grove dedicated

**WAYNE'S MAYORAL GARDEN**, located in the Sunnyview Park development site on the east edge of Wayne, was dedicated on July 22, 1984 in conjunction with the city's year-long centennial celebration. Twenty-eight shrubs were planted at the site — each one honoring citizens who have served as Wayne city mayor. Master of ceremonies for the dedica-

tion ceremonies was City Administrator Phil Kloster, pictured in foreground. Pictured planting a shrub into a spot dedicated to former Mayor Glen Houldersheldt are, clockwise from left in background, Freeman Decker, Wayne Marsh, Kent Hall and Charles Maier.

## Railroad proposed in Wayne County

According to James E. Brittain excerpted from "From Then to Now - A Story of Wayne"

Of special interest to Wayne citizens are the minutes of the special meeting of the County Commissioners for Dec. 15, 1875.

The proposition of the Sioux City, Columbus and Black Hills Railroad Company was submitted by J. B. Hubbel and notice was given of a special election for Jan. 18, 1876.

The meeting was to decide whether the county should issue and donate to the company bonds.

These bonds were for \$59,000 to aid in constructing a road through the county, and \$29,000 for the extension of the road.

**THE RAILROAD WAS** to be constructed through the county on "the best and most practical route."

Half of the bonds were to be delivered when the road was graded six miles into the county and within one mile of the courthouse at LaPorte.

Residue of the bonds were to be paid when trains were running and depot established, which was to be before Dec. 15, 1877.

The election was to be held at the courthouse in the LaPorte precinct; at the house of M. Herner in the Leslie Precinct; and at the District No. 2 schoolhouse in the Springbranch (Hoskins) Precinct.

The Wayne County Review for Jan. 8, 1876, contains a long editorial in favor of the railroad bonds.

**THE HOMESTEADERS** whose land would not bear a great share of the taxes, were in favor of placing the burden for their payment upon the

absentee landlords. They carried by a vote of 50 to 0.

The company proceeded to construct the grade and in the summer of 1877 the County Commissioners drove to Sioux City, and inspected the grade along the way.

They conducted final negotiations with the company officials and were prepared to issue the bonds the next day.

George Warren Smith of New York, who owned considerable land in Hancock Precinct, sued out an injunction to restrain the issuance of the bonds.

The injunction was served upon the county officers and for a number of years the matter was pending in the courts.

**ON DEC. 3, 1877,** time was extended the company until Sept. 1, 1878, to complete the railroad.

On July 2, 1878, the County Commissioners declared the

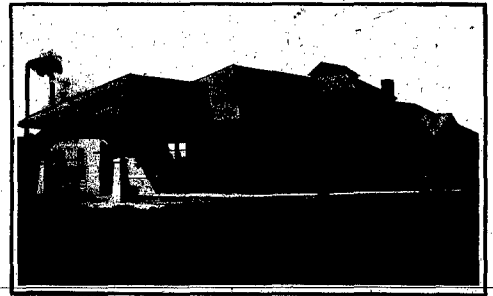
county's obligations null and void, as the railroad company had failed to complete the road.

Dixon, Dakota, Knox and Cedar Counties had voted bonds for this same road, also known as the Covington, Columbus and Black Hills Company.

Dixon County delivered \$87,000 to the company, which in turn constructed a narrow gauge railroad to Ponca.

**THIS ROAD WAS** never satisfactory and the people of Dixon County always felt they had been defrauded in voting these bonds in the expectation of a standard-gauge railroad.

Commodities had to be transferred at Covington and freight rates were as high as if shipped by wagon.



Submitted by Wayne County Historical Society

**THE RAILROAD depot,** as it looked in 1912, was constructed to serve the railroad company in Wayne.

Citizens in Cedar and Knox Counties destroyed their bonds after they had been printed.

Dixon County was finally relieved of payment after the matter had gone to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is probably as well that the bonds were tied up in Wayne County, as the narrow-gauge railroad would not have been the improvement that was expected.

### Carroll first to pave in county

## Motor cars necessitate improved roads

By Robert Boeckenhauer excerpted from Wayne County Anecdotes and Historical Notes

In the early days, when horses were the principal source of power for travel, roads were not so important. Main traveled roads were dragged by farmers in the area, who sometimes paid their taxes by this work. Other roads were mere trails.

With the advent of the motor car, people became more conscious of roads and streets.

Motor car dealers were especially active in promoting improved roads.

A Good Roads Association was formed in northeast Nebraska that promoted the Grainland Highway, which extended from Sioux City to Norfolk; after many re-locations, it is now Highway 35.

In Wayne County, the Grainland Highway began at the south end of Main Street in Wakefield, going west seven miles along the Wayne-Dixon County line, then south two miles, then west on 7th street to Main Street of Wayne.

**DOWN MAIN STREET** to First, west on First to Sherman, then one block south to what is still known as Grainland Road.

About two and one-half miles west of Wayne, it ran south for a mile and a half, again west for a mile, then south two miles before going west into Winside.

From Winside, it ran six miles west and four south into Hoskins and then west to the County line.

Each time the location of the road was changed, some peo-

ple were disappointed and some were happy. When the highway was relocated between Wayne and Wakefield in the late 1940's, the old rivalry between the two towns was again revived to white heat.

**MAIN STREETS IN** towns were also a problem. In dry weather, the dust raised by horses feet and wheels of vehicles drifted into the open doors of business places.

In wet weather, the horses splashed water on sidewalks and cars cut deep tracks in the mud. In spring, during periods

of alternate freezing and thawing, the ruts became formidable obstacles to daily travel.

In 1919, the enterprising citizens of Carroll voted to pave Main Street. The work was started that fall and completed the following summer.

In 1920, Wayne's Main Street was paved. Fred Blair, who ran a clothing store in Wayne, had bet a fellow businessman that Carroll would have the main street paved before Wayne. He won his bet. Carroll has the honor

of having the first paved street in Wayne County.

**WHEN PAVING WAS** being planned in Wayne, Mr. Blair wanted the sidewalks narrowed and the streets widened.

He reasoned that this would provide more room for parking as well as for traffic. After the street was paved, pedestrians would no longer be subjected to splashes by passing vehicles.

"Besides," he said, "people aren't supposed to be standing out on the sidewalks visiting; they're supposed to be in the stores buying."

### Early times

## Firsts for Wayne

Edna Britton Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Britton, was the first white child born in Wayne. Her birth date was Sept. 6, 1881.

Chauncey Childs, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Childs, was the first boy born in Wayne, his birth date being in the winter following.

Ben Miner was the first white child born in all of Wayne County. He was born May 15, 1870, in a little shack south of Wakefield.

Patience Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Hunter, was the second white child in the county, her birth date being Dec. 16, 1870.

The first marriage in Wayne County was that of Mark T. Sperry and Miss Sarah Ann Eayres on May 14, 1871.

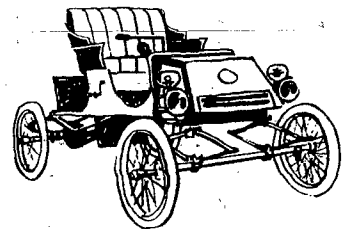
The first divorce action in the county was that of Whitmarst vs. Whitmarst, filed in 1881. The action was dismissed at the plaintiff's cost.

Charles Durin, who was killed Feb. 16, 1871, by a falling tree, was the first tragic death in the pioneer settlement.



Submitted by Wayne County Historical Society

**CHAUNCEY CHILDS** (left) and Edna Britton, the first children born in Wayne, dressed as George and Martha Washington for a play in first grade at school around 1886. Chauncey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Childs was born in the winter of 1882. Edna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Britton was born on Sept. 6, 1881.



## Horseless carriages strike fear in county

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, the countryside was struck with terror when the horseless carriages began to replace the faithful horse and buggy.

Dr. H.G. Leisenring was the first to buy one of the "monsters."

The little, bright red, one-seated car was steered with a lever and when it was working at its best it could make a speed of 15 miles an hour.

Many called the machine "one lunker" because it had but one cylinder.

**HORSES WERE** adversely affected by the strange buggy and many run-a-ways were the result.

Nyberg notes that when Dr. Leisenring was traveling, each person who saw the machine ran ahead like Paul Revere and notified the neighbors, "Leisenring is Coming!"

The affair took a serious turn when a number whose

horses had been frightened by the strange car, met in an indignation session and decided to organize against allowing such a thing on the road.

A law evolved requiring car drivers to stop and shut off their engines when seeing a horse and lead the horse past the object if necessary.

**THE 12 TO 15** miles an hour was too great a speed when persons were used to three and four miles an hour by buggy.

It seems ironic that those who objected to the first car soon had automobiles of their own. The race then changed to see who had the most powerful machine.

A hill, located a mile east of Carroll, related Nyberg, seemed to be the hardest pull to be found.

Anyone wanting to prove the merits of their car took it to that point for a test. Any car that made the hill proved its superiority.





# HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY WAYNE!

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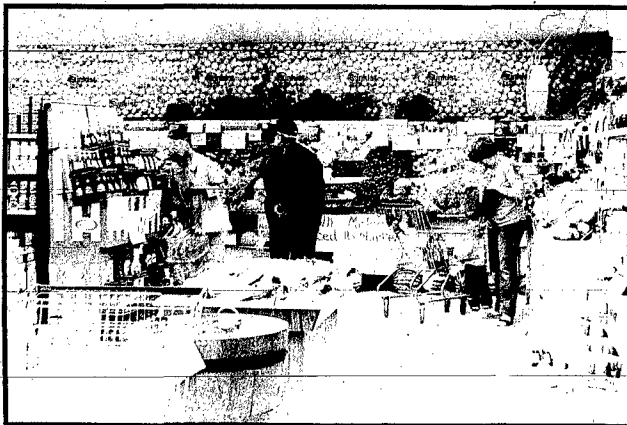


Building in 1984.

*Ron's Jack and Jill was built by Al Wittig at 513 Main in August of 1978. Ron Burt bought the store August 29, 1983, and made the change from IGA products to Jack and Jill on May 15, 1984. The switch-over allows customers a better variety, fresher produce and meats, and lower prices.*



Ron Burt and family are (left to right) Ron and Matt, Kris and Mandi, Rex.



Fresh produce department.



Fresh meat is prepared daily.



Cashiers at work.



**YOUR STORE FOR SAVINGS  
IN THE 80'S**

513 Main

Wayne, Nebraska

373-2915

# THE STATE NA

Serving WAYNE Contin



Herman Lundberg and Henry Ley inside bank, 1889.



State National Bank 1890's.

THE STATE NATIONAL BANK OF WAYNE has been cond and Main Streets since its beginning.  
 In 1892 Henry Ley applied for a bank charter. This cha WAYNE. The bank opened for business with Henry Ley as ed stock of \$75,000.00.  
 In 1929 Rollie W. Ley, son of Henry Ley and President r Charter. The application was approved and The State B BANK on January 6, 1930.  
 In 1967 Henry E. Ley, the grandson of Henry Ley and sc He applied for Trust Powers which were granted on Dec its present STATE NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COA  
 In 1970, David Ley, the great grandson of Henry Ley generation bank in Nebraska. David became President i in January, 1975, a drive-in facility was built at 1002 Ma cond and Main streets was completely remodeled with in the Wayne area.  
 THE STATE NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMP know the importance of banking in relation to personal ai for banking convenience. The main bank at Second and Monday through Saturday and until 9 p.m. on Thursday. open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Harold E. Hein, Chairman of the Board.



David Ley, President and Trust Officer.



Robert Jordan, Executive Vice President and Trust Officer.



Beverly Etter, Vice President and Secretary to the Board.



Ginny Otte, teller; Nancy Schwanke, Customer Relations Officer; Cindy Brummond, teller/receptionist; Karen Armstrong, bookkeeper.



Pat Puls, receptionist; Jean Cnan, teller; Doris Backstrom, teller.



Insurance department: Donna Nelson and Lila Brown.



Drive-in employees: Donna Hansen, Bonnie Moomaw, Dola Husmann, Virginia Preston, Seated: Galen Wiser.



Jeannette Metteer, teller; Shelley Frevert, teller/receptionist; Lynne Allemann, teller/CD's.

STATE BANK  
WAYNE, NEBRASKA

Dr. Feb 5 1910

|              |              |             |              |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Capital Paid | 200,000.00   | Surplus     | 70,000.00    |
| Reserve      | 100,000.00   | Dividend    | 100,000.00   |
| Income       | 100,000.00   | Expenses    | 70,000.00    |
| Profit       | 100,000.00   | Net Income  | 100,000.00   |
| Assets       | 1,000,000.00 | Liabilities | 1,000,000.00 |
| Real Estate  | 500,000.00   | Deposits    | 1,000,000.00 |
| Loans        | 200,000.00   | Other       | 0.00         |
| Investments  | 100,000.00   | Total       | 1,000,000.00 |
| Other        | 100,000.00   |             |              |

Statement of Condition February 5, 1910.



Phyllis Spethman, drive-in.



The State National Bank and Trust Company

122 Main

# NATIONAL BANK

Continuously Since 1892

has been at its location on the southwest corner of Se...  
 This charter was approved for THE STATE BANK OF  
 Henry Ley as President. The bank started with an authori-

President of the bank at that time, applied for a National  
 State Bank was converted to THE STATE NATIONAL

Ley and son of Rollie W. Ley, was President of the bank.  
 ed on December 29, 1967. The name was then changed to  
 TRUST COMPANY.

Henry Ley, joined the bank, making it the only fourth  
 President in August, 1979.

at 1002 Main Street. In 1979 the main bank building at Se-  
 led with increased space to allow the bank to better serve

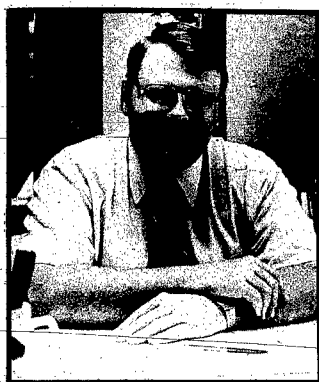
ST COMPANY offers complete banking facilities. They  
 personal and business affairs. They have extended hours  
 second and Main Streets is open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.  
 Thursday. The drive-in bank at Tenth and Main Streets is  
 Saturday.



State National Bank 1984.



State National Bank Drive-In 1984.



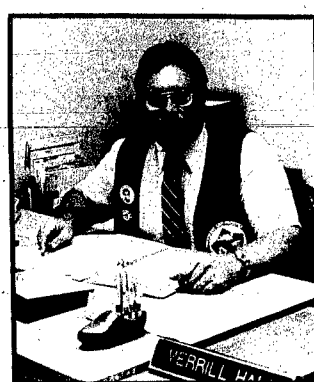
Roger Boyce, Vice President and Cashier.



Galen Wiser, Vice President.



Dennis Lipp, Accounting Officer.



Merrill Hale, Loan Officer.



Susan Baker,  
 part-time secretary.



Seated: Tom McClain, Vice President and Senior Trust Officer. Standing: Lorie Bebee, Assistant Trust Officer and Julie Munson, part-time secretary.



Seated: Terri Jeffrey, Operations Officer. Standing: Diane Roeber, bookkeeper; Cathy Trevett, bookkeeper; Kristy Peterson, bookkeeper.



Seated: Judy Koll, bookkeeper. Standing: Marty Summerfield and Chuck Thomas, both part-time.



Seated: Debra E. Chase, bookkeeper. Standing: Cindy Driver, part-time and Marie Janke, bookkeeper.

**SN** The State National Bank and Trust Company  
**Statement of Condition**  
 June 30, 1984

| ASSETS                                |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash and Due from Banks               | \$ 1,641,146.41 |
| U.S. Treasury Securities              | 1,272,428.17    |
| U.S. Government Agency Obligations    | 12,046,194.41   |
| Municipal Bonds                       | 6,414,294.43    |
| Other Bonds, Notes and Debentures     | 75,800.00       |
| Federal Reserve Bank Stock            | 39,000.00       |
| Federal Funds Sold                    | 2,254,000.00    |
| Loans                                 | 36,741,463.44   |
| Interest Earned, Not Collected        | 1,623,589.78    |
| Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures | 454,384.43      |
| Other Real Estate Owned               | 251,000.00      |
| Other Assets                          | 191,891.47      |
|                                       | \$43,955,491.16 |

| LIABILITIES                                    |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Deposits                                       | \$37,490,249.63 |
| Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase | 1,500.00        |
| Other Liabilities                              | 851,251.16      |
| Reserves for Interest, Taxes, Expenses, Etc.   | 70,291.99       |
| Capital Stock                                  | 650,000.00      |
| Surplus  | 455,000.00      |
| Undivided Profits                              | 4,732,810.38    |
|  | \$43,955,491.16 |

Statement of Condition June 30, 1984.

# National Bank Company

Wayne

375-1130

## Travel in Wayne's early days is recalled

As Recalled by  
Eulalia Pearson  
Excerpted from  
Wayne County Anecdotes  
and Historical Notes

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurlbert, bought the farm two miles southeast of Carroll in the fall of 1892. They were married in the spring of 1893.

Except for three years, 1920 to 1923, the farm remained in the possession of the family until 1970, when it was sold to John Petersen.

My parent were married in the old Carroll hotel as my mother worked there then. The hotel was managed by my father's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Beach.

When they were first married, they boarded the school teacher in District 65. She was a Seventh Day Adventist, so her Sabbath was from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

**ON FRIDAY AFTER-NOONS**, she would almost run home from school, a mile and a half southeast of our place, so she could get to town for her mail before sundown, a total distance of three and a half miles, and then two more, back home.

My father was a great traveler. In 1903, we took a trip to California by covered wagon. The farm was rented for a year to Mr. Maholm and Dow Love, both old timers.

We started the trip with a neighbor family, the Roy Per-

rys, but separated later and each family went its own way. We went through the Black Hills, Yellowstone, Montana and Washington.

Then in 1915, we started out again by covered wagon, because, although by this time we owned a car, there were no decent roads.

**WE RENTED THE** farm, jacked up the car, and took off on June 1. I was older then and remember this trip better.

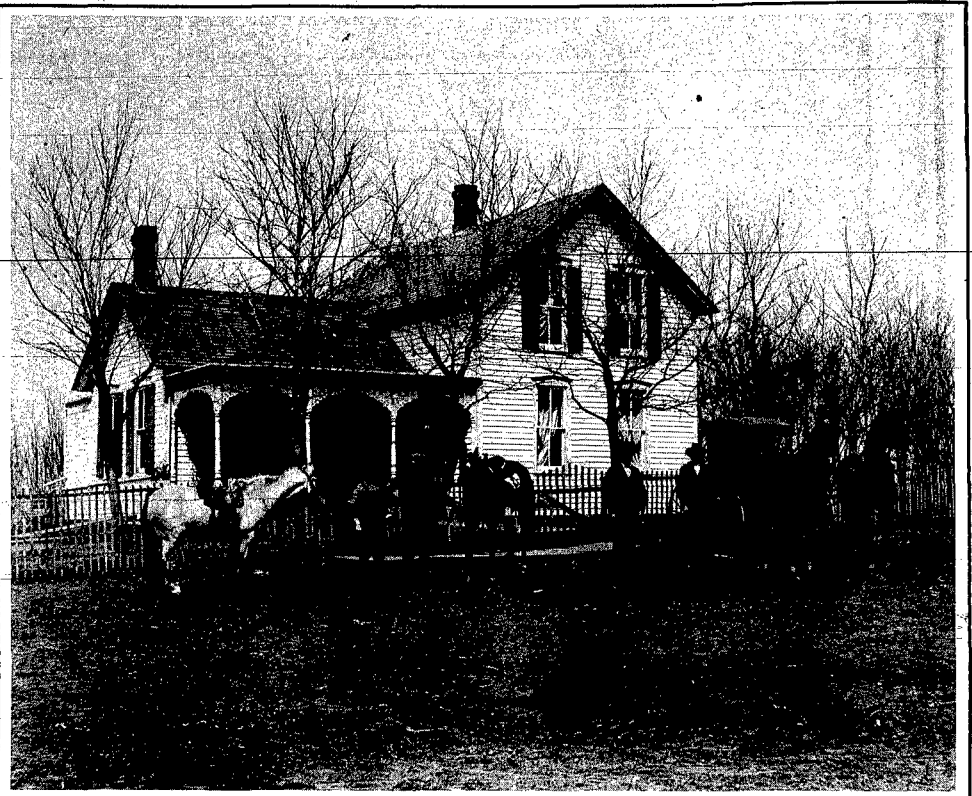
It rained all summer, hard rains with wind and hail. We followed the Lincoln Highway and it wasn't as good as our country roads are now. We sold our outfit at Provo, Utah, and went on by train.

We stayed in Salt Lake City two weeks, in light-housekeeping rooms. Then on to San Francisco for four weeks; there we attended the World's Fair or Panama Canal Exposition.

After that, we were in Los Angeles for four weeks and San Diego for three more. We had tickets to go to New York by way of the Panama Canal but, after the war broke out in Germany, no one could travel through the Canal, so we cancelled our tickets.

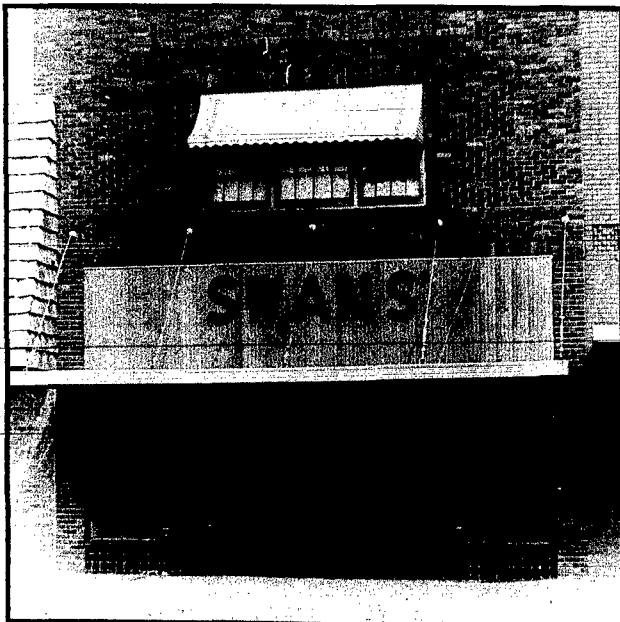
**WE CAME BACK** by train through the southern states, staying some time in Arkansas and Missouri with my mother's people. We got home some time in February.

I have made several trips to California since then, but none to compare with those early ones.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

**DURING THE** early days, a horse and buggy were the only form of transportation on the dirt roads. The animals were stored in local feed barns while their owners did their business in town.



1984 location.



Store interior.

## HAPPY 100!

Back in the Roaring Twenties Mrs. Al Swan went into business in this wooden frame building. Her main items of apparel at that time were ladies millinery and ladies ready to wear.

As the town grew and her business increased she needed more space. In 1932 the wooden frame building was replaced with a modern brick building, as you see it today.

In 1936 Mr. Al Swan expanded the business even more by putting in a mens ready to wear in half of the present building. In 1952, Mr. Swan and Robert McLean opened a men's store at 218 Main Street. After this move by Mr. Swan, the ladies shop became Swans' Apparel for Women. Mr. and Mrs. Swan were partners in the store.

In 1962, Troy C. Vaught purchased half interest in the Swans' ladies store and was manager until 1975 at which time Troy Vaught purchased the remaining half of the shop.

In March of 1982, Troy and Charlotte Vaught sold Swans' to Marie Mohr and Allen Thorman.

### SPECIALS

1 Rack Fall Dresses  
**1/2 PRICE**

**\$10.00 OFF**

Any Denim Skirt, Jean or Slack

**\*WE HAVE 501 LEVIS**

**Swans'**  
apparel for  
Women



Employees are (left to right) Diane Vandeveld, Wanda Backstrom, Doris Gaunt and Lois Echtenkamp.



## The Little Paper With The Big Circulation



Pictured are (left to right) Bill Richardson, Cheryl Henschke, Joyce Sandahl, Carol Kowalke.

Wayne has had a Shopper in continuous operation for the past 52 years. The Morning Shopper began in the present building at 111 Main in 1932 under the ownership of Max Hendrickson. The first Shoppers were a mimeograph sheet put out four days a week to all the towns and rural routes in Wayne.

From 1934 until 1951 Max's parents, C.H. Hendrickson, ran the Shopper, but Max, along with his wife, Evelyn, returned to the business in 1951 and switched the paper to offset printing. In January of 1969, J. Alan Cramer and Bill Richardson bought what had become a weekly shopper. At that time the circulation of the paper had grown from 1,330 in 1932 to 4,000.

In June of 1974 Richardson bought full control of the Morning Shopper and remained sole owner until September 1978 when he retired and sold the business to Cramer. By that time the circulation had grown to 5,400 copies delivered Wednesdays by carriers in area towns and by mail on rural routes Thursdays.

Today the Shopper has a circulation of 7,700 and is delivered by carrier on Wednesday to Wayne, Winside, Carroll, Belden, Laurel, Wakefield, Emerson, Concord and Dixon. Routes to those towns plus Allon and Pender town and routes and routes out of Wisner and Pilger are delivered by U.S. Mail on Thursday.

Now full- and part-time staffers operate the office while another 36 persons are employed in the distribution of the Shopper as carriers, supervisors and delivery personnel.

# MORNING SHOPPER



111 Main

Wayne, NE

375-3850



Pat Gross and Beverly Sturm are happy to work with our customers in the Wayne area.

## Proudly serving the Wayne community

The Triangle Finance Company was started as a partnership with three owners: Rollie W. Ley, Herman Lundberg and Henry E. Ley in September, 1941. The partnership continued as a business until November, 1957, when the owners changed its structure to a corporation.

Over the last 43 years, the Triangle Finance Company has grown to become one of the largest and most successful independent small loan companies in the state of Nebraska. Pat Gross has been the operations officer since 1966, following Norris Weible who left to become the Wayne County Clerk. Mr. Gross was elected president after the death of Henry E. Ley in 1979. Beverly Sturm joined the firm in January, 1974, and serves as the bookkeeper/secretary.

Over the years the Triangle Finance Company has employed, on a part- or full-time basis, many people including Rachell Rockwell, W.L. Ellis, Norris Weible, Lila Brown, Rich Kramer, Annis Luther, Leslie Anne Dillon, Theresa Joan Helthold Jensen, Ed Vaciner, Douglas Poehlman, Maralee Bahe, Shirley Hughes, Galen Wiser, Dennis Lipp, Lori Sturm Carollo, Nana Peterson and Fran Gross.

It is with pleasure and pride the Triangle Finance Company continues to serve the needs of the Wayne community.

## The Triangle

109 West 2nd

Wayne, Nebraska

375-1132



Mines Jewelry staff members include, from left, Lavonne Reinhardt, Gary VanMeter, owner; and Mary Gamble. Not pictured is Jan Siebrandt.

Fine jewelry for nearly 100 years: that's the tradition of Mines Jewelry in Wayne.

J.G. Mines came to Wayne in September, 1890, and, two months later, opened Mines Jewelry at 204 Main. We're still at the same location, the only business in Wayne to have kept the same name and location throughout the years.

What does that mean to you, the customer? It means that you can depend on our tradition of excellent merchandise and service on which J.G. Mines founded the business.

The Mines family was associated with the jewelry shop for more than 50 years. J.G.'s son Paul took over the management of the business in 1915, and remained here until 1957, when he sold it to C.L. Costello.

In 1980, Gary VanMeter purchased Mines Jewelry from Mr. Costello. Mines Jewelry continues to be one of Wayne's finer suppliers of diamonds and 14 karat jewelry, along with an excellent selection of quality watches and clocks.

We also have Wayne's first bridal registry with a complete line of fine china, crystal, and flatware. In addition, we specialize in Black Hills and Rose Gold jewelry indigenous to the Great Plains region.

## Mines Jewelers

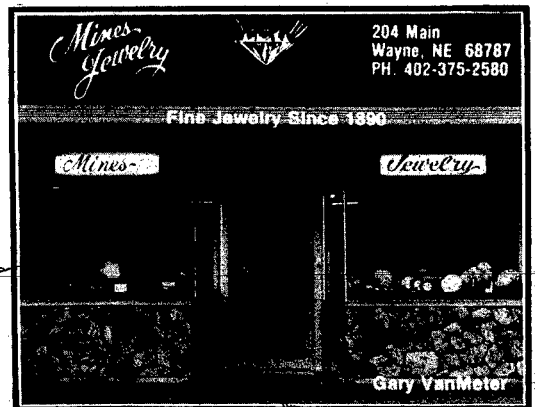
With the same name  
and location for  
nearly a century.

*Mines  
Jewelers*



*Fine Jewelry since 1890*

204 Main  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-2580





# We're proud of our old-fashioned service at Sav-Mor Pharmacy

Our customer is number one. If that's old-fashioned, that's all right with us. We're proud to be a part of the Wayne business scene for 25 years.

Business was started in Wayne, Nebraska by Wayne Marsh and Doc Jensen D.V.M. in 1959. Bob Lund R.P. bought it from them in 1962. Mr. Lund incorporated the business in 1970, and sold it to G. Richard Keidel R.P. in 1971. Mr. Keidel had been Mr. Lund's employee from June 1967 until the selling date.

In the summer of 1976 Mr. Keidel partially refitted the store replacing and updating the Hallmark card department. This allowed for more flexible display and a more attractive selection of merchandise. Some of the gondola units were replaced at this time with more workable units. In the fall of 1977, Mr. Keidel expanded his gift area into an adjoining building. This enabled him to display his merchandise in a more inviting manner than was previously possible.

The store is located across the street west of Wayne State College. It is easily accessible to the students and faculty and enjoys the patronage of the student body and the staff. The store is easily accessible to the patrons who live in Wayne and the large trade area surrounding the city of Wayne. Sav-Mor Drug, being the largest retail pharmacy in Wayne attracts people who shop from 25 miles west, 25 miles south, 30 miles east and 35 miles north.

Will and Sue Davis bought the store in January of 1983 from Dick and Becky Keidel.

Sav-Mor Drug has a tradition of providing quality service to its customers and we intend to continue this image. It is our goal to provide extraordinary service to our clientele at a reasonable price. We provide consultation to our patients which helps them understand their specific drug regimen and improves their compliance with that regimen. We provide consultation to aid patients to choose over-the-counter remedies, and health and beauty aids that will not conflict with the prescription drugs that their physician has chosen for them.

Cheryl Hall R.P. moved to Wayne in June of 1971. She served as a pharmacist for Dick and Becky Keidel, and has continued in that capacity for Will and Sue Davis.



Pictured are, front row, left to right, Ardyco Linn, Sue Davis, Will Davis and Patti Zrust. Middle row, left to right, Marilyn Boedensteadt and Shirley Popplish. Back row, left to right, Shelly Emry and Terri Hyppo. Not pictured are Cheryl Hall, Sandra Emry and Lisa Nuss.

**Happy 100th Birthday!**

## Sav-Mor Pharmacy

1022 Main St. Wayne 375-1444



Lillian and Charles Surber.

# SURBER'S 202 MAIN SURBER'S

**CUSTOMER SERVICE IS THE  
KEY TO SURBER'S STAFF**

Surber's is owned and operated by Charles and Lillian Surber. Charles was first in the furniture business, in Wayne, with his father Ray H. Surber. When a fire destroyed that building in 1959, Charles entered his first venture in the clothing business by working at Larson-Kuhn Mens Shop. The years 1963-1973, the Surber's owned a ladies fashion shop in Orange City, Iowa and returned to Wayne in 1973 when they purchased both the Ladies and Mens Apparel Shop from Kormit Florino. The basement "The Vault" consists of a lease shop. The name "Vault" evolved around the fact that the building was originally the First National Bank with a true bank vault featured there and presently used in the decor of the shop. Surber's specializes in mens and ladies quality clothing for all ages, updated fashions, a knowledgeable staff and first rate service.



1984 location.



Pictured, left to right, are Todd Surber, Roxann Nelson and Keith Doescher. Not pictured is Dorothy Hughes.



Remodeling of building, 1960.



Early picture of building, built 1890.

**rrruss**  
Russ Bags, Inc.

**CORDUROY  
COORDINATES**  
Save 30%  
All New Fall  
Merchandise  
Beautiful Colors  
Rose, Grey



Button Down  
Collar  
**SHIRTS**  
\$13.99

Newest fashion trend.  
Stripes and Plaids  
in assorted colors.  
Sizes S-M-L-XL  
Compare to \$20 value

### CENTENNIAL SPECIAL

NOW  
SHOWING

MEN'S  
3-PC. VESTED  
**PIN STRIPE  
SUIT**

Grey or Navy Pinstripe

**\$ 100.00**

Size 38-44 38 Long-44 Long



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The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984  
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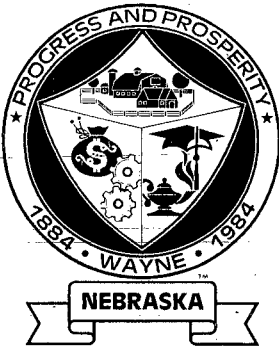
Wayne Herald photo

## Centennial royalty crowned

WAYNE'S YOUTH AND senior citizens were represented during the community's centennial celebration with the selection of a Senior Belle (Myrtle Splittergerber), a Senior Gent (Max Schneider), a Little Mister (Jeremy Luff), and a Little Miss (Gina Zrust). Crowning of the centennial royalty took place on June 14, 1984 during a centennial ice cream social sponsored by Wayne County Jaycoettes. Pictured are all of the candidates for centennial royalty, including, front row from left, Miranda Glassmeyer, Robyn Sebade, Jeremy Meyer, Brent Meyer, Gina Zrust, Jolene Bruna, Tami Jo Schluns and Brittney Jones; second row from left, Jolene Jager,

Mabel Sorensen, Emma Soules, Amy Lindsay, Brendon Hutfmann, Max Schneider, Myrtle Splittergerber, Harry Wert, Amy Ehrhardt, Mary Hansen, Mathilda Reeg and Matthew Youngmeyer; third row from left, Jeremy Luff, Audra Sievers, Elizabeth Dorcay, Megan McLean, Emily Wiser, Stacy Sievers and Tina Luff; back row from left, Kimberly Nolte, Shawn Nolte, Jennifer Reinhardt, Anfon Pedersen, Adam Dangberg, Kerry McCue and Jessica Sievers. Candidates not pictured were Gladys Roberts and Edna Tietgen.

## Logo sets theme for centennial



Agriculture, education and industry — the three primary elements contributing to the growth of Wayne during the past 100 years — are depicted in the city's official centennial logo.

Unveiled in June of 1983 during a coffee sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in the city auditorium, the logo help set the theme for the Wayne's 100th birthday celebration throughout 1984.

Designer was Adrie Nab, former director of college relations at Wayne State College.

His design was selected from approximately 50 entries submitted in a contest spon-

sored by the Centennial Steering Committee, and was used on an endless variety of articles promoting the centennial.

The second place logo, designed by former Wayne resident Jim Cleveland of Lincoln, was used on the reverse side of coins, medallions and other centennial articles.

IN-DESIGNING the centennial logo, Nab chose a circular format featuring a shield drawn on a solid background and divided into three parts.

Symbols were used to depict Wayne's three major components — agriculture, educa-

tion, and business and industry.

Nab chose a farm silhouette to represent agriculture, a lamp of learning and graduation cap illustrating education, and gears and a sack of money to depict business and industry.

Bordering the logo at the top are the words "Progress and Prosperity," with a star at each end representing the State of Nebraska in the American flag.

The logo is bordered at the bottom with Wayne and the years 1884-1984.

Finishing off the official logo is a banner underneath with the word Nebraska.



Adrie Nab

## Tops in trees

### Tree champions selected during 1984 centennial year

Reprinted from  
The Wayne Herald  
July 19, 1984

After receiving many nominations and many hours of "eyeballing, pacing and measuring," the historical plants committee chose a list of Tree Champions in Wayne during the 1984 centennial year.

The committee attempted to determine Wayne's oldest and biggest trees.

In the Category A of broadleaf, deciduous trees, the winners were as follows:

- Ash, green — 3rd & Wilcliff, owned by Cliff Johnson; height 68'; crown spread, 105'; circumference, 128"; total points, 222.
- Cottonwood — South Nebraska Street, owned by Vernon Russell; height 80'; crown spread, 130"; circumference, 198"; total points, 311.

•Elm, American — 414 W. 2nd St., owned by Thomas Schmitz; height 86'; crown spread, 108'; circumference, 184"; total points, 297.

•Elm, Siberian — 5th and Windom, owned by Lottie Schroeder; height 75'; crown spread, 56'; circumference, 101"; total points, 190. Also, 515 Nebraska, owned by LaFaye Erxleben; height 76'; crown spread, 60'; circumference, 99"; total points, 190.

•Hackberry — 7th & Windom, owned by Rod Hutfmann; height, 72'; crown spread, 54'; circumference, 113"; total points, 198.

•Honeylocust — 711 Logan St., owned by Robert Woehner; height, 74'; crown spread, 77'; circumference, 117"; total points, 208.

•Linden, American — 6th and Logan St., owned by Ida Moses; height, 76'; crown

spread, 45'; circumference, 127"; total points, 214.

•Locust, Black — 12th & Main St., owned by Kappa Delta Gamma; height, 52'; crown spread, 28'; circumference, 98"; total points, 157.

•Maple, Silver — 212 E. 3rd St., owned by Lloyd Russell; height, 78'; crown spread, 83'; circumference, 171"; total points, 270. Also at 3rd & Pearl St., owned by City Hall; height, 84'; crown spread, 110'; circumference, 157"; total points, 270.

•Maple, Sugar — 6th & Lincoln, owned by Stan Burs; height, 68'; crown spread, 62'; circumference, 89"; total points, 173.

•Oak, Bur — 1202 Lincoln, owned by David Gull; height, 48'; crown spread, 38'; circumference, 43"; total points, 121.

•Oak, Nor. Red — 520 Nebraska, owned by Henrietta Hurstad; height, 79'; crown

spread, 72'; circumference, 119"; total points, 216.

•Poplar, Silver — 4th and Main St., owned by city library; height, 84'; crown spread, 74'; circumference, 155"; total points, 258.

•Sycamore, American — 4th and Main St., owned by City Library; height, 76'; crown spread, 78'; circumference, 124"; total points, 219.

•Walnut, Black — owned by National Guard Armory/Vakoc Construction Co.; height, 72'; crown spread, 68'; circumference, 93"; total points, 162.

WINNERS IN Category B (coniferous, evergreen trees) were as follows:  
•Arbor vitae, West, owned by Wayne Greenwood Cemetery; height, 48'; crown spread, 30'; circumference, 94"; total points, 152.  
•Fir, concolor — 821 Pearl St., owned by Don Sherbahn; height, 46'; crown spread, 32';

circumference, 53"; total points, 127.

•Pine, Austrian — 209 Douglas, owned by Wayne Tietgen; height, 76'; crown spread, 32'; circumference, 58"; total points, 142.

•Pine, East. white — 106 Douglas, owned by Glenn Summer; height, 72'; crown spread, 34'; circumference, 71"; total points, 152.

•Pine, Scotch — Wayne Greenwood Cemetery; height, 71'; crown spread, 48'; circumference, 89"; total points, 172.

•Redcedar, East. — Wayne Greenwood Cemetery; height, 50'; crown spread, 28'; circumference, 64"; total points, 121.

•Spruce, Colorado Blue — 7th and Pearl, owned by Keith Reed; height, 71'; crown spread, 30'; circumference, 73"; total points, 148.

•Spruce, Norway — Wayne

Greenwood Cemetery; height, 68'; crown spread, 32'; circumference, 82"; total points, 158.

CHAMPION TREE size was based on three key points, which included crown circumference, height and crown spread.

There were plans to include two other species — Douglas-fir and White Spruce — however the historical plants committee could find no specimens in Wayne on which to bestow the term "champion."

Members of the committee were C. R. Maier, Ralph Beckenhauer and Brent Pedersen.

A brochure pointing out the locations of the champion trees was made available during Wayne's Grand Centennial Celebration held Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, 1984.

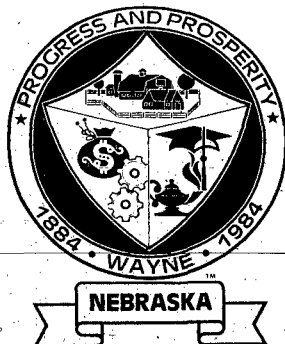
# THE WAYNE HERALD

## Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884 - 1984

Tuesday, August 28, 1984



MEMBERS OF THE Centennial Steering Committee are (back row, left to right) Bill Dickey, Dean Bilstein, Melvin "Bud" Monson, Rozan Pedersen, Kathy Manske, Lorraine Johnson and La Von Anderson. They are pictured in front of the Vaughn Benson home at 218 Lincoln which was built around 1884. (front row) Mary Froehlich, Phil Kloster and Lyle Seymour.





## Unit honors Irwin L. Sears

# Auxiliary organizes in 1921 to assist veterans

The first man from Wayne to pay the supreme sacrifice for his country in World War I was enlisted at Oskaloose, Iowa. He served his country until his death on Nov. 14, 1917, in France.

The Wayne post of the American Legion and its auxiliary are named in the honor of Irwin L. Sears.

The first secretary of the new unit would be Miss Ethel Sears, the sister of Irwin L. Sears for whom the post and unit were named. Charter members also included another of Sears' sisters, Mrs. Hazel Brössler, and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Sears.

Chosen as president was Mrs. W.H. Phillips; vice president, Mrs. F.H. Jones; secretary, Miss Ethel Sears; treasurer, Mrs. J.H. Boyce; and historian, Miss Margaret Pryor.

**THE TEMPORARY CHARTER** for Irwin L. Sears Unit No. 43 was granted April 18, 1921, and organized May 22, 1921. The permanent charter was granted on Sept. 7, 1922.

At the close of the year, membership had grown to 39 and current membership now stands at 93 senior members, 7

junior members and 10 permanent members.

As the working project of the organization, the group sponsors three Bingo parties each year at the Norfolk Veterans home and also furnishes refreshments.

A picnic supper is held at the Wayne Vets Club room every September for residents of the Norfolk Veterans Home.

**THE WAYNE COUNTY Veterans Christmas Supper** is also held the first Sunday in December.

The World War I, V.F.W. and D.A.V. auxiliaries also help with these projects.

A delegate and alternate for Girls State is chosen every year and a project to buy flag poles each year at the entrance gate for Avenue of Flags at Greenwood Cemetery has also been started.

The poppy program goes directly for aid to disabled Veterans or members of their

families. Poppy wreaths and crosses for deceased Veterans have been made by members of the group.

**ON JUNE 3, 1981,** the organization celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the auxiliary. Mrs. A.L. Swan was the

only surviving charter member at the time.

The auxiliary's motto, "Join Hands to Serve," has led to several accomplishments during its 64 years of service to the community.

Present officers are Mrs. Louise Kahler, president;

Mrs. Norbert Brugger, vice president; Mrs. Ernest Siefken, secretary; Mrs. Eveline Thompson, treasurer; Miss Mary Kruger, chaplain; Mrs. Merton Hilton, historian; Mrs. Albert Soules and Mrs. Winnie Thompson, sergeants-at-arms.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and

# Auxiliary honors Llewellyn Whitmore

Llewellyn B. Whitmore was the first boy from Wayne to pay the supreme sacrifice for his country in World War II. He entered service from Wayne on July 24, 1942.

While serving his country, he was taken prisoner at a Japanese war camp and lost his life there.

The Wayne Veterans Foreign War Post and its auxiliary are named in his honor.

A small group of mothers, wives and sisters of soldiers accepted the responsibility and became the auxiliary to Llewellyn B. Whitmore Post No. 5291.

**THE GROUP MET** July 10, 1946, at Hotel Morrison with department president, Lula Nordeen and Distric VIII president, Clara Andrews, both attending from Norfolk.

Thirteen people attended the supper to receive more information.

During the organizational meeting on July 22, 1946, at the Woman's Club Room, Pauline

Merchant was elected president. Helen DeFord was elected vice president, Erna Karel as secretary and Mildred Canning as treasurer.

The charter members grew from 15 to 38 members and at the present time there are 76 members. District III and VIII have combined to form what is now called District III.

**THE AUXILIARY'S** money-making project for the last 16 years has been the M & M pillow cleaning service. The organization is also working on a project for buying two flag poles each year for Greenwood cemetery at the entrance gates to the Avenue of Flags.

The group has sponsored a birthday and Bingo party every July at the Nebraska Veteran Home in Norfolk.

Those serving as District III officers are District Treasurer Eveline Thompson, District Guard Helen Siefken and District Legislature chairman Ruth Korth.

Within the community, the auxiliary takes part in the local Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades.

**THE PROMOTION AND** sale of Buddy poppies is one of the group's projects to fulfill obligations to the disabled or needy Veterans.

The local auxiliary has sponsored a Buddy Poppy girl since 1968, with Nina Reed as the first recipient.

For 38 years their concern has been for the Veterans, their dependents, the youth, needy and handicapped.

Present officers are president, Ruth Korth; sr. vice president, Darlene E. Draghu; jr. vice president, Mabel Sommerfeld;

secretary, Verna Mae Baier; treasurer, Lillian Granquist; chaplain, Shirley Brockman; conductress, Fauniel Hoffman; guard, Amy Lindsay; one-year trustee, Eveline Thompson; two-year trustee, Helen Siefken; and three-year trustee, Frances Doring.

## American Legion grows from 15 members in 1919 to 200 today

Post 43 of the American Legion was chartered September 11, 1919 with 15 members and has since grown to 200 members. Rev. John W. Blard was the first commander.

The post was named after Irwin L. Sears, the first Wayne soldier to lose his life in

action. He was killed at Chateau Thierry, July 27, 1918.

Among the programs sponsored by the local post are: Junior Legion and Midget baseball; Boys and Girls state; Junior Law Cadet; Memorial Day service; Veterans Day program and

various programs for veterans at Veteran's homes.

The 1984 officers are: Roy Sommerfeld, commander; LaVerle McDonald, senior vice commander; Chris Bargholz, adjunct; Jean Nuss, finance officer; and Lee Tietgen, service officer.

# Outfitting Wayne in style. . . .

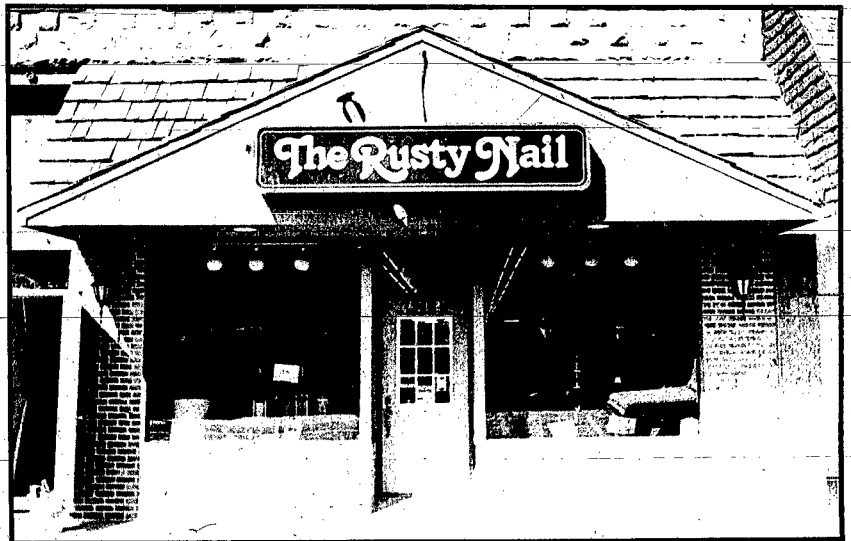
Meeting the fashion needs of Wayne residents is the number one goal of the Rusty Nail. Owner Roger Nelson and his staff feature a wide variety of both men's and women's fashions.

Roger, who has been with the shop for nearly 22 years, has been instrumental in the business' expansion. The store, originally known as Swan's Clothing for Men and Women, opened in 1936 at 205 Main in Wayne, under the ownership of Al Swan.

The store was moved to its present location in 1953, when Al and his partner Robert McLean, renamed it Swan-McLean Clothing for Men and Boys. Roger joined the business as one of the co-owners in January, 1975.

The business expanded again in March, 1976, with the lower level remodeled into a jeans shop, named the Rusty Nail. That year, a full line of women's clothing was also added.

The Rusty Nail is a unique combination of the traditional and the contemporary. Throughout the years, the store has carried and continues to carry, Warren Sewell suits and sport coats, Jockey underwear, and Jantzen sportswear and in the women's department we carry Langtry, Sassafra, Fritz and You Babes.



Roger Nelson, owner.

**Expanding and Growing with Wayne**

**RUSTY NAIL**  
218 MAIN | 402 | 375-3799  
WAYNE, NE 68787

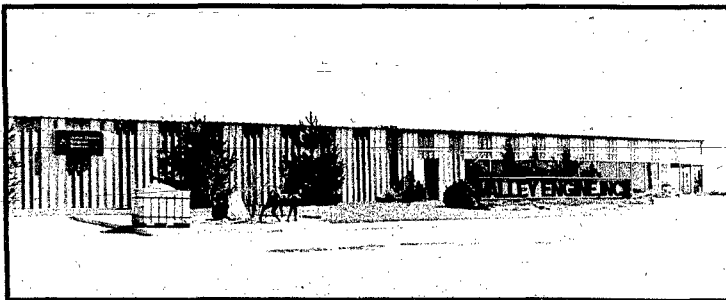


The Rusty Nail staff includes, left to right: Don Hypse, Carol Mosley, Arlene Pfeiffer, Roger Nelson, Kristy Orison, Kelly Degryse, and Sheryl Sumnerfield. Not pictured is Lisa Fish.





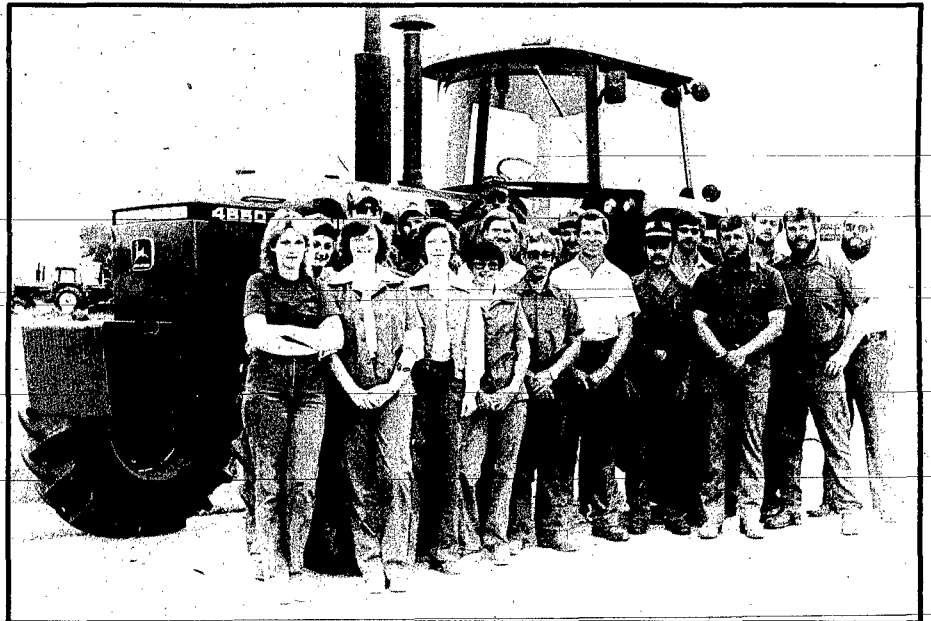
# Business Moves East Of Town



*The staff wishes to congratulate the Wayne community during its centennial year and thank them for their continued support.*

Pictured above is Valley Engine. The staff at Valley Engine includes Dave Bahns, Dave Merchant, Darwin Ostentowski and Vicki Pick.

The staff at Logan Valley includes (photo at right, left to right) Kelly Burbach, Jeff Sukup, Sue Miller, Kevin Frerichs, Duane Bargholz, Donna Geiger, Sara Miller, Jim Martindale, Gail Nemeo, Vernon Hanson, Gary Raeber, Jerry Lovelady, Dennis Sternhagan, Kevin Strudthoff, Dave Olson, Scott Johnson, Alan Finn, Dave Bloomfield, Gene Bartling, Keith Blornbaum, Gerald Haglund and Gary Pick.



Owners Gary and Vicki Pick.

Logan Valley Implement, currently owned by Gary and Vicki Pick, began at a downtown location at 116 West 1st Street. Since 1970, when Gary and Jerry Miller bought Brandstetter Implement, Logan Valley Implement has greatly increased its business size.

In 1974, the business started construction of a 21,400 square foot building at the Sorenson Industrial site, East Highway 35. The operation moved to its location February 1, 1975, increased its parts, service and sales departments.

Pick became the sole owner in 1977. In 1978, Logan Valley formed Valley Engine, expanding its distribution of new engines. The building is located northwest of the main business. Logan Valley Implement has a present employment of approximately 25.

## Logan Valley Impl., Inc.



East Hwy. 35

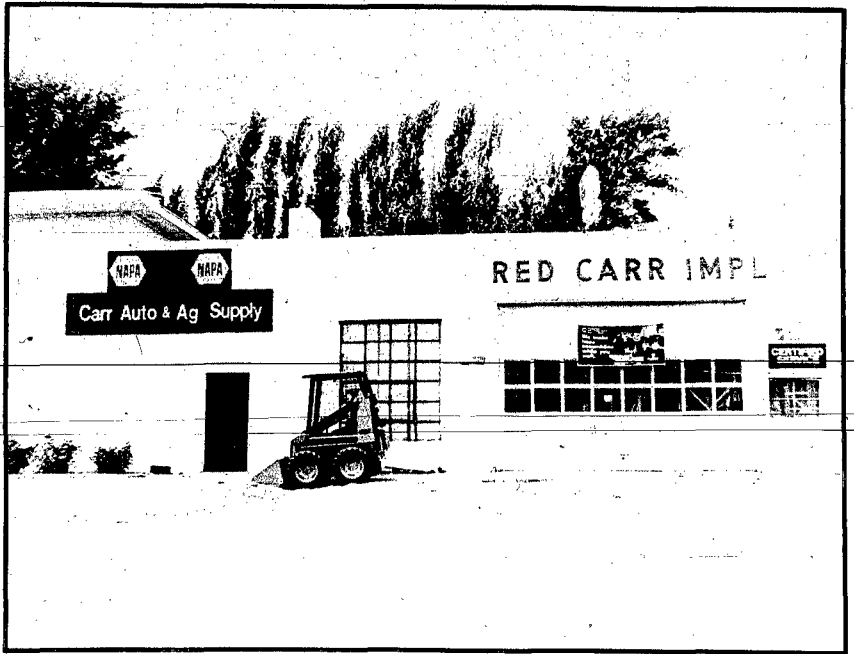
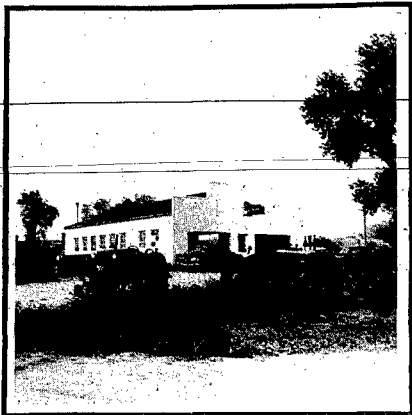
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# Expanding our services. . .



## . . .to meet our customer's needs



Automotive parts are the newest addition to the products available at Carr Auto and Ag Supply, located just north of Wayne on Highway 15.

Red and Norma Carr know the implement business. In 1951, they opened their first dealership in Allen, handling, then as well as now, the Case line of farm equipment. In 1966, they purchased the Case dealership in Wayne from Lyle Cleveland, and moved to their present location. Other product lines the dealership carries are Owatonna, New Holland and Kelly Ryan.

Carr Auto and Ag Supply is a family business. In 1981, the Carrs incorporated their business, with Red serving as president, Norma as treasurer, and their son Larry, vice president.

Carr Auto and Ag has the service to go along with sales. Our mechanics have a total of more than 50 years of experience in working on farm equipment. Our parts manager in the ag line, has been with us for 21 years. That's continuity!

The new auto and ag parts department, added in November, 1983, is second to none. We have in stock parts and equipment for everything from a tune-up to an overhaul. Stop in and meet Tom Jones, our new NAPA manager.

We at Carr Auto and Ag Supply believe that people make the difference in any business. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow: we're here to meet your auto and ag supply needs.



Carr Auto and Ag Supply personnel are, from left: Red Carr, Norma Carr, Ole Anderson, Tom Jones, and Larry Carr.

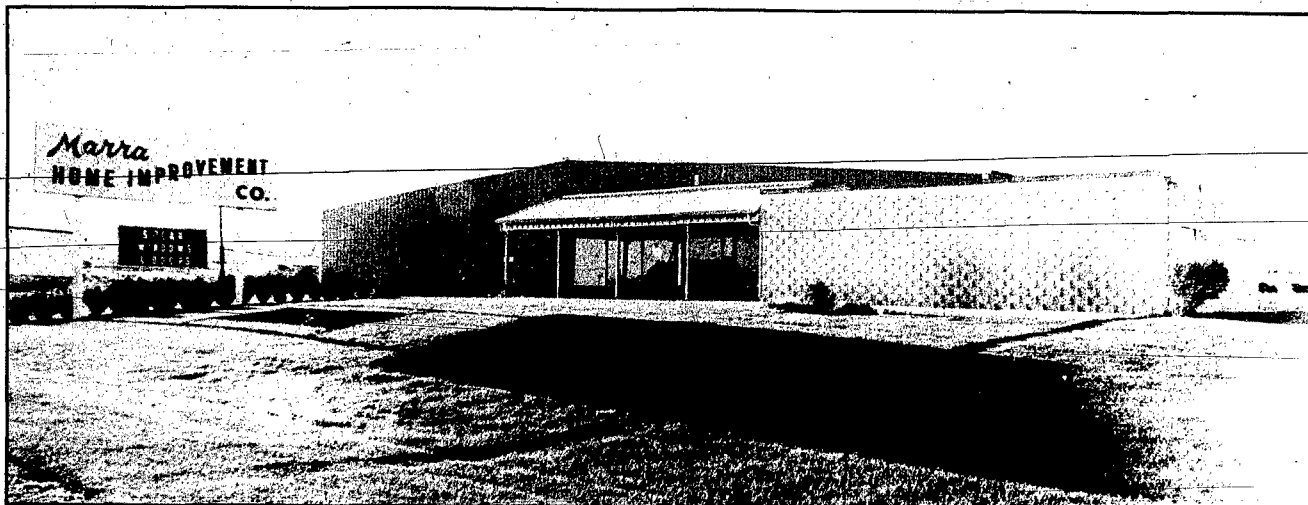
## CARR AUTO & AG SUPPLY

North Highway 15 — RR 2  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-2685





# For 34 years, we've been proud to call Wayne home!



Wilmer and Luella Marra came to Wayne in 1950 with a dream — and an idea. They wanted to build a business here that would help area homeowners with the upkeep of their homes. Marra Home Improvement opened its doors on May 1 of that year, located in a small shop at 113 Main Street, Wayne.

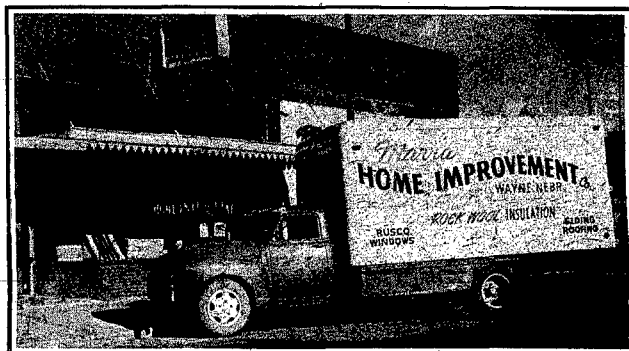
The company's first line of business was combination windows, insulation and roofing. Wilmer did all his own selling, while the contracting work was handled by a two-man crew.

Two years later, the business moved to 220 Main, where it remained for a few years before moving to new offices at 210 Sherman.

The business kept growing, so a warehouse was purchased at 220 South Main in 1960, and was remodeled to accommodate an office and display area. Additional warehouse space was again needed, and the parking of trucks and equipment was becoming more of a problem, so the decision to expand was made.

In the spring of 1974, construction began on the present site of the business in the industrial park east of Wayne on Highway 35. The building contained 18,000 square feet. And they still expanded — in 1977 a new 8,000 square foot addition was constructed, years ahead of its anticipated need. Business had also increased in the Sioux City area and a branch sales office was opened there at that time.

Over the years that Marra Home Improvement has been in business, the insulation business has soared. Fifteen trucks make the Marra fleet.



Since Wilmer's passing in 1981, son-in-law Darrell Moore, who has been with the company since 1964, is President and manager of sales and son Ken Marra, who

joined the firm in 1978, is Vice President and production manager.

Luella continues to handle all the bookkeeping as she has for the past 34 years.



Darrell Moore



Luella Marra



Ken Marra

## Marra HOME IMPROVEMENT CO.

East Hwy. 35  
375-1343







Dee and Dick Wacker welcome centennial-goers to Dick's Dairy Sweet in Wayne.

## Dick's Dairy Sweet for a treat that's hard to beat

When you're in town for the centennial festivities, make Dick's Dairy Sweet a part of your celebration.

Dick's Dairy Sweet, owned and operated by Dick and Dee Wacker for the past nine years, is located conveniently at 209 East 7th, just a block and a half east of the Highway 15 and 35 intersection.

Dick and Dee offer soft serve ice cream, malts, shakes, and sundaes, and all types of soft drinks. Their menu features 20 different sandwiches, as well as onion rings and French fries. Dick's Dairy Sweet is open from March through the end of October, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week. The Wackers have seven employees.

The dairy sweet isn't the Wackers' first experience in the food business. For seven years, they owned Dick's Tavern, now the 4th Jug, in Wayne. They have two sons, and two granddaughters.

Dick's Dairy Sweet — a natural part of the centennial celebration!

**DICK'S DAIRY SWEET**  
209 E. 7th  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-1180

## We're glad to be part of the vital Wayne community

Keeping the citizens of the Wayne community healthy is the primary goal of Wayne Family Practice Group, P.C.

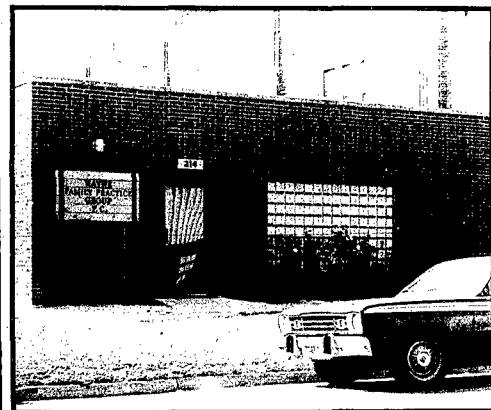
The practice was started by longtime Wayne physician, Dr. Roy Matson in the 1930's. He built the current clinic building in the late 1950's.

Dr. Willis Wiseman purchased the practice and the clinic building from Dr. Matson's estate in 1975. He was joined in the practice by Dr. Jim Lindau in 1979, Dr. Todd French in 1982, and Dr. David Wachs, who joined this year.

The clinic is located at 214 Pearl.



Dr. David Wachs, Dr. Todd French, Dr. Willis Wiseman and Dr. Jim Lindau.



**WAYNE  
FAMILY  
PRACTICE  
GROUP P.C.**  
214 Pearl  
Wayne, Nebraska  
Phone: 375-1600



## The Wayne Greenhouse, Inc. has been a part of the Wayne community through four generations



Four generations of family business goes into the operation of the Wayne Greenhouse. Kent and Lois Hall have operated the Greenhouse since 1966.

The Wayne Greenhouse was started in 1921 when D. Hall began construction on a two-story home and the largest of six greenhouses. In the following years, the rest of the greenhouses were finished and have been in operation since.

The Flower Shop that was built in 1971 was constructed to replace the building which was built in 1946 by Wilbur D. Hall, who operated the business from 1945-50.

Kent Hall took over the business after his mother, Hattie, retired from the business in 1966.

The Wayne Greenhouse, Inc. was incorporated in 1983. The newest addition is the "Plant Market" opened in April 1984. It is located 1 mile east of Wayne on Hwy. 35. The Plant Market adds an additional 11,000 sq. ft. of growing area for the production of blooming plants and spring plant sales for all of northeast Nebraska.

## The Wayne Greenhouse, Inc. & Plant Market

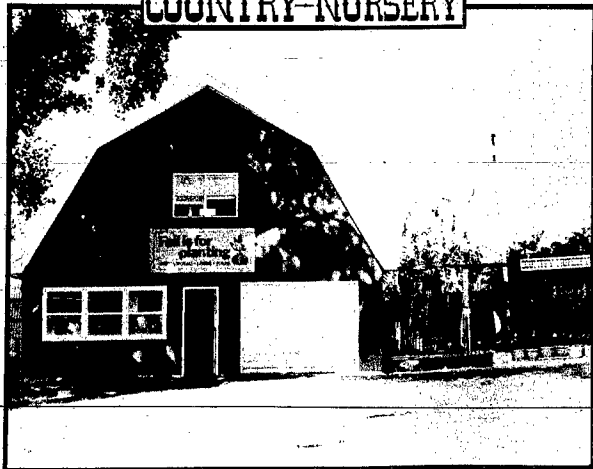
East 10th Street  
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## COUNTRY NURSERY



Country Nursery has been in business since 1978, and was founded by Duane and Cheryl Lutt. Brent Pedersen, the current owner of Country Nursery, managed the business from 1980 to 1984, when he purchased it.

Brent and his employees, Dee and Jay Rebensdorf, specialize in tree trimming, fertilizing, landscaping, and tree moving.

The Country Nursery also carries a full line of lawn and garden products including trees, shrubs, roses, bedding plants, fountains, bird baths, grass seed, decorative rock, house plants, and a full line of fertilome lawn and garden products.



Pictured are Brent Pedersen, Dee Rebensdorf and Jay Rebensdorf.



## COUNTRY NURSERY

Brent Pedersen  
Rt. 2, Wayne, NE 68787  
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**HERITAGE SUPERINSULATED HOMES**  
A Supersystem called Sup-insulation.

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now homeowners from Steamboat Springs, Co., to Beulah, North Dakota to Omaha, Nebraska have said, "Wow, what a supersystem." You see, **IT'S NOT HOW MUCH HEAT YOU CAN PRODUCE, BUT RATHER HOW LITTLE IS REQUIRED.**

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be **LESS THAN \$180 PER YEAR.** Of course we calculate each home based on its size, location and utility rates. Should the energy costs be more than calculated, Heritage Homes will pay the difference for the first three years that you live in the home. Each Heritage Superinsulated Home comes with R-30 walls, R-50 ceiling, triple glazed windows, a storm door on the patio door and an insulated basement. Of course you always get our great regular features such as 2x10 floor joists, oak interior doors, finished and painted drywall walls, ceramic tile and customer designed plans.

**EXPERIENCE - IT SHOWS**



## TERRA CHEMICALS SERVES AREA FARMERS FOR PAST 10 YEARS MARKING 16 YEARS OF AGI-BUSINESS AT SAME LOCATION

Being the first business in the industrial park area is an honor that goes to Terra Chemicals of Wayne. Terra Chemicals was one of the first businesses in that area of Wayne.

Terra Chemicals purchased its facility from American Oil Company of Indiana in September of 1974. The current building used by Terra Chemicals was constructed in 1969. Plant manager Larry Skokan has been with the facility since its existence.

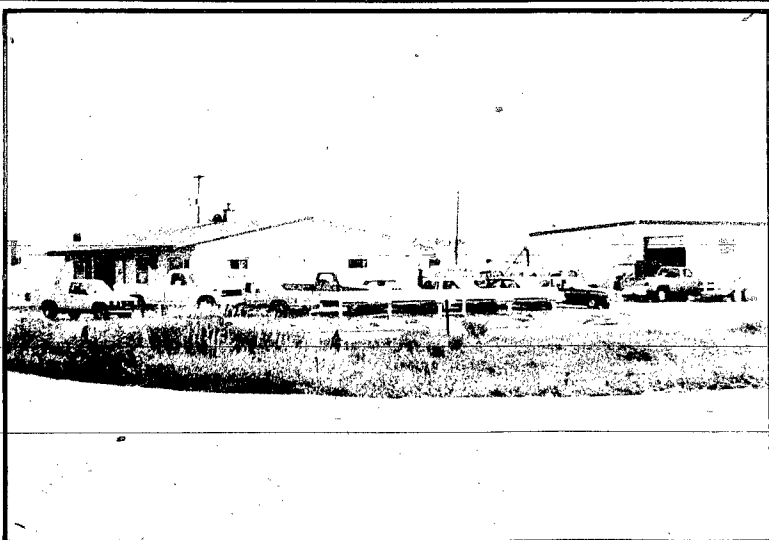
Serving farmers in a 25-mile radius of Wayne with fertilizer, chemical and seed needs is a task that makes Terra Chemicals an ever expanding business. Terra Chemicals of Wayne also has area dealers: Urwiler Oil of Laurel, Carroll Elevator and the Dixon Elevator.

Terra Chemicals of Wayne is a part of a network of 15 Terra Chemical locations throughout the state. The Wayne retail plant is part of Terra Chemicals International, Inc. of Sioux City.

Terra Chemicals of Wayne is busiest in the spring and fall months when farmers need its services the most. At that time, Terra Chemicals employs about 12 people. During the off season, Terra Chemical has three others working at the Wayne plant along with Larry Skokan.

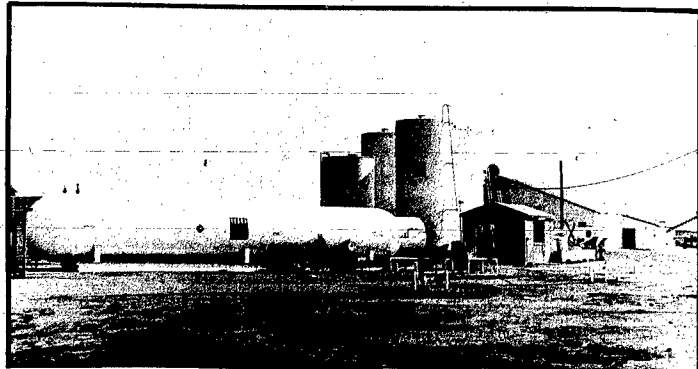
Floater operator Jerel Schroeder, product manager Ronnie Billheimer and secretary Lora Dion round out the Terra Chemical staff.

The regional office headquarters for Terra Chemicals is also located in Wayne and serves all Nebraska plants. It has been at the retail location east of Wayne since the fall of 1980. In 1982, a chemical warehouse was built for chemical distribution throughout Nebraska. Regional and warehouse staff members are: Burnie Baker, regional manager; Charles Nelson, operational manager; Charlie Robbins, chemical salesman; Brian Roberts, warehouseman; Jan Casey and Pat Carnes, secretaries.



Terra Western was the first business to be located in Wayne's Industrial Park east of town.

## A Business for Agriculture



One of our main business lines is the liquid fertilizer sales area, shown here.



Working with our many fine customers are Terra Chemicals employees, from left, Ron Billheimer; Jerel Schroeder; Larry Skokan, manager; and Lora Dion.

**TERRA CHEMICALS**  
East Highway 35  
Wayne, NE 68787

## Methodist Church begins in LaPorte

The story of Methodism in Wayne begins with the very earliest history of the town. Prior to the settling of Wayne, services were begun at LaPorte, the first town in Wayne County. These services were held in the courthouse by the pastor of the church in Wisner. Early records report that Reverend I.H. Skinner, pastor at Wisner, preached every other Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School each Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

The coming of the railroad to the county changed the plans of the people who had founded LaPorte as the county seat. The railroad set the depot two miles north and five west of LaPorte. This started an exodus from the old town site to Wayne. The first house was erected in July of 1881 and before long there were others built along with some that had been moved in from LaPorte.

With the moving of the homes came the moving of the site of religious worship. Methodists opened services in Wayne in the fall of 1881, with the first permanent pastor, Reverend Winthrop, serving at both Wayne and Wakefield. The first church was built in 1884. Before the church was finished in 1884, services were held in the courthouse building, then located on the corner of Fourth and Main Streets.

On July 4, 1884, Wayne had its first Independence Day celebration. A drunken man was arrested and, for lack of a jail, was shackled to a ring bolt in the floor of the County Judge's office. The prisoner set fire to the courthouse and almost lost his life. The young church's property, consisting mainly of an organ and some song books, were lost in the fire.

**THIS STIRRED THE** small congregation to action. They purchased the lot where the present church stands — then at the edge of town, and began to raise funds for the first building. The Church Extension Society loaned the class \$400.

The first large gift recorded for this building project was one of \$100 from Mrs. William Miller. She had saved the money to purchase a new buggy, but when the building project was begun, she turned over her savings.

The church was of frame construction and was built almost wholly by volunteer labor. The pastor (Rev. William Gorst) was crippled but he helped do carpenter work on the new church. The minister's salary that year was to be \$200 but he had to be content with \$175. He found it necessary to teach one term of school three miles west of Wayne.

Mrs. P.C. Crockett was the first president of the Willing

Workers Society, organized in March, 1883. The name was later changed to Benevolent Workers and then to Ladies Aid. The society voted to give \$5.00 to the pastor's salary. They also gave festival spelling bees, bag sociables, ice cream and strawberry festivals and food sales to raise money.

**AT FOOD SALES** a cake brought 40c, a pie 10c, regular loaves of bread sold for 10c each. Regular church suppers were 20c. Through the efforts of this determined group, the funds for completing payment on the church lots were raised.

Rapid growth in the membership between 1892 and 1900 brought the urgent demand for a new church building. This was during the ministry of Rev. H. Hurst Millard. The flourishing Epworth League and Sunday School were proving the frame building to be too small. The building program got underway under the leadership of Reverend Thomas Bithell, who came to Wayne in 1897.

By May of 1901, the Building Fund Treasurer reported \$8,500 on hand toward the total cost of the building, which was \$17,000. The cornerstone was laid in 1901.

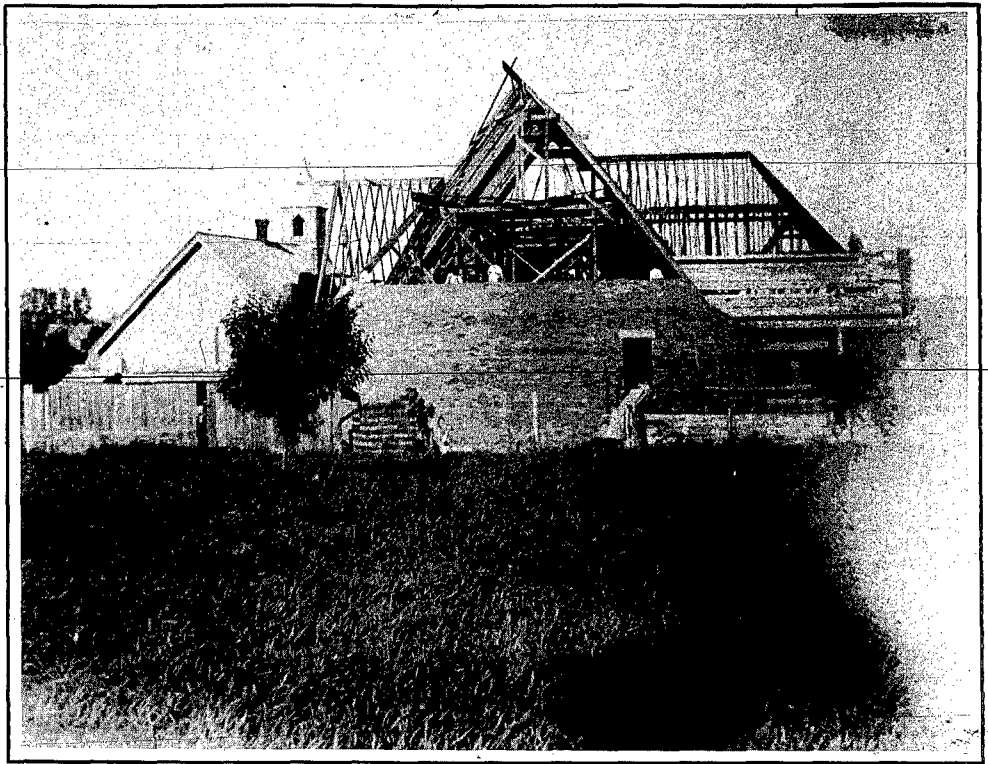
A pipe organ was purchased and presented to the church in 1903. It was one which required a second person to pump. Several sessions of the Board were given to finding women to accept this assignment. In 1910 the organ was improved by the installation of an electric pump.

**ELECTRICITY HAD** been placed in the church between 1908 and 1910 and concern for the cost of electricity was a subject for several board meetings. At one meeting, the treasurer reported bills of \$2.34 and \$3.25 for two successive months. A member of the Board was appointed to have the meter checked.

In 1917, the street in front of the church was dirt, and the Board voted to have it sprinkled to keep the dust down at the cost of \$1.00 per month. The street was paved in 1920.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church were joined, becoming The United Methodist Church. At that time, the women's group, which had undergone some changes in name, selected the present name, United Methodist Women.

In March of 1980 the church voted to remodel the sanctuary, fellowship hall and relocate the offices. This work was completed for dedication during the 100th anniversary of the church in December of 1981, while Reverend Kenneth Edmonds was pastor. Reverend Keith W. Johnson came to serve the church in June 1983.



Submitted by Bob Porter

**THE METHODIST** Church, built during the early 1900's, still stands at the same location.



Submitted by Bob Porter

**THE CORNERSTONE** for the new church was laid in 1901. The organization celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1981.

## Activities keep 3 M's Club busy over years

The 3 M's (Merry Monday Mothers), Home Extension Club organized October, 1971, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Porter.

The seven members were mothers with young children, so the meeting time was 8:30 p.m., starting after the children were put to bed.

At the present time, two charter members still belong to the club and the club consists of eight members.

Since the club is basically urban, it has had a big turn

over in membership because people have moved from Wayne.

**THE MEMBERS** conduct most of the leader training lessons during the nine meetings held each year. The club has been active in participating in the extension activities offered as well as community events.

Five club members were on the local extension council during one year.

As service projects, the club has made tray favors for the

hospital and given a gift to a resident at the care centre, annually.

For December meetings, the club has attended the Elizabethan Dinner, choir concerts, and participated in cookie and gift exchanges.

**THEY HAVE** dined at restaurants and held potlucks as part of their December meetings.

Members have heard county and state competition 4-H speeches and demonstrations

at their club meetings. The 4-H alcohol impact team also helped with a club lesson.

Members enjoy crafts and have toured the House of Creation at Bancroft. They also made an ornament for the club's tree at the 1983 Fantasy of Trees display.

The club has studied and discussed major issues and concerns of local, state and national levels.

**SOME OF THE** members have expressed their concerns

and opinions through letter writing campaigns to political leaders.

The club honors new mothers with a shower for the newborn.

Highlights from the club's years include the two-year term of Mrs. Robert Porter as state Vice President of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs.

Mrs. Richard Carman took slides of murals throughout Wayne County, which are now

located at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln.

**MEMBERS HAVE** been honored at Omaha Homemakers Day. Two club members are given credit for organizing the Bicentennial style show and many club members were also models.

Two club members helped compile the Wayne County Home Extension Cookbook in 1976 and several members have attended state conventions throughout the years.

—Submitted by Verdina Johs

# 18 - Clubs & Organizations

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## Six Andersons members of first A-Teen club

The A-Teen Home Extension Club has a unique history to its name. The club was originally called the 6-A Project Club because of the six Andersons who were members of the organization. These six women were Mesdames Earl, Emmett, Guy, Henry, Iver and Luther Anderson. The club was organized in Sept. 1938, at the home of Mrs. Henry Anderson. Three club members, Mrs. Henry Anderson, Mrs. Otto Koepke and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder left the North Valley Project Club to meet with 15 area women who were interested in educational programs in the home. Mrs. Clarence Schroeder was elected president of the new club.

IN 1939, WHEN Mrs. Luther Anderson passed away and Mrs. Emmett Anderson moved to Oregon, only four Andersons remained with the group. The name was officially changed to the A-Teen Club, with the "A" retained in memory of Mrs. Luther Anderson and "Teen" added to signify the membership goal of 18. Monthly club dues were 5 cents per member.

Orchid and green were chosen as the club colors and the sweet pea was named the club flower.

Lessons were the avenue to information on consumer education, management, housing and home furnishings, child development, human relations, clothing, crafts, foods and nutrition.

SOME OF THE earlier lessons included "Machine

mending of overalls," "Candy making," and "Mittens made from old stockings."

In 1944, the club became a member of the Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs and paid state dues at 3 cents per member.

During these years, the new lessons of interest were "Pepping up wartime meals," "Lighting the home" and "Use of soybeans in pie crusts and salads."

Special efforts were often made by club members to attend the meetings in the winter of 1948 and 1949, some members went to club in a lumber wagon and others walked through snow covered fields.

IN THE MUDDY spring, tractors and pickups were the best means of transportation.

Members have shared their time and talents to help various state and private institutions, health drives, and the Norfolk Opportunity Center.

Funds have been raised through bake sales, card parties and other donations. Support has also been given to the Women's Open Class at the Wayne County Fair for several years.

Several club members have had the honor of being selected as Wayne County's Outstanding Homemakers and have been guests at banquets for their recognition.

THE FIRST ONE to be selected in 1947 was Mrs. Earl Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Schroeder in 1948 and Mrs. William Riggert in 1949.

The procedure for selection was changed the next year

and the person who was serving as Wayne County chairman was automatically selected.

Members have helped promote extension work at the local, county, state and national levels. All present members have been office holders in the A-Teen Club and several have served in offices at the county level.

Delegates representing Wayne County at state meetings have been Mrs. Guy Anderson, Mrs. William Riggert, Mrs. James Robinson and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder.

TWO MEMBERS OF the club have served on the Nebraska State Council. Mrs. Clarence Schroeder served as secretary in 1949 and 1950. Mrs. James Robinson was secretary in 1963 and 1964, State Membership Chairman in 1969 and 1970, and member of the Advisory Council of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1970-72.

At the national level, Mrs. Clarence Schroeder was the official delegate from Nebraska at the National Convention in Tulsa, Okla., in 1948.

During the 25th anniversary of the Wayne County Council, the club wrote the script and participated in the program "Whirling through Extension." Club members performed in costumes representing eras from 1890 through 1960.

MEMBERS ALSO participated in the celebration of the Nebraska Centennial by preparing a float titled, "Helping Hands across Nebraska."

Since the celebration of the

A-Teen club's 15th anniversary, it has traditionally observed its anniversary every five years.

Charter members have been honored at each of the celebrations.

"This is your life" was the feature of the 1953 program at Zion Lutheran Church with Myrtle Anderson, Home Extension Agent, as guest.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY was observed in 1958 and the members' husbands served as guests.

The silver anniversary party was held at Pentico's Party Room in Pierce with Nikki Syvanen of Finland as the special guest.

Zion Lutheran Church, rural

Hoskins, was the site of the club's 30th anniversary. Former home extension agent, Myrtle Anderson and home extension agent, Anna Marie Kriefels were guests.

Mrs. Earl Anderson, Mrs. Guy Anderson, Mrs. Fred Bargstad, Mrs. Otto Koepke and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder were honored as charter members and presented with silk ruby-colored roses.

JACQUELINE OWENS, the 1983 Wayne County home extension council chairman and Mary Temme, present Wayne County home extension agent were special guests.

Throughout 1984, club members will be sharing such lessons as, "Be a wall

wizard," "International salads," "Low sugar and salt cooking."

Beginning the 1984 club year as members were Mesdames Earl, Guy and Irving Anderson, Fred Bargstad, George Ehlers, Walter Fleeer, Jr., Vernon Hokamp, Duane Krueger, Leslie Kruger, James Robinson, William Thoendel and Harold Wittler.

The executive committee members are Mrs. James Robinson, president; Mrs. Duane Kruger, vice-president; and Mrs. Guy Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

The A-Teen Home Extension Club will celebrate its golden anniversary in 1988.

## Fraternal Order of Eagles and auxiliary organized in 1977

The Wayne Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and its auxiliary were instituted May 1, 1977, at the Aerie home 119 Main (Old Crystal Theater) and at the Wayne National Guard Armory.

Seventy-eight men were installed as Eagles and forty-eight women in the auxiliary while State President Bob Carlson and conductor of the State Auxiliary Elizabeth Carlson presided over the meeting.

The opening meeting was highlighted by a \$1000.00 check presentation from the Jimmy Durante Children Fund of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to the Regional IV Children Development in Wayne.

Our motto is "People helping People." With this in mind, we raise money to support the following projects: Max Baer Heart Fund, Jimmy Durante Crippled Children, Art Ehrman Cancer Fund, Nebraska Boys Ranch, Golden Eagles, City of Hope, Diabetes and Kidney Fund. Also many local projects including C.P.R., Jaws of Life, Regional IV, M.S. Drive, Local Library, and the Fire Dept. We also support Wayne County Fair, and the 4-H Clubs.

Our youth participate in our drives, Christmas caroling, and wherever they are needed.

The Aerie sponsors coloring contests for school children in the theme "What I Like Best About My Home Town." The Eagles have been credited as being the founders of Mother's Day which we honor each year. We also honor an Aerie Father and Auxiliary Mother each year.

having picnics, steak fries, hayrack rides, and Halloween, Christmas, Valentine, and Easter parties. We also have a men and women's softball team.

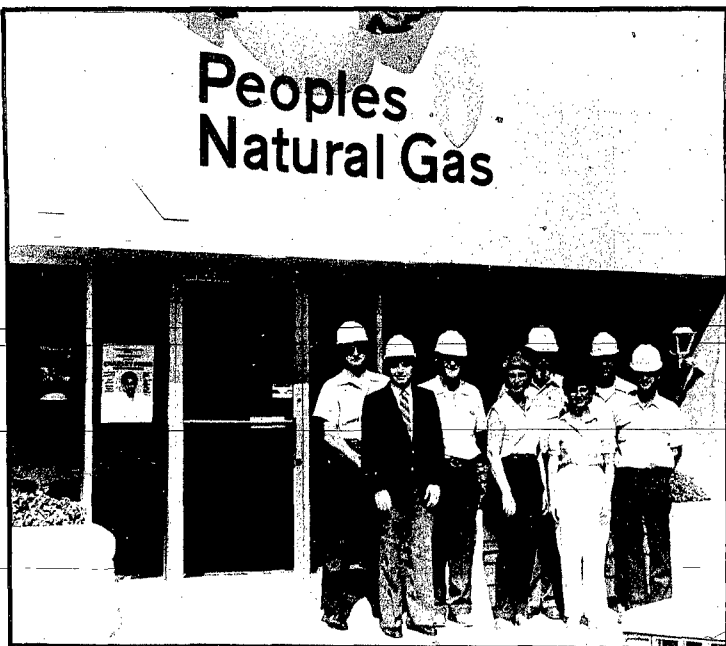
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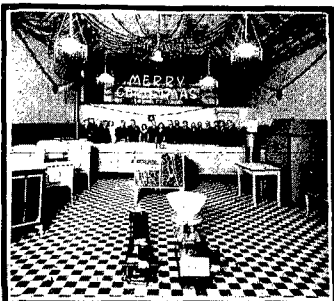
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—Submitted by Members



The staff of Peoples Natural Gas includes (back row, left to right) Jim Markham, Sid Preston, Dennis Robinson, Ron Fink and Duane Strong; (front row) Keith Masloy, Ruth R. Berglund and Babs Middleton.



A Peoples Natural Gas office as it appeared in the 1930's.

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# Coast to Coast:

## Proud to be part of the Wayne community

One of Wayne's newest businesses is Coast-to-Coast, owned and operated by Jack and Leslie Hausmann for the past year. Located on the corner of Second and Main Streets, Coast-to-Coast has 11 departments, including housewares, small appliances, plumbing supplies, electrical supplies, lawn and garden, paint, sporting goods, automotive supplies, and toys.

The business is located in the building that was vacated by the J.M. McDonald Company in April, 1982. It has a retail sales area of approximately 5,300 feet.

The Hausmanns moved to Wayne from St. Paul, Nebraska, where they operated a Coast-to-Coast store for 10 years.



Jack Hausmann, Leslie Hausmann, Betty Helthold, Natalie Blilheimer.

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Wayne, Nebraska



Our professional personnel include Dr. Don Koeber and Dr. Larry Magnuson, seated, and, standing, from left, Elaine Lage, Elaine Pinkelman, and Diane Pick.

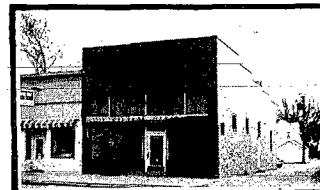
### History of Wayne Vision Center

The late William A. Koeber, Doctor of Optometry, opened his first private practice in Wayne in December of 1948 after graduating from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. The first office was located at 111 West 2nd St. which is now the Century 21 State-National building. In August, 1969, the office was moved to its present location at 313 Main St. which used to be the Central Meat Market. Dr. David Kincaid associated with Dr. Koeber from 1977 to 1978 and then moved to South Sioux City. Dr. Donald E. Koeber joined his father in practice in July, 1978, after graduating from Illinois College of Optometry. The late Dr. William Koeber practice together with his son Don for one year until his death in 1979.

Dr. Larry M. Magnuson, graduate of Illinois College of Optometry joined Dr. Donald E. Koeber in July, 1981, at the present location of Wayne Vision Center. Elaine Lage, Elaine Pinkelman and Diane Pick serve as their office assistants.



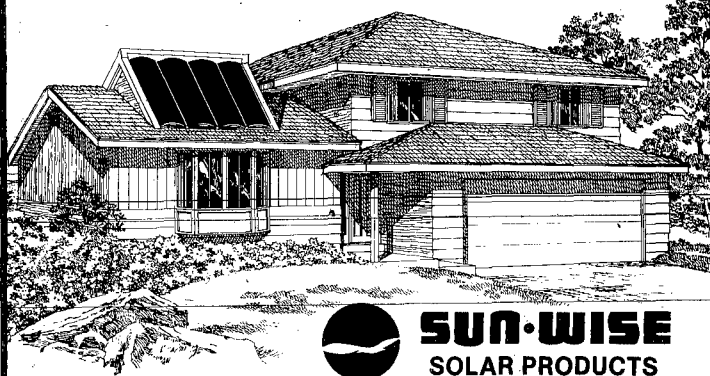
The Koeber family has been a part of the Wayne community for many years. Pictured here are, from left, Claudia Koeber; her husband, Dr. Don Koeber, and his mother, Norma, whose late husband, Dr. William A. Koeber, founded the Wayne Vision Center.



## Wayne Vision Center

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Beck and Dr. Ken Liska.



Dr. David Swerczek.

In January, 1969, Dr. J.J. Liska came to Wayne after practicing in Arlington for eight years. In May, 1969, Dr. Ken Liska joined the practice. Both men were practicing veterinary medicine at 110 Main Street in Wayne. Then in 1973, Dr. David Swerczek moved from Hartington to Wayne and joined the practice.

It was in 1980 when a modern veterinary clinic was constructed on the east edge of the city of Wayne, providing complete large and small animal facilities.

The building features a laboratory, X-ray room, boarding kennels, a haul-in for large animals plus ambulatory vehicles for farm work.

There are two animal technicians at the present location. They are Laurie Faulk and Becky Rakow. Lydia Thomsen is the bookkeeper and Dick Munter is at the Winside office.

## WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC

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Laurie and Dr. Jay Liska.

# 20 - Clubs & Organizations

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## Congregation organized

### Magazine article leads pastor to area for first Presbyterian service

The first service of the Wayne United Presbyterian Church was conducted on Sept. 18, 1881, for a congregation of about 40 people.

Rev. G.M. Lodge of Avoca, Iowa, had been attracted to the area by an article he had read in the magazine, "Interior."

Rev. Lodge convinced a friend to accompany him to the land. After traveling to the end of rail line in Wisner, the two men arrived in Wayne on Sept. 13, using a hack to cross the prairie.

THE VISITOR was asked by settlers to conduct a worship service. The unfinished business building of Capt. J.M. Merriam, located on the lot on which the Kuhn's Carpet and Drapery now stands, was swept of its shavings and stray nails and seals were contrived from boxes and planks for the first sermon.

Three Wayne families, with a common bond in being Presbyterian, decided that a congregation should be organized. The Rev. Lodge returned from Iowa to help with the formal founding procedures.

Eleven settlers, meeting in the unfinished real estate and banking house of J.T. Bressler and D.C. Patterson, drew up a charter for the church association on Dec. 21, 1881.

Rev. Lodge and Rev. George L. Little, then a synodical-missionary based in Omaha, helped with the charter.

UNTIL THE spring of 1882, the Presbyterians conducted services once a month in the chapel of the Lutheran Church. The congregation arranged with the Rev. Lodge to serve as stated supply and he

preached his first sermon as supply pastor on April 2, 1882. Talk of a building program began and the new plan soon had a two-fold purpose. Lumber was a scarce commodity in the plains, so the first building for the Presbyterian congregation was a church on Sunday and a school for the rest of the week.

A site at Third and Lincoln was purchased and the foundation was laid the week of Oct. 20, 1882. The church was dedicated on Jan. 14, 1883.

At a congregational meeting on March 3, 1885, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Lodge as a full time minister. The group's survival was helped considerably by the Sustenance Department of the Board of Home Missions.

The congregation grew between the years of 1885 and 1897, and on July 11, 1898, the building committee recommended that a new building be constructed.

A CONTRACT was let to R.M. Farr and the cornerstone was laid on Nov. 17, 1898. The dedication was held Sept. 3, 1899. The Rev. W.G. Craig of Chicago was the featured speaker for the morning service.

The Rev. D.C. Montgomery, pastor at the time of the dedication of the church building, left Wayne in 1901 to accept a position as superintendent of schools in the Province of Oriental Negros in the Philippine Islands.

A gift from Mrs. Mary Linette Pingrey in 1902, started the Wayne congregation toward the purchase of a pipe organ. A committee decided upon an Esley organ and chimes were given in memory of Charles and Anna Bell White in 1952.

In April, 1906, the congregation voted to build a new parsonage and it stood immediately east of the church structure.

THE REV. Alexander Corkey, a native of Ireland, chose the ministry after a successful turn at business. He wrote a book titled "The Victory of Allen Rutledge," and was also a popular speaker on the Chatauqua Tour. Rev. Corkey died in October, 1914, after a massive infection.

In 1925, the church was enlarged to the north with the addition of a new dining room, a kitchen and more Sunday School rooms on the second level. The Rev. J.W. Pressley of Omaha, synodical secretary, led a dedicatory service for the addition on March 7, 1926.

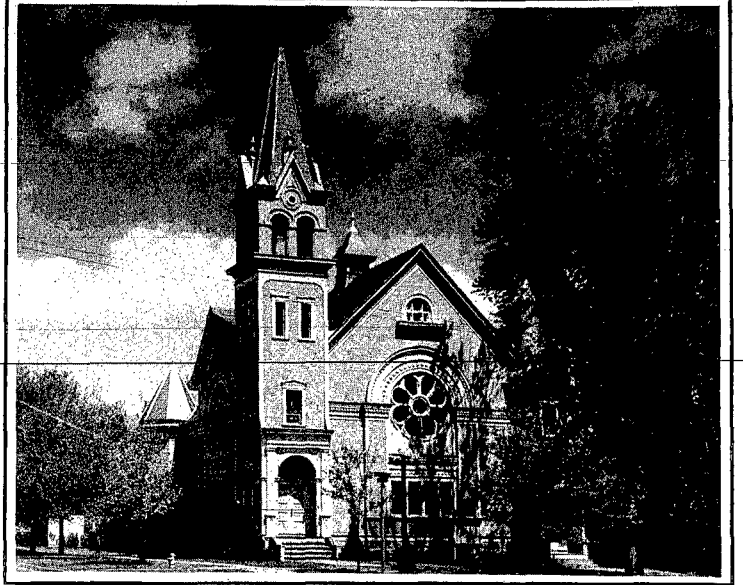
The Ladies' Aid Society and the Ladies' Missionary Society voted to unite on Oct. 22, 1941. The group is now known as United Presbyterian Women, UPW.

Dr. Oliver Proett came to serve the Wayne church in 1943 and was pastor until 1963, the longest term of service in the history of the church.

DURING HIS pastorate, the chancel was refinished, the choir loft remodeled and the organ was renovated and improved. The dedication for these improvements was held in 1952.

Dr. Proett also instituted services at the drive-in theater, north of Wayne. He told of preaching through these facilities to a strange assortment of vehicles, sometimes even a tractor.

This project continued until the early 70's, when a variety of factors, including a change of time of morning worship at the church, seemed to end the



Submitted by Presbyterian Church

THE WAYNE United Presbyterian Church as it looked in 1972 at Third and Lincoln Streets.

need for the Drive-In services. On Sept. 16, 1956, the congregation celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the church.

A special morning service was followed with a dinner. At 2:30, T.S. Hook presided over a special service and at 8 p.m., the congregation gathered for a pageant written and directed by Mrs. Don Emery.

In 1964, a house at 716 Lincoln was purchased to provide residence for the pastor and his family. The old manse was sold and moved to a lot at the southern edge of Douglas Street.

FACING A MAJOR decision in the early 70's, the congregation decided to remodel and update the existing edifice instead of building a new building.

Plans were drawn up for adding a narthex to the main entrance, remodeling the fellowship hall to include two

offices, rearranging the Sunday School space, modernizing the front of the sanctuary and carpeting throughout.

At a rededication service on April 29, 1973, the old cornerstone was opened and several old newspapers and other items were found.

A new tradition for the church began during the Advent season of 1972, with the first Christmas service.

The custom of decorating Christmas trees for churches with white and gold symbols of Christianity — "Christ Monograms" — was started by a committee of Mrs. Robert Benthack, Mrs. Carl Lentz and Mrs. Calvin Ward.

A TREE WAS planted at the front of the sanctuary under the supervision of Dr. Robert Benthack. An afternoon service on Dec. 10, 1972, was held to dedicate the Christmas ornaments.

Since that first year, the Christmans have been used in a regular Sunday service early in Advent.

The present pastor, Robert H. Haas, came to Wayne from Memphis, Tenn. The congregation voted to extend a call to Mr. Haas on Feb. 28, 1972, and he commenced work in Wayne on April 17, 1972.

In Memphis, he worked with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. After he graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, he served for almost four years in Niobrara.

He was then pastor of Westlawn Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, Iowa, for five years. Arriving in Wayne during a remodeling project, Mr. Haas presided at the Rededication service in the spring of 1973.

Pastor Haas is currently second in terms of length of service to the congregation.

## Dahl initiates formation

# Wayne Lions Club chartered on July 25, 1961

The current Wayne Lions Club, chartered on July 25, 1961, is one of 35 clubs in District 38-B.

The original Wayne Lions Club was chartered with 51 members on Febr. 23, 1951, and existed until April 29, 1957. The first club president from 1951-52 was Albert Bahe.

According to the Nov. 18, 1976, issue of The Wayne Herald, the Lions Club celebrated its 15th anniversary of service in 1976.

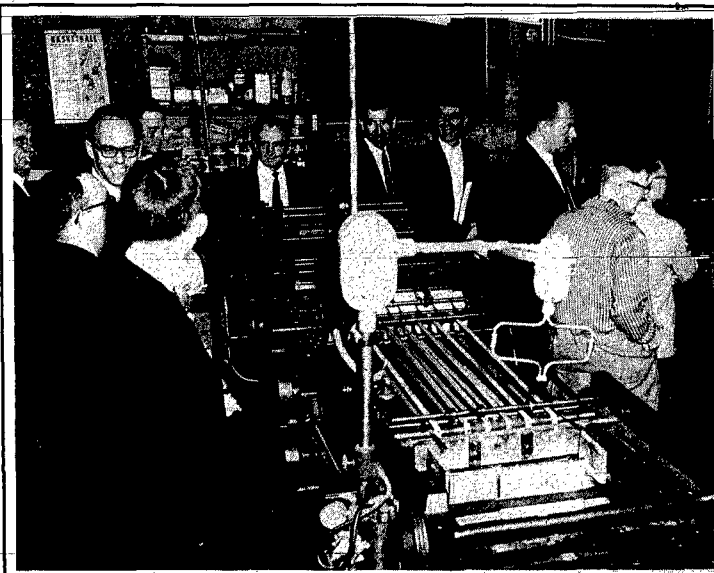
Charles Denesia, a charter member and club historian, said that Wayne resident, Clifford Dahl was responsible for initiating formation of the current Wayne Lions Club.

DAHL MOVED TO Nebraska after living in Van Nuys, Calif., where he was a Lions Club member. He moved to Wayne in 1948 and inquired about a Lions Club.

Since previous attempts to reform a local Lions Club had failed, Dahl began working in 1960 and through the spring of 1961 to organize a Wayne chapter and with the help of Lions International representative, A.T. Holcomb, was successful.

On Sept. 27, 1961, the Wayne Lions Club chartered with 38 members.

One of the first projects, which began in 1962, was an outfield fence at the city baseball field.



Wayne Herald photo

THE WAYNE Lions Club took a club tour of The Wayne Herald in 1964.

CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED in 1963 and during the 1960's and 1970's the club has maintained the fence and sold advertising for it.

The club has at various times made repairs at the ball field and in 1965 completed installation of an electric scoreboard.

In 1962, the Wayne Lions joined fathers of Wayne Girl Scouts with putting a new roof on the Wayne Girl Scout cabin.

Another continuing project is the Lions Club Park located adjacent to the municipal airport east of Wayne on Highway 35.

WORK ON THE PARK began in 1969 after club representatives met with the city council to arrange for some excavation work.

The club has since planted trees, built a shelter house, installed playground equipment and participated with the city

in construction of a new septic tank which serves the park and the airport.

The club is involved in local, district, and international service projects with major emphasis on sight and hearing conservation and restoration.

In October of 1962, the Wayne Club presented an eye bank kit to the Wayne Hospital in order that eyes for transplant can be removed from registered donors after their death.

NEBRASKA LIONS CLUBS are responsible for the construction and support of the Eye Institute on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus. The Wayne Lions have made a number of contributions to the institute and in 1973 the club sponsored a glaucoma clinic in Wayne.

The club also contributed \$2000 toward the construction of Prov. dance Medical Center in the early 1970's.

The Lions Club sponsors an annual talent contest for local youth and also sponsors yearly football and basketball skills contests.

In the 1970's, the club hosted cookouts for high school boys participating in basketball camps at Wayne State College and in 1979 they presented Little League and Pony League uniforms to the city recreation program.

IN THE FALL of 1979, the club promoted the fund drive which raised over \$7,000 for the Jaws of Life rescue tool which was presented to the Wayne Fire Department.

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The Lions Club presented a television encoder to the Wayne Care Centre in 1981 and two infant car seats to Providence Medical Center in 1983.

Local members who have served in district positions include C.J. "Clete" Sharer, who served as District 38-B Governor in 1974-75, Alvin Reeg and Charles Denesia, who served as Deputy District Governors in 1975-76 and 1976-77 respectively.

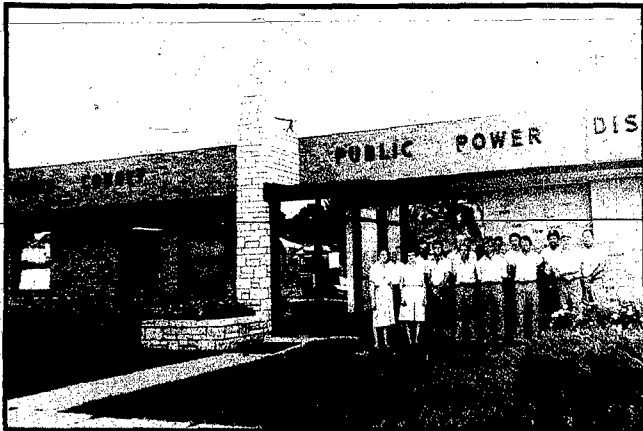
CHARLES DENESIA ALSO served as District 38-B Secretary in 1974-75.

Charter members, in addition to Denesia, who were still active in the Wayne club during the 15th Anniversary, were George Goblirsch, William Kemp, Wes Pflueger, Alfred Koplin, Clarence Boling and Richard Mencl.

The current 1984-85 president of the Wayne club is Daniel Monson.



# Congratulations On Your 100th Birthday Wayne!



Employees of the Wayne County Public Power District.

Wayne County Public Power District began on November 17, 1939 when the first farm home was lighted by electricity furnished by W.C.P.P.D. Prior to that date the majority of rural homes were lighted by kerosene lamps and farmers did their evening chores with the aid of kerosene lanterns. By February, 1940, 224 farmsteads were receiving electrical service from Wayne. Today represents over 40 years of service to the Wayne area.

Throughout those 45 years of power, the Wayne County Public Power District has seen numerous changes evolve in the use of electrical power. The largest and most significant change in the years ahead will be in the form of irrigational power system.

Currently, Wayne County Public Power furnishes electrical power to 173 irrigational units in the surrounding area. With a growing system of irrigation equipment in farm use, new energy capacities must be modified to meet growing energy needs. Wayne County Public Power has the capacity to fill those energy needs.

Most of the area serviced by Wayne County Public Power involves the rural residential homes. 1,716 rural residential services, 161 resident services, several homes in Sholes and a few retail stores in Carroll are served by Wayne County Public Power.

Approximately 85 percent of kilowatt hour sales of Wayne County Power are to rural homes. Dairy farming chores are made easier through services provided by Wayne County Power.

In the future years Wayne County Public Power is looking for new ways to conserve and store electrical energy to better serve the rural community's needs.



## Wayne County Public Power District

303 Logan

Wayne

375-1360



Pictured, left to right, are Ruth Paulsen, Teresa Kay, Madelyn Helthold, Rhonda Lutt and Lesa McDermott.



Randy Pedersen

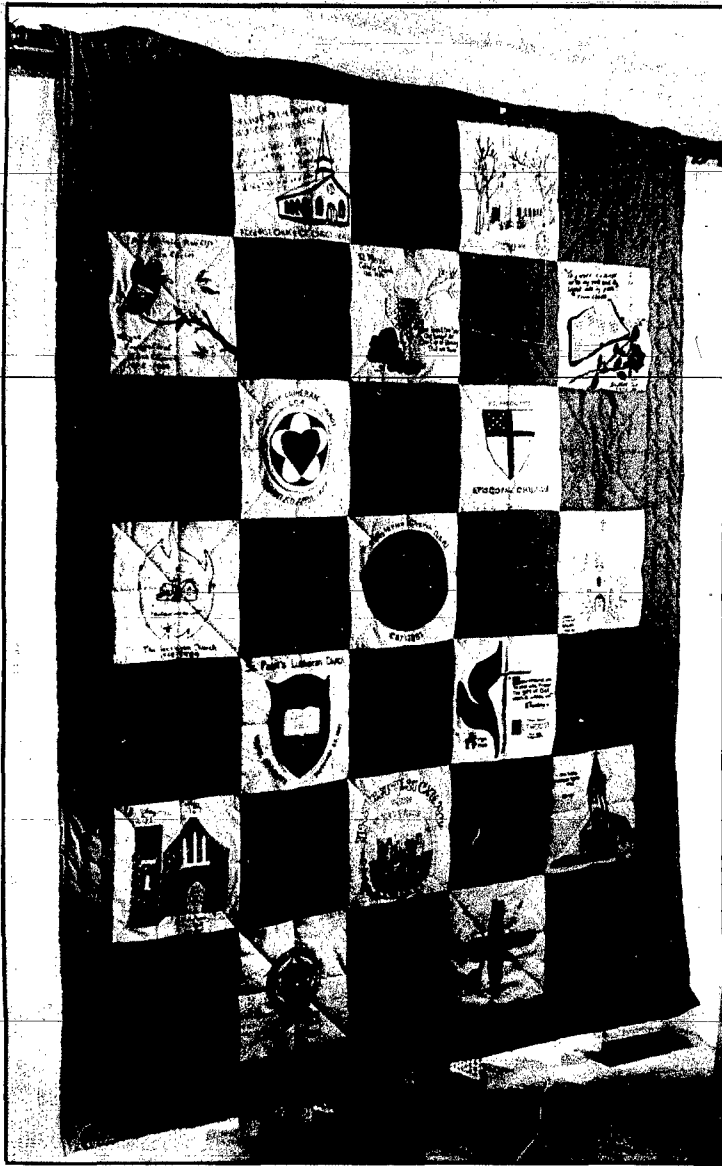
The store was opened in July, 1909 by L.A. Fanske and called Fanske Jewelry. Mr. Fanske remained in the store until 1959 when C.N. and Margaret Olson (L.A. Fanske's daughter) moved their photography business from 316 Main St. This made a combination photography and jewelry store. Doug Lyman then purchased the photography business and in 1964 Dale Gutshall purchased the jewelry business calling it Dale's Jewelry. The building still housed a photography business and jewelry store until Mr. Lyman left. The jewelry store was sold in 1978 to Randall Pedersen and renamed The Diamond Center.

## The Diamond Center

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WAYNE, NEBRASKA 68787



## Project of churches

# Centennial quilt depicts city's religious heritage

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Wayne's religious heritage was captured in a quilt which was displayed throughout the city's centennial celebration.

The quilt, which was comprised of blocks made by 15 local churches, was displayed for the first time in February 1984 during a Ground Hog Day pork feed sponsored by Wayne County Pork Producers.

The pork feed kicked off the community's year-long celebration.

**WAYNE RESIDENT** Marian Jordan was responsible for putting the quilt together.

Chairman for the project, sponsored by Wayne's Centennial Steering Committee, was Becky Keidel.

Material for the quilt blocks was distributed in October 1983 to each church in the community. The churches were asked to complete the blocks with designs representing each church's heritage.

"We didn't tell the churches what to put on the blocks," said Mrs. Jordan, adding

"they couldn't have turned out prettier."

While seven churches chose to design the blocks with pictures of their church buildings, other blocks depicted emblems of the church, Bible verses, the sacrament, and a stained glass window.

In addition to the blocks made by the 15 churches, two extra blocks represent the city's centennial.

In the center of each of the plain blocks, a dove was quilted to represent the Holy Spirit.

The quilt was backed in blue and measured approximately 90 x 64 inches.

**ALTHOUGH THE** majority of quilting was done by Mrs. Jordan, other women assisting included Hazel Lentz, Zita Jenkins, Marjorie Olson, Mary Roberts, Ruth Jones and Ida Bichel.

Women completing the blocks and the churches they represented included:

Shirley Fletcher, St. Mary's Catholic Church; Sharon Hord, United Presbyterian Church; Leah Agler, Marjorie Bennett and Dorothy Beckenhauer, First Church of

Christ; Joyce Pippitt, Linda Carr and Amy Schuler, First Baptist Church; Mabel Sommerfeld, Arlen Peterson and Marilyn Carhart, St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Laura Franklin, St. Anselm's Episcopal Church; Jill Pickinpaugh, Evangelical Free Church;

Also, Millie Thomsen and Susan Vogel, Grace Lutheran Church; Jan Green, Grace Green and Doris Sutherland, Wesleyan Church; Ruth Luhr, First United Methodist Church; Genevieve Craig and Marilyn Maxson, Independent Faith Baptist Church; Mathilda Reeg, Theophilus United Church of Christ; Leona Hagemann, Redeemer Lutheran Church; Susanne Greenseth and Viola Hilpert, Altona First Trinity Lutheran Church; and Helen Echtenkamp, Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**THE QUILT WAS** displayed during various events throughout the centennial year and at each of the churches taking part in the project.

Its permanent display place is in the Wayne County Historical Museum.

**THIS QUILT DEPICTING** Wayne's religious heritage was displayed at various locations throughout the community's year-long centennial celebration in 1984. The quilt is comprised of blocks made by 15 local churches and

measures approximately 90 x 64 inches. Following the centennial, it was put on permanent display in the Wayne County Historical Museum.

## Happy Homemakers mark 30th during Wayne's centennial year

The 30-year anniversary of the Happy Homemakers Extension Club will take place in 1984. The first meeting of the club was held in the home of Mrs. Val Damme on Sept. 15, 1954.

Charter members who still belong to the club are Mrs. Val Damme, Mrs. Ernest Siefken and Mrs. Alma Splittgerber.

Home Extension Agents provide leadership and other lessons are made available for study through the Wayne County Extension Office.

The club has donated to the

Norfolk Opportunity Center for many years and to Honey Sunday, a charity for mentally handicapped children.

**CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE ALSO** gone to the Wayne Jaycees south park, a kidney machine and the March of Dimes and Multiple Sclerosis funds.

The group has adopted a resident at the Wayne Care Centre for many years. They also visit and entertain residents at the Care Centre and Wisner Manor.

Members of the Happy Homemakers club also assist with the Home Economics division of the Wayne County Fair. Mrs. Charles Rutenbeck is superintendent of the home economics division and Mrs. Ed Grone is chairman of the foods division.

Club officers for 1984 are Mrs. Ed Grone, president; Mrs. Floyd Glassmeyer, vice-president; and Mrs. Delvin Mikkelsen, secretary-treasurer. The club currently has eleven members.

## Izaak Walton League defends clean air, soil, water, woods and wildlife

In 1954, the Wayne Chapter of the Izaak Walton League organized as part of the National League, which is dedicated to defending clean air, soil, water, woods, and wildlife. There were 62 charter members.

They leased, for \$1.00 a year, the area four and one-half miles north and two miles west of Wayne. A spring-fed bend had been cut off when Dogtown Creek was straightened. The League built an earthen dam and the State Game and Park Commission obtained fingerling bass and bluegill to stock the lake. Wayne photographer Cobb Olson filmed the work. Fishing was soon good.

The Ike's enlarged the lake,

and they and the Boy Scouts planted trees. The shelter house was built in 1958, and when School District 43 southeast of Wayne dissolved several years later, the chapter bought the building for \$200 and moved it onto the grounds as a club-house. The land was given to them Aug. 1, 1967.

Members raised and released pheasants for several years, and allow no hunting on the area, which is good habitat for breeding. The water is a stop-over point for migrating water-fowl.

**PEOPLE HAD** their own ideas about stocking the lake, and introduced carp, which took over. The State people drugged all the fish with

rotenone; the Ike's drained the lake, then waded through the waist-deep mud, dragging nets from one end of the lake to the other to remove every last carp. They are constantly meeting other pond-management problems.

For years, trap-shoots were held each fall, and each February members donate game for a feed, including such exotics as beaver tail, Al Shufell's cabbage slaw and Merril Hilton's venison stew are memorable traditions.

So many members have contributed money, materials, inspiration and perspiration that someone would surely be left out if one started giving credit.

— Submitted by  
Mrs. Richard Baier



Wayne-Herald photo

**MEMBERS OF THE** Wayne County Historical Society pictured on the front steps of the Ley Museum are (back row, left to right) Carl Mellick, Leon Meyer, Dick Baier and Al Shufell; (middle row) Donna Shufell, Coreen Bard and Gordon Bard; (front row) Loreta Tompkins, Bess Baier and Grace Mellick. Those volunteers helping with the museum renovation included: Gert Thomas, Jill and Loreta Tompkins, the Ken Liska family, the Larry Sievers family, Alan and Carolyn Baier family, Robert Eckhoff and staff, Keith Mosley, Jane March, Bob Boeckenhauer, Wayne and Elma Gilliland, Leon Meyer, Carl Mellick, Marion Jordan, Roberta Welte, Pleasant Valley 4-H Club, Gordon and Coreen Bard, Phil and Jean Griess, Kevin Griess and Scout Troop 174, Stan Johnson, Bill Bariss, Brent Pedersen and Michele Flowers.



Seated: Barbara Coffman and Deanna Gunnarson. Standing: Ken Olds, Kem Swarts and Robert Ensiz.

The present law firm started in the summer of 1947 when Kenneth M. Olds moved to Wayne to be associated with H.E. Siman. After Mr. Siman's retirement, Kenneth M. Olds practiced alone and later was joined by Donald R. Reed and the firm became known as Olds and Reed. This partnership continued until 1972 when Mr. Reed moved to Hawaii and Kem W. Swarts joined the firm. The firm then became known as Olds and Swarts. In 1977, Robert B. Ensiz joined the firm and the firm is now known as Olds, Swarts and Ensiz.

Barbara Coffman has worked for the firm since 1969 and had previously worked for lawyers in Tekamah, Nebraska. Deanna Gunnarson worked for the firm in 1964 and 1965 and then returned to the firm in 1974.

The firm is attorneys for the City of Wayne, Wayne-Carroll School District, Wayne County Public Power District, and The State National Bank and Trust Company. In addition, Robert B. Ensiz is Wayne County Attorney at this time.

## Olds, Swarts & Ensiz

223 Main

Wayne

375-3585



## A COMBINED CENTURY OF SERVICE TO WAYNE



Carl Haas

Carl's Conoco has been at 502 Main Street in Wayne since 1958. Carl Haas leased the building that year, and purchased it in 1974 — for 27 years of service to the Wayne area.

Carl and his employees have a total of nearly 100 years of automotive service. Ed Grashorn is the full-time mechanic, while Herman Oetken works with us on a part-time basis.

Carl's Conoco specializes in a variety of services to car owners, including air conditioning, tune-up, brakes, and full lubrication. In addition, we have car washing facilities, and sell Multi-Mile tires, batteries, and auto accessories. We have both full- and self-service gas islands, as well as diesel fuel. Carl's Conoco is the Arrow Stage Line bus pick-up point.

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Ed Grashorn

## CARL'S CONOCO SERVICE

502 Main  
Wayne, Nebraska

# Happy 100th Wayne

Jack Kingston owned Wayne Ice and Cold Storage until 1968 when it was purchased by Tom and Linda Prenger. The Prengers owned Wayne Cold Storage until 1978. In 1977 the company expanded with a branch distribution center in O'Neill.

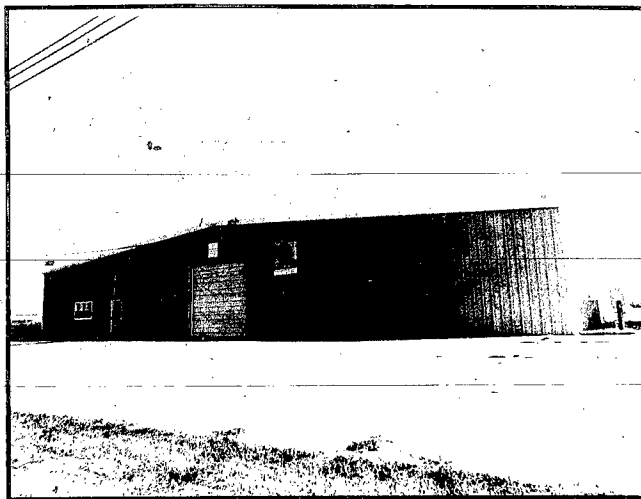
The Prengers sold the business to Wayne Distributing in January of 1978. Wayne Distributing is managed by Rod Huttmann who is also a co-owner of the company. Wayne Distributing employs 13 people including the O'Neill employees. Those people working at Wayne Distributing include Rod Huttmann, Kathy Huttmann, Rich Wurdinger, Diane Wurdinger, Jim Pokett, Don Schulz, John Rebensdorf, Dave Field and Steve Jorgensen.

Serving a 15 county area with beer products is a task that makes Wayne Distributing a company on the go. Wayne Distributing delivers beer to a wide sweeping section in northeast Nebraska.

Breweries out of Milwaukee, Wis. and St. Paul, Minn. provide the various brands handled by Wayne Distributing. Wayne Distributing sell Pabst Blue Ribbon, Pabst Light, Pabst Extra Light, Jacob Best Light, Schmidt, Heineker, Beck's Beer, Red White & Blue and Maxx.



Wayne Distributing delivers beer throughout Northeast Nebraska in trucks such as this one.



Wayne Distributing Inc. is located on the east edge of Wayne.

## WAYNE DISTRIBUTING

East Hwy. 35

Phone 375-3085





## WAYNE CABLE IS PROUD TO BE A GROWING PART OF THE WAYNE COMMUNITY

Wayne Cable was started in Wayne in 1967 by Telesis Corporation out of Evansville, Indiana. At that time the only channels offered were the major market networks ABC, NBC and CBS out of Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls.

In 1973, Kansas State Network out of Wichita, Kansas purchased the company, rebuilding the system with new amplifiers and AGC's.

In 1976, the present owner of Wayne Cable, Apollo Communications of Hays, Kansas purchased the business. Technology has changed throughout the years from three networks ABC, NBC and CBS, to the present state of the arts of 40 channel capacity as of October 1, 1984.

The current Wayne Cable employees are Bill Dennis, technician and office manager Maxine Robins, who has been with Wayne Cable since 1969.

Serving Wayne with fine television viewing for the past 17 years.

### WAYNE CABLEVISION INC.

120 West 3rd St.

Wayne

375-1120



Pictured, left to right: Gary West, physician's assistant; Dr. Bob Benthack; Dr. Walter Benthack; Nancy Reinhardt, LPN; Janice Hammer, RN; Frances Doring, nurses aide; Roy picture; Sheri McCright, LPN and receptionist; Diane Zach, receptionist; Anita Fuelberth, bookkeeper; Agnes Pfeil, bookkeeper; Mavis Lutt, RN; Connie Bargstadt, RN; June Erwin, LPN; Jane and Darrell Harrison, custodians; Virginia Koll, typist.

## BENTHACK CLINIC SALUTES WAYNE ON ITS CENTENNIAL!

The name Benthack has been synonymous with health care in the Wayne area for nearly 60 years.

Dr. Walter Benthack was born in Columbus, Neb. in 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Benthack. He received his M.D. in 1924 from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha, and interned and did graduate study at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. He practiced in Pierce, Neb. four years before moving to Wayne in 1930.

In 1942, Dr. Walter built his own hospital which served the public until the construction of Providence Medical Center in 1975.

Dr. Robert Benthack, son of Dr. Walter and Phebe, has been in practice with his father since 1949, with time out for army service from 1952 to 1954. Dr. Robert graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1947. He interned in Indianapolis and served his residency at Wyandotte, Mich.

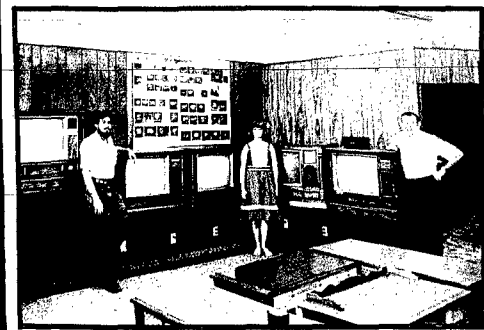
Benthack Clinic, headed by Drs. Walter and Robert, was opened in 1959. The staff includes Gary West, physician's assistant; Mavis Lutt and Connie Bargstadt, registered nurses; Nancy Reinhardt, Sheri McCright and June Erwin, licensed practical nurses; Frances Doring, nurses aide; Janice Hammer, medical technician; Anita Fuelberth and Agnes Pfeil, bookkeepers; Diane Zach, receptionist; Virginia Koll, typist; and Jane and Darrell Harrison, custodians.

### BENTHACK CLINIC

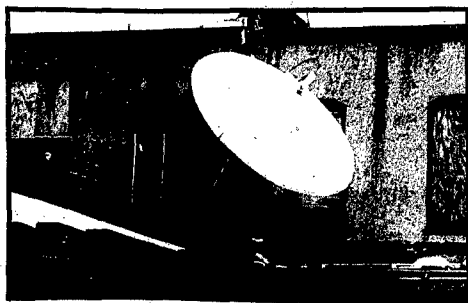
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Tom Schmitz, Cindy Schmitz, Jim Maly.



This satellite TV system helps T&C Electronics show their customers the many channels they are able to view.



T&C's newly added on viewing room.

## T & C ELECTRONICS OFFERS THE BEST IN HOME ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENIENCE

The latest in electronic equipment is what Tom and Cindy Schmitz have to offer customers who stop by T&C Electronics at 214 Main.

T&C Electronics opened its doors for business on March 12, 1979 in the building formerly used by the Wayne Book Store.

Magnavox and Quasar television sets occupy the main thrust in T&C's inventory, but they also offer a large line of other electronic equipment. Customers have a chance to select many models of television sets from remote control or dial control, color or black and white, portable or console sets, or wide screen TV sets.

Along with the television inventory, T&C Electronics has Pioneer and Sansui stereo systems. For the car stereos, Tom and Cindy list Pioneer as their choice. Tom and Cindy carry a complete line of Radio Shack products and the most advanced systems in microwave ovens by Quasar.

The most recent addition to T&C Electronics is the satellite TV systems. T&C carries such satellite TV systems as Birdview, Prodelin, MA-Com, Channel Master, Intersat, Luxor, Janell and Drake. Tom and Cindy invite you to come in and relax in their newly added on viewing room. See for yourself the 100's of channels you can view with a satellite TV system.

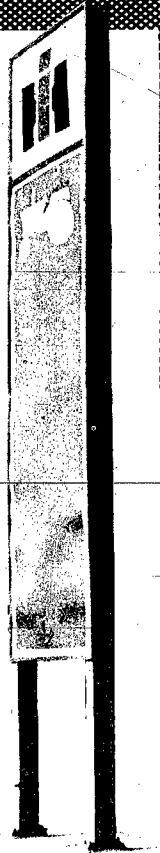
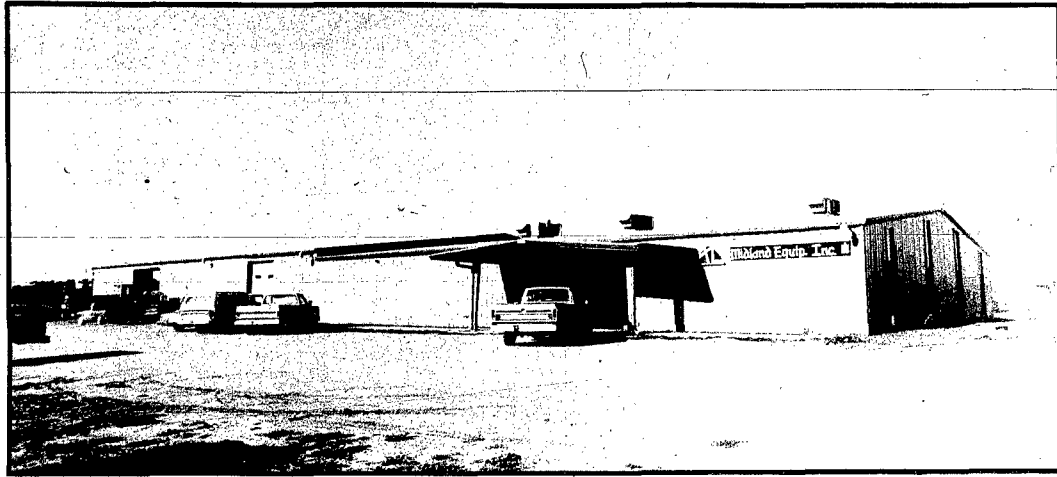
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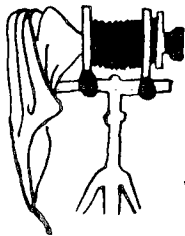
Char Blake

Celebrating 24 years of business in Wayne this summer is Blake Studios located at 202 Pearl Street. Owned and operated by Char Blake, Blake Studios had its beginnings in 1960 at 106 West 2nd in Wayne. Char has seen a lot of changes in photography in the past 24 years. The largest factor was the use of direct color in the late 60's.

Before the use of direct color, photographers did much of their own work. Now most of their developing and printing is done through a larger company which handles several accounts.

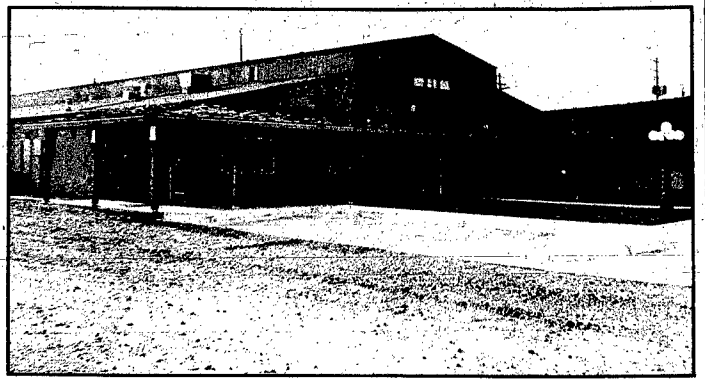
Blake Studios does work in all fields of photography with specialization in graduation, wedding, engagement and family pictures. Char Blake is capable of taking any type of photo. Baby pictures and anniversaries are also common photographs Char does.

Char works with the community through her work in the Community Theatre and doing photography work with Wayne State College.



blake  
studio

375-1800  
Wayne, NE.



An idea was formed in 1983 by Dale and Don Stoltenberg and John Vakoc to build a nice restaurant, lounge and package store where the old Allied Lumber building sat. In mid-1983 construction started and in June of 1984 the idea became a reality with the opening of the Lumber Co. — a Victorian designed restaurant, lounge and package store. The Lumber Co. is managed by Audrey Fredrickson and serves noon lunches and complete evening menu of steak, seafood and chicken.



Left to right, Dave Zach, John Rees, Gary Braden.

## Wayne Skelgas Serving Wayne for the Past 20 Years

Wayne Skelgas and the Wash House at 305 South Main have served the Wayne area for 19 years. Arnold Zach built the present building on Main Street in 1964.

At that time, the Wash House was Wayne's first and only dry-cleaning establishment, although it is no longer the only washing unit in town it still maintains the high degree of quality it always has had.

The north side of the building houses the washing units while the south annex is the office and storage space for Wayne Skelgas. Wayne Skelgas serves the Wayne community by the use of three tank trucks. The trucks have the capacity to hold 2,500, 2,900 and 3,000 gallons of gas.

A unique system of fuel-monitoring enables Wayne Skelgas to better serve its customers through the use of a "fuel demand meter." This meter, located on the roof of the building, senses the temperature once it drops below 65 degrees, and registered it in the Skelgas office every 15 minutes. By reading this gauge, it is possible to predict the amount of fuel people are using and therefore, know when to replenish the tanks.

**WAYNE SKELGAS**  
and the Wash House

305 S. Main

Wayne

373-3555



## We're clothing Wayne's newest generation

Kid's Closet has been part of the Wayne business scene since 1982, when it was opened by Millie Thomsen in the downstairs of the old Gamples store at 215 Main.

Since that time, they have moved upstairs, and have expanded their inventory. Kid's Closet carries a full line of children's clothing with such brand names as OshKosh, Alexis, Baby Bliss, Weather Tamer, Jack Tar, Chandler, Don Mohr, Health-Tex, Bryan, Tiny Tots, Casual Time, Le-Roi, Toddly-Winks, Friemanit, MiniWorld, Hot Fudge, Middledle, and Billy the Kid.

Kid's Closet also carries Mary Jane and Marian Sue maternity clothes.



Kid's Closet personnel includes from left, Krista Thomsen, Millie Thomsen and Joanie Thomsen.

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For 69 years

## Golf swinging in Wayne

In 1915 a golf movement was started in Wayne with the game originally played in Bressler Park and surrounding lots. In 1917 a country club was incorporated and 35 acres two miles east of Wayne were leased from John T. Bressler for the grounds and club house. John T. Bressler was the first country club president. C.M. Craven, C.H. Fisher, J.J. Ahern, John Wright, W.K. Smith, H.B. Jones and L.B. McClure were among early officers. First ladies day was held Saturday, June 27, 1936. Max Hendrickson of Wayne made Ripley's Believe it or Not by scoring a hole in one twice on the same hole using the same club and ball just 30 days apart. The hole was No. 2, a 134 yard hole par 3.

In 1941, 80 acres of land was purchased from Henry and Elizabeth Giese for \$4,720 by the Wayne Country and Golf Club for the purpose of constructing a 9-hole golf course. In April, 1947 construction began on the golf course. Carl Wright was in charge of green construction and appointed the following in charge of each green: Hole 1, W.R. Ellis and H.H. Hahn; Hole 2, Clifford Brown; Hole 3, A.T. Cavanaugh; Hole 4, Prof. F.G. Dale; Hole 5, W.C. Coryell; Hole 6, L.W. McNatt and son; Hole 7, A.L. Swan; Hole 8, Joe K. Geffard; and Hole 9, Prof. C.V. Wart.

Memorial trees were planted with Willard Wittse as chairman. In 1969, 80 acres were purchased on the south side of the existing 9 holes for

\$435 an acre. With the help of an FHA loan, another 9 holes were constructed and a new club house was built. Roy Coryell was then president and Roy Christensen designed the present club house.

In 1982, an underground watering system was built on the old existing nine. Officers for the year 1984 are Jim Marsh, president; Bill McQuistan, vice president; Bob Reeg, secretary-treasurer; Bob Carhart, Don Koeber, Val Kienast, Darrell Moore and Willis Lessman. Ladies board is Nana Peterson, president; Ruth Kerstine, vice president; Kaki Ley, secretary; Esther Baker, treasurer; Luella Marra, golf; Florence Koplin, chairman. In 1969, 80 acres were purchased on the south side of the existing 9 holes for

This special centennial edition from The Wayne Herald would not have been possible without the hard work of the editorial staff (particularly Michelle Kubik who was responsible for accumulating the historical data); advertising staff and those in the production department of this publication.

All have dedicated many hours in getting this issue out before the Wayne Centennial Celebration begins.

To those who have supplied the historical information, in both written or photographic form, we extend our thanks.

Also, a special thank you to the advertisers in this edition who have supported this project with their patronage.

We know you will find the articles interesting and enlightening as we have presented the history in our own way, doing the best with whatever resources were provided to us.

## OVERNIGHT SERVICE IS JUST ONE REASON THAT MAKES WAYNE AUTO PARTS A TOP NOTCH STORE

Wayne Auto Parts opened its doors for business in November 1969. At that time Larry Lindsay and Cliff Pinkelman were co-owners. Larry became sole owner of the store in 1978.

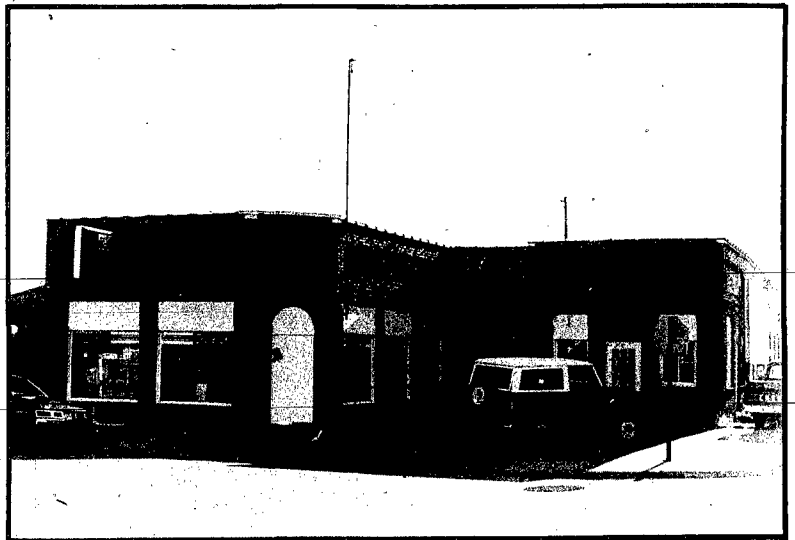
Overnight delivery is Wayne Auto Parts largest asset. Warehouse inventory in Omaha totaling over three million dollars provides a huge stock from which Wayne Auto Parts can draw. In October 1980 Wayne Auto Parts became fully computerized to better serve their customers.

Wayne Auto Parts is an independent store. It belongs to a nationwide network of auto parts stores.

The inventory at Wayne Auto Parts includes tools, batteries, national and plain label products, and many other car accessories.

Besides the sale of auto parts, Wayne Auto also offers a complete machine shop in the back. Keith Schuttler, machinist is capable of head testing, cracked block repair and other mechanic work. Wayne Auto is the most complete head repair shop in this area.

Besides Larry Lindsay and his wife Jeanne, who does the bookkeeping, Wayne Auto employs three full-time employees. Manager Bernard Maxson is in charge of the parts inventory, Doug Belt runs the delivery route and Keith Schuttler works in the machine room. Alan Lindsay works part-time at Wayne Auto Parts.



### WAYNE AUTO PARTS

117 S. Main

Wayne, Ne

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Larry and Jeanne Lindsay



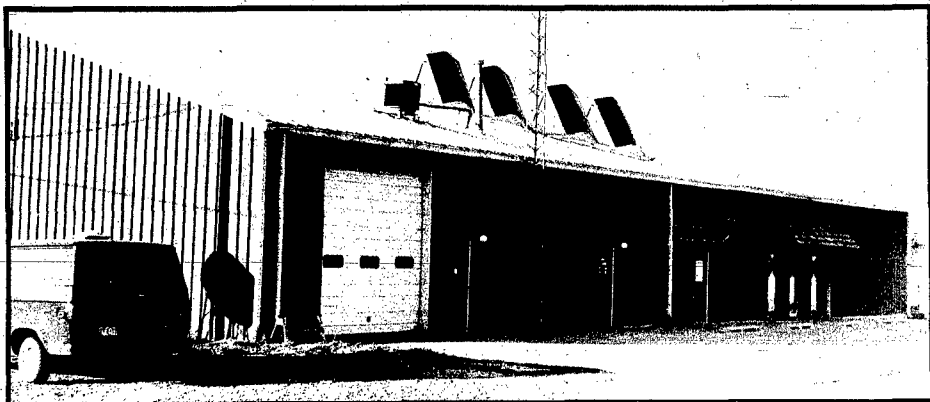
Bernard Maxson



Doug Belt



Keith Schuttler



## CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE!

Vakoc Construction Co. began doing business over 35 years ago in Lincoln, Nebraska as the Robert L. Vakoc Construction Co. The founder, Robert L. Vakoc, operated as a carpentry sub-contractor and general contractor in Lincoln until about 1960 when he expanded his crews and started operating in Omaha also.

John Vakoc joined in his father's business in 1959.

In 1960 the business was incorporated and officially became Vakoc Construction Co. The company continued in residential building in Omaha throughout the early 60's. In 1964 they began a shift to commercial construction that drew the company out of Omaha. From 1964 until 1969 they completed several commercial and government projects including schools, post offices and public housing complexes. These projects were, for the most part, located in northeast Nebraska.

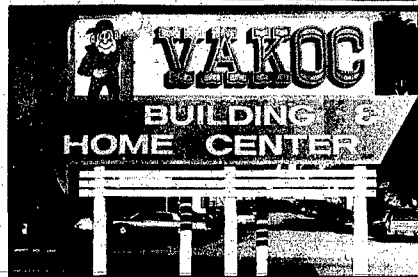
In 1966 John, his wife Carolyn and their daughter Chris moved to Wayne for their first project here, two apartment buildings.

They were joined by Robert and Adeline in 1969 and the company started building their first homes in Wayne along Oak Drive at the west edge of town. Since that time Vakoc Construction Co. has developed three housing subdivisions; The Knolls Addition, East Ridge Addition and Sunnyview Subdivision.

In 1974 Vakoc Construction Co. purchased the property belonging to Fullerton Lumber Co. and since that time have operated a retail materials business in addition to their construction activity. That retail operation began as Allied Lumber & Supply and has since been renamed Vakoc Building & Home Center.

Vakoc Construction Co. and Vakoc Building & Home Center is proud to have been a part of Wayne's growing heritage of progress and together with their family of employees salute the entire community.

Employees include Mrs. William (Jewell) Cavner, Gary French, Neil Gothier, Dave Hix, Mrs. Todd (Sheri) Hoeman, Hugh (Huck) Jager, Jeff Loberg, Al Nissen, Gerry Schafer, Chris Vakoc, Carolyn Vakoc, John Vakoc, Ron VonSeggern.



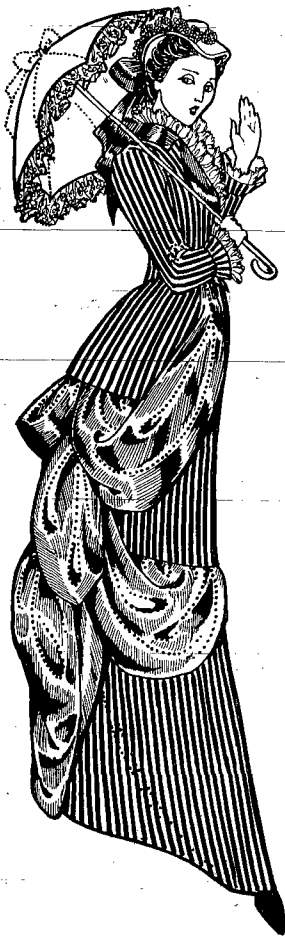
Sunnyview is one of the new subdivisions developed by Vakoc Construction Co.



**BUILDING &  
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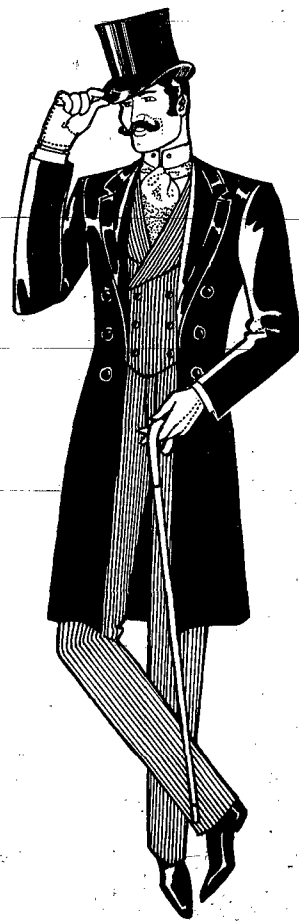
The Wayne Centennial steering committee wishes to thank everyone in the Wayne community — businesses and individuals — who have in any way helped to make the Wayne Centennial celebration a success.

Wayne has enjoyed a prosperous and progressive first century, due in large part to the efforts of countless civic-minded citizens. The heart of a community is measured in how well it comes together for civic projects. If the centennial celebration is any indication, Wayne, indeed, is a city with a big heart.

We encourage everyone to participate in all the centennial events set for the coming week. Take pride in Wayne, and enjoy all of the festivities. Let's celebrate our heritage — and welcome Wayne's second 100 years.

Melvin 'Bud' Froehlich  
Bill Dickey  
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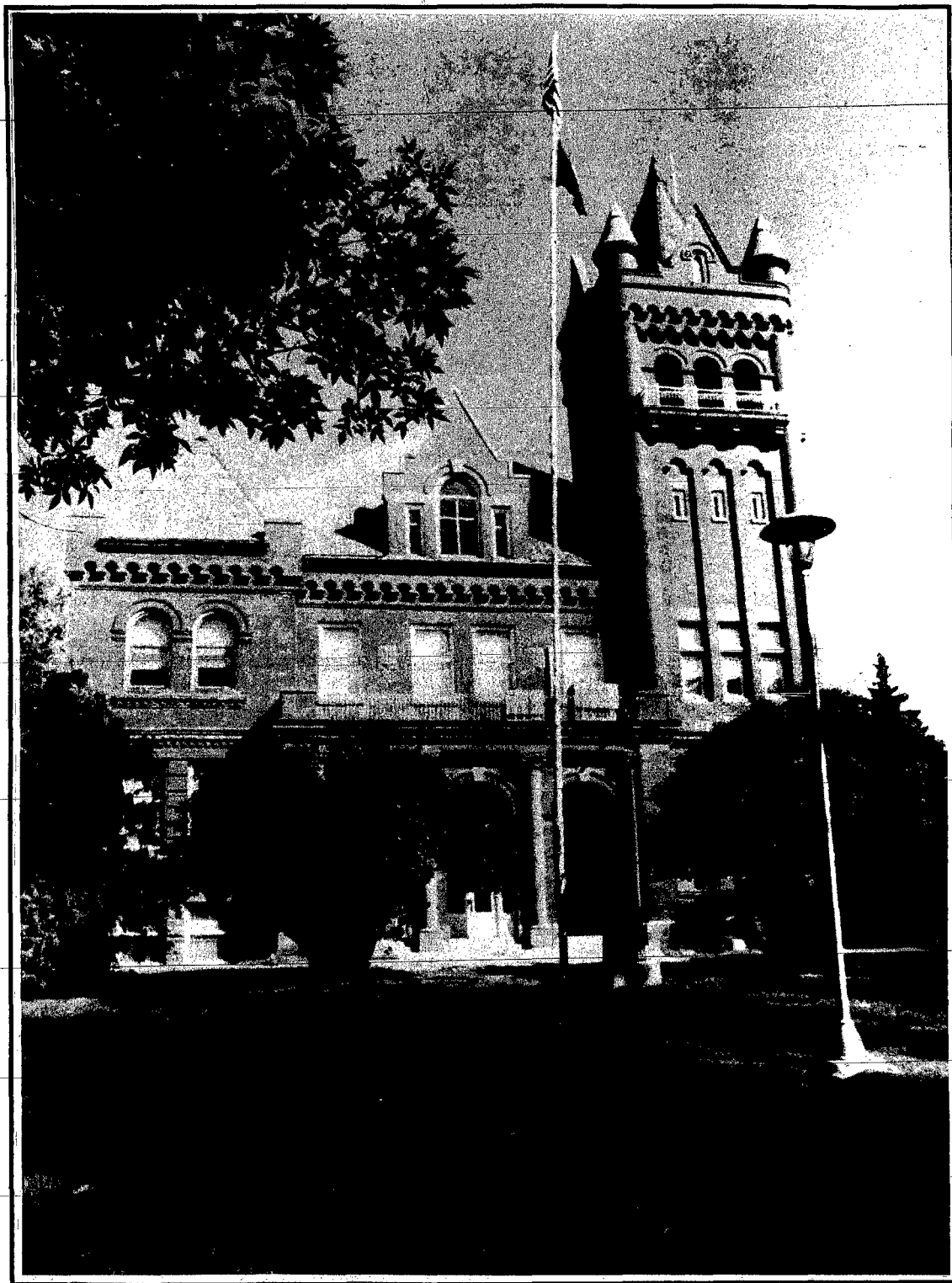




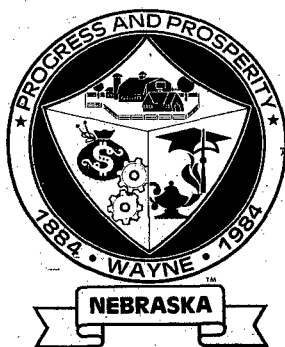
# THE WAYNE HERALD

## Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884 - 1984

Tuesday, August 28, 1984



Wayne County Courthouse



## Frame structure serves as first courthouse

**By LaVon Anderson**  
Probably one of the most impressive buildings in Wayne, or in Wayne County, is the courthouse, located at 510 Pearl St.

When the original town was platted, Wayne was not the county seat and it was not known that the courthouse would ever be located here.

The first building was a small frame structure on the C. E. Hunter homestead, which was built in 1870. It was later used as a schoolhouse at

LaPorte. In 1874, the county voted bonds and a brick courthouse was built at LaPorte. After the railroad came through the present townsite of Wayne, a group of men, interested in the removal of the county seat to Wayne, agreed to furnish a courthouse to the county, free of rent, for a period of 10 years. The Town Hall Association was formed and in 1883 a brick veneer structure was erected at a cost of around \$4,000. This was located at Fourth and Main Streets, directly east of the

present Baptist Church. It was occupied as a courthouse in the spring of that year.

ON JULY 4, 1884, the building was destroyed by fire, thought to have been started by a prisoner who was confined in the sheriff's office. Later, it was concluded that it would have been impossible for the prisoner to have been the cause of the blaze, and the origin of the fire remained a mystery.

The only newspaper of the time was printed and published

in the building. These files were destroyed, leaving little written evidence of the county history prior to 1884.

The owners of the building collected \$2,500 insurance money and were confronted by their guarantee to furnish a courthouse to the county. They proceeded to erect a structure, using the insurance money. This frame building served as a courthouse for several years.

In 1882, the owners of the Crawford and Browns' Addition donated Block 2 to Wayne

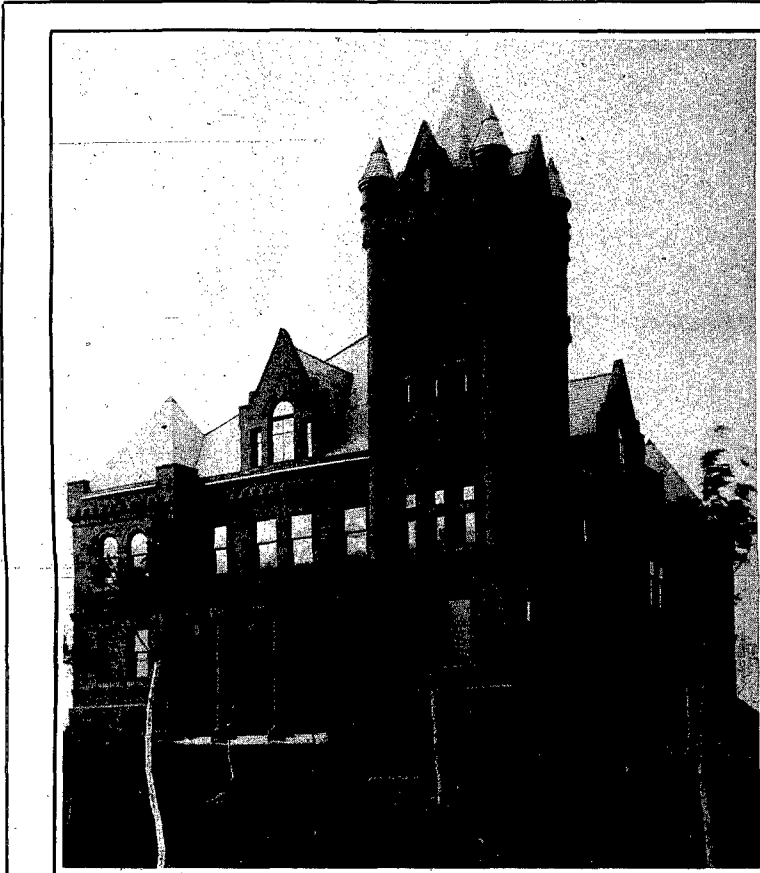
County. The deed contained the provision that "the said block be used by the county of Wayne to put county courthouse and other county buildings thereon. Said courthouse to be erected thereon within 20 years from the date of this deed and in case no courthouse of the value of \$5,000 shall be erected within 20 years from this date on said Block 2 aforesaid, the said land shall revert to the grantors."

and jail were built on this square in 1885.

On several occasions, an attempt was made to vote bonds for the erection of a new courthouse, but it wasn't until the 20-year period had nearly expired that such a course was taken. Twenty-five thousand dollars in bonds were issued and a contract was let for \$26,500 exclusive of fixtures.

The present building was completed at a cost of about \$32,000, its style of architecture that of Norman chateau.

THE SHERIFF'S residence



WAYNE'S courthouse as it appeared in 1898. There were few trees, as the structure was fairly new.

Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

## Kortright constructs courthouse, opera house

O. B. Kortright, an early resident of Wayne, was an occupational builder in the town.

He was born Nov. 24, 1847, in Fallsburgh, N. J. According to his grandchildren, Dick Newton of Corona, Calif. and Ellen Huxford of Wayne, he helped build the original courthouse on main street after the county seat was changed.

Kortright was also responsible for constructing the opera house, which was located on main street.

ELLEN HUXFORD'S mother, Carrie V. Kortright Berry, and Dick Newton's mother, Annie Louise Kortright Newton, were both daughters of O. B. Kortright.

His other children were R. L. Kortright, Jessie A. Kortright Ideal and Clara Kortright Finch.

Carrie V. Kortright gave Ellen her Dutch and English attributes.

Annie L. Kortright married Dennis Newton in 1865 and they had two children.

Myrtle Newton was the other child besides Dick. Ellen received a letter from Dick stating, "I recall when the courthouse was built and our grandfather built the structure on main street. Mr. Mears was county sheriff and I attended school with his son, Harold."

"He was in my class in about the fourth and fifth grades. He was very short and had the nickname of PeeWee."

## "Not a handsome structure"

October 12, 1898  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
"Our Courthouse"

Last Saturday we visited the much talked of Wayne County courthouse and was surprised at its impressiveness. It cannot be classed as a handsome structure but it has some merits.

When the people of that county are through with it, it will make a fairly good cow barn. In fact, there are some worse barns in the country than that old house would make. Then, too, it would be convenient for some defaulting official who wanted to obliterate all traces of his misdeeds after the fashion of Louis Spear, the democratic ex-clerk of Dodge County, some years ago.

The old pine shed would make an excellent blaze and would not be difficult to ignite. Just a little effort on the part of one so inclined would create a big blaze and rid the county of a lot of cumbersome records.

Then there is no grass to keep off of or trees to be ruined by stock, or fences to be defaced by jack knives. After considering these virtues we are surprised that the Wayne County press should be everlastingly clamoring for a new courthouse.

It strikes us that the boys are just a little aesthetic and overly particular.

From the Stanton Picket  
—Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer



Wayne Herald photo

CITY OFFICIALS (left to right) Norm Melton, city clerk; Phil Kloster, city administrator; and city attorney, Kem Swarts.

## Courthouse burns

The Wayne County courthouse, located once at Fourth and Main streets, was destroyed by fire the night of July 4, 1884.

The origin of the fire was a mystery, though at first it was considered that it had been started by a prisoner who had been shackled in the sheriff's office during the Fourth of July holiday.

The printing office was also in the courthouse and original newspaper files were destroyed.

The building was of brick veneer construction and had been built by the Town Hall Association in 1883 at a cost of around \$4,000.

The association was to provide a courthouse when the county seat was moved from LaPorte to Wayne in 1881.

Following the fire, the association kept its agreement and furnished other offices for county officials.

With the \$2,500 insurance money received, the owners erected the frame building, which housed the county officers until about 1900.

Following the turn of the century, the courthouse presently used became occupied.



Front, left: Kristi Benschoff, Debbie Wesley, Cindy Haddock, Carol Bloomfield, Fönniel Wehrer, and Brenda Glinmann. Back: Preston Olson, owner; Rod Blunck, Jerri Gradert, Evelyn Sheckler, Mardelle Brudigan, and Nancy Guill, manager. Not pictured: Skip Gamble, Bobbie Reifnraith, Cathy Malcolm, and Jean Meyer.

## The Windmill Restaurant . . . . . .when you think of fine food and service.

Several businesses have been housed at 117 West Third, home of the Windmill Restaurant. One of the earliest was a Studebaker dealership and, later, Wittig's Grocery Store.

The Windmill Restaurant opened for business in November, 1978. Paintings and photos of windmills abound in the restaurant, as well as in the lounge. Preston Olson, owner, has done much of the photography, getting pictures of windmills from all over the area.

Preston is overseeing the remodeling of the lounge, where a dance floor is being installed. Other remodeling work in the restaurant has also been completed.

With a staff of 15, the Windmill Restaurant is catering to the needs of the Wayne community. Stop in and try our food — you'll come back again and again! We'll be having a beer garden during the centennial celebration. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

### SPECIALS

BREAKFAST SPECIAL OF THE WEEK  
August 29-September 3

CREAMED SAUSAGE & BISCUITS  
\$1.79

CINNAMON ROLLS  
20¢

ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE  
For Only  
10¢

During Centennial — Aug. 29-Sept. 3

NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT IN THE WINDMILL BEER GARDEN — AUG. 30-SEPT. 3

## The Windmill Restaurant

117 West Third  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-2684

## CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE ON YOUR 100th BIRTHDAY!

We are proud to have been a part of Wayne for over 50 years. In the early twenties, Jack Kemp was district manager and from 1930-1960 T.S. Hook was located in Wayne. Marty Polhemus took over from 1960-1970 followed by Dale Carstons from 1970-1980. Janice Ellis followed Carstons in 1980 and presently is our agent in Wayne. We too are happy to be a part of Wayne since their early twenties.

### Will they reap what you sow?

Your grandfather first scratched a living out of the hard soil. And you've worked for years at what others call a farm — but it's really your whole life. And you want your children and their children to carry on after you.

That's why you should talk to the specialists at the Quiet Company, Northwestern Mutual Life. Specialists because the only thing we insure is the only thing that truly matters. Your life. For the life of your farm.

For over 100 years, Northwestern Mutual has



helped farm owners like you prepare for the future through comprehensive insurance protection plans. The Northwestern Mutual agent you'll talk with is an experienced, knowledgeable business person. We pride ourselves on having the most professional agents in the industry. All dedicated to providing you with the best life insurance value around.

All because we specialize. In your life. For the life of your farm. To find out how our specialization can work for your needs and help you plan for the future all you have to do is call . . .



Janice Ellis

## Northwestern Mutual Life

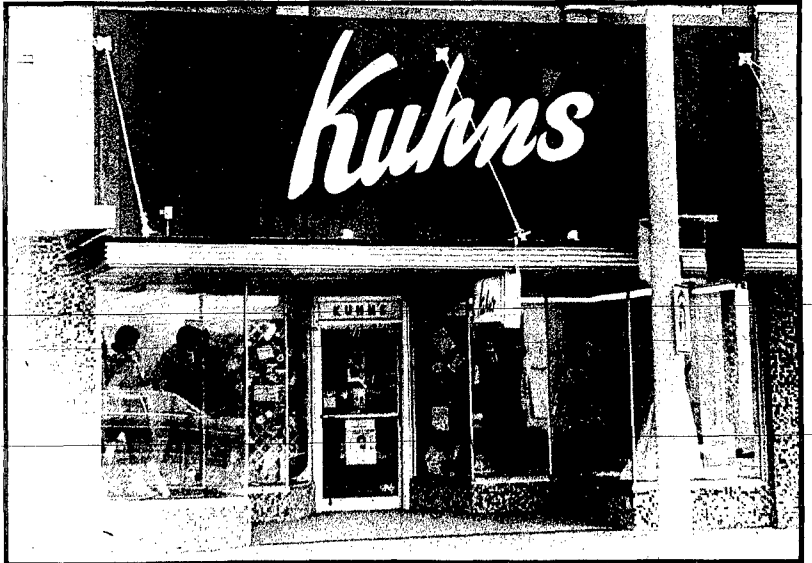
The Quiet Company

A tough act to follow

# Kuhn's

## a Wayne tradition for more than 60 years

Kuhn's was founded in 1922 by R.L. Larson. Mr. Larson moved to Wayne from Randolph. He started with a 25-foot front and 100-foot deep building. In a few years he extended the building to its present size and added a basement. It was then a variety store with mens and boys clothing and groceries with the name being Larsons. In 1946 Mr. Larson sold half interest in the building to Clarence Kuhn. Mr. Larson retired and Mr. Kuhn was general manager with Kermit Florine as assistant manager. The name was changed to Larson-Kuhn. In 1965 Mr. Kuhn acquired full interest in the store and it was completely remodeled. In 1974, Mr. Kuhn sold the carpet and drapery department to Jack and Mary Ann Tomrdle and in July, 1983 he sold his entire interest in the department store to the Tomrdles. At present the store has womens fashions and furnishings, a complete domestic department, a complete sewing and fabric department on the main floor and mens and boys department in the lower level along with an enlarged decorating center.



Rich Zrust, Mary Ann Tomrdle, Donna Clausson, Clova Willers. Not pictured, Jack Tomrdle.



Laura Mitchell, Amy Schuler, Ronda Elsberry, Sue Denklau.

### CENTENNIAL SPECIALS

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Oak Kosh<br><b>BIB OVERALLS</b><br>\$17 <sup>99</sup>   | Crowneck<br><b>SWEATSHIRTS</b><br>Mens Sizes S-XL. Reg. \$8.99<br>\$6 <sup>77</sup>                      | Mens<br><b>WORK SOCKS</b><br>Reg. \$3.99 pkg. White or Gray.<br>Ankle or Long Top<br>\$2 <sup>97</sup> |
| <b>\$300 OFF</b><br>Any Playtex Support Can Be Beautiful, Beautiful Ones, Nobody's Perfect and Danskin<br><b>BRAS</b> | <b>25% OFF</b><br>Entire Stock of<br><b>KITCHEN &amp; AREA RUGS</b>                                      |  |
| Fitting Pretty Queen Size<br><b>PANTYHOSE</b><br>by Hanes<br>Buy 2 Pair, Get Another Pair <b>FREE</b>                 | <b>BROADCLOTH</b><br>by Springs<br><b>GINGHAM</b><br>by Dan River<br><b>ALL CALICO</b><br><b>10% OFF</b> |  |

# Kuhn's

201 Main  
Wayne, Nebr.  
375-2464

# 4 - Government & Services

The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984  
Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884-1984



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

WAYNE'S OLD water tower was taken down in 1964.

## Electric lights bring rejoicing

Late in 1898, electric lights finally came to Wayne. There was much rejoicing but there were problems too. Sometimes the lights would suddenly go out and the housewife or storekeeper would have to get out the kerosene lamps.

It was thought that pranksters would throw a wire over the transmission line - shorting out the line and blowing the fuse at the light plant.

—Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

## Temperatures 34 to 40 below

# Water freezes in standpipe

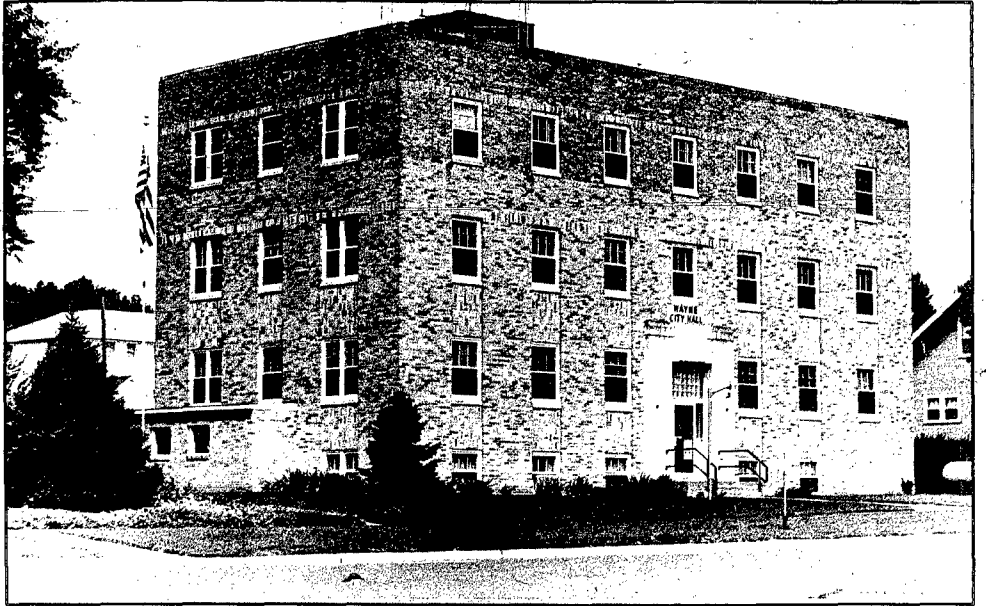
February 15, 1899  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
By Eph. Cunningham, Editor

"All records for this section are broken as to cold weather. Last Thursday morning when the thermometer bobbed around anywhere from 28 to 34 it was thought it would be the extreme limit for the winter, but it was not to

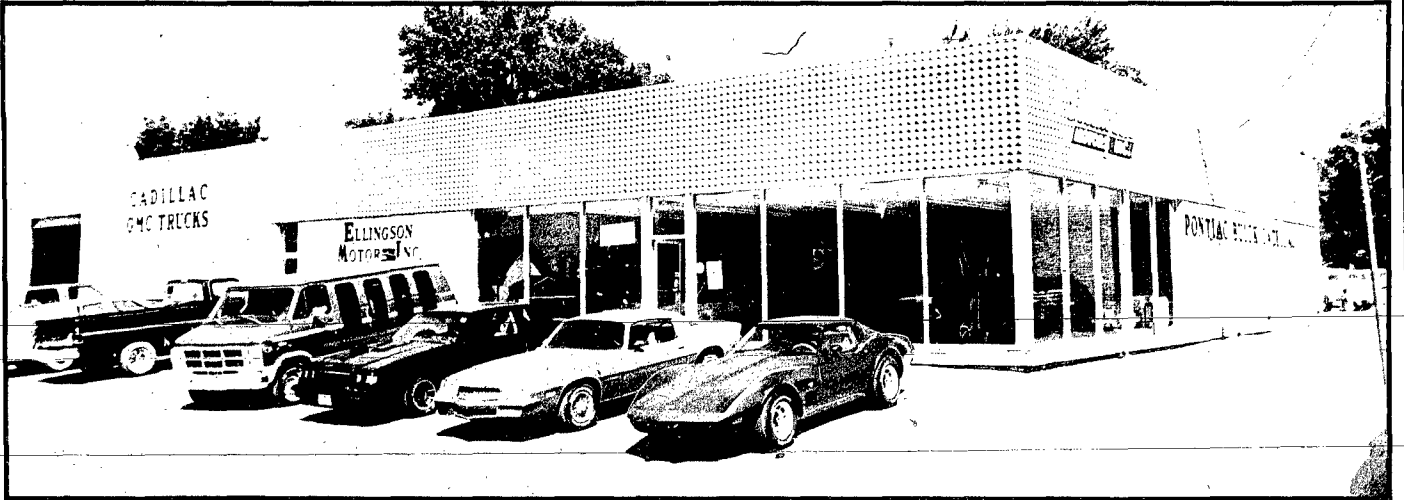
be so and on Saturday morning the same instruments showed a range of from 34 to 40 below zero...."

The same issue reported that "the extremely cold weather has frozen the water in the standpipe from the outside toward the center until the space for the water has become so limited that in case of fire both supply and pressure would be found very far from satisfactory."

—Submitted by Bessie Baier



WAYNE'S CURRENT city hall, previously the hospital facility, houses police station, city council chambers and other offices.



## Looking forward to our second decade

Ellingson Motors is completing its 10th year on the Wayne business scene. Ellingsons purchased the dealership from Ed Wolske, a long-time car dealer in Wayne, on January 1, 1975.

Ellingson Motors is Wayne's Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac and GMC truck dealer. With a staff of 13, we provide our customers with full sales and service of General Motors products, as well as service on all makes of cars. We also have a fine selection of previously-owned vehicles.

If you're in the market for a new or used car or pickup, think of Ellingson Motors first. We want to deal with you.



Pictured from left: Clay Ellingson, Jon Ellingson, Roger Lentz, Tona Bargholz, Grant Ellingson, Dorothy Wert and Cedric Ellingson.

# Ellingson MOTORS, INC.

• CADILLAC • GMC • BUICK • PONTIAC •  
Phone 375-2355 Wayne, Ne. West 1st St.



Derald Johnson, sports director.



Sandra Schultz, office manager and Dean Craun, general manager.



Mike Mascoe, news director.



Air staff pictured are (left to right) Dan Badorf, J. Kelley, Swan Johnson and Nick Zimmer.

KTCH Radio signed on the air March 28, 1968 under the ownership of Mel and Tom Gleason. In 1971, it was purchased by Wyman and Willa Schnepf, and sold to Ted Storck in December of 1974. KTCH-FM signed on the air October 19, 1975, and became the area's first stereo station the following February. KTCH, Inc. and owner/manager Dean Craun took control on June 1, 1978, and two years later began broadcasting with new towers and transmitter. KTCH (AM) at 1590 on the dial broadcasts with a power of 2500 watts from 6 a.m. until sundown, while KTCH-FM, 104.9 on the FM dial, beams 3000 watts from the 300 foot tower from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Serving a population of over 250,000 in the prime coverage area, KTCH AM & FM offers a pleasant blend of popular and country music, along with the latest local news, weather and sports. Satellite reception of ABC-Direction News and the Brownfield Farm Network, the nation's largest and finest farm network, provides state-of-the-art quality and up-to-the-moment information.

With area news programs from Allen, Laurel, Randolph, Ponder, Wakefield, Wisner and West Point each weekday, KTCH serves Northeast Nebraska with a wide range of programming, including over 125 sports events a year, from area high school, Wayne State and Nebraska football, basketball, volleyball, track and baseball as well as the Kansas City Chiefs and Indy 500.

Manager Dean Craun has assembled a staff of dedicated professionals who strive to provide the best in radio services to the listener as well as to the advertisers who support the station's operation. Wayne can be proud of the quality of the staff and facilities at KTCH Radio.

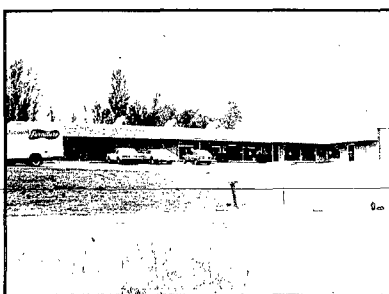


Advertising consultants are, sitting, Jane O'Leary, and standing Darwin Ruback and Denise Broders.

## Hello Wayne!! We're Only Half As Old As You 50 YEARS & 3 GENERATIONS OF SURBER'S IN WAYNE



1959



1984



Harold, Marian, Randy Surber



1950



1934

Our furniture store was founded in 1934 by Ray H. Surber at 104 Main Street and then moved to 115 West 3rd St. in 1950. A fire destroyed this building in December, 1958 and the business was then moved to our present location 1 1/2 miles north of Wayne. Ray Surber sold the business in 1967 and a short time later was reopened under the name of Discount Furniture by Harold, Marian and Randy Surber with the commitment to quality home furnishings at the lowest prices available as established in the early days of our company's history. Through the years our commitment has led to growth and a new addition was added to our store almost doubling its size and amount of quality furniture for you to pick from.

Harold, Marian, Randy Surber

### DISCOUNT FURNITURE

Your Furniture Headquarters  
For N.E. Nebraska

Phone 375-1885

1 1/2 Miles North of Wayne

FREE DELIVERY

Use your credit 90 days  
same as cash or take

36 months to pay!!

## Bucket brigades precede water works

Before water works were established in the area, a bucket brigade was the only method of fire fighting and utilizing water. Cisterns and wooden tanks were the main water suppliers.

The council decided Aug. 13, 1890, to call an election for the purpose of voting on the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$18,000 for construction of a water works system in Wayne.

The election was held Sept. 21, 1890, and the bond issue carried by a vote of 163 to 27.

In May, 1891, Wayne city council met with Engineer A.A. Richardson of Lincoln, to consider plans for a water works system.

**RICHARDSON DREW PLANS** and agreed to receive one percent of the \$18,000 bond issue for the services.

The council unanimously voted to locate the standpipe near the intersection of main and tenth streets.

The first form of water works, originating in 1898, was a 60-foot standpipe which held 60,000 gallons of water.

The tank stood in the middle of main street at the north end of town.

**TWO LOTS SOUTH** of the depot were bought from James Brittain for the wells and engine house.

The standpipe, boiler, and stack for the water system were bought for \$3,600. Pipes were purchased for \$29.85 per ton and hydrants for \$26.95 each.

In 1915, an 85,000 gallon

system was new it was necessary to control the use of water. For this reason a restriction was made on the time water might be used for lawns.

**IN 1894, THE CITY** council decided that those having 50-foot lots might use the water two hours, those having 75-foot lots might use it two

be used for lawns was also restricted between the hours of 5 and 8 in the evening.

When the system was first installed it was also difficult to maintain an even water pressure on the hills and in the low parts of town.

For this reason, J.P. Gaertner, Nelson Grimsley and O.B. Kortright were chosen from the council to investigate the water pressure and charge the consumers rates in proportion to the pressure.

**AFTER WATER METERS WERE** installed, it was voted by the council that a rate of seven and one-half cents a thousand gallons be charged those using water for sprinkling.

The first rate set was fifteen cents. In a short time the amount was cut to seven and one-half. For those not having meters and using the water for sprinkling, the general rate was increased one hundred percent.

Wayne's water wells, located at the north end of main street, were sunk in 1922 and 1923. Providing ample supply at the time, they furnished 400 gallons of water a minute.



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

**A MAIN street shot** shows standpipe at north edge of town.

water tower was built in the area where it still stands today.

and one-half hours and those having 150-foot lots might use it three hours.

When Wayne's water works

The time when water might



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

**ONE OF** Wayne's first water standpipes.



Wayne Herald photo

**CURRENT WAYNE** City Council members include (left to right) Ivan Beeks, Keith Mosley, Darrel Fuelberth, Carolyn

Filter, Mayor Wayne Marsh, Freeman Decker, Larry Johnson and Leo Hansen. Inset: Darrel Heier.

## Treasurer reports on 1898 barbecue

September 21, 1898

The following are the total receipts and disbursements on account of the barbecue as prepared by the finance committee.

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Subscribed by citizens | 465.00          |
| Privileges sold        | 56.50           |
| Three beef hides       | 5.60            |
| Unused bread           | 1.00            |
|                        | <b>\$528.10</b> |

Disbursements

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Three beefs                        | 110.00          |
| Roasting same                      | 26.35           |
| Charcoal and wood                  | 17.15           |
| Bread                              | 39.00           |
| Coffee, sugar and milk             | 16.74           |
| Cups, spoons and plates            | 13.45           |
| Use of lumber and seats            | 19.50           |
| Gasoline, wire, nails, etc.        | 6.80            |
| Cartage and labor                  | 13.10           |
| Printing and advertising           | 45.50           |
| Telephone, telegraph, stamps, etc. | 6.86            |
| Music - Wayne and Laurel bands     | 46.45           |
| Wild west holdups                  | 44.80           |
| Two balloon ascensions             | 65.00           |
| Fireworks                          | 28.75           |
| Decorating                         | 14.32           |
| Entertaining speakers              | 9.00            |
| Balance on hand                    | <b>\$528.10</b> |

—Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

## First post office in Taffe

The first post office was established Sept. 8, 1870, near the Logan Bridge, in the eastern part of the county and was called Taffe.

Wm. P. Agler was appointed postmaster and held office until October, 1871, when he moved to his farm. O. F. Crance was appointed to fill his place and he held office until Jan. 27, 1874, when it was discontinued.

The second post office was established at LaPorte on Feb. 21, 1871, with C. E. Hunter as postmaster.

Being the center of a large settlement, the office received daily mail.

**AN ADDITIONAL** post office was established at Leslie on Dec. 18, 1871. It was on the mail route from West Point to Ponca.

Joseph Boeckenhauer held the office of postmaster until

April 12, 1875, when he resigned. J. W. Maholm was appointed to fill the position.

The office and mail route was discontinued Oct. 12, 1875.

Wayne's post office was continuously shifted from one leased building to another over the years.

**FINALLY, A NEW** federal building at second and pearl streets was dedicated June 7, 1935, with the Nebraska Legion and Auxiliary in charge.

Federal funds provided money for the new building during the depression years.

For a number of years the office was in the Bressler building on main street. Later, it was moved to the J. T. Bressler and A. R. Davis buildings on west second street.

Paul Sothman of Grand

Island received the \$38,525 contract for the new brick federal office, measuring 47 by 68 feet.

**THE OFFICE** had previously been in one of the residences which had been moved to Wayne from LaPorte in 1881.

The new building had a lobby, offices and mail rooms. At that time, there were 440 bronze boxes for patrons.

Free rural delivery out of the Wayne post office was instituted in November, 1901, with three routes being established.

Free postal delivery in Wayne was established May 1, 1926.

The Wayne post office became certified as a model unit facility in 1983, following a renovation for efficiency.



Wayne Herald photo

**WAYNE'S POST** Office was built using federal funds in 1935.



This office at 116 South Main has served area farmers as Wayne Grain and Feed for nine years.

### Wayne Grain and Feed offers two locations for complete farmer service in grain storage

Clarence Beck and Fred Gildersleeve have served the agriculture area in Wayne since 1948. Under the watch of manager Dean Schram, Wayne Grain and Feed has expanded into its present two locations in Wayne.

Fred and Clarence purchased the Door Feed Mill in Wayne and went on to become the second fertilizer dealers in Nebraska. In 1951 they also were one of only two stores in Nebraska to sell anhydrous ammonia fertilizer. Then, as now, Wayne Grain's first service consisted of buying and selling grain. Selling fertilizer, grain and feed were added to the business as farmer demand commended.

Dean Schram, present overall manager, joined Wayne Grain and Feed in 1957 as its bookkeeper.

In 1968 Wayne Grain and Feed began expansion of the business by constructing a feed mill and an office at 200 Logan. Wayne Grain and Feed purchased the Rohrke Elevator located in 116 South Main in 1971.

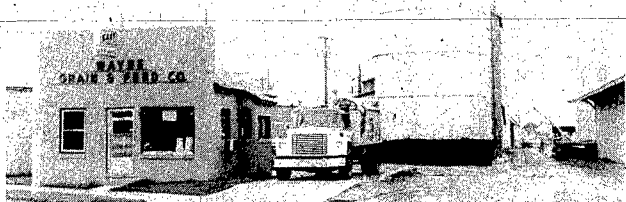
Since that time Wayne Grain has added a 1,000 bushel per hour dry, a 40,000 and an 80,000 bushel grain storage bin for better farmer service. Extensive remodeling was also done on the Rohrke Elevator itself.



New larger capacity grain bins give Wayne Grain and Feed a greater storage area.



Wayne Grain and Feed's original office located at 200 Logan Street.



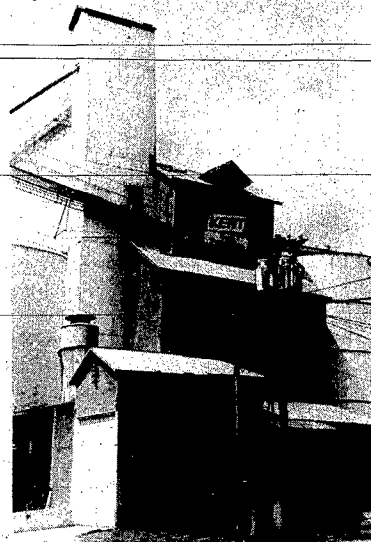
The west office of Wayne Grain and Feed offers convenient grain dumpage for the farmer.



Fred Gildersleeve is manager of the west office.



One of the feed elevators at 200 Logan.



A backyard view of the main street Wayne Feed elevator.



Clarence Beck and Dean Schram keep the operation flowing smoothly in the east office of Wayne Grain and Feed.

# Wayne Grain and Feed

116 South Main  
375-3449





# Wayne True Value V&S Variety



In October, 1975, Sherry Brothers was reformed, with brothers Dan and Bob getting together to form Sherry Brothers True-Value Hardware at 116 West First.

Bob said the business began with an inventory of \$50,000. As the inventory gradually increased, the business stopped selling feed supplies.

In 1982, the business was sold to Rod and Sue Varilek. The store was changed around and

more inventory was added.

Rod also introduced the lawn service portion of the business.

The current store has, besides its hardware and lawn service department, an electrical and plumbing department, automotive parts department, paint department, toys, basic hardware items, school supplies and cards.

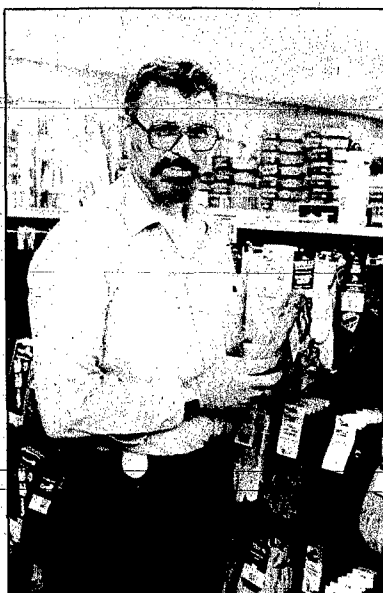
Plans call for even greater expansion of the True-Value store.



Wilma Allen and Joyce Barker, sales clerks.



Rod & Sue Varilek, owners.



Bob Sherry, manager.



Kevin Victor, lawn service.



Marlee Burbach, bookkeeper.



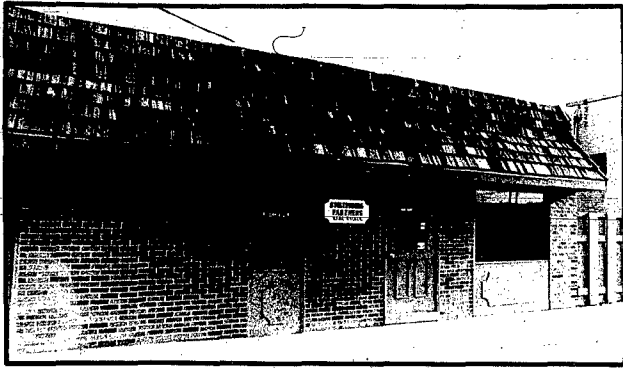
Deb Sherer and Kay Creamer, office help.

Not pictured: Clyde Alexander, repair man.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WAYNE



## Stoltenberg Partners — over 20 years of real estate experience



Stoltenberg Partners personnel are, from left, Bryan Stoltenberg, Janet Lamp, and Dale Stoltenberg. Not pictured is Melvin Meierhenry.

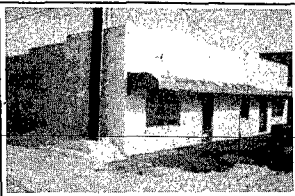
Dale Stoltenberg has been in the real estate business since 1968, first working in Carroll, where he started his own company, Dale Stoltenberg Real Estate in 1977.

He moved his business to Wayne in 1979, when his brother Bryan joined the firm. They were located in the Columbus Federal building until 1982, when they bought their current office at 108 West 1st. Extensive remodeling was completed both on the interior and exterior of the building.

The Stoltenberg brothers purchased a Partners franchise in 1980. While Dale was originally fulltime in farm sales and farm management, since Bryan has been in the firm, they have expanded to farm and residential real estate sales, management and appraisals.

In addition, Dale is part owner (with his brother Don and John Vakoc) of the Lumber Company, a steakhouse, lounge, and package store which opened in Wayne this summer. It is located in the building that originally housed the Fullerton Lumber Company.

Stoltenberg Partners employ Melvin Meierhenry, farm broker, and Janet Lamp, secretary/receptionist.



Stoltenberg Partners purchased this building in 1982, extensively remodeling it for their offices.



108 West 1st, Wayne, NE Phone 373-1262  
After Hours: 373-4429, 585-4846



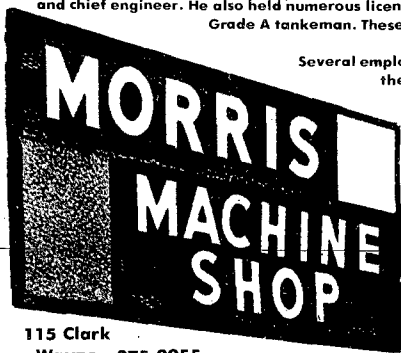
Left to right: Stan Morris, Loyde Brown, Vern Sievers, Wes Beckenhaur, Dawn Creamer, Patti Beiermann.

When Stan Morris opened his shop in Wayne nearly 36 years ago, he had 16 years of work experience to his credit. He opened his shop at the present location (115 Clark) in 1948.

He began his career in 1933 with the C.T. Walsh Company in Minneapolis, Minn., as a dredge operator. From there he took several jobs with several other companies which led to positions as chief launchman, chief and master mechanic and chief engineer. He also held numerous licenses for navigation vessels and as Grade A tankerman. These eventually led up to the highest designation of chief engineer.

Several employees who have been with Morris the longest have been Lloyd Brown, for 28 years; Wes Beckenhaur, for 20 years; and Vern Sievers, 13 years experience working at Morris Machine Shop.

In January of 1980, Morris received the honors of being named the Chamber Man of the Year and Small Business Administration District II Man of the Year awards.



115 Clark  
Wayne 375-2055

## Carhart Lumber Company History



Today



Yesterday

**Carhart** 105 Main St.  
LUMBER CO. 375-2110  
Wayne, NE

Two brothers, Charles E. Carhart and Arthur B. Carhart, moved from Mapleton, Iowa to Wayne, Nebraska in 1913. They purchased a hardware store which they operated until 1917 when they sold it to L.W. McNatt, Sr. At that time they purchased the Phileo and Harrington Lumber Company located at 105 Main Street in Wayne.

John C. Carhart and Ralph M. Carhart, sons of Charles E. Carhart, joined the company in 1925 and 1926 respectively. John managed the yard at Wayne, Nebraska and Ralph moved to Randolph, Nebraska where a yard was acquired in 1927. Yards were purchased in Pierce, Harrington, Plainview, Bloomfield, Neligh, O'Neill, Tilden, Albion and Blair during the period from 1927 through 1965.

Arthur Carhart passed away in 1934 leaving the managing interest in the companies to Charles E. Carhart, Ralph M. Carhart and John C. Carhart. Ralph Carhart moved back to Wayne in 1939. The companies were incorporated in 1936, and the general offices were established in Wayne.

Roy D. Christensen joined the company March 1, 1939, as manager of the Pierce yard. He was called to serve in the navy during WW II and returned in 1945 to manage the Neligh yard. In 1953 he moved to Wayne to become the general manager of the companies. He served in that capacity until his retirement in August, 1982.

In 1952 the Central Garage building just south of the lumber yard at 105 Main Street was purchased and remodeled to become the first store type outlet in the company with displays of many types of merchandise, in addition to traditional lumber. This move began a trend which has continued through to the present for the Carhart stores in all locations where they are now considered "home centers," and are affiliated with Hardware Wholesalers, Inc.

Charles V. Carhart joined the company in 1954, David Carhart in 1955 and Robert Carhart in 1957.

Additional services and products have been offered by the company. In 1957 contracting of construction and remodeling was begun when carpenters were hired for the first time as employees of the company. In 1959 a thirty acre tract was purchased on the northwest edge of Wayne and in 1960 the first housing was built in Westwood Addition.

The manufacture of building components was begun in 1964 when roof trusses were first produced. Wall panels were first built by Carharts in 1967 and floor trusses in 1971. These building components are offered to builders in a three store area through the Wood Components Division and through Horizon Homes, a franchised home program.

Carharts has been actively engaged in the lumber and building supply business in northeast Nebraska for over 65 years and is continuing to improve its facilities to better serve the people of the area.

# 12 - Government & Services

The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984  
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Airport beginnings in 1930's

## Town's first plane owner dies while flying

Wayne's Municipal Airport had its beginnings in the early 1930's with the combination of a two-man operating station.

The town's first plane owner, Guy Strickland, was killed in a plane crash while flying a Curtiss Robin C-5.

He died May 31, 1931, shortly after the airport opened.

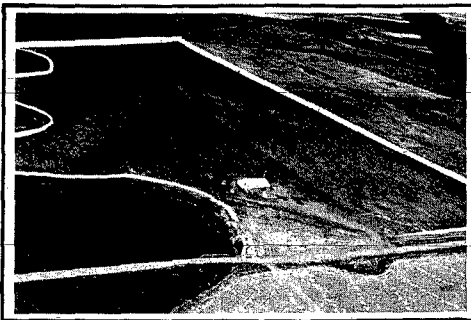
In the beginning, the city did not own the airport, but leased the land from John T. Bressler. The airport was only 1/2 the current size at this time.

STAN FULLER was the next operator of the airport and Dutch Fuelberth followed.

Fuelberth operated a J-3 T-craft, a surplus PT-19 and a new Cessna 120 during his flying days.

Dwain Clouse operated the airport during the 40's. The main hangar was enlarged around 1945.

Morton Senseney, who attended Wayne State Teachers College, flew at Wayne 1946-48. Jack Wright also flew in 1946 and 1947. He returned to the Air Force and was killed in Korea.



Submitted by Merlin Wright

THE BOUNDARIES of the Wayne Municipal Airport in 1940.

DON JOHNSON took over from 1950-1974. In an article of the 50's, the Wayne airfield was recognized as "one of the best sod runways in the state."

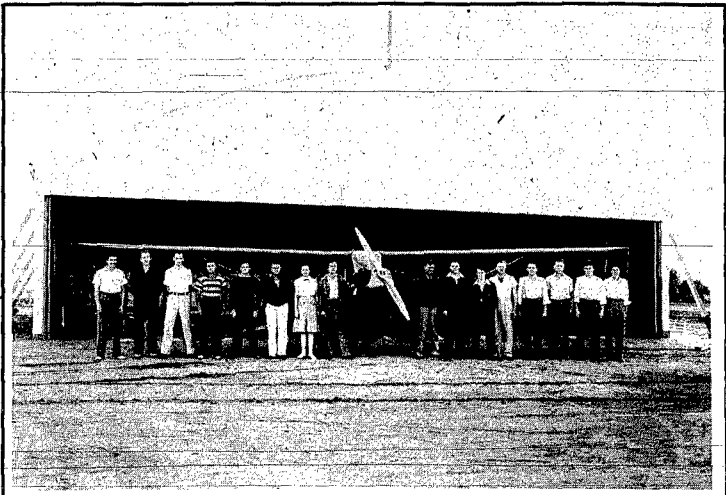
In the late 40's, the port was on a 165-acre tract a mile east of Wayne. A new hangar was erected about this time, making three hangars, a shop and office on the site.

Twenty planes were based

at the field during this time. Asphalt was put on the runway around 1963 for better landing conditions.

AN AIR SHOW was part of the entertainment in 1968 for the dedication of the improved runway.

Allen Robinson became operator in 1975 and continued till 1981. He gave navigation lessons and provided certified



Submitted by Merlin Wright

STUDENTS OF the war training service at Wayne State College were trained at the airport.

flight instruction. Al and Tess Allen were operators from June, 1981 to September, 1982 and Orin

Zach, the present operator, took over in October, 1982.

Plans are currently underway for extending the runway.

Members of the Airport Authority are Mitch Nissen, David Ley, Dean Craun, Dick Manley and Stan Morris.



Wayne Herald photo

WAYNE'S POLICE Department in 1984 includes (back row, left to right) Robert McLean, Melvin Lamb, Robert Treacle, Vern Fairchild, Ronald Penlerick and Keith Adams. Dispatchers in the department are (front row, left to right) Vonnie Dunn, Susan Coulter, Patricia Dorsey and Janice Cowgill.



## Movement just beginning

October 5, 1898  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
"Has Only Fairly Started"

Wayne County is only fairly started on her prosperous career. It has only been a few years since the coyote and indian were supreme in their way over these beautiful prairies of ours.

The first settlers came here poor people, hoping and expecting that they could make a home for themselves and their children. They faced the dangers and privations of pioneer life not because of a love for it, but because stern necessity drove them to it.

They were many miles from a railroad and supply depot, but with a grim determination to succeed and with unbounded faith in the possibilities of the land of their choice, they set themselves about the subduing of the soil and how well they succeeded the magnificent farms of the county, dotted with comfortable homes and on whose broad acres thousand of sleek kine graze and with granaries filled to the bursting point and everywhere schools and churches pointing the way to a higher and better life are witnesses who speak louder than anything else can possibly do.

Her people are, or are fast getting out of debt and on every side many farm houses and great barns are springing into existence as if created by some magical touch. The lands of the county are in greater demand today than ever before and at constantly advancing prices and the demands are coming eagerly from her own people who have accumulated an amount of the wealth of the world that seeks an investment.

THE STRANGER is dumbfounded who comes here expecting to find us a lot of wild, woolley, unkempt, long haired, booted and spurred individuals whose chief end and aim is the consumption of "forty-rod whisky" and the inauguration of cemeteries.

It is the absolute knowledge that our people have the possibilities of our lands that is giving to them their present upward turn and it is safe to assert that the movement is not yet fairly under way.

—Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

## Several facilities contribute to city's health care service

Health care in Wayne has greatly improved over the years. Several services are offered for all aspects and needs for care.

The Wayne Care Centre (pictured) serves the community with physical therapy and complete facilities for its residents.

An addition to the facility was completed in the 1970's and provides extra space for the residents.

For the city's elderly residents, Villa Wayne provides low income housing and offers recreational and instructional programs.

The Senior Citizens Center, under the direction of Georgia Janssen, also provides and active program.

Wayne is the headquarters for Region IV Developmental Disabilities facilities, serving children and adults with mental retardation and other handicaps.

Its facilities include a children's center and an adult workshop for vocational training. Independent living homes, located downtown, are also important.

Wayne Herald photo





Pictured in front are (left to right) Lura Stoakes, Vondell Hass and Shirley Bergt. Standing in back are (left to right) Julie Bloom, Jane Broekemeier, Dr. Gene Lodes, Shelly Hoefs, Dr. Wayne Wessel, Dr. Richard DeNaeyer and Sherry Murray. Not pictured are Sandra Ketelson and Linda Carr.

Dr. Gordon Shupe began his practice of dentistry in Wayne, Nebraska in 1945 after World War II.

Dr. Wayne E. Wessel became an associate in that practice in June, 1963. Their office at that time was above the Wayne Creamery on West Third Street. The building directly across the street was purchased and the offices moved there in 1967. This building at one time housed a furniture store, then a hatchery.

Dr. Richard N. DeNaeyer joined Dr. Shupe and Dr. Wessel in 1970 in this modern five operatory facility.

Dr. Gordon Shupe passed away in 1979. Dr. David Cooley joined Dr. Wessel and DeNaeyer that year and practiced with them until joining the Army in 1981.

Wayne E. Wessel, D.D.S. served as vice-president, then president of the Nebraska Dental Association from 1981 through 1984.

Dr. Gene A. Lodes, native Nebraskan, became an associate June 7, 1982. This dental office and doctors have served the Wayne community since 1945.

Mrs. Jane Broekemeier of Wisner, recent graduate of the University of Nebraska as Dental Hygienist, joined the staff in June, 1984.

Mrs. Lura Stoakes has been head receptionist since 1967, Mrs. Shirley Bergt, receptionist and typist since 1977 and Mrs. Shelly Hoefs receptionist and typist since November 1982. Mrs. Sherry Murray, Mrs. Julie Bloom, Mrs. Vondell Hass, Mrs. Sandra Ketelson and Mrs. Linda Carr, (the last two not pictured) are chairside assistants.

### DRS. WESSEL, DeNAEYER & LODES

115 West Third Wayne, Nebraska  
Telephone (402) 375-1124

## McDERMOTT & McDERMOTT CONGRATULATE WAYNE AND ITS CITIZENS FOR A THRIVING 100 YEARS

Since 1948, McDermott & McDermott have been providing legal service to the Wayne community. That year, Charles E. and Evelyn L. McDermott opened their law practice above the old First National Bank (now Surber's Women's Clothing) in Wayne.

In 1954, they purchased the old Fairmont Creamery building, and built their present office on that site.

Duane Schroeder joined the McDermott firm in 1975.

The law firm specializes in taxation, estate planning, probate and trial work in their practice. Charles McDermott served as Wayne county attorney from 1952 to 1967.

Two legal secretaries are employed by the McDermott & McDermott law firm. Trixie Newman has been here 10 years, while Joni Tietz has been with the firm the past five years.

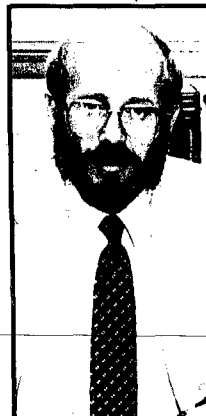


Charles E. McDermott



Evelyn L. McDermott

### McDERMOTT & McDERMOTT, ATTORNEYS 110 West 2nd Wayne, Nebraska



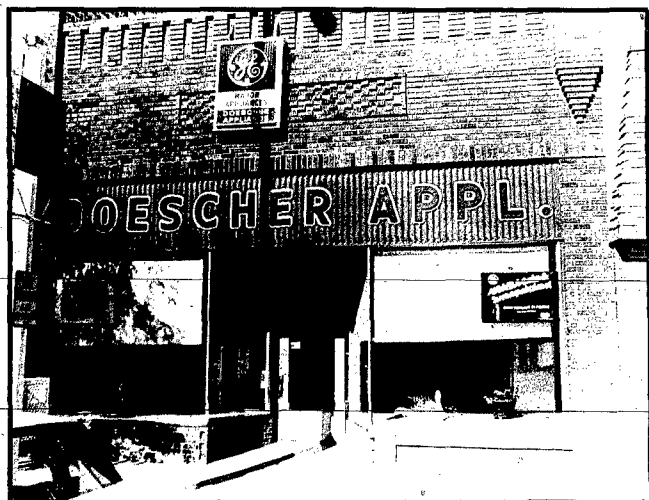
Duane Schroeder



Joni Tietz



Trixie Newman



1984 location.

Leslie Doescher started out in the hardware business in Dixon, Nebraska in 1949. He moved his business to Wayne in 1958 and started business where Jeff's Cafe now stands.

Doescher Appliance moved to their present location at 306 Main Street seven years ago. When Les moved his business out of his first Wayne store, he decided to discontinue the line of hardware and go strictly into the appliance business.

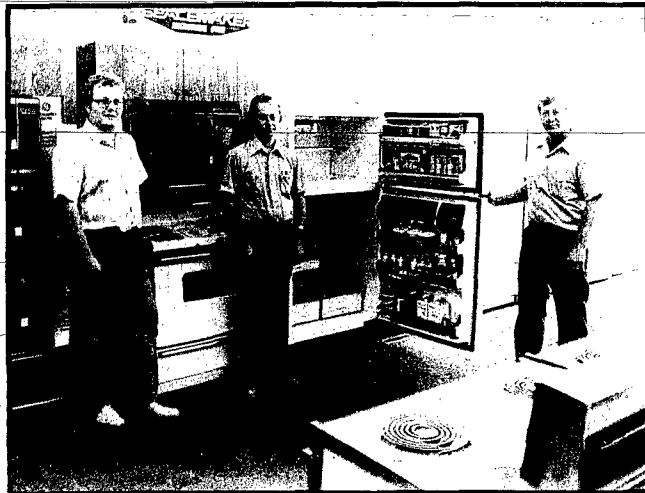
From their present location, the Doescher's have a long line of products and brands to offer their customers. Doescher Appliance Store currently offers General Electric equipment in the form of microwaves, electric ranges, refrigerators, washers, dryers and air conditioners.

Darrell, Donovan and Kenneth have joined their father in business over the years. Darrell is a first rate repairman with over 25 years of repair service experience. Donovan also does repair work and makes deliveries for Doescher appliance. Both sons are experienced in appliance sales.

Kenneth Doescher works on the delivery route and does some janitor work around the store.

Leslie is semi-retired as of January, 1981 and the store is currently being managed by Darrell.

## Doescher Appliance grows in customer service through 25 years of business in Wayne



Pictured are Donovan, Kenny and Darrell Doescher.

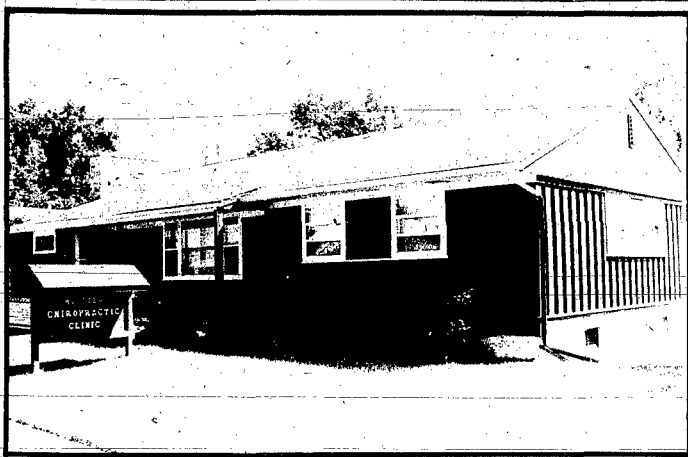
# DOESCHER APPLIANCE

306 Main

Wayne

375-3683





### Hillier Chiropractic Clinic commends Wayne on a century of hard work and prosperity



Elaine Francis and Dr. Sid Hillier.

Dr. Sid Hillier has recently moved Hillier Chiropractic Clinic to its new location at 501 East 7th. The family practice is oriented toward musculo-skeletal conditions. Dr. Hillier has been practicing in Wayne for the past 17 years. In January, 1967, he opened his first clinic at 115 West, 3rd, and in March of 1971, the office was moved to 106 West 2nd. Their most recent move came in December, 1983. Elaine Francis is the clinic receptionist.

**HILLIER CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC**  
501 East 7th  
Wayne, Nebraska

## Max Kathol, CPA, salutes Wayne for a successful 100 years

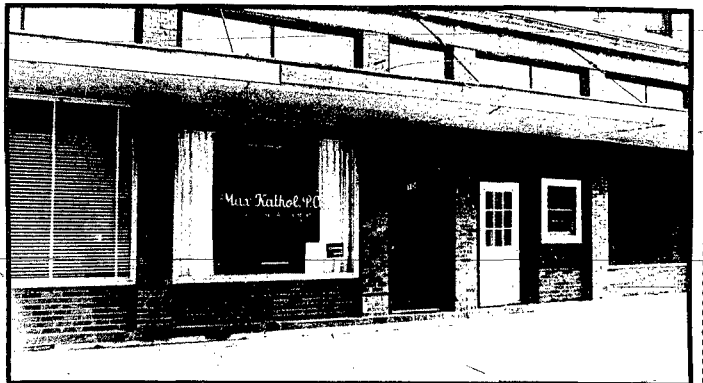
Max Kathol, C.P.A., opened his business in Wayne five years ago. He worked for the McDermott & McDermott law firm for the first two years while establishing his business. His office at 110 West Second adjoins the McDermott firm.

Several years ago, the firm computerized its operation. Max and his staff — Joel Ankeny, Tammy Foote, and part-time employees DiAnn Shultheis and Melia Hefti — work with clients primarily in the areas of taxes and financial statement preparation. Our clients are from all over northeast Nebraska — from Norfolk to Sioux City to Hartington.



Pictured are, left to right, Joel Ankeny, Diane Shultheis and Max Kathol.

**MAX KATHOL, CPA**  
110 Wayne 2nd  
Wayne, Nebraska



# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK COMMENDS WAYNE ON A MAGNIFICENT ONE HUNDRED YEARS



Main Bank - 301 Main St. - 375-2525

The First National Bank in Wayne not only holds the reputation of being the oldest bank in Wayne County, it also is the bank that has served Wayne area residents the longest. First National believes that customer service comes first and conveys that feeling in service to their patrons.

Established in 1885, First National has always believed that a bank must change with the times. In keeping with this idea, First National expanded its services in 1978 to include a new drive-in bank at 7th and Main.

Since moving into its newest location at 3rd and Main in 1960, First National opened with a new facility for its insurance business in 1977, when they purchased the building directly north of the bank.

First National Bank currently has assets in excess of \$32 million.



Drive-In Bank - 7th & Main St. - 375-3002



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**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAYNE**





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# 2 - Education & Entertainment

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## The way it was

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in the early 1900s as parents or children?

The Wayne Herald photographers, with the cooperation of Wayne residents Phil and Eileen Kloster and children Stephanie, Greta, Shannon and Courtney, made an effort to recreate some of the scenes typical of this era.

With these photos, we hope to bring back some special memories.

The setting is the Rollie Ley family home, which is now the location of the Wayne County Historical Museum. The home is at 702 Lincoln Street and it was built by Dr. W. C. Wightman in the years 1900 and 1901.

In the top photo, the Kloster clan gathers in the family room for a relaxing evening at home. Phil reads an edition of The Wayne Herald while Eileen embroiders and Stephanie practices with the "music box."

Shannon, Greta and Courtney enjoy a game of marbles.

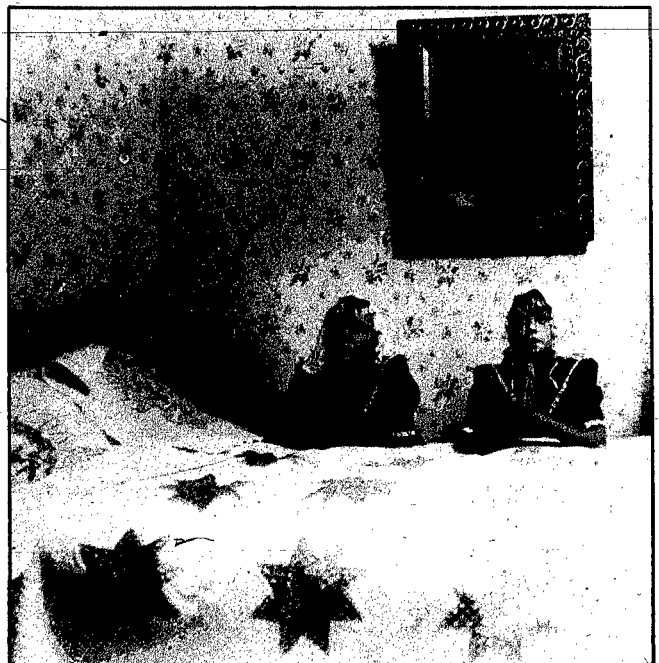
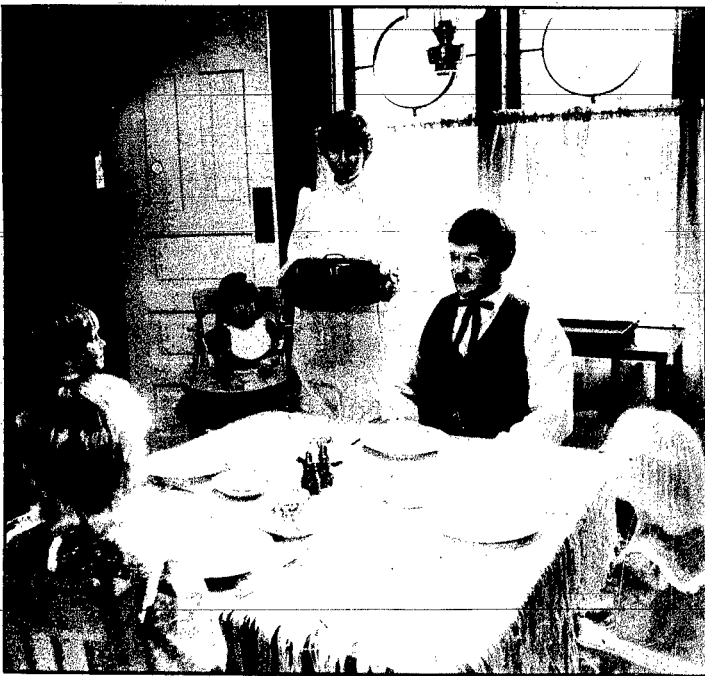
Center right, dolls and buggies are Courtney's favorite toys at the Ley house.

It's supper time (center left) at the Ley Museum and Eileen comes out of the kitchen with a special dish.

In the lower left photo, Greta and Stephanie say their evening prayers before adjourning to bed.

The Kloster family gathers for a family portrait on the porch of the Ley house (lower right).

photos by Michelle Kubik and Chuck Hackenmiller



## Ley home is donated

# Society chooses museum site

By LaVon Anderson

On June 15, 1953, Dorothy Huse Nyberg met with the Wayne County board to discuss a location for a county museum. It was at that time that the Wayne County Courthouse, located at 510 Pearl St. in Wayne was suggested.

Mrs. Arthur Auker, Mrs. Don Wightman and Mrs. F.I. Moses were appointed to scout for a suitable location. Later, the Wayne County board met with Judge F.H. Pollock who favored a provision in the courthouse for the museum. The project was presented to the Wayne Woman's Club in September of that year and in December of 1953, Mrs. Nyberg and Maude Benschhof Auker agreed to sponsor the museum.

Jean Boyd and Mrs. Robert Morrow were appointed museum scouts for Winside on Oct. 1, 1953, and Mrs. Levi Roberts and Mrs. Lloyd Morris were appointed for the Carroll area on Nov. 3.

Ida Reed Moses met with Judge Lyle Jackson, sheriff Hans Tietgen, county clerk C.A. Bard, district clerk David Hamer, and commissioners Emil Meyer, Oliver Reechart and George Stoltz. The women asked that the north portion of the court room be used to display the relics.

THE REQUEST WAS

granted and the project completed by April 23, 1954. Mrs. Jessie Austin Reynolds was appointed recorder for the museum. A mural on the south wall of the room was painted by Rodney Love in memory of his father, E.R. Love.

The first relics for the museum were presented by Mrs. H.H. Hahn on July 20, 1953.

On Sept. 16, 1954, Dr. James C. Olson, superintendent of the Nebraska Historical Society, addressed the opening of the Wayne County Historical Museum in the court room to an overflowing crowd.

Mrs. Arthur Auker introduced president Dorothy Huse Nyberg and the officers, including Edith Huse Wightman, Jessie Austin Reynolds and Ida Reed Moses.

The courthouse quartet, comprised of R.I. Jones, Jean Boyd, C.A. Bard and George Stoltz sang, and the museum was opened to the public. Lunch was served by Mrs. Earl Oliver, Mrs. Wilmer Griess, Mrs. L.R. Cunningham, Mrs. O.F. Moore, Mrs. Clifford Dahl, Mrs. R.W. Casper, Mrs. Charles Heikes and Mrs. H.A. Welch.

DURING 1955, THE following served as receptionists when the museum was open: Mrs. Auker, Mrs. Reynolds,

Mrs. Nyberg, Mrs. Dorothy Kabisch, Mrs. George Noakes, Mrs. H.W. McClure, Mrs. Walter Savidge, Mrs. Mae Young, Mrs. Frank Morgan and Mrs. F.I. Moses.

By April of 1958, 786 antiques had been collected and recorded, and the room was overcrowded. An old wooden pump, a rare article, would be appreciated by the state museum in Lincoln.

The historical group discussed many possibilities for the location of a new museum through the years, deciding on a site on Highway 35 east of Wayne in 1968 when Mrs. Mable Sorensen donated 2.1 acres of land.

The following year the society obtained the former home of Wayne County pioneer physician Dr. George Hess for a museum. The building, which had to be moved to provide room for a new filling station going up in Wayne, was donated by Joe M. Hupp of Norfolk.

HOWEVER, WITH FUNDS unavailable to refurbish the museum site, the house has remained empty.

In 1975, the family of the late Rollie Ley offered to give the family house in Wayne to the historical society for use as a museum, with the stipulation that the county board of com-

missioners levy a one-tenth mill tax for maintenance of the facility.

Children of the late Rollie Ley are Henry Ley, Mrs. Harold Hein and Mrs. Richard Armstrong, all of Wayne, and Mrs. Mary Alice Champs and Mrs. Milton Auker, resident of California.

Historical society representatives met with the commissioners and made the proposal. The commissioners indicated that they would like to see evidence that the organization represents the entire county before they would be willing to allocate funds for the project.

LATER, HISTORICAL representatives again met with the commissioners and a compromise was reached. County commissioners agreed to grant \$2,000 to the historical society for maintenance and upkeep on the house for one year.

At the present time, the Ley home is being rented by the historical society. The historical group is in the process of requesting a non-profit organization status. Plans call for the house to be turned over to the society when they are officially declared a non-profit organization.

The house, which had remained vacant since the death of Mrs. Gertrude Ley, step-

mother of the Ley children, will be dedicated in memory of their father.

The Ley home became the second physician's home to be given to the society. Located at 702 Lincoln St., it was built by Dr. W.C. Wightman in the years 1900 and 1901. The cost figure was in the \$12,000 to \$13,000 area, architect fee not included.

THERE WAS ONLY one transfer of title from Dr. Wightman to Rollie Ley in the year 1912.

The home, one of several large homes to be built around the turn of the century, has five bedrooms, and a bath upstairs with a sleeping porch built 20 years later. The large attic was finished and used as a play room.

The home has four fireplaces, one upstairs and three downstairs, designed for burning coal. Woodwork for the rooms and fireplaces include maple, cherry and walnut. The walls of the den are paneled and many of the windows are leaded, some with stained glass. Each fireplace has a different design of carved woodwork, and the inlaid floors downstairs each contain a different design.

The marble tile for the

fireplaces came from Vermont. The plumbing and heating was installed by a Sioux City firm. Labor came from Sioux City and Wayne.

IN ABOUT 1920, a breakfast room and sleeping porch were added which cost a fourth as much as the original house.

The home stands mostly in its original state except for the remodeling of the bathroom and other changes since water damage.

On January 14, 1984, the new Board of Directors met at the museum to survey the damage done to it by the broken radiators that froze up due to extreme cold weather.

The heating system had all ready been worked on. Work days were set up to pack things away so that the restoration and repair could be started.

WORK CONTINUED from March until August when the museum was opened for the first time to the public.

Although all the work is not done, an open house was held Aug. 5 with the Wayne Kiwanis holding a watermelon feed north of the museum.

The final accounting of the repair and restoration has not been made as there is still a considerable amount of work to be done.

## CARRYING ON A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Since January, 1977, the Chevrolet/Oldsobile dealership in Wayne has been owned by Mike Perry, who purchased it from previous owner Roy Coryell.

Mike, a native of Wayne, had spent the previous 10 years with Ford Motor Company before purchasing his business here.

The dealership was started by W.C. Coryell in 1927. He succeeded the M & K Chevrolet Company in Wayne, and was first located on south Main. In the early 1930's, he moved the dealership to East Second Street, in a former blacksmith shop.

In 1933, Bill expanded his product line to include Oldsmobiles as well as Chevrolets, and in the early 1940's, added the Allis Chalmers farm equipment line, which was later phased out.

In 1946, Bill's son Roy joined the business after college and a tour in the armed forces. Roy became the owner of Coryell Auto Company after his father retired, and in 1974, constructed the facility on west Highway 35, the present home of the dealership.

Mike Perry purchased Coryell Auto Company on January 1, 1977. Since that time, he has added new body shop facilities totaling 3,120 square feet. The business features the latest high-tech shop equipment, providing up-to-the-minute service for their customers.

A total of 26 employees are in the sales and service areas as well as Coryell Derby at 211 Logan, providing over 285 years of experience for our customers.



Mike Perry Chevrolet/Oldsobile dealership.



Mike Perry



Ready to work for you in the parts, service, and office departments are, front left: Deo Johnson, Brian Baboo, and Al Hallos. Second row: Ken Hamer, Troy Hardar, Fred Ellis, Bob Sutton, and Dan Hallos. Back: Judy Nemes, Rick Hirst, Dwight VanderVaan, Doug Mau, and Wayne Tietgen. Not pictured: Verlin Glass and Tom Perry.



The sales staff at Mike Perry Chevrolet/Oldsobile includes, left to right: Jack Brownell, Ed Carroll, Torry Graf, and Dan Donahoy.



Coryell Derby is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In 1934, W.C. Coryell purchased the service station from M.E. Way. Mike Perry purchased it from Roy Coryell in 1977.

Located at 211 Logan, the current service station was built in 1963, following the demolition of the original brick station.

Lee Tietgen has been manager of Coryell Derby for 33 years. The station has three other employees.



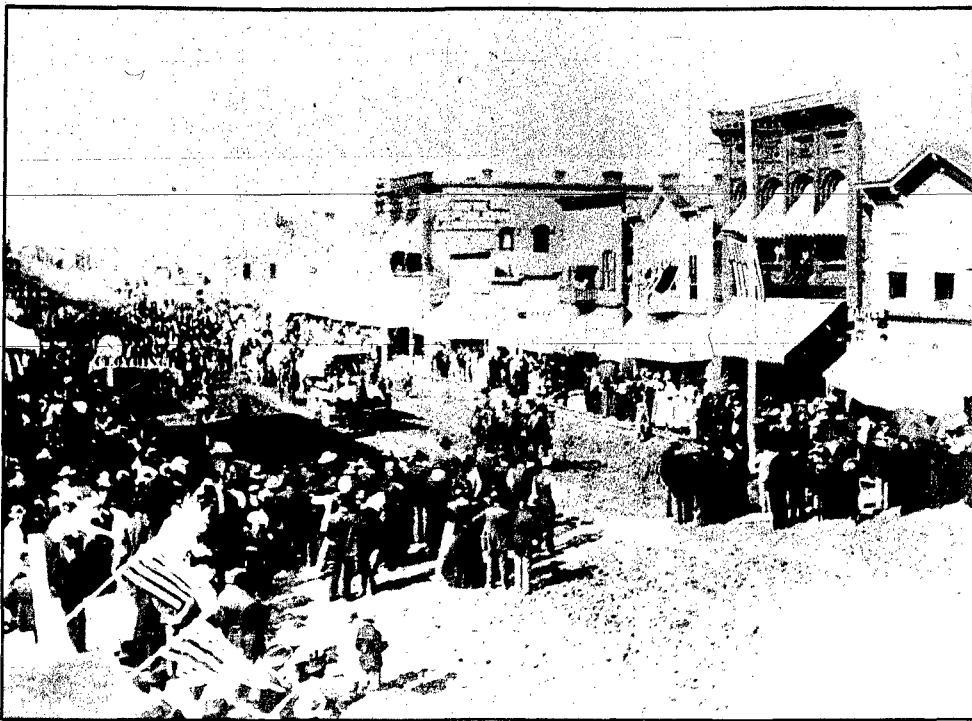
Coryell Derby employees are, from left, Dennis Beckman, Jack Hiatt, Edward Linn, and manager Lee Tietgen.



West Highway 35  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-3600

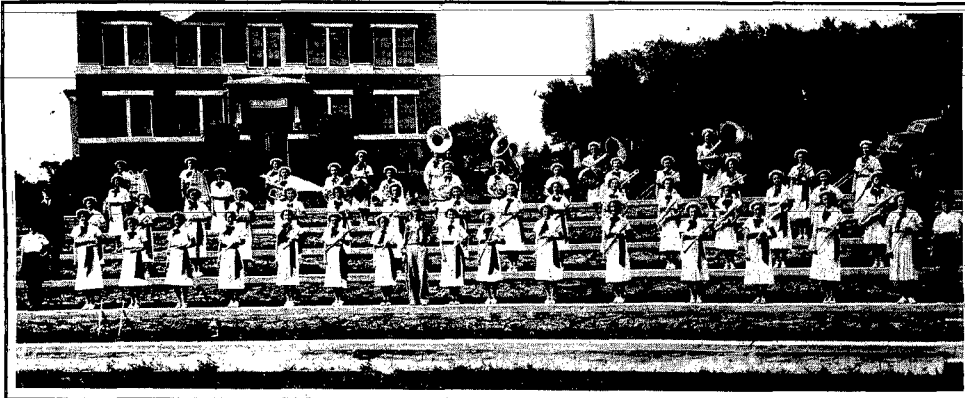
**CORYELL DERBY**

211 Logan  
Wayne, Nebraska  
375-2121



Submitted by State National Bank

AN EARLY celebration on Wayne's main street is highlighted by a grand parade down the center of town.



Submitted by Wayne County Historical Society

WAYNE'S "All Girl Band" was directed by Ray Reed in 1937.

## Local bands provide early entertainment

Back in 1884, there were nine local businessmen who decided to start a band.

The leader was Robert W. Wilkins, druggist, who played the cornet; Charles M. Craven, photographer, played the clarinet; John F. Bennett, real estate owner, played the cornet; Charles Waylter, painter, played the tuba; Sam Davies, newspaper agent, played the tenor horn.

Also W.H. McNeal, then editor of the Herald; played the baritone horn; D.A. Danielson, jeweler, played the clarinet; John F. Sherbahn, brick yard owner, played the snare drum; and J.M. Cherry, carpenter and county judge, played the bass drum.

The name of the organization was "The Wayne Silver Cornet Band." Their first public performance was at the Wayne County Fair in 1885.

FROM THE FAIR'S proceeds, the band bought new instruments and hired a director. They weren't paid for their music at the fair, but the fair commission gave the band concession right which cleared about \$400.

This first band had head-

quarters where the present fire station stands. Before the fire station, the building was Wayne's city hall. During the time the band used the facility, it was Wayne's old skating rink.

The old building with a tar roof was the community center where all skating parties, dances, and shows were held.

In the late 80's, the musicians contracted with the Sioux City "Corn Palace" and were known as the Wayne Corn Palace band.

CONSIDERED ONE OF the best in the northwest, the band had sixteen members.

The band soon had its own music director. Edward and Henry Buchanan took turns filling the capacity, Edward having been soloist in a Chicago band for a time and both being prominent musicians.

In 1890, the members played at Norfolk for the old soldiers' reunion and won first prize in a band contest.

During street fairs and carnivals of the 90's, the group was called to play in Sioux City.

AN INCIDENT TOLD to Dorothy Huse Nyberg by band member, C.M. Craven, tells of the time one parade was held up because of the band.

Civic organizations in Sioux City were going to march and the labor union had asked to have the Wayne band lead it.

Somewhat, another band was substituted in place of the local Wayne band. The Labor Unioners refused to start until the right band was at its head.

At another time, the boys were asked to lead a bicycle parade in Sioux City. Keeping with the bicycle theme, they fixed small stands on several bicycles so that each cycle carried two, one to pedal and one to play.

ANOTHER NOTED BAND was organized by F.C. Reed in 1926 with a membership of about 40 high school students. In 1927, the band played in Lincoln at the State Fair and placed first among school bands.

In 1936, the musicians were called to Sioux City to play at the Grandview Music pavilion for its dedication. The band also played at Aksarben and at Ponca for the town's 80th anniversary.

A municipal band of 50 musicians in Wayne, was

## Social life is self-made

Social life and early entertainment was self-made by Wayne's earliest settlers, according to Dorothy Huse Nyberg.

The husking bee furnished entertainment as well as accomplishment for fall months. On these occasions families piled all the children into wagons and went to a neighbor's home.

Men and women joined in a corn husking contest in the barn.

The children played about and were tucked away to sleep until their parents were ready to drive home. Singing, dancing, visiting and eating were enjoyable accompaniments of the bee.

EARLY SETTLERS felt the need of intellectual polish and as a consequence, promoted spelling bees and literary societies.

These were usually in charge of the teacher of the district school.

Stiff spelldowns were conducted and important topics were considered in heated debates.

Elaborate balls were special social events in pioneer days. Copies of party invitations tell the story: "Grand Independence Ball to be held at the courthouse in LaPorte, Neb., July the 4th. Yourself and ladies are respectfully invited to attend."

FLOOR MANAGERS were J.S. Fox and Ira Durin. Tickets were rather dear for that date, costing \$1.50 each.

Another invitation reads: "There will be a Social Hop at the courthouse Thursday eve, February 20, 1879. Yourself and lady are cordially invited to attend. Good music will be in attendance. Tickets, including supper, \$1.75. Britton and Bressler, Managers. LaPorte, Nebraska."

Wayne had the opera house at Fifth and Main streets in the early days for indoor entertainment.

The building was dedicated in about 1890 with a chrysanthemum party given by Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. Emil Weber, Mrs. Frank Fuller, Mrs. F. L. Neely, Mrs. P. L. Miller, Mrs. R. J. Armstrong, Mrs. H. H. Moses, Mrs. E. L. Jones, Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, Mrs. John Harrington, Will Wittler and Mrs. Henry Ley.

ALMOST 250 attended the supper, with Hovey's band furnishing the dancing music.

Leap Year prompted "gorgeous" social affairs in early years and New Year's Day receptions were the vogue.

Club work for Wayne women was organized as early as at any place in Nebraska. Mrs. Mary Brittain, who came to LaPorte in 1876 and to Wayne in 1881, subscribed for a magazine published in New York in the eighties.

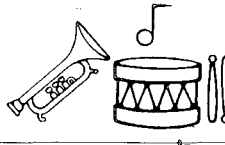
This magazine told that Madame Demorest of New York, had visited Paris and found women there organized in groups for study and sociability.

THE NEW YORKER was so pleased with the plan that she started women's clubs in New York. Mrs. Brittain presented the idea to Wayne women who decided to follow the same plan.

Wayne's Acme club was organized in the summer of 1885. The women took a course from the University of Chicago and at other times studied history and literature.

The one club could not accommodate all who wished club work, so the Monday club was formed the same year.

Its main object was establishing and maintaining a library. Other women's groups helped until the city took over the library project.



Submitted by Orval Brandstetter

THE "HUNGRY FIVE" consisted of (left to right) Ralph Austin, Henry Ley, Father Robert Hupp, John Einung, Pat Atkins, Orval Brandstetter and Geo Goblirsch.

recognized among the best in Nebraska and a women's band of 60 musicians had members from Wayne, Wisner, Concord, Carroll, Wakefield and Emerson.

The Hungry Five, originating around 1946, began under the organization of Pat Atkins. Atkins, the band instructor for Wayne High School at the time, recruited

members along with Henry Ley and John Einung.

OTHER ORIGINAL MEMBERS included Ralph Austin, Orval Brandstetter, Geo Goblirsch and Father Robert Hupp.

According to Brandstetter, the group got their name from a book of music titled, "Hungry Five."

Founded to play polka band music, the seven members called themselves the "Hungry Five Plus."

They played for several parades, the annual Old Settlers Days in Winside and other area events.

The group had several turnovers as members moved away or died and finally lost interest in the late 60's.



## Women's clubs establish public library

The idea of establishing a public library in Wayne was expressed before the turn of the century by several local women's clubs.

They began by forming individual lending libraries of their own and then, in 1898, joined forces.

Their goal was a city library with its own building and grounds. A constitution for the new federated clubs was adopted and the first board of directors appointed.

The women began raising money by promoting various benefits.

**THE FOUNDERS OF THE** Wayne City Library included local club women, business and professional men, teachers, ministers and city officials.

The project grew out of the interest shown by several women's clubs including Acme, Monday, U.D., Bachelor Girls, Minerva and Pieran, represented respectively by Mrs. Hamer Wilson, Mrs. Dan Harrington, Mrs. Jessie James, Miss Lucy Buffington, Mrs. Sarah Andrew and Mrs. Edith Cherry.

These clubs organized as a group in 1898 with the following board of directors: Mesdames J.T. Bressler, A.A. Welch, C.A. Chase, Nathan Chase, Burdick and Wilbur; also Misses Mary Mason and Buffington.

In about 1898, the Commercial Club, an organization of business men, furnished a room in the courthouse which became the first library.

**DONATIONS OF BOOKS** followed and the ladies took turns acting as librarian as there was no money to pay for that service.

Librarians before 1925 were Mrs. M.S. Davies, Mrs. E.S. Blair and Miss Charlotte White. In 1910, the pay was one dollar per week, but by 1914, the salary had increased to \$28 per month.

In 1899, the women, now calling themselves a federation of women's clubs, voted to ask the city to levy a tax for a free public library and planned to raise what money they could to add to that provided by the city.

The names that appear in the early minutes of meetings include many that are closely associated with the history of Wayne.

**THOSE ATTENDING THE** meetings were Mesdames Ley, Blair, Owen, Davies, Wilson, Pile, Littell, Brown, Northrup, Weber, Beebe, Duerig, Fuller, Robbins, Warnock, Corbit, Bartlett, Williams and Jacobs.

By 1910, added names included King, Johnson, Dearborn and Montgomery.

It is evident from the records that the men of Wayne were most supportive of the efforts of the club ladies.

Speakers at a general meeting in 1902 were Professors Pite, Gregg and Snodgrass from the college, Judge Moses and Rev. Birrell.

**OTHER NAMES** appearing by the time the new building

was occupied in 1913 include Britton, Heckert, Henney, Ringland, Jacobs, Schulteis and Hahn.

The Commercial Club and the federation of women's clubs asked Mrs. J.T. Bressler, past president of the board, to write to Andrew Carnegie in regard to obtaining assistance in building a library.

When a reply was received in early 1910, stating the possibility of assurance, provided the city would do its part, Mayor Henry Ley appointed a library board which set to work.

Carnegie responded with a check for \$10,000 on the condition that the city match the funds.

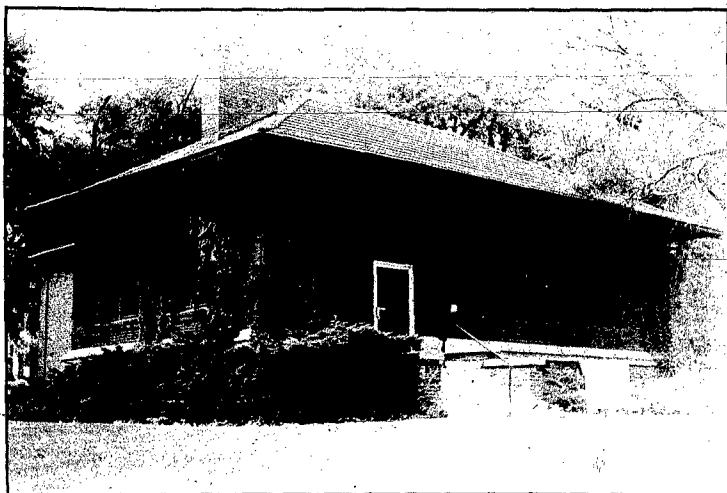
**THE LIBRARY BOARD** petitioned the city council and was granted a levy to maintain the library. It bought the lot just north of the Baptist Church for \$850.

The Commercial Club felt that it would be well to have more ground and therefore purchased the adjoining lot and gave it to the library.

Chicago architects Patton and Miller designed the building and the local contractors were J.H. Foster and Sons.

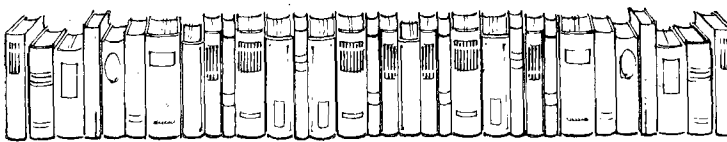
The new building was occupied in 1913 at which time the federation of women's clubs donated 1500 volumes, making a total of 2182 books on the shelves.

**THE WAYNE LIBRARY** is



Wayne Herald photo

**THE WAYNE** Public Library was established by local women's clubs at the turn of the century. Library materials were first housed in a room of the courthouse.



still in the same building which has been enlarged and improved through the years.

It now contains, in addition to some 18,000 books, periodicals, records, filmstrips, art prints, newspapers and cassette tapes.

Services are provided to all age groups through story hours, summer reading programs, and special services for senior citizens.

The Wayne Public Library is located in the Northern Library System in Nebraska

and has access to materials from other libraries through interlibrary loan.

The Wayne Library Foundation was established in 1978 to accept memorial gifts and other bequests.

—Written by Leila Maynard, submitted by Kathy Tooker

## Association develops Wayne County Fair

Interest in a Wayne County Fair first developed in 1885 when an association was formed and a fall festival was held on the Ed Perry land at the southeast edge of Wayne.

Besides agricultural and livestock exhibits, races were held and horses were brought from many points in this section.

In the late nineties interest in the fair lagged and no festival was held for a couple of years.

The desire for a fair was renewed and the Wayne Speed association was formed to sponsor a fair.

**THE THIRD CYCLE** in Wayne County Fair history was the organization of the Purebred Breeders association which, together with the

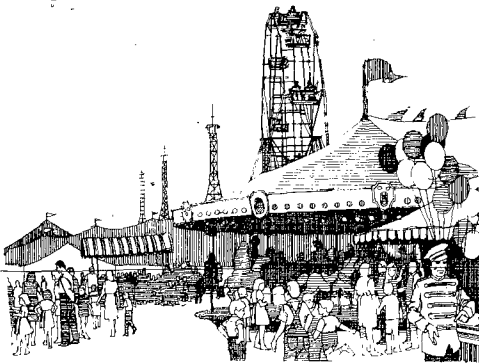
Commerical Club, put on a free fair.

This was financed by donations from the breeders and others. The undertaking proved successful at first, but suspended in about 1920.

Acting under public pressure, a group met at Wayne's City Hall in 1922 to form a temporary organization known as the Wayne County Fair and Agricultural Association.

The purpose of the organization was to promote agriculture, this being done through holding a county fair each year.

**THE GROUP INCORPORATED** with a capital stock of \$25,000.



Officers chosen were H.J. Miner, president; H.B. Craven, vice president; W.E.

VonSeggern, secretary; R.W. Ley, treasurer. Directors were V.L. Dayton,

J.J. Ahern, Wm. Lessman, Roy Jeffrey, R.G. Rohrke, E.F. Shields, J.E. Hufford, Harry Tidrick and R.F. Roggenbach.

Stock was sold to buy land and erect buildings. The association bought 31 acres at the west edge of Wayne from Ben McEachen for \$11,000.

**THE FIRST BUILDINGS** erected in 1923 were two hog barns with 32 pens each, a hall for the women's exhibits and a poultry building.

The educational hall was built in 1925, with most of the funds raised by school children of the county. An amphitheatre was also built in 1925.

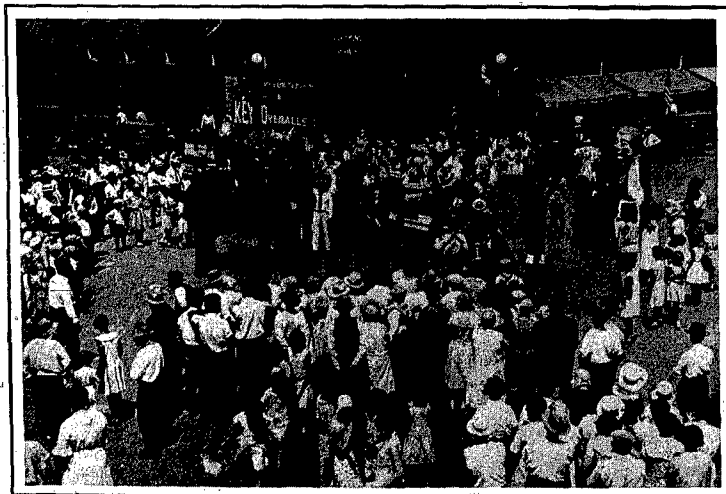
Other improvements to the

grounds and buildings have been made each year.

In 1940, the constitution was changed and six additional board members were added to the Wayne County Fair and Agricultural Society making the governing body a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and fifteen board members.

**THE CURRENT** officers are Dick Sorenson, president; Marty Willers, vice president; Arnold Marr, secretary and David Ley, treasurer.

Board of directors include Don Peters, Howard Greve, Robert Hansen, Glen Olson, Jim Shulteis, Richard Sorenson, Felix Dorcey, Leland Herman, Marty Willers, Jerry Pospishil, Albert Topp, Terry Janke, Don Langenberg and Ray Roberts.



Submitted by Wayne County Historical Society

## Early day LaPorte celebrates Fourth

When the pioneers first arrived in 1869 and 1870, they were too busy to think of a Fourth of July celebration.

But in 1871, after some success had been attained in the way of establishing homes, breaking prairie and getting crops planted, the little settlement decided on an Independence Day celebration.

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, everyone came from miles around to LaPorte on July 4, 1871, some in wagons, others riding horseback and many walking.

Patriotic music, picnic dinner and a lively dance followed.

IN THE YEARS following, the Fourth of July was celebrated at the county seat.

The constitution was read, speeches were given and patriotic songs were sung.

As years passed, horse races were held and baseball games were added for entertainment.

Everyone provided their part for the feast, including chicken, potato salad and cakes.

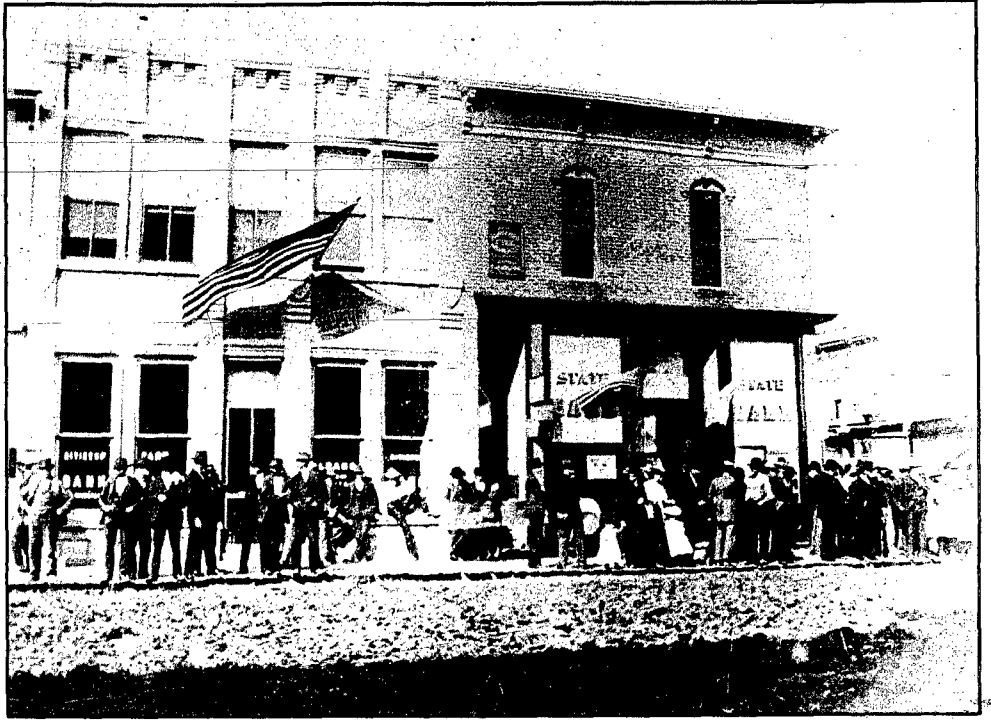
**DOROTHY HUSE** Nyberg recalls the year Mrs. W. A. Hunter roasted an entire pig with an ear of corn in its mouth.

To prepare the animal, she dusted off the newly killed pig with resin, then dipped it into a washboiler of scalding water.

After wrapping the pig in a woolen blanket, the hair peeled off in folds. The dressed pig was placed in a sack and hung in the well just above the water level until the day of the celebration, when it was roasted.

Wayne County was represented at the big Fourth celebration staged at Ponca in 1883. The cornet band and glee club furnished music while young women, dressed to represent the goddess of liberty and the various states, presented a "panorama of beauty and splendor."

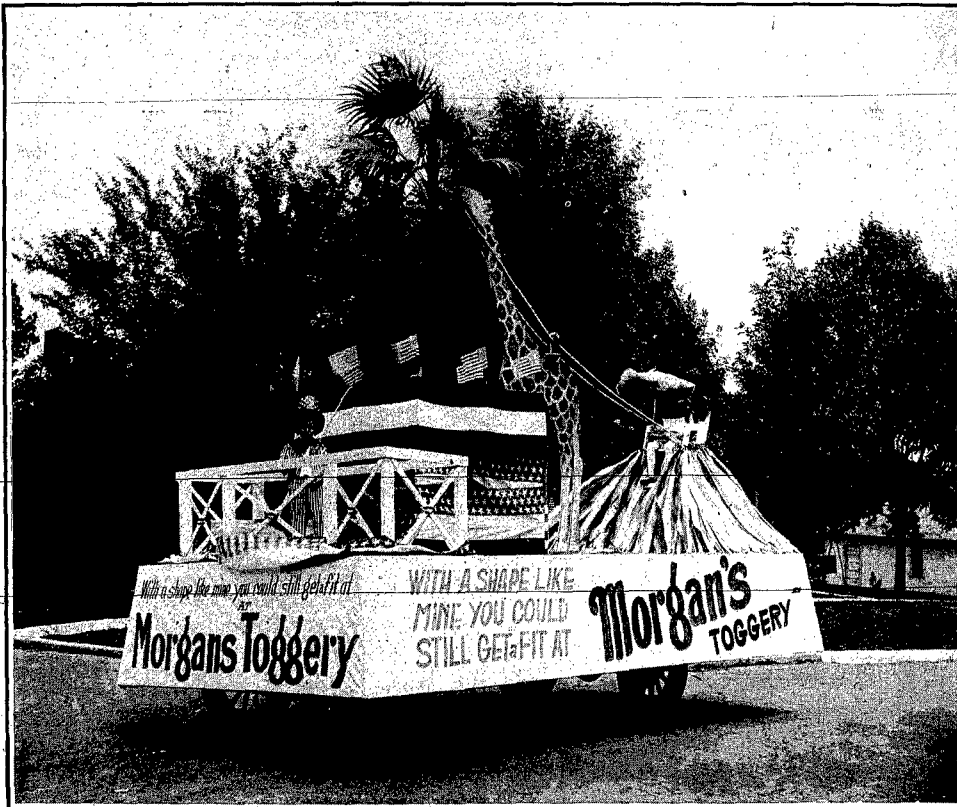
The Declaration of Independence was then read and the 5,000 spectators were stirred with patriotism.



PEOPLE LINED the streets of Wayne during the Fourth of July celebration.

Submitted by the State National Bank

## Grand parade highlights Wayne celebration



Submitted by Leona and Edwin Kluge

FRANK MORGAN built this float for his children, Mary Jane and Jack, who participated in the 1919 Fourth of July parade.

July 5, 1899

Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN by Eph. Cunningham, Editor.

Wayne's Fourth of July celebration found Main Street lined with bunting and flags from one end to the other, and residences all over town were similarly decorated. Pride of the city was the double illuminated arch at 2nd and Main, with its colored lights and fountain.

There was a Midway and "vendors of 'fresh peanuts' and 'ice-cold lemon'" for the "assembled thousands." (Pictures show observers in every second-story window and on roof-tops, not to mention those clinging to telephone or electric poles.) At noon, "every shaded place in the city contained its dinner party of happy people."

The grand parade in the morning was made up of carriages, floats, marching children and secret societies.

Afternoon events included a pony race at the fairgrounds (then at the east end of Fair Grounds Ave.), foot races, and a ball game in which Carroll chalked up 17 points to Wayne's 7.

Following these events a tight rope walker performed on a rope stretched across Main St. from the Citizen's Bank building (now south half of State National Bank) to the Boyd Hotel (where Coast-to-Coast is now).

Someone was next supposed to leap from a tower into a hole filled with water, but the hole was filled long enough that the sides caved in and filled it with soft mud. More successful was the Indian attack on the "white man's cabin" on Main Street, and the cabin burned as planned. A balloon ascension and parachute leap followed.

At 7:30 the regionally famous Wayne Corn Palace Band gave its concert and another parade followed, this one made up of the girls' bicycle club, the girls' drill team and the band. The fireworks display missed being a calamity when a rocket was fired from in front of McVickers and Richards bakery and confectionery on the east side of Main into a crowd of women and children in front of Chace & Neely's hardware and implement store on the west side. No one was hit. The evening concluded with the throwing of confetti, cornstarch and flour on everyone.

—Submitted by Bessie Baier

# School official urges good attendance

January 25, 1899

Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN

By Eph. Cunningham, Editor  
"Non-Attendance"

To the Patrons of the Schools of Wayne County:

We should in Wayne county, have the very best schools found in the state. We have everything to make it good. We have bright children, we have or may have the best of teachers for we have an institution in our county that can turn out teachers as well prepared as any institution of learning in the state.

It is costing us more per scholar to educate our children than it costs the city of Washington. The people of the United States and especially of the Western states, want value received for all they expend, and yet many of our

people are allowing the schools to go on and their children to remain at home.

The best qualified school in the world cannot educate children that are not in attendance. I am perfectly astonished when I find parents, well educated themselves, who keep their children out of school on the slightest pretext, and sometimes for no reason only that they do not like the teacher, not realizing that all they can earn now is little compared to what they might earn in a few years if they were for all time.

No wealth that parents can leave their children can compensate them for the lack of the training the schools can and will give them. The scholar is heir to all the ages; all the beauties of poetry, all the brave exploits recorded in history, all the wonders of genius are his.

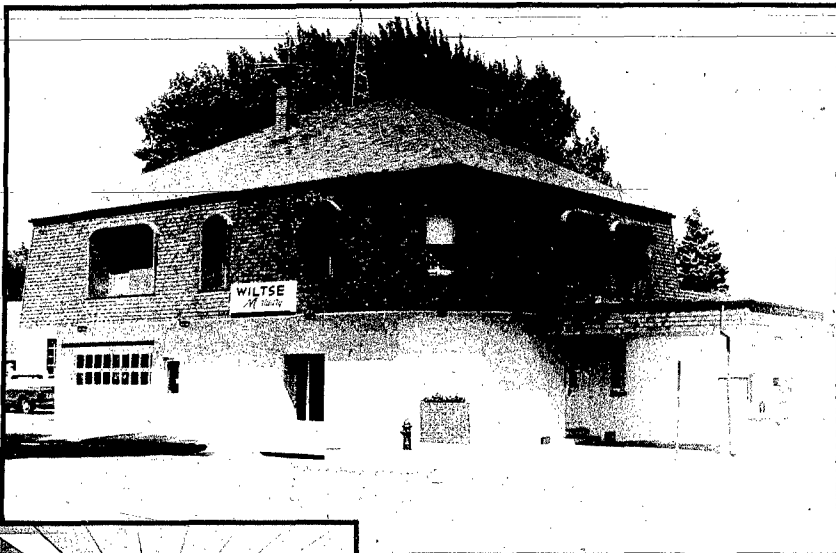
Perhaps in some of our country districts we have

another Edison only waiting the touch of Philosophy's fairy wand to start him on his career of invention; 'some mute, in glorious Milton,' who only needs the songs of our poets to show him his ability.

We know at least, we have hundreds of boys and girls with good hard common sense that needs the training that our common schools can give them, to make of them the very bone and sinew of our country as educated common people. I appeal to you, for the sake of your country, for the sake of your children, for the sake of humanity, send your children to school.

Yours,  
Charlotte M. White  
County Superintendent of Schools  
—Submitted by Bessie Baier

# WILTSE MORTUARY BOASTS THREE GENERATION BUSINESS



Wiltse Mortuary in 1984 following 1969 remodeling.



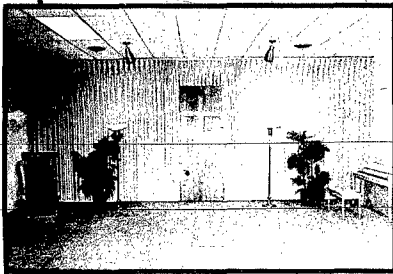
Beckenhauer Funeral Parlor in 1915.



Beckenhauer Funeral Home with addition added in 1925.



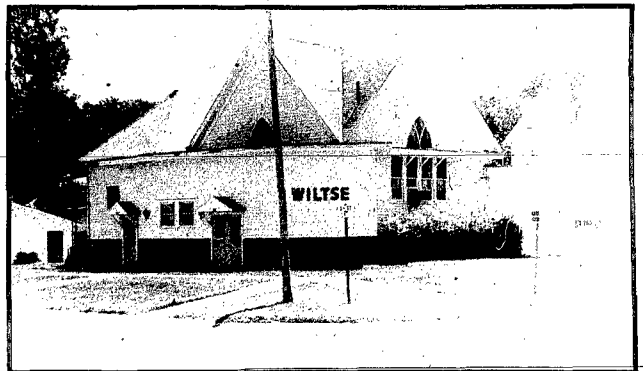
Wiltse Mortuary in 1958 before last major remodeling.



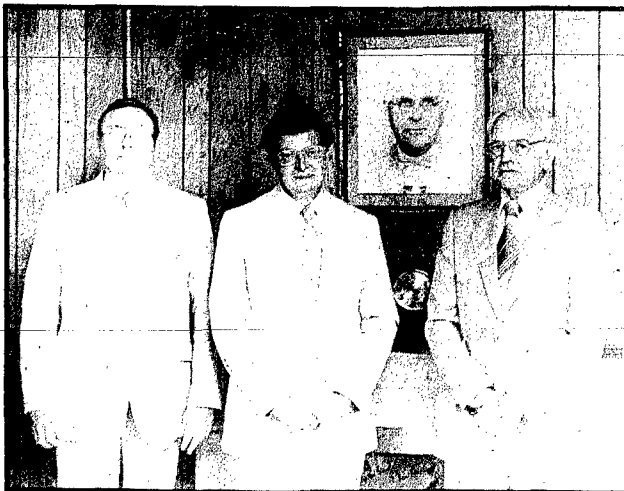
Interior picture.



Funeral home in Winside.



Funeral home in Laurel.



Rowan Wiltse, partner Brian McBride, William Beckenhauer (pictured) and Willard Wiltse represent three generations of ownership.

Wiltse Mortuary, formerly titled Beckenhauer Funeral Home, has been owned by three different generations of the family. The funeral home, founded in 1909 by William Beckenhauer, originated as the partnership, Gaertner and Beckenhauer — Pianos, Furniture and Undertaking. The building was located near the Mint Bar (now the State National Bank) until Beckenhauer went on his own.

In 1915, he built on the 401 Main Street corner, which is still the site of the home. Beckenhauer boasted the first "strictly funeral parlor" in northeast Nebraska. A second addition was added to the building in 1925.

The funeral home was passed to Beckenhauer's son-in-law, Willard Wiltse, in 1929. Willard's son, Rowan, became a third generation associate in 1955.

The building itself remained unchanged for nearly 20 years, until 1968, when the last major remodeling began. It was completed in 1969 and was highlighted by a new lobby with a marble fireplace and rich Spanish furniture.

Brian McBride joined the firm in 1974 and became a full partner in 1978.

January 1, 1956 marked the beginning of a new funeral home in Laurel. The Wiltse's purchased the Solso Funeral Home from F.J. Solso. This too had been a three generation family venture.

A third family funeral home was purchased in 1959 at Winside. Upon the death of Harold Nealy, the Gabler-Nealy Funeral Home was purchased and incorporated into the Wiltse's family business.

## Wiltse Mortuaries

Laurel - Wayne - Winside

401 Main

Wayne

375-2900





CENTENNIAL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE WAYNE CENTENNIAL; TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR CITIZENS' SUPPORT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Wayne, Nebraska:

**Section 1. Statement of Purpose and Intent.**  
The citizens of the City of Wayne during the period ending September 3, 1984, will be celebrating the 100th birthday of this fine city. In order to properly carry out the spirit of this Centennial, certain standards, incentives, and penalties are necessary to promote and encourage the proper spirit among citizens.

**Section 2. Centennial Standards.** From this date forward until September 3, 1984, all citizens of the City of Wayne shall display the spirit of the Centennial by appropriate attire and attitude, including costumes, badges, and joy for this festive occasion.

**Section 3. Incentives for Complying with Standards.** Those complying with standards will be appropriately awarded with prizes, awards, or good feelings among themselves.

**Section 4. Penalties for Non-Compliance.** Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, in addition to missing out on the fun and spirit of the Centennial, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor the penalty for which may include public service, such as weeding and watering the centennial petunias, or in severe cases of non-compliance, suffering the ignominy of a public dunking.

**Section 5. Operational Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its passage and approval, and shall remain in effect until September 3, 1984.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 1984.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

THIS CENTENNIAL Ordinance was passed by the Mayor and City Council of Wayne in observance of the celebration.

A LITTLE white schoolhouse, fast becoming a thing of the past, is preserved at Wayne State College. In 1966, a rural school was moved to the Wayne State campus to become a museum, dramatizing the change in education. The school house, pictured above, was originally located one and a half miles south of Wakefield. It was decided that the rural school should be dedicated to Miss Mamie McCorkindale, who was a Wayne State faculty member for 29 years. On July 2, 1966, the school was dedicated and officially named the Mamie McCorkindale Rural School Museum. The school was built in 1880. Posing on the front steps of the school are the current administration and division heads of Wayne State College. In front, right to left, are Ed Elliott, Wayne State College president; Vaughn Benson, division head of business; Don Cattle, division head of applied science; Jay O'Leary, division head of fine arts; and John Struve, dean of finance. Back row, right to left, Al Cramer, Nebraska State College Board Trustee; Ron Jones, athletic director and division head of health, physical education, recreation and athletics; Kent Blaser, division head of social sciences; Jo Taylor, division head of humanities; Frank Prather, division head of mathematics and sciences; Jack Middendorf, director of information systems; and Don Whisenhunt, vice president of Wayne State College.



MAYOR WAYNE Marsh addressed the audience attending the dedication of the Mayoral Grove on July 22. The garden, located in the Sunnyview Park development site on the east edge of Wayne, honors each of the past mayors who have served Wayne. It was dedicated in conjunction with the city's year-long centennial celebration.



WAYNE, NEBRASKA  
CENTENNIAL  
SEPTEMBER 1984  
CENTENNIAL STATION

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This logo was seen on letters from both coastlines of the United States and into Germany as the mail was distributed during the Labor Day weekend of Wayne's grand centennial celebration.

Postmaster Tom Jones said there were many requests for the special "centennial cancellation" which was received several weeks prior to the celebration.

The only cost for the special marking was just the 20 cent stamp on the envelope. Letters with the special cancellation could only be mailed on the three dates of Sept. 1, 2 and 3 of 1984.

Following those dates, the logo was returned to Washington where it is kept in the national archives for historical purposes.

1881 - 1931

You are cordially invited to attend  
Wayne, Nebraska's  
Golden Jubilee and Homecoming  
July 2, 3 and 4, 1931  
to commemorate

The Founding of The City of Wayne  
and to Honor

Those Who Had a Part in Its Early History.  
Wayne County Fair Grounds.

Honorary Committee:

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| John S. Brander | Mary L. Britton  |
| J. M. Cherry    | Kattie G. Wilson |
| Wm. Repenstand  | Clara B. Ellis   |
| Lon Hunter      | Edward Perry     |

THIS INVITATION was sent to citizens of Wayne, inviting them to the Golden Jubilee and homecoming scheduled for July 2, 3 and 4, 1931.

# Bill's GW Salutes Wayne's Centennial



For nearly half a century, Bill Lueders Sr. has been in the grocery business in Wayne. He started in 1935 as a stock boy in the grocery department of R.L. Larson's, located in the building now housing Kuhn's. In 1944, he became the manager, staying with Larson's until they closed out the grocery department in 1946.

Following that, he managed Quality Market, across the street from Wayne State College, for two years, and in 1949 started his own grocery store where the State National Drive-in Bank is now located. It had a 19½ foot by 50 foot sales area, and Bill employed three full-time and three part-time employees in his Economy Market. He sold the store in 1954 and in 1957 purchased it again, moving it one building west.

The following year, Bill purchased the City Grocery from his brother Fritz, and renamed it Bill's Market Basket, employing four full-time and four part-time personnel. His son, Bill Jr., joined the family business in 1968.

In the fall of 1974, the Lueders opened a new store at their present location, with an expanded sales area of 10,000 square feet and a total of 15 full-time and eight part-time employees. Three years later, they enlarged the building to 20,000 square feet, 15,000 square feet of which was grocery area. The remaining area houses a coffee shop, game room, laundromat, and dry cleaning establishment. They also started a garbage collection service, C and D Garbage. Fifty-two people are employed in the total business operation.

Bill feels one of the reasons his store is successful is not only all the people that work for him but all of his family that he employees — two sons, one daughter, one daughter-in-law, seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

Bill's GW is owned and operated by Lueders, Inc., with W.J. Lueders Sr., president and Bill Jr., vice president and secretary. Bill Sr.'s wife, Ellen, is treasurer. Stockholders include Myla Foote, Chris Lueders and Joan Miller, in addition to the officers.



Full- and part-time personnel include, front left: Pat Schmoll, Jenny Utecht and Diane Ebmeier. Back: Eddie Pool, Sean Dorcsey, Jeff Stratton, Jim Poehlman and Pat Melena.



Right to left, Bill Jr., his wife, Elaine, and their children Billy, Lane, Larry and Teddy are an integral part of the family's grocery business.



General department managers are, front left: Myla Foote, Sandra Gahje and Margaret Melena. Back: Brian Foote, Bill Paysen and Wanda Hefeldt. Not pictured is produce controller, Dave Doescher.



Checkers are, from left: Jeanne Heithold, Tiffany Wilke, Jody Allen, Colleen Roeber, Julie Wattier, Julie Metteer and Rose Hoising. Not pictured are Kathy Goeken, Julia Johnson and Joel Ruterhorides.



Working in the deli are, from left, Linda Murray and Judy Sherman.



Lunchroom manager is Anita Laschen.



Jennifer Cole manages the dry cleaning department.



Meat department employees Curt Wheeler and Lori Holmes.



Managing the produce and dairy departments are, from left, Linda Nelson and Teresa Tiedtke.



Bakery personnel are, from left, Chantip Hewitt, Janet Schmale and Sarah Surber.



Sackers are, front left, Alan Foote and Brian Lamb. Back: Jon Stoltenberg, Rod Dahl and R.J. Metteer. Not pictured are James Predoehl, Rick Haase and Kelly Ditman.



Operators of C and D Garbage are (left) Chris Lueders and (not pictured) Dave Foote.

# BILL'S



Owned & operated independently by Lueders, Inc.

517 Dearborn

Wayne, Nebraska

375-1540



THE WAYNE STATE College track as it appeared in 1925.

Submitted by Leila Maynard

## Hunting and fishing become a part of early Wayne sports

With deer, elk, prairie chickens, badgers and prairie dogs abundant in the early eighties and with lakes nearby, early settlers enjoyed sports provided by hunting and fishing.

Several hunting stories of early settlers are told by Dorothy Huse Nyberg.

The story is told that Henry Meyers, E. R. Chace, N. F. Bennett and "Cap" Johnson went deer hunting in the spring of 1884.

The men returned with one deer which they strung up on three poles for the night back of what is now the State, National Bank.

### WHEN THEY RETURNED, someone had stolen it.

In the winter of 1881, W.A. Hunter said he saw as many as 500 deer huddled together on a hillside trying to keep warm.

A "gun" club was formed in the eighties and continues until about 1910. C. M. Crave, Emil, Will and W.R. Weber and J.S. Kemp were some of the early members.

rabbits were prey in earlier days, whereas pheasants and ducks are popular for hunting now.

Tennis and picnics were popular sports in early years, especially for the young people.

Tennis courts were first located on Fourth and Main streets. J. G. Mines, Paul Meyers, Rev. A. F. Ernst, Frank Morgan and Fred Pile were early enthusiasts.

The city's two tennis courts are now located near the city swimming pool and at Wayne State College.

In 1915, A golf movement was started with the game originally played in the Bressler park and surrounding lots.

Later the men secured permission to use Chris Hansen's lots.

In 1917, a country club was incorporated and 35 acres, two miles east of Wayne were leased from John T. Bressler for the grounds and club house.

Bressler was the first president. Early officers included:

## Wayne State boasts its athletes

by Barry Dahlkoetter  
Athletics at Wayne State have received a lot of attention over the years, especially football, and basketball. The football program, which began in 1912, has seen undefeated teams in 1931 and 1949. The 1931 squad, coached by Ray Hickman, sported a record of 7-0-1 with the tie against Omaha University (now UNO).

First-year coach Jack Wink

led the 1949 team to a mark of 9-0-0 and a Conference Championship. The team was honored last fall at the Wayne State Hall of Fame banquet.

The basketball program has also enjoyed success in the past. From 1967-70, the Wildcats went to the National Championships three years in a row only to lose in the first round each year.

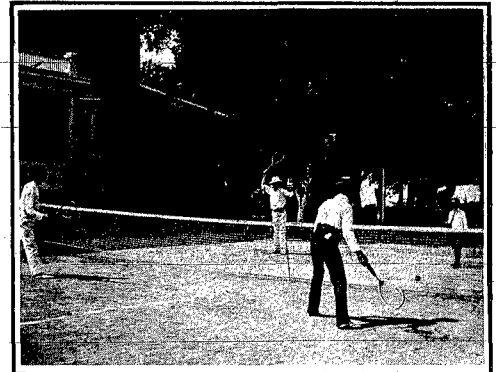
Wayne State Athletic Direc-

tor Ron Jones had the opportunity to pilot the basketball squad from 1970-74, and manage the baseball team for five seasons.

Womens athletics did not emerge onto the scene until 1968, when G.I. Willoughby became the womens basketball and softball coach. She guided the teams until 1977 and had championship teams five times in basketball and

two in softball. Willoughby attributes her highly successful career to "the many fine women athletes I had the privilege to coach."

With an enrollment of 2500 students last year, this year's figure is expected to hover around that mark. And once again, Wayne State will open its doors to students from different parts of the country and world.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

TENNIS WAS a popular sport in early Wayne.

## The Wayne Players add to early entertainment

With approximately twenty-five persons in attendance in the City Auditorium, the Wayne Players were organized in February, 1939. The first Board of Directors consisted of Dr. L.F. Perry, president; the Reverend W.F. Dierking, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Hobart Auken, Miss Hazinski, Mrs. Clarence Wright, Miss Fuller, and Mr. Henry Ley.

The first play, *Big Hearted Herbert*, was given in April, 1939. It proved to be a huge success in the community and so was followed through the years by: *The Bad Man*, *The Night of January 16th*, *Mr. and Mrs. North*, *The Bachelor's Dilemma*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Harvey*, *Life With Father*, *Skin Of Our Teeth*, *Solid Gold Cadillac*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, *The Gazebo*, *Born Yesterday*, *Teahouse of the August Moon*,

and *Bell, Book and Candle*. Also presented were *Gay Nineties*, a war time Revue which required the purchase of a United States Savings Stamp for admission, and a melodrama, *He Ain't Done Right* by Little Neil.

Among the directors have been: Henry Ley, Mrs. Fritz Mildner, Harry Fisher, the late Mrs. Russell Anderson, Miss Ruth Ross, Harold West, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. William Setz, Mrs. Dorothy Ley, and Mrs. Donald Cain.

Wilbur Porterfield helped to launch the organization, as did Mrs. Grace Lutgen. Other local and active members included: Mrs. L.F. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merriman, Mrs. Wayne Marsh, Miss Patricia Wert, Mrs. Mary Roberts, William Kugler, Cletus Sharer, Mrs. Billie Stirtz, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wiltse, and

many other workers too numerous to mention.

**THE ORGANIZATION** was sponsored initially by the Wayne Woman's Club for the benefit of the Wayne City Library. Other sponsors included: The First Methodist Church of Wayne and the Carroll Methodist Church, the VFW Auxiliary, the Ladies of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, the Wayne Band Mother's Club, and many other service clubs and civic groups.

The last play, *Angel Street*, was presented by the organization in 1964. Sometime after the *Angel Street* performance a reorganization was instigated by officers held over from the last active term, Cletus Sharer, president, Henry Ley, vice-president, and Mrs. Don

Merriman, secretary-treasurer.

At the time the new High School was built in 1966, several members of the Wayne Players were invited to offer suggestions for equipping the school's theater, and offered to sponsor a play, proceeds of which would go toward that equipment. However, the play never became a reality and the organization dispersed.

A letter of appreciation was received from Marlene McNutt Dion in February, 1981. Marlene played the role of Myrtle MacSimmons when "Harvey" was given by the Wayne Players. She said, "I have never lost my love for the theatre."

Many others share that sentiment.

—Submitted by Ruth Ross

One of the flourishing fishing places was Dog Town creek two miles north of Wayne. On the north side of the creek was the place called Dog Town.

**ACCORDING TO** Dorothy Huse Nyberg, it was called this because the 40 acres of land were inhabited by nothing but prairie dogs. One night all disappeared — no one knew how or where.

A favorite fishing spot in early days was Evans lake, located east of Wayne about two miles.

Minnows, mud-cats, small pike and bass were caught and the lake was also used for swimming.

Other lakes were located along Logan creek between Wayne and Wakefield.

**PRAIRIE CHICKENS** and

C. M. Craven, C. H. Fisher, J. J. Ahern, John Ahern, Frank Morgan, Dean H. H. Hahn, A. T. Cavanaugh, Carl Wright, W. K. Smith, H. B. Jones and L. B. McClure.

**A NEW NINE-HOLE** grass greens was started after World War II, a mile north of town and completed in the 50's.

J. T. Bressler gave Wayne city a block of ground in the northwest part of town June 29, 1905, for a city park. The park was named after the donor.

Trees were planted, playground equipment installed, bandstand and tables added.

Bressler also donated a section of ground in the east part of town, which was equipped in the same way.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

THE WAYNE PLAYERS, organized in 1939, performed several of their plays on the stage of the auditorium.

## Ben Franklin: serving Wayne since 1908

Ben Franklin has been on the Wayne business scene since the good old days. The five-and-dime store was just that: few items cost all of a dollar, and families shopped usually only once a week.

The Ben Franklin store was started in Wayne in 1908 by J.C. Nuss. It was located in the State-National Farm Management building, and in 1912 was moved to the location now occupied by Kaup's TV Service. In 1918, the business was moved to its present location at 207 Main.

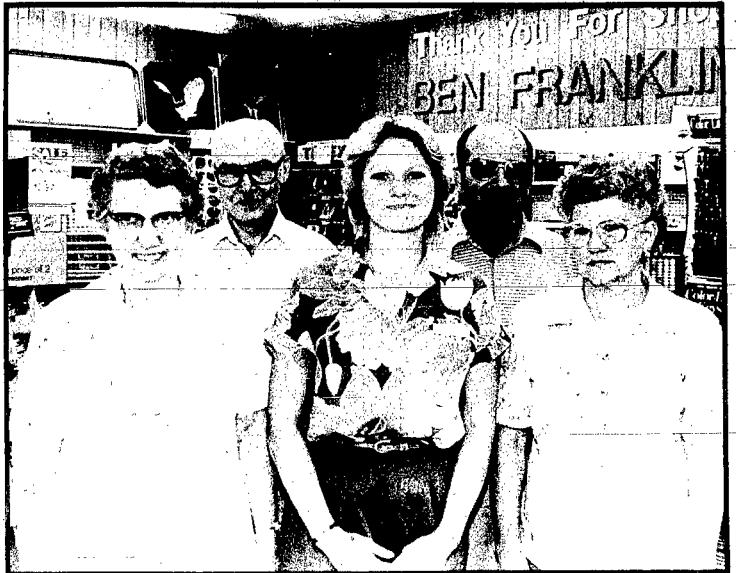
Several remodelings have taken place over the years. In 1918, the sales area was 25 foot by 90 foot. In 1928, the back of the building was extended to its current size. In 1941, the building to the north was purchased and completely remodelled.

In 1928, Carl and Helen Nuss joined their father in the business. Following his death, they became partners, with Carl as manager. Carl bought his sister's share when she moved to Hartington in 1940 to manage a store they owned.

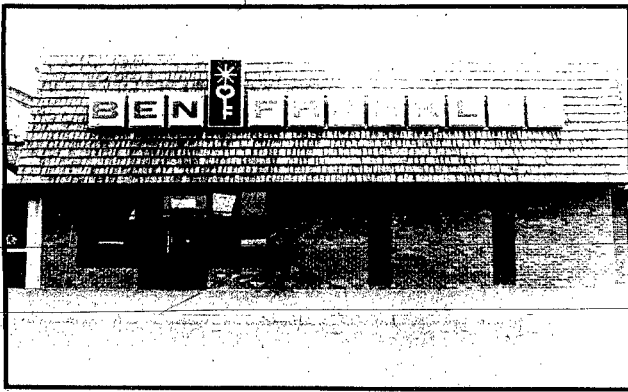
Carl's sons, Jean and Joe, joined the family business in 1951 and 1958, respectively. Following their father's retirement, they took over the management of the Wayne Ben Franklin.

The most recent remodeling took place in 1979, when extensive work was done on both the interior and the exterior of the store.

Stop in the Wayne Ben Franklin — the store that brings variety to life.



Ben Franklin employees are, from left, Marie Goshorn, Jean Nuss, Carol Gustafson, Joe Nuss and Mildred Thompson.

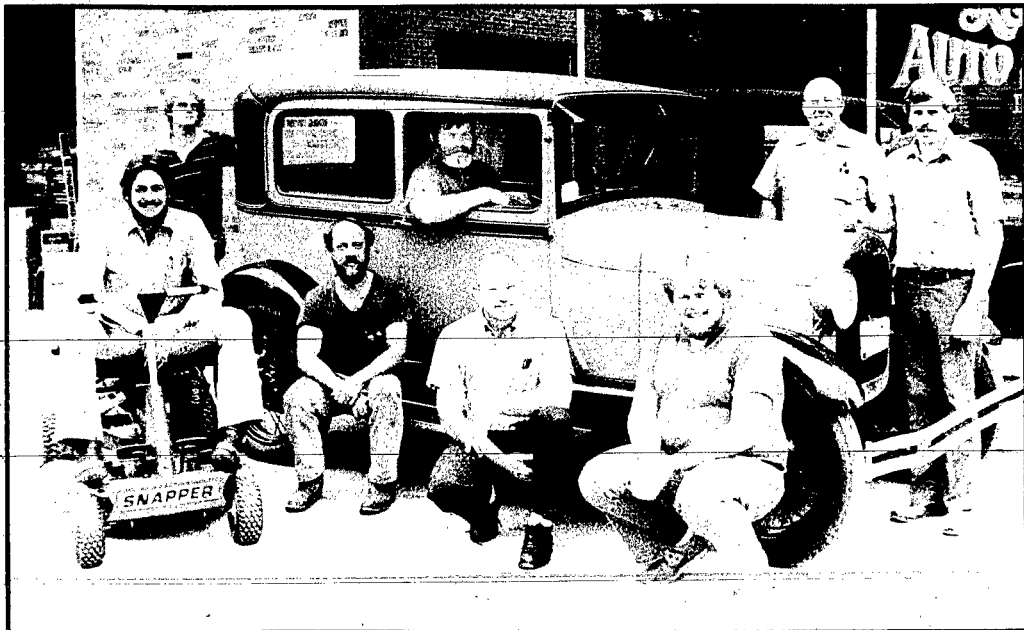


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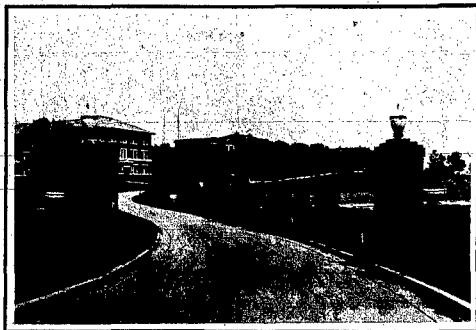
sonnel, from engine tune-ups to air cool service. We specialize in automotive parts and automotive machine work, lawn mower repair, and air-cooled engine repair. Our staff of nine includes two automotive machinists, one air-cool technician, three counter people, an outside salesman, and Paul Koplín, owner.

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Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

THE FIRST entrance to Wayne State College.

## Wayne State College undergoes changes

by Barry Dahlkoetter  
Wayne State College.  
It's been around forever, right? Wrong.

Wayne State did not just appear one day. The citizens of Wayne fought a long hard battle back in the early 1900s to establish a college in their town.

The year 1909 saw a struggle in the Legislature for the passage of a bill to purchase the Nebraska Normal College for a State Normal School. The owner, Professor J.M. Pile, was in ill health and decided to try and sell the school to the state.

Businessmen and citizens had meetings, but entertained very little hope for the bill's passage knowing that the two previous attempts had failed. Henry Ley and John T. Bressler were a few names that fought vigorously for the issue.

ALSO, A BILL for establishing a school in the northwest part of the state was before the house. Backers of the Wayne bill favored the other issue in exchange for support of their measure. After facing overwhelming odds, the bill passed its first stage in becoming a law.

The townspeople knew the stiffest opposition would be in the Senate; but, enough support was gathered from counties such as Wayne, Cedar, Pierce, and Stanton to give the bill a chance. When a tie-vote occurred to indefinitely postpone the issue, M.R.

Hopewell cast the deciding vote to keep the matter alive.

Another tie-vote happened when the bill was in its third and final reading. With 17 votes needed for passage, the secretary announced 16 for and 16 against. Supporters of the measure asked for a call in the Senate and discovered that one member, W.B. Banning, was gone. After many tense moments of waiting and searching, Banning was returned to the Senate where he cast the deciding vote for the issue.

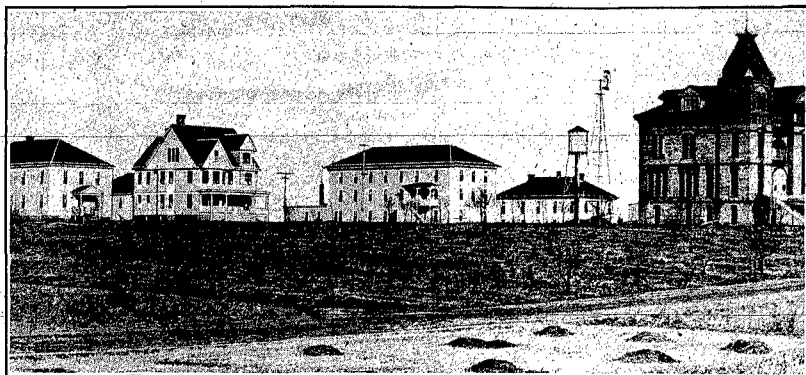
There was much happiness in Wayne at this time, but the question arose of whether or not Governor Shallenberger would autograph it. He signed the bill on April 6, 1909, with a provision included that the State Board of Education could not exceed \$90,000 for the purchasing of the institution.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE completed and the school opened as a State Normal in September of 1910. But before the bill had passed legislature, the founder, Professor Pile, had passed away.

Ulysses Sylvester Conn began his duties as the first president of the Normal College on April 12, 1910. He assembled a faculty of 15 members within two months but faced a major problem of attracting students. The Board of Education said the college would be advertised by the Wayne Commercial Club. Conn and his faculty faced less than 70 students at the opening

THE MAIN buildings of Nebraska Normal College as they appeared in 1906.

Submitted by Ken Olds



convocation. Many students came during winter and stayed only until spring when farmwork began.

Conn served as leader of Wayne State Normal for 25 years. When he retired in 1935, enrollment was 725 students and ten major buildings stood on campus.

J.T. Anderson took over as president for the next ten years. During his stay in office, enrollment increased to 900 by 1940, but fell to 250 in 1945 due to World War II.

DR. VICTOR P. MOREY was president when the veterans returned. The Legislature changed the name of the school to the Nebraska State Teachers College in 1949, and gave permission to bestow baccalaureate degrees for study in liberal arts. When Morey died in 1951, Dr. John D. Rice received leadership of the college.

Under Rice, enrollment grew to over 1,000 students. He was also responsible for the construction of two new buildings on campus.

After Rice's death in 1955, the college would be under guidance of Dr. William A. Brandenburg for the next 17 years, 1956-1973.

Brandenburg started the Wayne State Foundation in 1961; and in 1963, the name of the college was changed to Wayne State College by the Legislature.

WHEN HE WAS reassigned to full classroom duties in 1973

so he could return to teaching, Dr. Lyle Seymour was named as the interim President. Seymour was officially appointed as president when Brandenburg died in 1974.

After an eight-year stint as President, Seymour retired in 1982, thus giving way to the current President, Dr. Ed Elliott.

Elliott has been with Wayne State for 13 years, holding various positions within the college including the vice-presidency for seven years. He feels the college and the town have grown into a "sense of community" due to the great interaction between the college and the community. He says, "Not only is the

faculty active in college affairs, but also with different groups throughout the community."

When asked what changes the college would undergo in the future, Elliott listed the renovation of Connell Hall and the addition of two new wings to the Fine Arts building atop the list.

MANY OF THE college's "big" names have come out of the classrooms as well as the President's office. Two such graduates are John G. Neihardt and Val Peterson.

Neihardt was a graduate of the Nebraska Normal College in 1897. He was on campus in October of 1966 to read his

poetry and ring the victory bell he once rang for tuition. A bust, sculptured by the Poet Laureate's wife Mona, is currently placed in Conn Library.

A report from the Office of the Registrar in 1957 showed that Neihardt had no marks below 80, and 15 above 95. Records for his years of enrollment had been partially destroyed.

Peterson was a 1927 graduate from Wayne and would later go on to become Governor of Nebraska from 1947 to 1953. He received distinguished service awards from the University of Nebraska, the Department of the Air Force, and the American National Red Cross.



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LAYING OF the cornerstone for a new Nebraska College building in 1906.



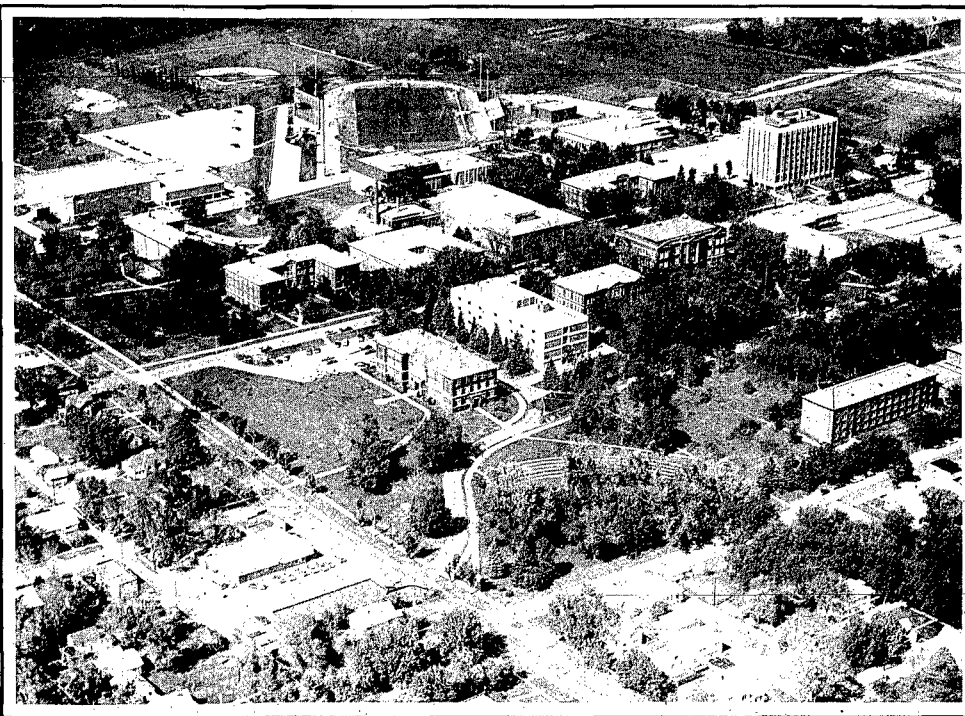
Submitted by Mildred Ringer

THE INTERIOR of Ley Theatre in its beginnings.



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

THE FIRST dormitories on campus.



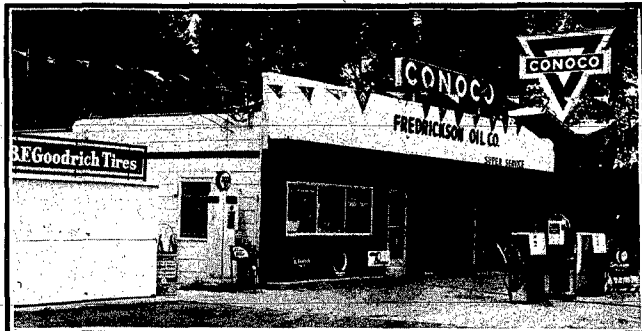
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AN OVERHEAD view of Wayne State College in the early 80's.

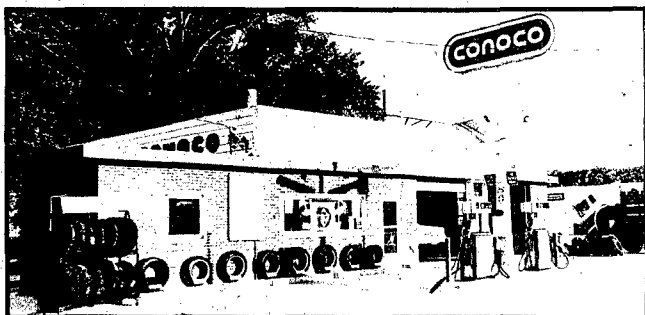
## Fredrickson Oil Company backs its products with over 50 years of quality service experience



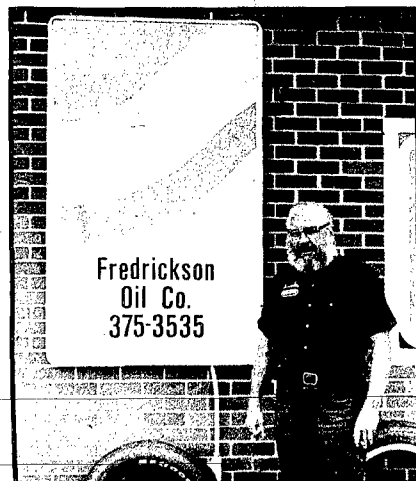
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Fredrickson Oil Company at present with the latest business front.



Swede Fredrickson

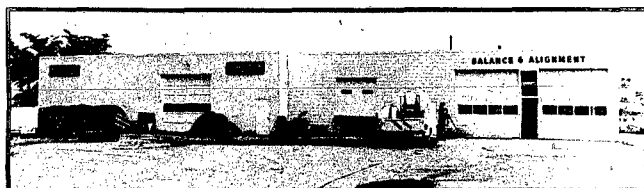
In 1937 Fredrickson Oil Company began serving Northeast Nebraska through a one-room service station and tavern 1 1/2 miles north of Wayne on the west side of Highway 15. Bill and Rose Fredrickson owned and operated the station at that time. Their son, Swede, joined the company in 1954 after serving in the armed forces. Roger Fredrickson joined the company in 1980.

Constantly expanding for better customer service is a trademark of Fredrickson Oil Company. Through the late 1950's and early 60's, a tank wagon and B.F. Goodrich tires were added to the inventory. Goodrich tires have continued to be one of the main products at Fredricksons as they continue to serve northeast Nebraska with wholesale tires.

The front and surrounding area of Fredrickson's Oil Company has gone through many renovations since its beginnings in 1937. A brick front was added to the station in 1963.

Striving for better customer service, Fredrickson Oil Company built a brick addition north of the service station in 1971. Tire alignment and computer balancing on cars and light trucks became a part of the service station. In 1975 construction began on the north storage building to accommodate larger tire and oil storage space.

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Farm Bureau Insurance congratulates Wayne on its centennial, and we look forward to our continued partnership.



Farm Bureau Insurance manager Melvin 'Bud' Froehlich and his secretary, Deb Mascoe.

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## Widner Feed and Seed: carrying on a 50-year tradition in Wayne

When Brooks and Jennifer Widner purchased Roberts Feed and Seed in August, 1983, they knew they'd be carrying on a tradition that's been in Wayne for more than 50 years.

The first cream station in Wayne was begun in 1931 by H.B. Graham, who built the building where the present business is housed, and opened an ice cream plant.

Throughout the years, ownership changed hands. Bill Schlickter owned it for a time, and in 1951, Evert Roberts took it over, renaming it Roberts Feed and Seed. A creamery was also part of the business until the summer of 1983, it closed, a victim of technology. The Widners purchased the feed and seed business from Mark and Carol Griesch.

Widner Feed and Seed handles Garst and Sexauer seeds, S-Brand soybeans, Ritchie fountains, Ideal livestock equipment and Schwann's products, as well as Hubbard feed. We also offer free on-the-farm delivery of feed products. Our staff includes Brooks and Jennifer, Dean McCormick and Brett Frevert.

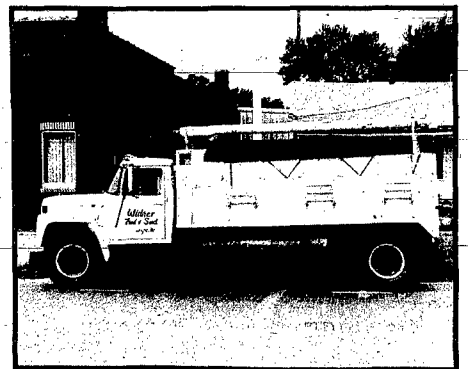
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## Bressler recalls good times

By Helen Bressler  
Excerpted from Wayne County Anecdotes  
and Historical Notes

The young people of today wonder, no doubt, what the resident of Wayne did for entertainment at the turn of the century and the following years. There were no movies, radios, television, cars, planes, and indeed no electricity except for lights.

Electric power was restricted for years to the hours between 6 a.m. to midnight. However, people had more time to become acquainted with their neighbors; and they, with their friends, led very pleasant social lives.

Young people were more restricted then but they found diabolical pleasure in such mischief as stealing ice cream from back porches of homes where parties or receptions were being held, leading cows to the second floor of the schoolhouse, or upsetting outhouses on Halloween.

One of the more dignified social events — often inspired by the need to promote some civic project — was a series of parties held in some of the larger homes and called "Around the World" parties. A small fee was charged to make money for the project involved, and sometimes "carryalls" were furnished to provide transportation from house to house.

Each home was decorated in the fashion of a different foreign country and hostesses wore appropriate costumes. Food associated with that country was served and entertainment provided by local talent. Large homes such as the Mellor, Ley, Heckert, Main, Bressler, Wightman, Northrop, Chase, Tucker, Pile and Harrington houses were used to accommodate the crowds.

It may have taken more imagination and ingenuity to provide the social life of Wayne in those days but it was a very satisfying, pleasant and relaxed period in the history of the town.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

WORKERS CONSTRUCTED the Wayne High School, which is now the Wayne Middle School, during the summer of 1908.

## New concept

# Middle School originates

Middle School, grades 5-8, as it is now known in Wayne, is part of District No. 17's central educational campus, which encompasses three buildings.

Located at 312 Douglas Street in a residential area, the middle school is one block from West Elementary School (grades K-4) and two blocks from the new Wayne High School (grades 9-12).

Built in 1908 and remodeled in 1939, this building housed all the students in Wayne Public Schools, K-12, until 1959.

At that time it became the junior-senior high school, grades 7-12, serving the enlarged District No. 17 area until 1967.

IN 1967, THE structure was given over to a new concept in education. Although the building had not been designed for a middle school, the

design did not prove to be a serious obstacle to implementing the new concept.

The Board of Education and the administrative staff of District No. 17 held the view that intelligent and imaginative development of a program to meet the early years of adolescence was the most important single factor in its ultimate success.

As District No. 17 continued to study the needs of its students in the middle school, major remodeling became needed for the developing program.

The building, however, was basically sound, in good repair, and generally provided good facilities for teaching most of the present curriculum offerings.

WITHIN THE three-story Wayne Middle School are 21 teaching stations including a gymnasium, band room, shop-

homemaking department, and library.

For the most part, grades five and six were housed and held classes on the first floor and grades seven and eight were housed and held classes on the second floor.

However, all pupils left their home rooms to attend classes in specialized fields such as band, shop, homemaking and physical education, or to go to the library and the learning center.

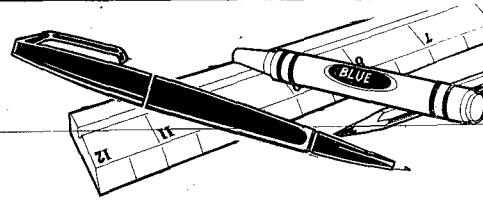
In 1981, there are 22 Middle School faculty members. This group includes four teachers who are shared with the high school. There is a full-time nurse shared with the entire school system.

The Middle School has one full-time secretary. The Middle School principal is also special education director for the school district. He has no teaching responsibilities.

—Submitted by F. R. Haun



MEMBERS OF Wayne-Carroll's school board are (left to right) Jim Hummel, Cap Peterson, Francis Haun, Becky Keidel, president; Arnold Reeg, Joyce Reeg and Doris Daniels, board secretary.



## Fine Arts highlights

Wayne High has had several individual and group achievements in the Fine Arts department over the years. There have been many highlights during this time.

The Wayne High Concert Band has received Division I ratings at the District Music Contest every year since 1957. Ron Dalton has been the instrumental music teacher since 1969.

The Wayne High Marching Band has received Division I ratings at the Winsor Marching Contest and at the Lincoln Pershing Marching Contest every year since 1972.

The Wayne High Stage Band won a jazz contest in Omaha in 1973, at Vermillion in 1977 and at Wayne State in 1977 and 1978.

Ron Dalton is also director of the marching band and stage band.

THE WAYNE HIGH Drama Club has been an active part of the school's extra curricular program for the past ten years.

During the last decade (1970's), the drama club has received a superior rating for every one-act play contest, including a superior rating at the district level.

They have also been regular winners of the conference competition and took third place in the 1973 State Invitational Contest.

They were second place winners in the Lincoln One-Act Play contest in 1974, and state champions in 1975 and 1978. Ted Blenderman is the drama club director.

—Submitted by F. R. Haun

## League named

# Bishop means baseball

Those familiar with baseball history in northeast Nebraska recognize the name of Ralph Bishop, recalling both the man and the Legion baseball league named in his honor.

They also remember his love for the game of baseball and the time he spent involved with the game, first as a spectator, then scorekeeper and finally as coach of the Wayne 1963 State Class B State Championship Junior Legion team.

BISHOP WAS BORN on March 16, 1920 at Meadow Grove, the son of Weldon C. and Nancy Bishop. He was crippled at the age of two when he fell off the springboard seat of a wagon and suffered a spine injury. As a result of the injury, Bishop never attempted to walk until he reached the age of seven. At age four he underwent back surgery and continued to grow at a normal rate, but his spine failed to fully develop and when he did begin to walk, he was swayback.

At age 14 he entered the Orthopedic Hospital in Lincoln and continued his schooling. His spine condition continued to deteriorate and at 16 he became permanently paralyzed in both legs. Five years later he left the hospital and went to the Puls home in Norfolk to live. He later came to be a resident at the Dahl Care Center in Wayne and resided there for 16 years.

Always an avid listener to baseball games on the radio, Bishop attended a baseball game with Cliff Dahl after arriving at the Care Center. Still bound to his stretcher, Bishop would lay near the first base line and "enjoy every moment of the action." He then became a firm follower of baseball, and at Wayne or Wayne State teams were not playing, he would go to any game with those who were attending.

HE BECAME MORE involved with the Wayne baseball programs when he filled in for a missing scorekeeper at one of the

game he attended. Scorekeeping was a familiar pastime for Bishop, as he kept score for many of the games he enjoyed on the radio.

Because the condition of his legs made it impossible for him to sit, Bishop spent many years on a "stretcher on wheels", able to guide himself around as much as possible. In 1951, Bishop underwent surgery to have his useless legs removed so he would be able to sit up and have better mobility.

FOLLOWING THE SURGERY, Bishop became regular scorekeeper for the Wayne town team, then the Junior Legion ball club and the Midgets as well. He had learned the trade of watchmaker earlier in life, but devoted all of his extra time to sports.

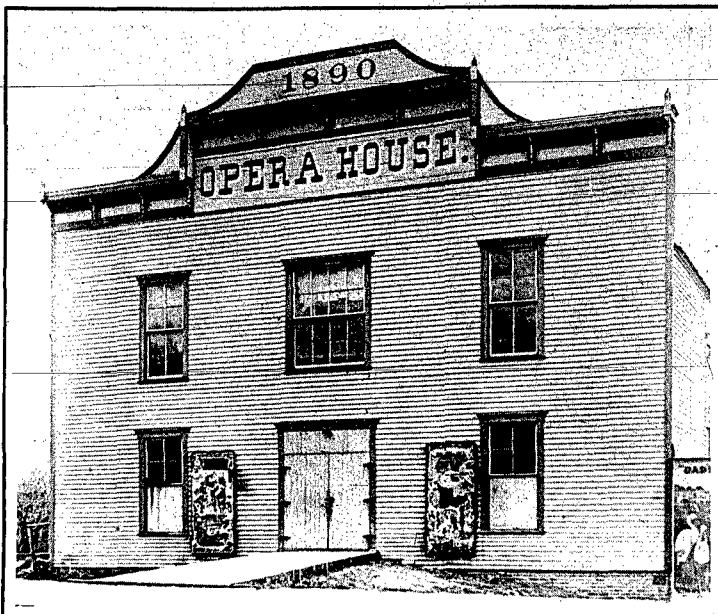
His opportunity to coach baseball came in 1963, when the Junior Legion program was without a coach. Bishop was well-known with all the team members and they carried a great respect for him

and his knowledge of the game.

The team went on to claim the 1963 State Class B Legion Championship at Aurora in what many have described as a "story book ending" to the season for Bishop, the team and the town of Wayne.

ALWAYS IN POOR health, Bishop passed away less than a year later at the age of 46. Throughout his life he had seldom if ever expressed any pity or sympathy for himself and his deep religious beliefs were a source of strength to him. "All I have to do is look to the left or right and I see others less fortunate than myself," he would say, adding "save the praise for someone else...save your sympathy for someone who needs it."

In 1965, Wayne baseball coach Hank Overin formed the Ralph Bishop League in memory of Bishop. Teams included in the league are Laurel, Ponca, Wakefield, Emerson, Bancroft, Pender, Wisner and Wayne.



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

THE OLD opera house on the corner of Fifth and Main Streets was finished in 1889.

## Auditorium follows Opera House as Wayne's community center

In Wayne's early days, the center of community activities was the frame opera house. The structure was built on the corner of Fifth and Main streets.

Entertainment at the hall included show troupes from eastern centers, home-talent plays, concerts by bands and other musical groups, campaign speeches and patriotic addresses.

Under the leadership of Judge H.H. Moses, subscriptions were taken for the old opera house.

The three lots, building and furnishings, finished in 1889, cost about \$3,600.

TO FINANCE THE proposition, 10 men individually contributed \$500 to a fund for the Opera House.

O.B. Kortright and Ernest Piepenstock were the Wayne contractors that erected the structure.

According to C.M. Craven, a pony show was the first attraction in the opera house.

The Andrews Opera Company familiarized Wayne with the comic opera, "Mikado," and John Dillon was a popular comedian in "Wanted, the Earth."

AN OCCASIONAL Shakespearean play was done for the community by members of the local Shakespearean club.

Famous lecturers and evangelists enlivened the opera house and Sam Jones conducted a revival for weeks.

Judge James Brittain became sole owner of the opera house and managed the attractions.

The Wayne Woman's Club bought the property and eventually sold it.

AFTER THE OPERA HOUSE gave way to modern

improvements, Wayne's need for an auditorium was felt.

On Sept. 5, 1933, residents voted to issue bonds and a site was bought at Third and Pearl streets.

The Wayne Woman's Club furnished the initial \$6,000 to start the auditorium fund.

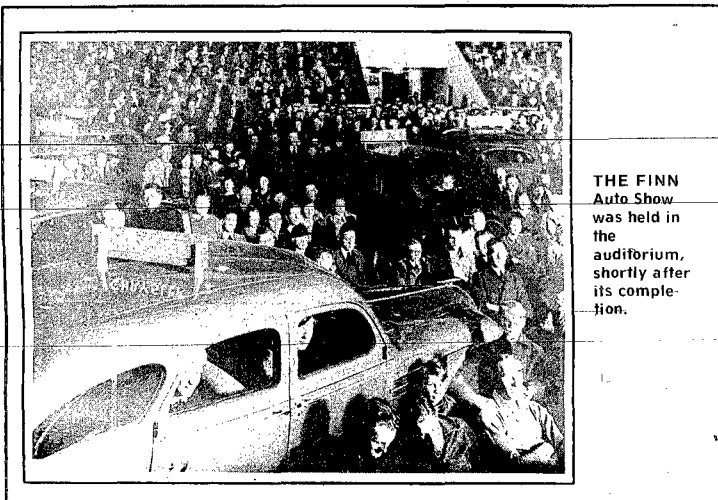
The modern auditorium was a reality when a government loan and grant provided the rest of the funds.

THE \$70,000 BUILDING was dedicated on Jan. 17, 1936.

The current building provides seating capacity for 1,500 and a stage. The Woman's Club has rooms in the building, and Hazel's Beauty Shop is also located in a portion of the structure.

Several community activities, including meetings and basketball games take place in the City Auditorium.

The spirit of the old opera house still exists in today's auditorium.

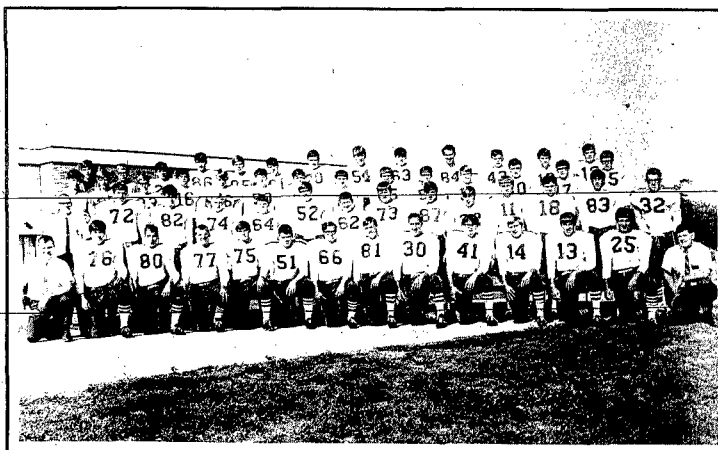


THE FINN Auto Show was held in the auditorium, shortly after its completion.



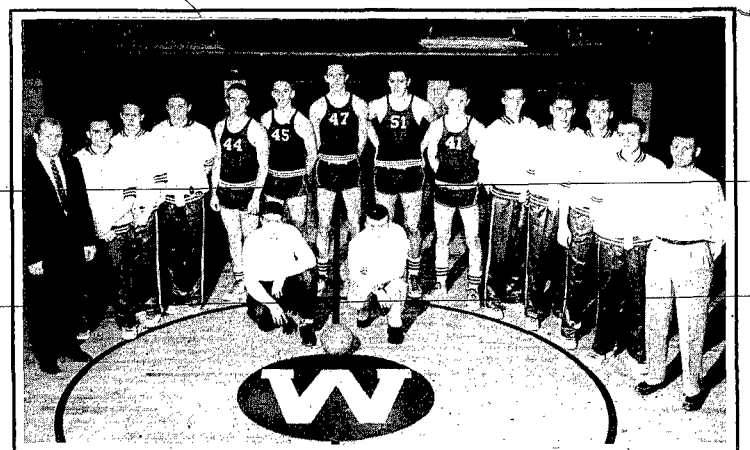
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WAYNE'S AUDITORIUM at Third and Pearl Streets was dedicated in 1936.



Submitted by Al Hansen

WAYNE HIGH School's football team, coached by Al Hansen, were West Husker Conference champions in 1969-70. The team won nine games, lost zero and tied one. They were also Husker co-champs.



Submitted by Harold Maciejewski

IN 1956, Wayne High School was the Nebraska State basketball champions in Class B. Under coach Harold Maciejewski the team had 20 wins and one loss.

## State championships highlight Wayne High sports

The Wayne High Blue Devils have achieved much in the sports world over the years. Called the Knights until 1944, Wayne High changed their nickname to the Blue Devils.

Following is a list of the most memorable achievements:

### FOOTBALL

State Class B Champions in 1940.  
Husker Conference Champions in 1940, 41, 51,  
West Husker Conference Champions in 1953, 54, 58, and  
59 with Coach Harold Maciejewski. They won 45 games  
and lost 21.

West Husker Conference Champions in 1967, 68, 69, 71, 72  
and 74 with Coach Allen Hansen.

From 1967-75, Coach Allen Hansen won 77 games and lost  
11.

In 1983, Wayne High participated in the State Class B  
semi-finals.

### BASKETBALL

Wayne High participated in the state tournament in 1919,  
42, 44, 45, 51, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60 and 64.

Wayne High won the State Class B Championships in  
1942 and 1956.

Wayne High won the West Husker Conference in 1942, 51,  
54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 62, 65 and 81.

From 1954-1965, Wayne High won 246 games and lost 81  
with Coach Harold Maciejewski.

### BASEBALL

State Class B Champions in 1968, 70, 76.

Wayne High won Class B Districts in 1968, 70, 76, 79.

From 1968 through 1980, Wayne High baseball teams  
have won 143 games and lost 31. They have been District B

Champions seven times and Class B State Champions  
three times with Coach Mike Mallette.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wayne High won districts in 1975.

### WRESTLING

Kevin Koenig won the State 185 lb. Class B Champion-  
ship.

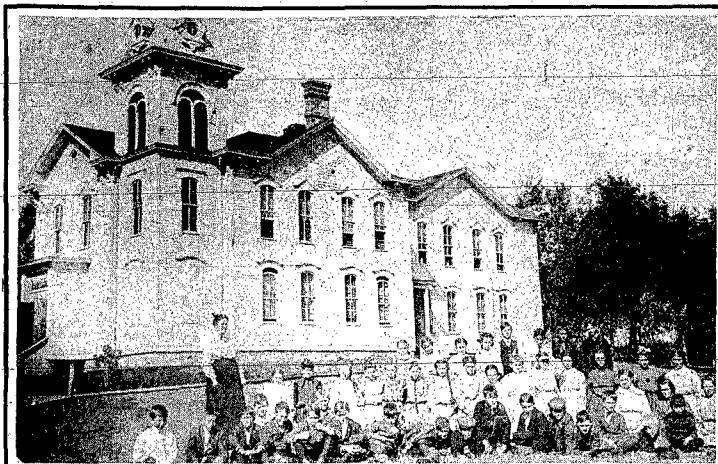
### CROSS COUNTRY

Wayne High won districts in 1980.

### GOLF

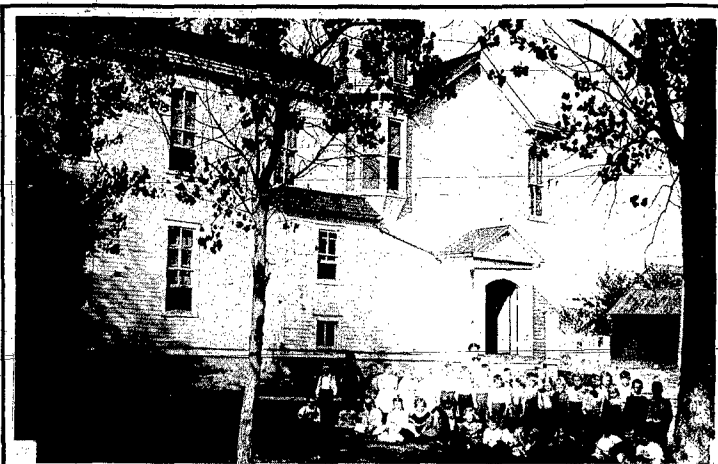
Wayne High won the district Class B Championship.

—Submitted by F.R. Haun



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

THE OLD Wayne High School was built in 1888 and dismantled for the new building in 1908.



Submitted by Mabel Sorenson

THE OLD Ward School was built in 1891, on north main street. It was torn down around 1910.

## School location moved

The Wayne School District was legally formed on Dec. 28, 1881, at the Morris and Steele Store on Main Street, according to Dorothy Huse Nyberg's history of Wayne County.

Mrs. Nyberg reported that the first term of school was held in a building on Logan Street. After moving for two terms to building on Main Street, classes were held in the Baptist Church, then a block east of Main Street.

Classes were later moved to the Presbyterian Church for two years until 1885.

Financing for a school building was obtained in 1884 when bonds were issued in the amount of \$5000 for the purpose of constructing a new school.

**DR. R.B. CRAWFORD** and others wanted the new building located in the block east of the courthouse.

"A new addition of town lots, just laid out by Taylor and Wachob west of the school's present site, had some influence in locating the block for the building.

The new school had two large rooms on the first floor and one on the second floor, with some additions made later.

In a few years the structure became too small for local needs and the Ward School was built on the lot, near the standpoint on north main street in 1891.

**THE NEW BRICK** building was erected on the lot in the west part of town in 1908 and the Ward School was torn down a few years afterward.

Mrs. Nyberg noted that the schools were not carefully graded in the early years. Children in one room ranged several years apart, but after a few months teachers started classifying students into grade levels based on their ability and grade level.

The first class to graduate from Wayne High School was the class of 1886 and consisted of three members. With the exception of 1891, records indicate that there has been a graduating class every year since that time.

"A new high school was erected in 1909, at 412 Douglas Street, at a cost of \$45,000. J.H. Kemp, who served as Wayne school superintendent from 1909 to 1914, wrote in 1914 that the new high school "is one of the most beautiful schools in the state, strictly modern, large and ideally located."

**SUPERINTENDENT KEMP** also noted that Wayne High School was fully accredited as a first class school by the University of Nebraska. A total of 272 students had graduated from Wayne School between the years of 1886 and 1914.

School district records show that the building constructed in 1909 remained substantially unchanged until 1938.

On Sept. 23, 1938, voters approved a bond issue of \$48,000 for the purpose of repairing, remodeling and enlarging the existing school building.

In 1938, the building housed all of the public school students in Wayne. As a result of the 1938-39 construction, seven classrooms, a gymnasium, and locker room were added to the building.

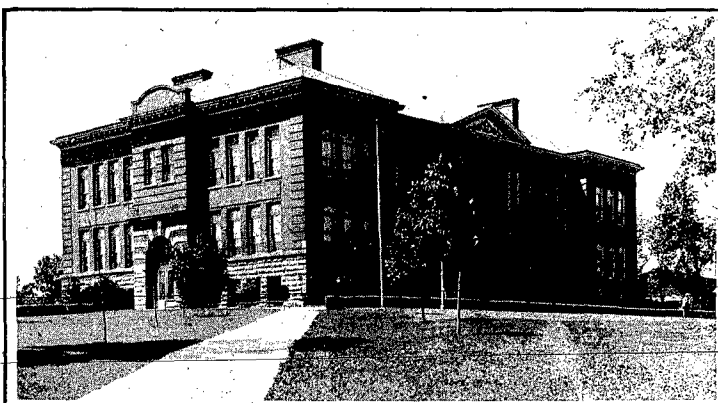
**IN 1958, VOTERS** of the Carroll School district voted to merge with the Wayne School district.

As a result of this election, Carroll High School was closed. The Carroll elementary school remained open, but was managed by district No. 17 officials.

In 1959, the Carroll School was changed to a K-4 school which it remains as today.

As a result of increasing enrollments and the impending closing of the Campus Schools, District No. 17 voters approved a \$424,000 bond issue in December, 1958, for the construction of an elementary school.

**THIS BUILDING** had 13 classrooms, a multi-purpose



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

WAYNE HIGH, as it appeared in 1940, was built in 1909 and is now the Middle School.

room and a central library. It housed school students, grades K-6, until 1967.

In the fall of 1967, the school organization of the Wayne Schools was changed to a K-4-4 pattern.

It was at this time that the Wayne-Carroll School District dedicated a new high school, constructed with money provided by a \$867,000 bond issue, passed by a 68 percent approval of the voters in April of 1965.

The old high school building was converted to a new educational concept called "Middle School."

—Submitted by F.R. Haun



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

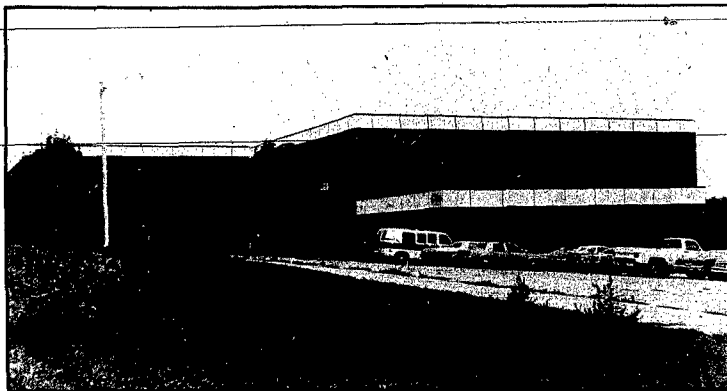
ANOTHER SIDE of Wayne High in the early 1900's.

## Wayne school superintendents

The first school superintendent in the Wayne Public School system was Judge A.A. Welch. The second man to serve was W.J. McCoy.

The superintendents and terms are as follows:

- Mr. McClellan — 1889-90
- B. W. Ashley — 1890-93
- W. W. Bonner — 1893-97
- U. S. Conn — 1897-01
- M. R. Snodgrass — 1901-05
- E. P. Wilson — 1905-09
- J. W. Kemp — 1909-14
- O. R. Bowen — 1914-17
- J. A. Armstrong — 1917-21
- R. W. Shier — 1921-22
- Conrad Jacobson — 1922-25
- T. S. Hook — 1925-29
- H. R. Best — 1929-35
- C. F. Dienst — January 1935-36
- E. W. Smith — 1936-39
- N. F. Thorpe — 1939-42
- J. W. Litherland — 1942-December 1944
- Stuart Baller — January 1945-49
- Evert Willert — 1949-60
- Stanley Westergard — 1960-64
- F.R. Haun — 1964-present



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WAYNE HIGH School in 1984.



WAYNE ELEMENTARY School in 1984.

## Enrollment Figures

Enrollments in the public schools were fairly constant from 1924 to 1950, averaging 470 students.

There was a steady increase in enrollments from 1951 to 1969 when the enrollment peaked at 1130 students.

Since 1970, there has been a steady decline in enrollment.

The Wayne and Carroll schools have an enrollment in 1984 of 830 students. It would appear enrollment subsequent to 1984 has stabilized.

## AA Accreditation

In 1970, following comprehensive, external and self-evaluations, the Wayne Public Schools were awarded AA accreditation by the Nebraska State Department of Education.

In a letter to Wayne School Superintendent Dr. F.R. Haun, Mel Olson from Nebraska State Department of Education stated: "the reclassification of the Wayne-Carroll School System to AA is in recognition of the excellent quality of education being carried on in your school district."

"It is in recognition of a quality of effort in your school which exceeds the requirements for accreditation and which exceeds the basic requirements found in other accredited school systems."

The Nebraska State Department of Education has continued to annually award the Wayne Schools AA accreditation.

In addition to holding AA accreditation, the Wayne High School has been accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools since 1917.

—Submitted by F.R. Haun

## Century 21 State-National, Inc.

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Our staff includes, front left: Naomi Quist, Jim Campbell, and Mary Poehlman. Back: Gene Quist, Felix Dorcey, Brenda Dorcey, and John Dorcey. Not pictured: Mary Dorcey and Ross Armstrong.

Rapid growth has been the story of Century 21 State-National, Inc. (formerly State-National Farm Management Company, Inc.) since it was established as a business in Wayne in 1969 by Felix Dorcey and the late Henry E. Ley.

The original intent of the State-National Farm Management Company, Inc. was to focus on the management of farms in and near Wayne County. However, the need for a marketing agency of homes in the City of Wayne and the communities of Wakefield, Emerson, Laurel, Concord, Carroll, Wisner and Randolph became apparent. At the present, services are rendered to Wayne, Dakota, Dixon, Cedar and Thurston Counties in farm management, residential property management, real estate sales in farms, residential and commercial properties and appraisals.

In June of 1972, Thomas F. Dorcey joined the firm as a licensed real estate salesman. He has since received his Juris Doctor Degree and is presently serving as Dixon County Attorney in Ponca. He remains with the firm as a licensed salesman.

John J. Dorcey joined the firm in 1975 as a licensed

real estate salesman and received his real estate broker's license in 1977. John's wife, Brenda has recently joined the firm specializing in residential real estate sales in Wayne.

In January, 1981, another son, Mark J. Dorcey, moved from Omaha to join the Wayne firm as a licensed real estate salesman. In April, 1981, the company announced that it had purchased the Century 21 franchise for the Wayne, South Sioux City and Dakota City areas and opened a branch office at 1521 Broadway in Dakota City. Mark then moved to South Sioux City to become manager of the new branch office. Mark has since moved to Dakota City. As of August, 1984, the branch office in Dakota City employs eight licensed real estate brokers and salespeople.

Century 21 State-National, Inc. at Wayne is staffed as follows: Felix Dorcey, broker-owner; Mary Dorcey, his wife, baakkeeper; Mary Poehlman, secretary; John J. Dorcey, broker and sales manager; Gene Quist, Naomi Quist, Ross Armstrong, Jim Campbell and Brenda Dorcey, all licensed real estate salespeople.



Pictured are, front row, left to right: Doug Petersen, Mary Pat Dolata, Jimmie Thomas (owner), Nyla Pokett (manager), Teri Hankins. Back row, left to right, Carol Fuoss, Scott Pokett, Garnett Zila, LeAnn Janke, Lisa Terry, Sarah Lebsack, Deb Reeg, Kay Von Seggern, Kim Gamble, Nancy Schuett, Phyllis Macke, Sonja Skokan, Laura Keating. Not pictured is Renee Davis.

The building housing PoPo's II was originally built as a "Scotties Drive-In Restaurant" and was then changed to "The Tractor."

Jimmie Thomas purchased the business in November, 1983 and since he is part owner of PoPo's in Pender, Nebr. he named his new operation PoPo's II. He featured just fast food until January, 1984 when it was changed to a regular restaurant and started serving meals and daily specials as well as fast food.

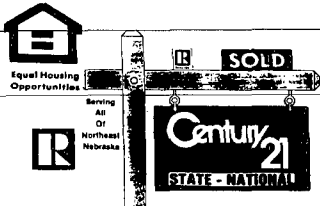
Breakfasts were introduced March 1, 1984 and business hours were changed from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

PoPo's II presently has 21 full and part time employees.

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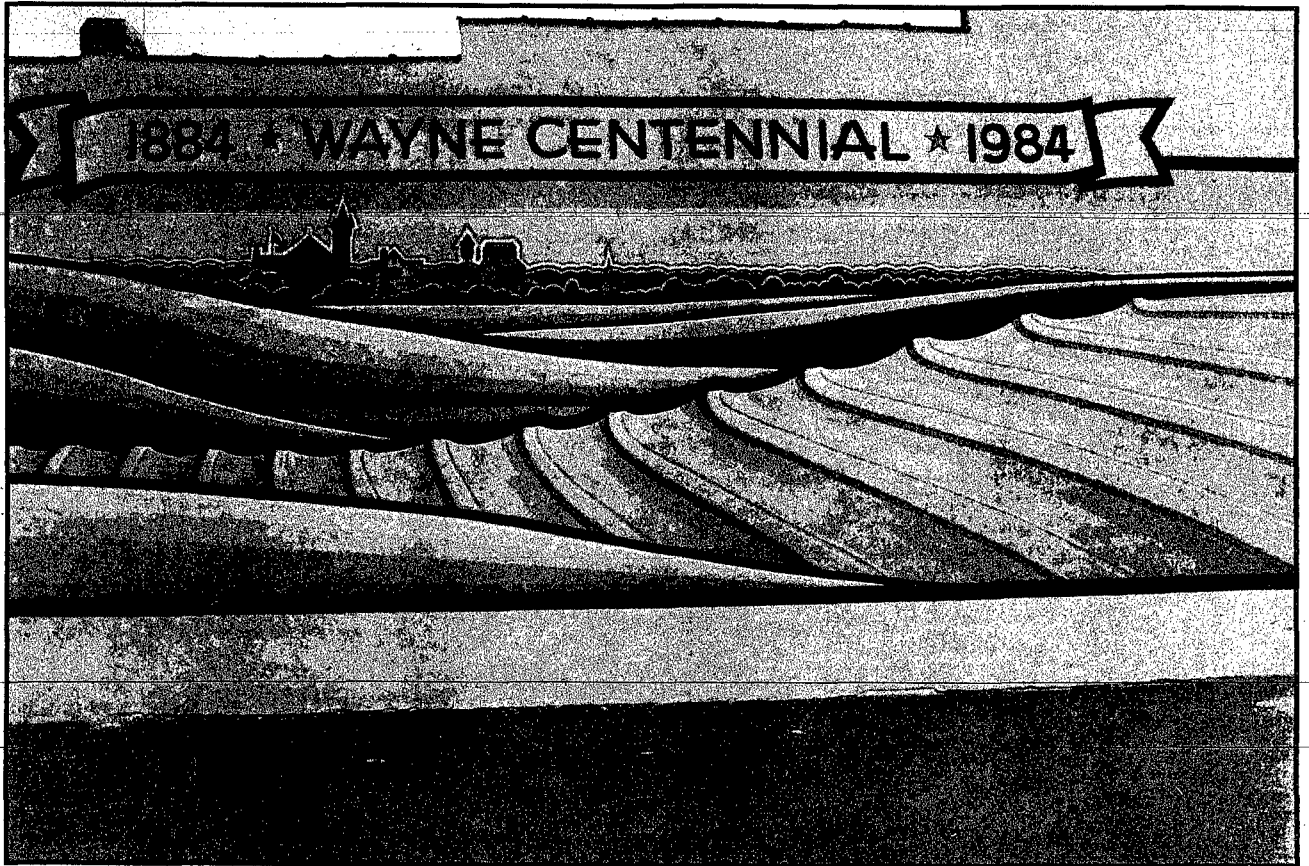
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# THE WAYNE HERALD

## Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884 - 1984

Tuesday, August 28, 1984



CARLOS FREY and a volunteer apply finishing touches to the mural (in center photo). Gary VanMeter also assisted in the project, pictured in the lower photo filling in the numbers at the bottom of the mural.

## Mural a tribute to Dr. Koeber

On the north wall of the Wayne Vision Center along Wayne's Main Street is a colorful mural.

Strangers not familiar with the Wayne area traveling from the north on Highway 15 through Wayne will know the city of over 5,000 is celebrating its centennial just by reading the "1884 — Wayne Centennial — 1984" painted banner.

But to the talented artists who spent many volunteer hours designing and painting the mural, each stroke of the brush has created much more meaning.

Carlos Frey, who voluntarily supervised and offered his artistic talent, and Gary Van Meter, owner of Mine's Jewelry of Wayne, headed the mural painting project as a dedication to the late Dr. Bill Koeber.

Frey is a former Wayne State College Assistant professor of art and now operates the Mid-America Art Studio in Wayne. Van Meter is a jeweler and owner of Mines Jewelry, also of Wayne.

It was a seven-page neatly typed letter addressed to Van Meter, written nearly five years ago (on Easter Sunday) by Koeber weeks before he died, that provided the inspiration for the mural project.

"Dr. Koeber put his blood and guts into this town [Wayne]. He came here with nothing," Van Meter said.

**KOEBER STARTED** an optometrist clinic in Wayne upon his arrival. In the following years, he had become Wayne mayor, was president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and was a long time member of the city's planning and zoning commission.

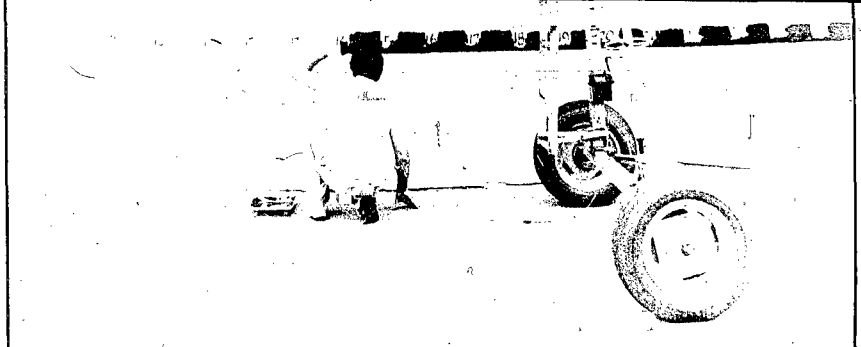
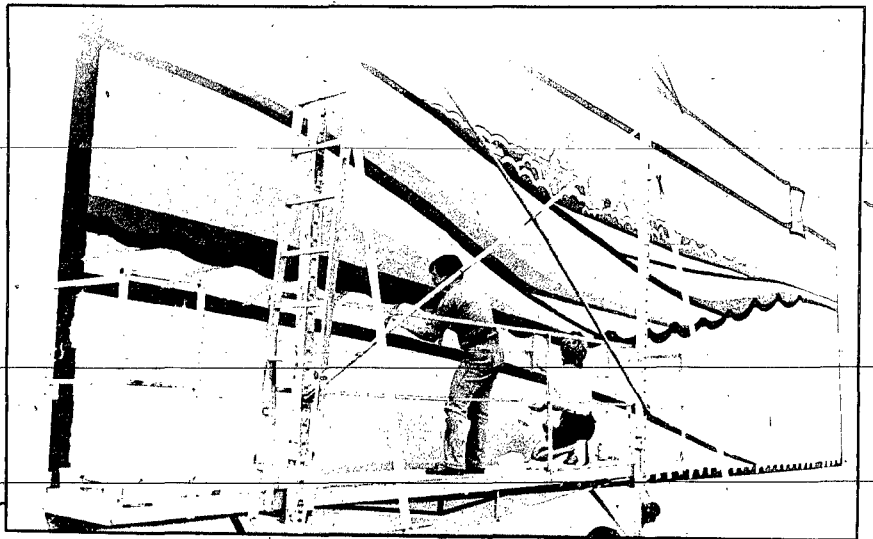
Van Meter arrived in Wayne eight years ago to work as Wayne Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president. Koeber, who then was suffering from cancer, and Van Meter became golfing partners in league play at the Wayne Country Club.

"I guess he took a liking to me," Van Meter said. After Koeber died, his family found a type-written letter addressed to Van Meter. The letter, written on Easter Sunday, 1979, listed several of Koeber's achievements as community leader and as a Wayne citizen.

Koeber recommended in the letter that Van Meter should stay in Wayne and serve on the city council.

He (Koeber) also asked that the north side of the wall (on the current Wayne Vision Clinic building) be used in some form as "a centerpiece for Wayne," according to Van Meter.

Van Meter put away the letter. At this time, he had intentions of moving to a larger city, expanding on his career.



Chuck Hackenmiller photos

"One or two years later, I decided to stay in Wayne. I was asked to be on the city's planning committee and later went on the city council," Van Meter said.

He was serving on the Wayne Centennial Cultural Committee, considering centennial project ideas, when "something snapped and I got that letter out which was written five years ago."

**IT WAS ALSO** when Van Meter realized the "uncanny prophecy" of Koeber's letter.

"If he [Koeber] had told me all these things would be happening, I would have bet against it," Van Meter said.

The mural is more of a labor of love from Frey, Van Meter

and the others who knew Koeber and volunteered their efforts on the mural painting project. Painting the mural was done with very little expenditures and the work was done locally, according to Van Meter.

"The way the mural appears, it brings the country and the city together. The town on the mural is surrounded by fields. That's what this town is all about," he said.

Somehow, one can sense that this is how Dr. Koeber would have wanted it — something that would draw the attention of people to the territory of northeast Nebraska.

And Wayne itself.

# 2 - Commerce, Industry & Ag

The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984  
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## LaPorte businesses are reestablished in Wayne

The first businesses of Wayne County began as early as 1869 and all were near LaPorte.

The first blacksmith shop in the county was put up in the summer of 1869 in the eastern part of the county, near Logan Creek.

It consisted of a sod forge, a pair of bellows, a pair of tongs, an anvil and a hammer, all belonging to Willard Graves. The tools were supplied, but every man had to do his own work.

A shop owned by Wm. P. Agler and located at LaPorte became the principle blacksmith business in the area.

**THE FIRST STORE**, kept by C. E. Hunter and Solon Bevins, was opened up in June, 1872, near LaPorte.

The first regular practicing physician was R. B. Crawford, M.D. He came in June, 1869,

and was the only doctor in the county for a long time.

The first printing press operated in the county was brought by C. E. Hunter, Aug. 5, 1876. He printed the first newspaper in the county, The Wayne County Review.

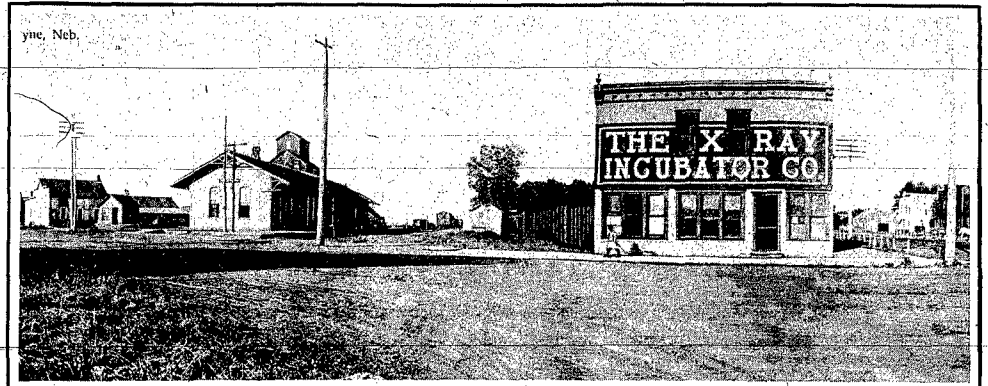
Early commerce also included a general store, owned by a Mr. Hardenburgh and a drug store, run by Dr. R. B. Crawford.

**THE FIRST** banking institution in the county, the Logan Valley Bank, was organized by John T. Bressler in 1880.

He reestablished his LaPorte bank in Wayne in 1885 and it has continued as The First National Bank ever since.

Henry Ley, who also went into the banking business, began as a store operator in 1880.

Establishing the "German Store," Ley extended credit to



THE X-RAY Incubator Factory, located north of the frame depot, was an early business.

Submitted by Mildred Ringer

settlers who were prompt to pay their account annually, after the crops were in and sold.

**TOBACCO, CHEESE**, dried fruits and pickles were freely sampled by customers who might buy green coffee to be roasted and ground at Ley's store.

There was little fresh fruit, due to lack of refrigeration. The first bunch of bananas to

arrive in Wayne was admired greatly.

Ley operated the store for 10 years, before entering the banking business.

The town's brick plant owned by John F. Sherbahn, manufactured brick until the fall of 1916, when the establisher quit, because of ill health.

In the early days, with much building to do in a prairie settlement and transportation

facilities meagre, many communities established brick plants.

Clay soil was manufactured into brick for building purposes.

The Sherbahn plant was on south main street, on the site later converted into the D. Hall greenhouse and nursery grounds.

Native clay was mixed and molded into bricks which were baked in large kilns.

**THE PLANT HAD** an output of 45,000 a day and as many as 50,000 could be made in a day with production at full capacity.

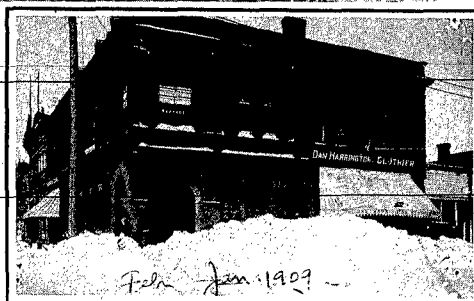
The bricks were not only used in Wayne, but were shipped to surrounding areas, also.

Weber's Flour Mill (1885) and the X-Ray Incubator factory north of the frame depot were some of the other early town industries besides the Sherbahn brickyard.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

**THE FIRST** National Bank, located where Surber's is now, was established by John T. Bressler. This picture shows two seasons in the early 1900's.



## A building project that is for the birds

April 12, 1899

Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN

By Eph. Cunningham, Editor

"A WORK FOR CARRIER PIGEONS"

Dr. H. G. Leisenring will Utilize them in the Practice of Medicine

Our attention was called a few days ago to some workmen on the roof of the east end of the Hughes building on the corner of Main and Second streets the first floor of which is occupied by Maute's shoe store and the second story by the office rooms of Dr. Leisenring.

They had erected frame work around the east end of the roof and were enclosing it with wire netting and on inquiring we were informed the doctor was enclosing this for the purpose of keeping a lot of homing or carrier pigeons.

He had fixed up nice quarters for the birds in one of the rear rooms of the building from which they can pass out into the enclosure where they will have an abundance of fresh air and plenty of room to exercise their wings.

It is intended as we have stated before to use these birds in the practice of his profession by sending or taking them to the homes of his patients in the districts remote from the city and leaving them in charge of those having the care of the sick and when a charge in their condition occurs or the services of the doctor are desired quickly, to write a message, fasten it to the bird and release it, when it will come direct to its home and on entering the room prepared for its reception will cause an alarm in the doctors office by setting off an electric alarm in its passage through the entrance from the outer world into its home.

It is an experiment that will be watched with considerable interest, but there does not seem to be any reason why the idea of the doctor cannot be made successful, very much to the benefit of both himself and his patients.

(Maute's Shoe Store and Dr. Leisenring's offices were in a frame building on the site now occupied by Kuhn's Department Store. Dr. Leisenring is remembered as the owner of one of the first automobiles in the county-which was accused of terrorizing horses.)

—Submitted by Bessie Baier

# Grist Mill a top industry in early years

When prairie settlements were new, the provision for a mill was very important.

They needed a place where grain could be taken for being ground into flour and feed. These products were not available on the market as they are now.

Realizing the need for such a mill, the county board heard a proposition submitted by James McHenry and Frank Dennison on Nov. 4, 1878.

They asked for aid in construction of a grist mill on Logan creek in the county.

**THE BOARD VOTED** to submit the grist mill proposition at a special election Dec. 23, 1878.

The question was whether

the county should issue bonds in the amount of \$2,000 for aid in building the grist mill or not.

The proposal designated that the grist mill was to be located between two bridges which cross Logan Creek and on roads numbers one and seven.

The mill was to be 26 ft. wide, 60 ft. long and 20 ft. high. All parts of the building were to be durable, of best quality hardwood or pine, with siding and shingles of pine.

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS** included two runs of best French burr stone, at least three and a half feet size and arranged so more could be added when required.

The mill was to contain a smutter, separator and all modern machinery and improvements necessary for manufacturing flour and meal.

When completed Jan. 1, 1880, the plant was to have an actual assessed valuation of \$8,000.

The men agreed to have the mill finished and in operation by Jan. 1, 1880, and to keep it operating at least 10 years from the date of opening, unavoidable accidents excepted.

**McHENRY AND** Dennison were to give bonds of \$125 for election expenses. The bonds,

if favored by two-thirds of the voters, were to be issued as "Mill Bonds."

The election was held on the scheduled date and a canvass of results showed 59 votes for and 24 votes against the proposition. The bonds to help the new mill were issued following the more than two-thirds vote.

McHenry and Dennison had completed the mill on Logan creek in compliance with the terms stipulated. The board, in its meeting Dec. 31, 1879, ordered that bonds be issued as specified.

Because of the necessity of having wheat ground into flour and other grains made into feeds, the mill remained

an important need in the early life of each settlement.

**IN 1885, WALTER** and Will Weber came to Wayne to build the mill which served the prairie settlement for many years.

Quite often, the farmers drove 20 to 24 miles by wagon to have their grain ground.

A trip to the mill was arranged by each family about twice a year. Eight or ten sacks were taken along with the load of grain and the farmer would wait at the mill until the ground grain was sacked and ready to take home.

Since cash was scarce at the time, each farmer would leave

the miller a portion of grain as payment for his services.

**FOR MANY YEARS,** the mill ran day and night. In the fall, the mill would be operated from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

In the early years, enough wheat was produced in the Wayne area to keep the mill going at full capacity.

As wheat acreage dwindled, the grain was shipped in from Omaha and Rushville.

As larger milling centers were brought closer by improved transportation, the shipping in of grain for processing did not pay and the mill was discontinued after operating 40 years.

## Dark clouds appear

# Grasshoppers invade Wayne farmland

Grasshopper invasions were among the dreads of pioneer days. They came in hordes, often darkening the sun and destroying every living blade of green.

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, one authority on the early invasion says the 'hoppers even ate feathers off the chickens.

It was related by a homesteader in the old LaPorte settlement, that his father had some fine tobacco plants — he raised his own tobacco in the early days — well, these plants were about three feet high when the grasshoppers settled.

The 'hoppers would just sit on those stalks and chew and spit, until there wasn't anything left but the dry

stems. They ate the whole lot clear to the ground, he recalled.

ONE AUGUST morning in the late seventies, she related, when the 'hoppers sighted LaPorte and swarms darkened the skies, the settlers gazed upward and predicted rain before nightfall.

Before long, they had learned the true cause for intermittent darkening of the sun and anxiously watched the moving hordes.

Toward evening, as the favorable wind lessened, the pests settled — every green thing was a moving mass of insects.

There wasn't much under cultivation then. Fields of corn and gardens were left completely bare. The 'hoppers

stayed until the wind was just right for them to travel.

THEY CAME FROM the southwest and went in a northerly direction. After they had gone, persons didn't see a trace of them — they seemed all to arrive and all to leave at the same time.

In some's opinion, the migratory insects of early days were fairly large with good-sized wings and red legs. The voracious pests ate corn stalks to the ground; roughened and gnawed pitchfork handles until they were unfit for use; devoured clothing hanging out of doors and even crept into the homes and ruined fine pieces of linen.

They attacked the leather harness hanging in the

stables, ropes and house shingles.

Whether the 'hoppers were ready to make their descent or not, they were forced to do so by a change of wind that deflected them from their course. They stayed until the wind shifted favorably, then they were up and away to greener fields.

THE LITTLE settlements of LaPorte, Coon Creek, Plum Creek, Logan and Hoskins were all affected at the same time.

Another year, the oats were in fine shape — about four inches tall — at the time the 'hopper eggs, deposited the year before, began to hatch.

The young insects devoured the tender green blades and

cleaned up everything before their wings were large enough for them to migrate.

As years went on the pests were not quite so bad and very little damage was done.

FOLLOWING THE most devastating years between 1873 and 1876, the pests could often be seen in flight.

Another incident in 1876 tells of a day when the sun was shining brightly and suddenly a dark cloud appeared over Coon creek.

It resembled a storm cloud but when it came closer, it was grasshoppers.

There were so many that it became as dark as night when they reached the vicinity. The 'hoppers settled on the ground and on the growing crops until

they were two inches thick on everything.

CORN THAT was in roasting ears at that time was bent to the ground with the weight of the 'hoppers.

On some places they ate just the garden stuff, but left the grain.

One homesteader built a machine for catching them. It consisted of a twelve feet wide canvas which stood vertically and was saturated with kerosene.

As this was pulled over the ground the 'hoppers jumped against the canvas and the kerosene killed them.

Those with machines could catch three bushels a day and some went clear up to twenty bushels in one day.

## Window dressers are attraction

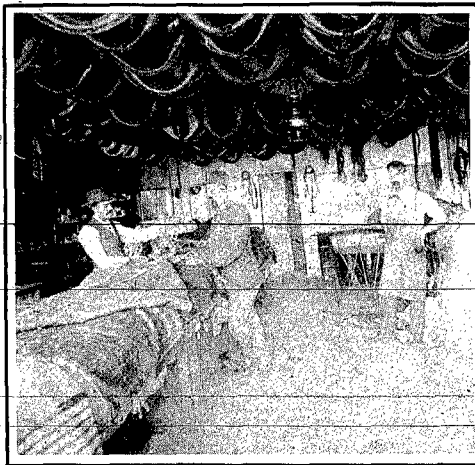
January 25, 1899

Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
By Eph. Cunningham, Editor

"Wayne has some genuine talent in the way of window dressers. The windows of R.W. Wilkins & Co. with their Philippine islands display have been an attraction for hundreds during the past week that has served well its purpose of calling attention to the store and also as an educator of the masses in what our new possessions abound.

Along this line the original design of the north window of P.L. Miller's grocery cannot be overlooked. The "star" the emblem of the store, made up as it is with a center of rice and each point composed of different kinds and grades of coffee, the dots of tea between the points, the background of beans are all original and unique in design and reflects credit on the artist that conceived and carried it into effect."

—Submitted by Bessie Baier



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THE INTERIOR of an early saddle store.

## Horse is forgotten

May 10, 1899

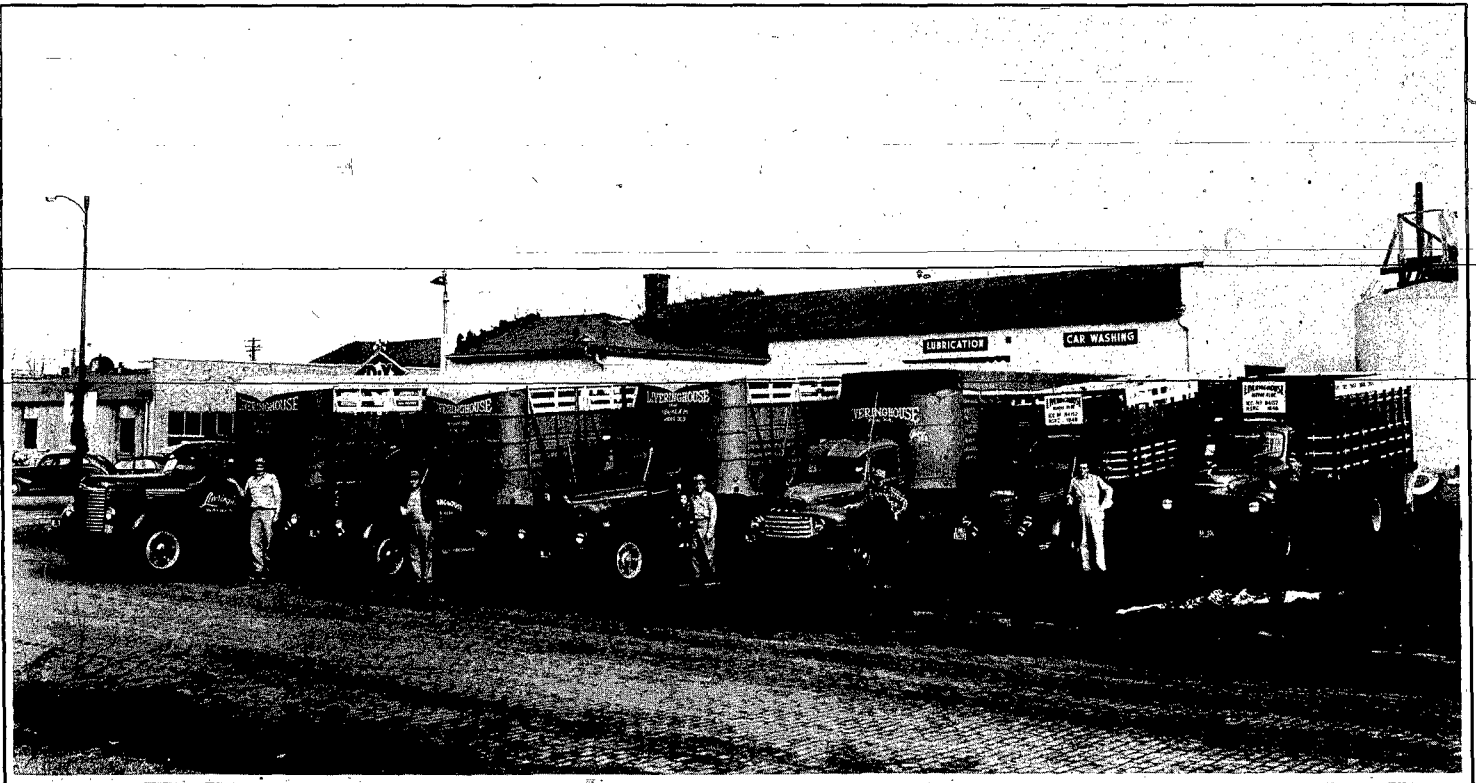
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"...M.P. Ahern and wife. One evening last week they rode down to the store after supper, got out and tied their horse to a post and when it came closing time they locked the store, walked home and thought nothing of the poor brute until M.P. went out to the stable in the morning to feed it and found the stall empty.

On looking around discovered the buggy was not in evidence, then it came to him that the animal must be at the hitching post out back of the store, and but for the care of Marshal Miner who sometime during the night took it to the livery barn and put it away, there is where it would have been."

(Ahern's dry goods store, "Eggs taken in exchange", was in the building now occupied by Timberline, etc. The REPUBLICAN was upstairs, later the telephone exchange. At one time a harness shop occupied the basement.)

—Submitted by Bessie Baier



THE LIVINGHOUSE trucking firm was a thriving Wayne business in 1951 owned by Clarence E. Livinghouse, grandfather of Sally (Livinghouse) Schroeder.

Submitted by Sally Schroeder

## Local trucking firm thrives during the years

Clarence E. Livinghouse, grandfather of Sally (Livinghouse) Schroeder of Winslow, Arizona, started a trucking firm in Wayne in 1921.

The first trucks were 4

cylinder Dodges with 7 x 8 ft. boxes. Then in 1933, they increased to 12 and 13 ft. Her grandfather also owned a 24 ft. trailer.

Her father, Tom, started driving for his father when he

was 12 years old, to both Sioux City and Omaha.

Tom bought the business from his father in 1945 and had it until 1966. Although he burned out in 1965, the business was still sold. The trailers were up to 45 feet at this time.

This picture was taken on the west side of Merchant Oil Co. in 1951.

Sally's father had told her the license plates usually had 27 as the prefix, but that year

they started with WA as shown in the picture.

The picture includes from left to right: Harold (Tony) Olson, known back then as (High Pockets); Ed Bales, who now lives in Sioux City,

la.; Tom Livinghouse and 2-year-old Doug Farrens with his miniature truck on the ground; Alfred Erevert, Wayne resident; Jake Reibotd, whereabouts unknown; and Elmer Rees, Wayne resident.

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## Local runaway is found in Richards livery barn

May 24, 1899  
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"Monday evening at 9 o'clock Marshal Miner found a little fellow about ten years of age at Richards Bros' livery barn where he intended to put up for the night. The boy...said his parents lived in Sioux City and that some time ago his father got him a place to work with one of the Garwoods near Carroll, but he had tired of farm life and longed for the busy hum of the city...and had notified his father of his desire to return and the father had kindly sent him a horse to ride home on and that his destination was Sioux City.

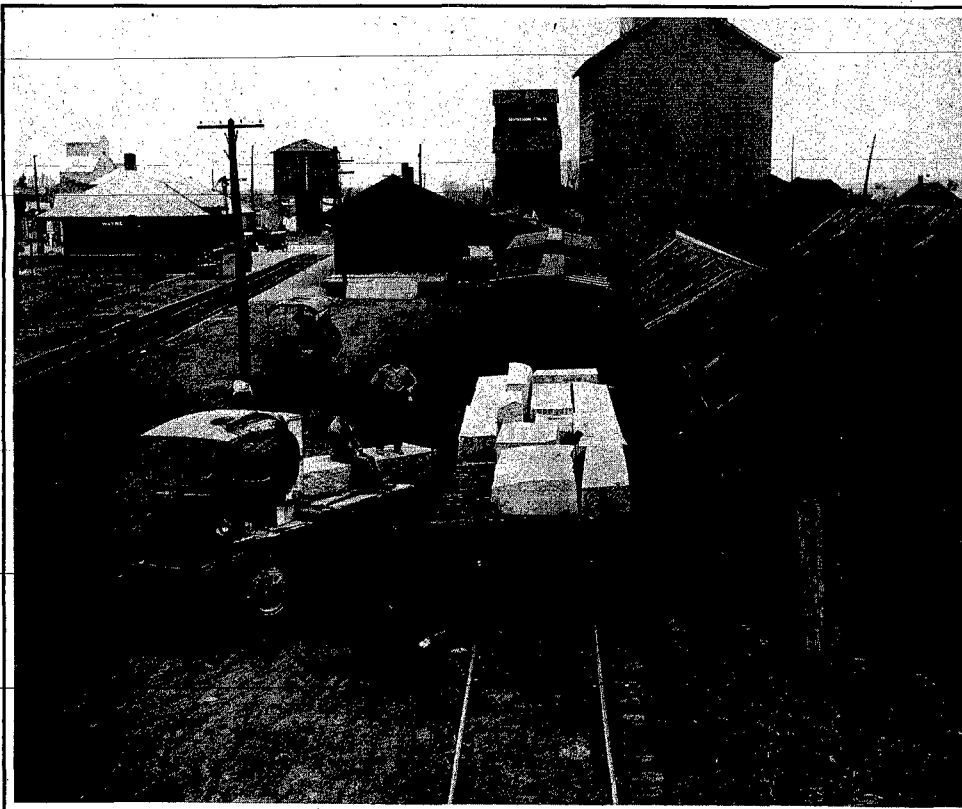
The marshal was shown the animal on which the little fellow had come to town, but concluded that a boy of so tender years without shoes or stockings and so thinly clad that his teeth were chattering from the cold needed a warmer place to sleep in than a livery barn and took him up to Sheriff Cherry who provided him with a good bed.

Hardly was the little fellow stored snugly away when...C.W. Anderson, living about two miles south of Carroll, came into town looking for a little boy of his of about the same age as the one named above who during the day had taken one of his horses from the barn and started a journey without any notice as to where he was going or when his parents should expect him back.

He found the boy and recognized him as the one he wanted, and in a short time father, boy and horse were on their way to the old home."

(Incidentally, Richards livery barn was at 1st and Pearl, on the west side of the street.)

—Submitted by Bessie Baier.



Submitted by Leila Maynard

THE MAIN Building (top) of Mitchell and Christensen Monument Works around 1920, was located where the Western Auto Building is now. Workers could unload the rough granite and marble from the railroad cars (above) and transport it using flatbed cars (right) to the shop area.

## Monument works comes to town

Claude O. Mitchell, father of Leila (Mitchell) Maynard of Wayne, moved from Emerson to Wayne in 1916.

He had been employed by the Bloom Monument Company of Omaha but, by October, 1917, he had become owner and manager of his own business, the Wayne Monument Works.

The building occupied by

Western Auto was built by Mitchell to house his new plant.

A loading platform at the rear allowed rough granite and marble to be unloaded directly from the flatcars which brought the unfinished stones from quarries in states as far away as Vermont.

This business, where basic rough materials were

transformed into finished products, was one of the earliest manufacturing plants in Wayne.

Mitchell employed two skilled Scandinavian stone cutters, a full-time bookkeeper, one or two salesmen, and a crew of six to eight men who set the monuments in cemeteries throughout northeast Nebraska.

## Pranksters cause town uproar

February 22, 1899  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
by Eph. Cunningham, Editor.

"Complaints have been made to us that some party or parties are taking tie straps from teams that are tied to hitching posts about town. Some of the thieving has been done in broad daylight and some of it at night and if persisted it may get someone in serious difficulty.

It is not so much the value of the straps that some of the victims complain of as it is that in taking the straps teams are left standing without being tied and are liable to run away and do serious damage. It is time to call a halt on that kind of business."

—Submitted by Bessie Baier

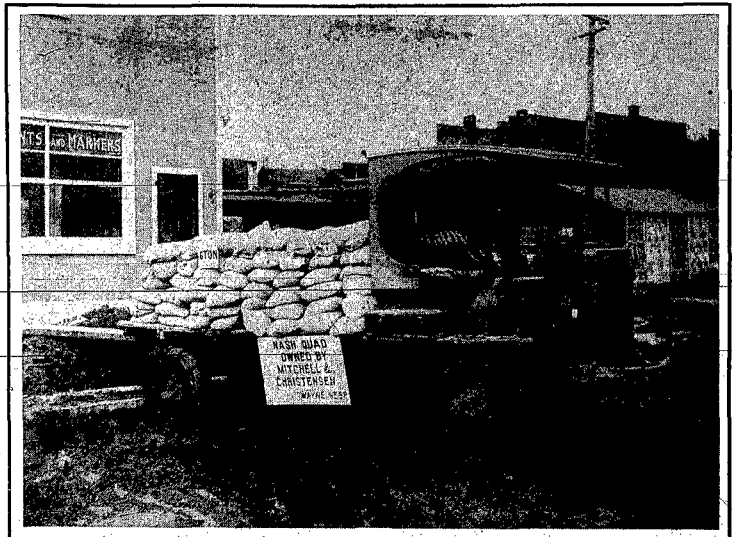
## Output increases with the demand

March 29, 1899  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
by Eph. Cunningham, Editor.

The Sherbahn brickyard, with "one of the most complete and best equipped manufactories of its kind anywhere in the country" was putting in a steam drying system in hopes of keeping up with demand. A season's output was already contracted for.

John S. Lewis also expected to put a "full force" of men to work in his brickyard in the south end of town about May 1. Apparently frame business buildings were being replaced with brick in the area.

—Submitted by Bessie Baier







## Boyd Hotel dismantled after seventy

Taken from THE WAYNE HERALD, 1950  
Submitted by Mildred Ringer

Travelers carried their valises up to the desk of the Boyd hotel amazed at the show of modern elegance in the thriving prairie village of Wayne.

That was nearly 70 years ago (from 1950).

During the last years of its existence, the old Boyd hotel was a home for birds that built nests on its roof.

It also housed a second hand store and then a storage place for seed corn just before it was completely abandoned, except for the birds.

**THAT'S A LONG WAY** to come — from a full house of travelers every night and some elegant parties to a haven for birds.

But any building sees many changes in 67 years.

The hotel was built shortly after H.B. Boyd bought the lots from Frank H. and Mary D. Peavey for \$1.

The deed transferring the property to Boyd was dated May 11, 1883.

**IN A DIRECTORY OF** Main street in 1884, run in the Herald Tribune, the Boyd hotel is listed as a "going" business.

At that time, the Boyd had competition; the American House is also listed as a Wayne hotel.

Ownership of the Boyd changed hands a number of times over the years and operation of the hotel was also leased by the various owners.

In 1895, P.M. Moodie bought the hotel from H.B. Boyd and his wife for \$8,000. F.J. Fitzgerald bought half interest for \$4,000 in 1896 and the other half interest in 1900 for \$3,500 from the Moodies.

**IN 1900, THE HOTEL** was sold for \$8,000 again to Alvin Leigh. In 1902, J.A. Pritchard bought it for \$9,000, subject to lease of the premises by J.L. Criss, according to the old deed.

In 1903, its value had declined and W.W. Thurston bought it for \$3,750. It changed hands on paper with Thurston again acquiring it at a \$5,000 value.

This same year it was purchased by its only long-time owner, E.B. Girton. Girton paid \$5,500 for the hotel and owned it until the time of his death, Jan. 9, 1939.

It was then deeded to his widow, Mrs. Nellie Annis Girton to "use for and during her natural life." Mrs. Girton died April 7 of this year.

**FINAL CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP** was after Mrs. Girton's death when the State National Bank acquired title from Mr. Girton's heirs.

Destruction of the old Boyd was begun immediately in the interests of safety and progress.

Shortly before 1950, State Fire Marshal E.C. Iverson condemned the building as a fire hazard.

When the Boyd hotel was brand new, in 1884, Wayne had a boot and shoe maker, a wagon maker and two livery stables.

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**PLEMENTS** were sold by Milligan and Co.; Slater and Cone; Chace, Neely and Co. and Simmons Brothers.

A saloon is also listed as one of the businesses on main street.

The hotel was the scene of many social affairs. Its dining room was a good place for dinners and parties through the years.

Old file copies of the Herald report such events as an oyster supper held there by the YPSCE of the Presbyterian Church Feb. 7, 1896.

**IN THE FALL OF 1927**, E.O. Stratton directed the financing of a community project which led to the building of the new hotel Stratton.

This sounded the death knell for the Boyd, although the hotel continued to operate until 1942.

The Stratton, now the Morrison hotel, was built in 1927-28 at the cost of approximately \$53,000.

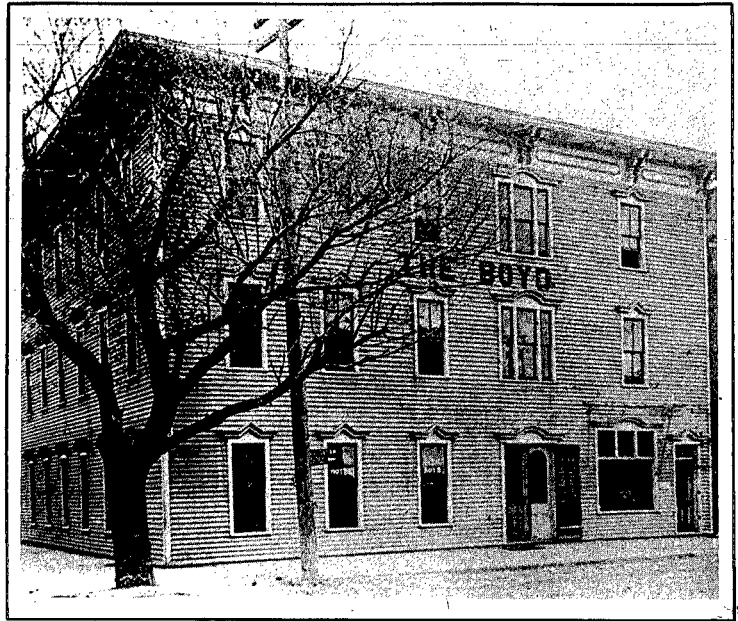
Contract was let for the new hotel in October, 1927, and it was completed the following year.

**LAST DAYS OF THE** Boyd were supervised by Mr. and Mrs. French Penn who rented from Ellis Girton in March, 1936. Rooms at the hotel then were 75 cents and \$1.

At the time the Penns ran the hotel, there was a lounge, desk, coffee shop and kitchens on the first floor.

The upper two floors were rooms and there were five sleeping rooms rented by the hotel over the Coed Theater.

In May, 1942, an auction sale was held and most of the



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

**THE BOYD Hotel** was one of the earliest businesses in Wayne, providing lodging for out-of-town visitors.

equipment in the hotel was sold.

**PENN WENT INTO** defense work and Mrs. Penn ran the hotel to accommodate old customers during the summer of 1942. Only the first and second floors were open.

In December, 1942, the hotel was closed.

C.D. McCullough used the

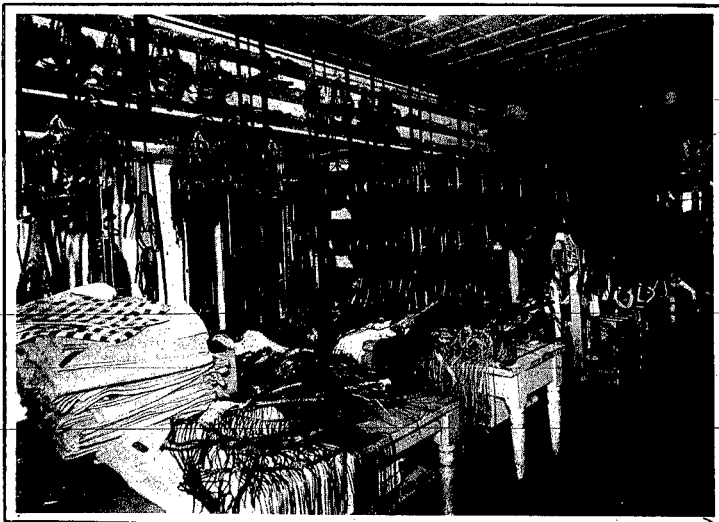
building for his Wayne Mattress Shop until 1949 when he moved to his present location.

Since that time, Oscar Peterson has used the premises to sell seed corn.

**THE CONTRACT FOR** demolishing the old building was let to the Lehmann Wracking company, Sioux City.

Workmen have been busy tearing their way down past the birds nests, past old dead birds and torn paper, past a rickety fire escape to the ground floor.

In a few days, (back in 1950), there will be no familiar yellow frame landmark on the corner of 2nd and Main streets.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

**HARNESS SHOPS** were important for outfitting the settler's horses.

## Dugouts serve as early homes of first settlers

Dugouts were considered fashionable as homes in pioneer days. Usually the dugout was formed on the side of a hill, according to Dorothy Huse Nyberg.

The ground was dug out to a depth of about two feet. Walls were made of sod blocks and sod was also placed over the frame which formed the roof.

Timber was obtained from the reservation or river bottoms to use as supports for the sod and hay roofs.

Space was left for a window in the wall and for a stovepipe in the roof. A few dugouts were nicely furnished and even had carpet on the floor.

**A TYPICAL EARLY** settlement in Wayne County had the dugout, a granary, hill barn and well.

Most dugouts were 10 by 12 feet and the ceiling was six feet high in the center, sloping to three feet on the sides.

Steps of earth led from the ground down to the door. About three feet of the dugout were above ground and the rest beneath.

The roof was made of sheaves of slough hay with pieces of sod on top. The slough hay grew to such height that it was long enough to cover the top. Some dugouts had roofs made of a mixture of hay and mud.

**WIDE BOARDS** were on the floors and a stovepipe carried smoke from the small stove which warmed the room.

The granary and barn were made of cut timbers which formed the framework of the building. Hay or slough grass was put over the frame.

The barn was one built near a hill so that it could be used for sides of the barn and provide protection from the wind.

Wells were easily dug near the slough, water being reached often at a depth of only two and a half feet.

When one well caved in or went dry another was dug.

## Similar businesses compete for trade

April 12, 1899  
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN  
By Eph. Cunningham, Editor

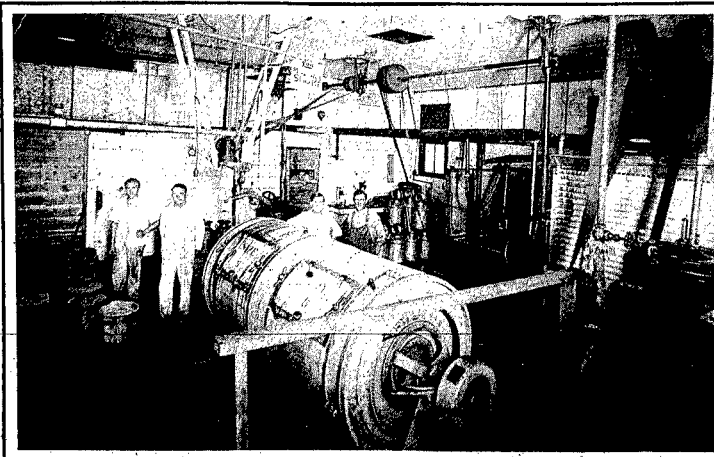
"There is a lively time in progress in our city between rivals for the city's grocery trade.... They have men or boys out going from house to house every morning taking orders and will deliver the smallest order to your domicile very promptly...."

Besides the competition in the grocery business, the town boasted three newspapers, four banks, something like seven general and/or clothing stores, four implement dealers, three meat markets and two laundries.

It is hard to get an accurate count, as not all businesses advertised, at least not in the Republican. One thing about which Mr. Cunningham complained was the lack of a "fine brick hotel in a splendid location."

He said "Commercial travelers so arrange their routes so as not to be compelled to stay in town overnight".... Perrin's Hotel, south of the tracks, and the Boyd SE corner of 2nd and Main were in existence.

—Submitted by Bessie Baier



Submitted by Mabel Sorenson

**A.P. GOSSARD** and his sons ran this creamery north of the railroad tracks.

## Creamery serves the railroad

A.P. Gossard, father of Mabel Sorenson of Wayne, ran this creamery from 1907 to 1915.

His two sons, Bert and Earl Gossard, helped him make the many pounds of butter which sold rapidly in the area.

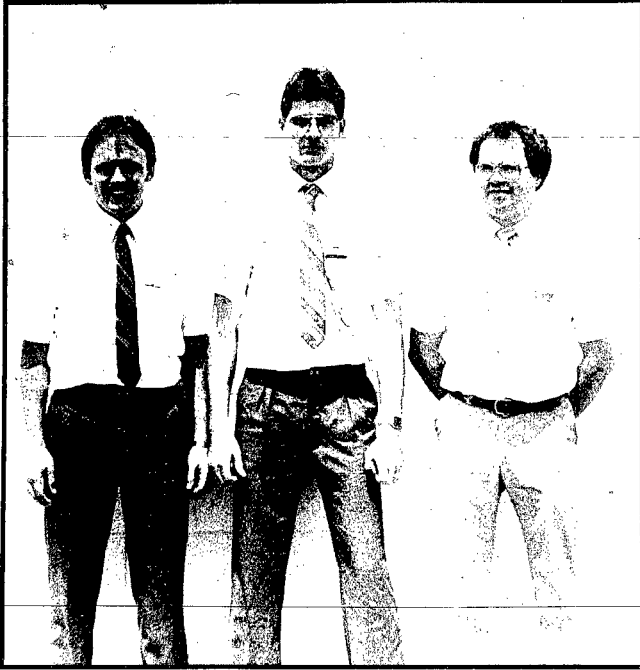
The creamery was located on East 2nd Street, across from the elevator. It was also just north of the railroad tracks.

Mabel can recall the men who ran the engines stopping to get drinks, but instead of beer it was the good milk they wanted.

Lyle Campbell and Claude Ferral also worked with the three men at the creamery.



# Happy 100th Birthday Wayne from Pamida



Managers at Pamida are (left to right) Dean Carroll, Cary Schroeder, Dave Loose.

Pamida began as a company in 1963. It was owned in partnership by D.J. Witherspoon and Lee Wegener, both of Omaha, Nebraska. Pamida was known then as Gibsons. In 1969 Pamida Gibson became a public corporation selling its stock on the open market. In 1970 Pamida Gibson was listed on the American Stock Exchange and in 1972 the New York Stock Exchange.

On Nov. 16, 1972 Pamida Gibsons held its grand opening in Wayne. It was opened in its present location on Hwy. 35 on the east edge of Wayne. The store is 24,000 square feet and has a spacious parking lot for better customer convenience. Clyde Munbeck was the first store manager and was up until November of 1973 when Gary Persinger took over as manager. In October of 1974 Dennis Townsend took over management jobs and remained until September of 1976 when Ken Soden became the new manager. While Ken Soden was manager, Pamida Gibson went through many changes. In January of 1980 Pamida dropped the Gibson name completely and was now solely known as Pamida. In 1981 Mr. Witherspoon and Mr. Wegener decided to sell the company to its employees forming an E.S.O.P. (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) as an opportunity for Pamida employees to realize individual future growth. Then in 1982 with Ken Soden still as manager, the store was totally remodeled. This was done to help the customers find items easier as well as show the customer a larger line of girls, boys, mens, ladies and infants clothing.

Ken Soden left the company in August of 1982 and was replaced by David Loose who is the current manager.

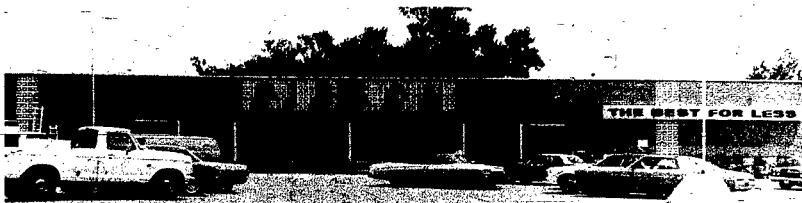
Over the years Pamida's principle policy is to carry basic merchandise, be in stock at all times, have competitive prices while providing neat and clean stores with good customer service. We hope to stress satisfaction guaranteed or your money cheerfully refunded.

We at Pamida want to thank the people of Wayne and surrounding communities for their patronage and we hope to continue serving you.



## Our Employees Are Here To Serve You

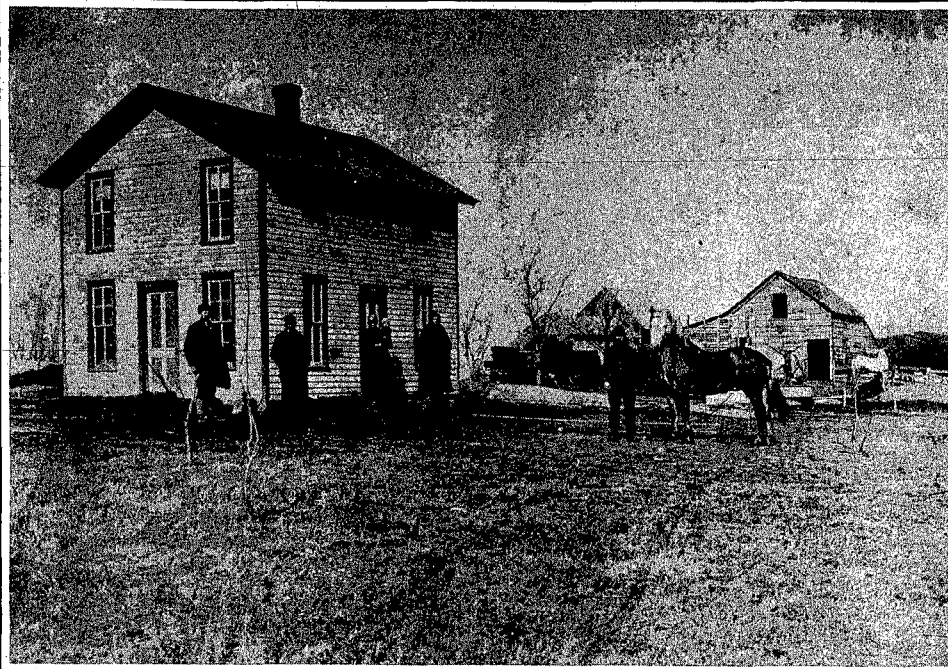
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THE SANDAHL farm as it looked in 1884.

Submitted by Wayne Sandahl



Submitted by Wayne Sandahl

THE ORIGINAL Sandahl family which settled the farm are (left to right) Edward Sandahl, Carl Frederick Sandahl, Edna Sandahl Olson, Lillie Sandahl Hypse, Nettie Sandahl Ring, Edward Lawrence Sandahl, Hulda Bark Sandahl, and (front) Ernest "Dick" Sandahl.

## Wayne Sandahl farm worth \$4 in 1880

Wayne Sandahl's 160-acre farm is worth \$4.

At least that's what it cost in 1880, when homesteader Joe Agler bought the property from the government.

The farm, located 1½ miles north of the original LaPorte settlement and 5 miles east and ½ mile south of Wayne, is now owned by Wayne Sandahl and worth much more than \$4.

The original owner, Joe Agler, came from Virginia after the Civil War to settle in Wayne.

HE SPENT THE first years in a dugout and finally built a house on the land.

Wayne Sandahl can still tell where the dugout was located on the farm. The dirt where this dugout was located, is still black as coal and the corn grows big and tall.

In April, 1884, the Sandahls

began their hundred-year ownership of the homestead.

Agler sold the farm to Edward S. Sandahl, who came from Illinois with his parents, one sister and two brothers.

HE AND HIS sister, Mrs. C.L. Bard, were the only two to remain in Nebraska.

Edward married Hulda Bark and they had three sons and four daughters.

The youngest son, Ernest (Dick) Sandahl, grew up and spent almost his entire life on the farm, excluding his three months of service at the end of World War II. He was the next family member to take over the land.

Ernest lived on the farm for 85 years. He married Mabel Nelson and they had three sons, who also grew up on the family farm.

THE OLDEST SON, Dean,

currently lives in Lincoln. The second son, Wayne, is the present owner and resident.

He began farming with his father in 1946 and took over in 1982, when his father died at the age of 88.

He farms in partnership with his younger brother Neil and has since 1955. They share both the machinery and the work.

Both Wayne and Neil can remember their years of growing up on the farm.

THE HOUSE WHICH Wayne presently lives in was built in 1928, when he was only three years old.

"I can remember when my older brother, Dean, and I took the carpenter's tools and locked them in the outhouse," Wayne recalls. "They weren't very happy with us."

The Sandahls replaced the

barn in 1943, the garage in 1948 and the chicken house in 1949.

The farm is currently centered around grain production and rough feed for cattle.

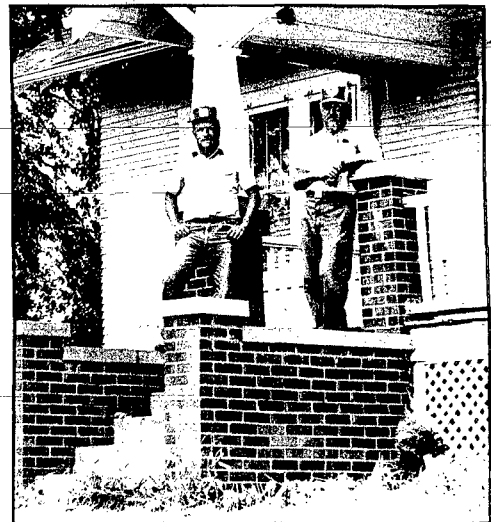
THE BOYS GIVE a lot of credit to their mother for helping them through bad financial situations.

"Mom dressed chickens and raised geese and ducks for sale," Neil said.

"She would barter produce in order to keep the doctor and dentist bills paid," Wayne remembers.

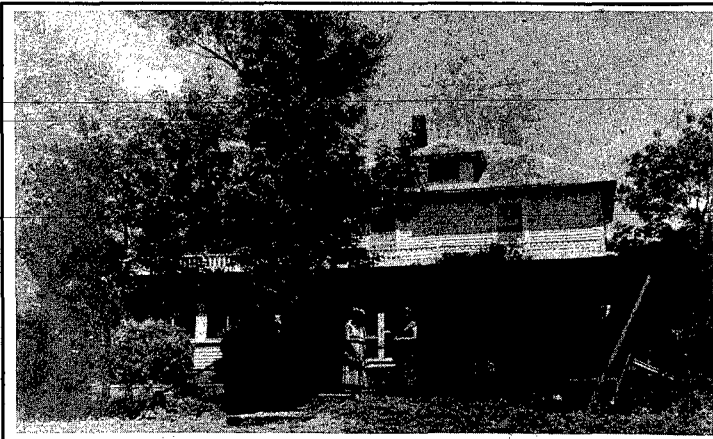
The extremities of Nebraska weather is also easily remembered by most.

Wayne remembers a nest of robins which died during the 112 degree summer of 1936 and how the winter air would freeze the water bucket solid, and lift the linoleum right off the floor.



Wayne Herald photo

PARTNERS AND brothers, Wayne and Neil Sandahl, stand on the porch of the house built in 1928.



THE FARM house as it looked in the early 1960's.

Submitted by Anne L. Lage

## Claus Lage homesteads land

During the last 100 years, five generations have worked the land on the Lage farm, located 6 south, 2 west and ½ south of Wayne.

The 160 acres of land, now owned by Anne L. Lage of Wayne, was homesteaded by her husband's grandfather, Claus Fried Lage, in October of 1894.

Claus Lage came from Germany and settled in Walnut, Iowa, before coming to Nebraska to start his homestead.

The present home was built by Claus' son and daughter-in-law, Johannes and Julia Lage. Several rooms have been incorporated on to the home since.

THE HOME WAS completed only shortly before the death of Johannes on Nov. 19, 1918. He was the victim of a flu epidemic at the time.

Donna Hansen, daughter of Martin and Anne Lage, remembers stories of her

grandfather and his part in a posse which chased horse thieves.

She was told he chased famous criminals, such as Jesse James.

Martin Lage, the son of Johannes and Julia, was born and raised on the farm, and took over following his father's death.

HE MARRIED ANNE in 1930 and they had two children, which were also born and raised on the farm.



Wayne Herald photo

DONNA HANSEN (left) and her mother Anne Lage (right).

Their daughter, Nadine Lage Cummings, has moved from Wayne and their oldest, Donna Lage Hansen, still remains in Wayne.

Donna's husband, Lester, and son, Kevin, still farm the land and care for the house.

Donna remembers carpenters working on the house additions and spending the night in the barn loft.

Very clear in her memory of the farm, is the "Dirty 30's," which brought hail, snowstorms and grasshoppers.

THE 30'S WERE powered by horse teams only and Donna can remember using the team and wagon for everything.

"Much of our work was done by hand," she said, "Nadine and I thought we were great help, tossing single ears of corn into the corn crib."

She can also remember the threshing crews that worked in the county.

"It was always fun to have a threshing crew around," she said, "If the parents didn't enjoy it, the kids did anyway."

THE NEIGHBORS would buy machines together and share the binder and shocking responsibilities, she said.

"In those days," she said, "you depended on your neighbors and they depended on you."

Donna hopes the farm will stay in the Lage family, but it's hard to tell if the young farmer can survive in today's economy, she said.

"The total return from the ground," she said, "does not buy a fraction of what it used to."

## Stringers farming land in Wayne County since 1879

The Mark Stringer farm, located east and north of Wayne, has been in a family of three Mark Stringers for over 100 years.

Mark Stringer I moved to Wayne County in 1879 and bought the three eighths from Seth Richards, a land agent, for \$4 per acre.

Later, he bought a quarter section south of the farm for \$8 per acre.

He decided to build a house using native cottonwood lumber brought by teams from a saw mill near old Ionia in Dixon County.

**THE SHINGLES FOR** the home were brought from Sioux City by team.

It took a year to build the house, which is still the home of Mark III. It had a basement put in around 1948 and received new siding in 1961.

Mark I, being the youngest of seven children, was born in Sherrington Province, Quebec, June 5, 1841.

At the age of 14, he went to Decorah, Iowa, to live with his sister, Mrs. Hannah Greer. At a young age he carried mail on horseback from town to town.

**ON MARCH 13, 1862,** Stringer I enlisted in Company A-16th Regiment, U.S. Infantry. He was discharged from the army on Jan. 30, 1865, at Cairo, Ill.

During his life, Mark I went up the Missouri River, bought logs and hired men for floating logs downstream.

He also worked with a surveying crew for the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming.

He settled down when he took a homestead in Dixon County around 1886. He married Matilda Dygert, daughter of Otis Dygert, who lived across the road from the Stringer homestead.

**MARK I HAD A** blacksmith shop on his homestead and was kept busy by the settlers, some paying with cattle.

He put his cattle on shares and became a member of the Grange.

During the grasshopper raid, he helped distribute barrels of food and clothing to the needy, which had been sent from the Grange in the east.

The deed to the Mark Stringer I farm was recorded May 6, 1880.

**THE FARM BUILDINGS** were located on the half mile road east of Wayne, on the north side of the present airport.

The farm was on the first main traveled road to Wakefield, and also the mail route until 1949. Travelers stopped to get water from the well near the house.

The Stringers were in their new house when the blizzard of 1880 came. They lost many cattle as they did not have much shelter for them.

The family ran out of wood during the blizzard, so they had to burn hay to stay warm.

**IN 1886, MARK** Stringer I decided to move to Wayne and open a business.

Letting the boys run the farm, he bought Lots 10 and 11, block 27, original Wayne, from John and Cecilia Phillips in February, 1886.

He operated a blacksmith shop until George went into partnership with him. They also had the dealership of the Buckeye Machinery Co.

Stringer III remembers how his Grandpa didn't want George to become a blacksmith.



Wayne Herald photo

**MARK STRINGER III** stands by his collection of farm relics which he has displayed on the farm.

**GEORGE, BOUND AND** determined to be one, quit school and went west to learn the trade.

Stringer I took him into the business when he returned as a skilled blacksmith.

Mark Stringer I had his 7th and Main home in Wayne built by the Mackintosh Brothers in 1887.

After the father and son blacksmith shop partnership, Mark Stringer I sold the business to his son George in 1902.

**GEORGE STRINGER** built a new shop on the east side of the present True Value building, one half block west of main, on the north side of first street.

Stringer III remembers when his uncle George won a pair of binoculars for selling the most horseshoes in the area.

He operated the shop until 1912, when he moved to Wrenshall, Minn.

After the death of his wife, he returned to Wayne in 1955 and lived with Mark III until he passed away in 1961.

**MARK I DIED IN 1910** and his son Otis inherited the east 80 acres of the farm with the original house.

He bought the west 80 acres from his sister Alice and his brother George and sister Caroline received the south quarter.

In 1923, Mark Stringer III attended Wayne Prep School and lived with Otis on the homestead.

Mark Stringer III, one of seven children of Mark Stringer II and Edith Chapin Stringer, was born in Wakefield, Nov. 7, 1906.

**STRINGER III** remembers his father's many trades which took the family to many states.

He worked as a farmer,

railroad man, teamster and carpenter, and finally returned to his harness-making skills he learned from John Lewis.

Stringer III noted that all seven children were born in different towns, due to their father's wanderings.

Mark III was married June 29, 1937, to Margaret Price at Wayne.

**MARGARET GRADUATED FROM** Bemidji State Teachers College and taught school in Minnesota, having received a life certificate to teach in the state.

Mark III and Margaret lived and farmed with Otis on the Stringer farm, raising purebred Dorset and purebred Hampshire sheep.

They also raised and fed cattle, hogs and western lambs.

Mark Stringer III and Otis farmed together until 1946, when Otis passed away.

**THE 80 ACRES,** with the buildings, were given to Mark III and the west 80 acres to his adopted daughter, Mrs. Lester Lundahl.

Mark III remembers a yellow passenger train that went by the farm and through Wayne every day.

It went by the west end of the farm at 9 a.m. and came back the same day about 5 p.m.

He also remembers the Barnum Bailey Circus special train that came every other year.

**MARK III AND MARGARET** have three children. Mark IV is a missionary to Colombia, South America; David Stringer is a licensed airplane mechanic; and Marlynn McDonald is a nurse.

Mark III has been on the Stringer homestead for a total of 61 years. He and his wife still care for the land and the buildings on the farm.



**THREE GENERATIONS** of Mark Stringers.

Submitted by Margaret and Mark Stringer III



## We've been helping Wayne grow for half a century

Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association was chartered May 3, 1887 in Nebraska City, Nebraska. As a result of its broader base of operations, branch offices were established in 1973, 1976, 1979, 1980 and 1982.

On October 1, 1980 the local savings and loan association, formerly known as Wayne Federal Savings and Loan, merged with Midwest Federal and has conducted business as Midwest Federal since then. Wayne Federal Savings and Loan was chartered January 23, 1935. First directors of the association were John T. Bressler, Jr., W.R. Ellis, E.E. Galley, J.S. Hornay, William Beckenhauer, C.E. Wright, C.E. Carter and Burr R. Davis. The first office was at 220 Main. In December 1961 the office was moved to 305 Main Street. The present building at 321 Main was built by Wayne Federal and moved into in September 1976.

Duane W. Hall of Nebraska City has been President of Midwest Federal since 1969. Past Presidents of Wayne Federal were Rollie W. Lay, 1935-June 1956; John T. Bressler, Jr., 1956-February 1973 and Betty Addison, February 1973-October 1980. Local advisory board members are John Addison, Charles R. Kay, Joan Lackas and Dan Sherry.



Cheri Erickson, Evelyn Doescher, and Betty Addison staff the Wayne office of Midwest Federal Savings and Loan.

Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, with \$196,303,887 in assets, ranks seventh in size among Nebraska savings and loans.

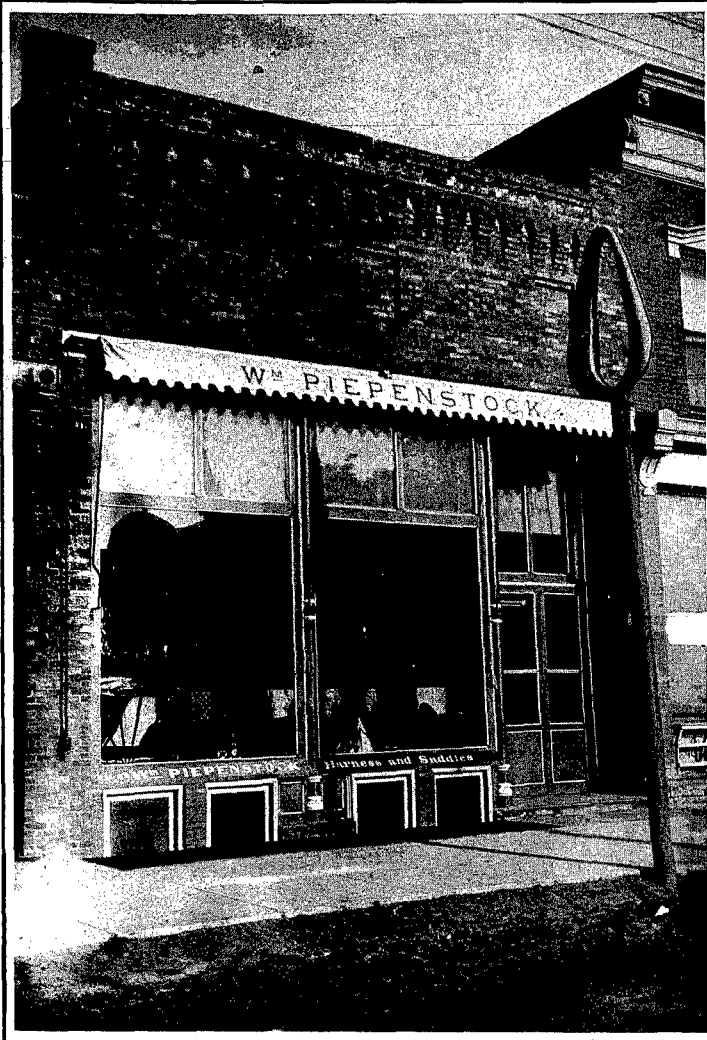


**Midwest Federal**

321 Main

Wayne, Nebraska

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THE WILLIAM Piepenstock harness shop was located at 104 Main, between what is now the Fourth Jug and Kugler Electric.

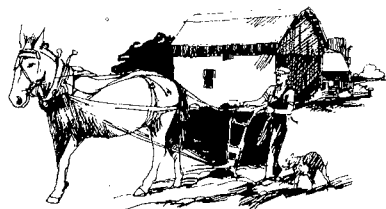
## Piepenstock starts harness business in Wayne in 1889

William Piepenstock started his business as a harness maker around 1889 and it prospered over time.

His shop was located at 104 Main Street, between what is now The Fourth Jug and Kugler Electric.

Piepenstock had intended to stay in Wayne for only a few weeks visiting his brother, August, but when he saw a lovely soprano in the church choir one Sunday, he lengthened his visit.

He married the soprano, Susannah Kugler, in April, 1906-07 and in many

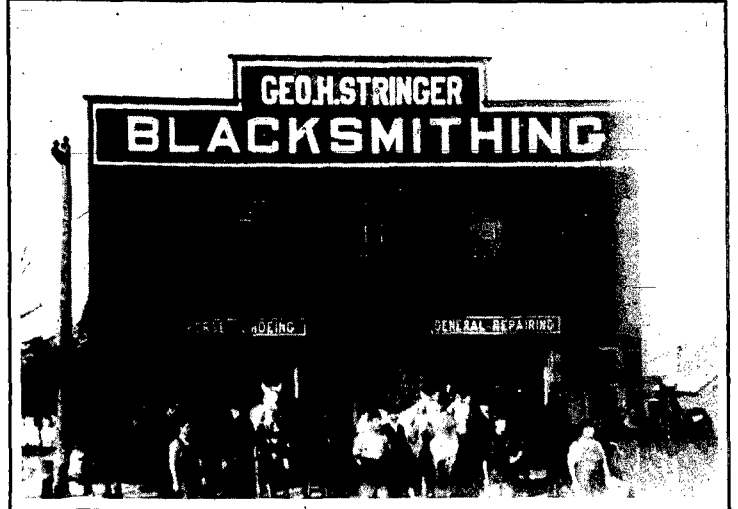


capacities with the Lutheran Church where he met Susannah. He became well-respected following.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

THE RALPH Ründel store about 1890. Pictured (left to right) are Ründel, Rickabaugh, Titsworth, Berry, and McVicker.



Submitted by Margaret and Mark Stringer III

GEORGE H. STRINGER'S shop around 1905 was located where True Value is today.

## Stringers move blacksmith shop into Wayne in 1886

George H. Stringer was the owner and operator of a blacksmith shop, located on the east side of the present True Value building, one half block west of main, on the north side of first street.

George was the son of Mark Stringer I, who had a blacksmith shop on his homestead, east of Wayne in the early days.

Mark I was kept busy by the settlers, some paying with cattle. In 1886, he moved his business into town.

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block 27, original Wayne, from John and Cecilia Phillips in February, 1886.

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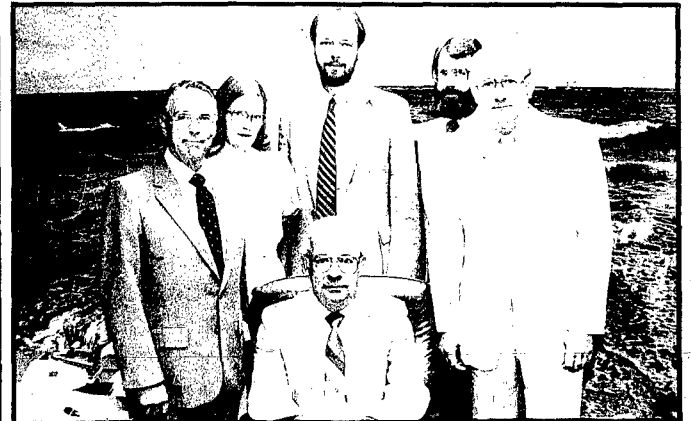
Stringer I took him into the business when he returned as a skilled blacksmith.

Mark Stringer I sold the business to his son, George, in 1902.

The new shop was built soon afterwards. Those pictured in front of the shop around 1905 are (left to right) Harry McMillan, Doc Surber, Fred Fisher, George Stringer, owner and operator, John Macintire in back, Earl Perkins in front, Dick Carpenter and Gus Kirwin in fur coat.

George operated the shop until 1912, when he moved to Wrenshall, Minn.

## SERVING WAYNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA



Pictured in their newly-remodeled offices are staff members of Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency, Inc. Seated, Dean Pierson. Standing, from left: Glenn Walker, Dobra Johnson, Robert Keating, Carter Peterson, and Richard Berry.



Dependability, reliability, stability... you can depend on these when you have Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency, Inc. take care of your insurance needs.

Dean Pierson, owner, has been in the insurance business in Wayne for many years. He began his career in 1949 with Northwestern Mutual Life, and four years later, he began selling fire and casualty insurance. In 1955, he purchased the Martin Ringer Agency, where the business is still located.

The firm has expanded throughout the years. Currently, there are suboffices in six surrounding towns. Eight people are on the staff of Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency, Inc., an independent agency representing ten major companies.

Three years ago, Dean purchased the east part of the building where the agency is located, and extensive remodeling has been completed, including a new building front.

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Linda Granfield, Bookkeeper



Judi Topp, Composition Foreman



Seated is Doris Claussen, mailroom manager. Other mailroom helpers are (front row, left to right) Marilyn Gehner, Theresa Osentowski, Darlene Gashje and Boreen Bruggen; (back row, left to right) Lynal Frenzen, Mardelle Mikkelsen, Pam Minds, Stella Schultz and Chris Nuss.



Trudy Muir, Composer



Jackie Nolan, Receptionist

# HAPPY WAY from the THE WAYNE

The Wayne Herald's correspondents are Mrs. Ken Linafelter, Allen; Mrs. Ted Leapley, Bolden; Mrs. Edward-Fark, Carroll; Mrs. Art Johnson, Concord; Mrs. Dudley Blatchford, Dixon; Mrs. Hilga Thomas, Hoskins; Mrs. Gary Lufz, Laurel; Mrs. Loula Hanson, Leslie; Mrs. Walter Hale, Wakefield; Helen Hancock, Windsor.





Jackie Osten, Sports Editor



Michelle Kubik, Centennial Souvenir Edition Editor



Jim Marsh, Business Manager



Mel Baumgardner, Commercial Printer



Dave Diediker, Advertising Executive



Alyce Henschke, Typesetter



The Wayne Herald's paper carriers are (front row, left to right) Jess Thompson, Jason Polt, Ryan Shaw, Lisa Shaw, Tracy McFarland, Terry Filter, Mike Maloy, Kathy Dalton; (back row, left to right) Bill Sperry, Pam Maier, Tiffany Harder, Tyler Harder, Chris Polt, Darren Wacker, Brian Morse and Jackie Nolan, receptionist.



Betty Ulrich, General Assistant



Lori Kay, Composer



Jeff Sperry, Darkroom Technician



Al Pippitt, Pressman

# Wayne Herald's 100th Anniversary

Staff of THE HERALD

## Newspapers keep citizens informed

The first newspaper in Wayne County was started in 1875 at LaPorte, original county seat.

The initial newspaper venture, called the Wayne County Review, was published by C.E. Hunter, of LaPorte, and William Huse of Ponca. Huse also published the Journal at Ponca and until equipment could be installed at LaPorte, the Wayne County Review was also printed at Ponca.

Huse was father of E.W. Huse, 1910-1947 owner and publisher of the Wayne Herald, which is a direct descendant of the Review.

The LaPorte Review was a seven-column folio. Since few were in LaPorte to advertise, most of the small advertising patronage came from Sioux City, Ponca, Ionia, Stanton, Wisner and other points outside of LaPorte.

A.P. CHILDS, a newspaper man from New York, came to LaPorte and joined Hunter in publishing the Review.

When the county seat was moved to Wayne in 1881, Childs loaded up the Review plant and brought it to the town.

Hunter retired from the firm and located at Wakefield, where he was postmaster for a number of years.

Childs sold his newspaper to R.M. Goshorn in 1883. Goshorn later disposed of a half interest to W.H. McNeal and this publication became the Wayne Herald.

CHILDS WAS NOT long without a newspaper, when he established the Wayne Democrat in 1884.

Chas. Simmons started a newspaper which evolved into W.S. Goldie's Graphic in 1891.

A few years later, E. Cunningham bought the Graphic plant and inaugurated the Wayne Republican.

In 1894, W.S. Goldie bought the Wayne Democrat from Childs and he continued to run it until the spring of 1911. He then sold the property to E.O. Gardner and G.A. Wade.

WHEN GOLDIE MOVED to Wilmington, Calif., and Gardner died in March, 1929, Wade became the sole proprietor of the Democrat.

Wade sold to J.G. Davidson in 1934 and in 1937, Homer Smothers and Vern Burris bought the paper. For a period of time, three newspapers were published in Wayne.

McNeal purchased Goshorn's interest in the Herald, when he moved to New Mexico as a government service employee.

In 1903, McNeal sold the Herald to William and E.W. Huse.

ABOUT A YEAR after the Herald's change in ownership, Cunningham bought the Herald and Republican. Because of the purchase, Cunningham effected a consolidation of the two newspapers.

Huse remained with the consolidation for a few years and then went to Beatrice to manage the Daily Express.

Frank Briner, J. A. Lister, Elmer Lundberg and A.J. Woodward were publishers of the Herald successively until 1910 when E.W. Huse returned and bought the plant.

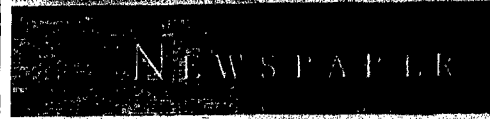
When Huse took charge, the equipment was worth less than \$3,000 and the payroll ran \$22 per week.

WHEN PLANS FOR installing a type-casting machine and other improvements were suggested, the citizens were doubtful.

In 1910, the first move was to put in a rebuilt No. 1 linotype, the first standard type-casting machine in northeast Nebraska outside of Norfolk.

The No. 1 served its purpose well, until the No. 1 became unequal to the growing requirements of the paper. A new No. 14 linotype was installed and some years later the No. 1 was replaced by an Intertype casting machine.

Late in 1926, the Herald moved into a new building (which used to be the veterinary office of Liska, Liska and Swerczek and also



THE NEWSPAPER building at 114 Main Street and at 110 Main Street (inset).

Wayne Herald photo

the Computer Farm, currently The Centennial Store).

IN 1931, THE HERALD'S equipment invoiced around \$50,000 and included a Duplex printing press.

In 1929, the Herald was given a place in Casey's All American Newspaper Eleven.

Huse relinquished The Wayne Herald to Mark Cramer in 1947 and his son, J. Alan, purchased the newspaper from his father's estate in 1958.

James Marsh bought an interest in The Wayne Herald in 1969.

IN THE SUMMER of 1966, the Herald moved to its present

location at 114 Main Street.

At this time, a new Goss Community Press was purchased and the newspaper began printing by offset lithography.

This process enabled a single section of the newspaper, which once took two and a half hours to print, to be run off in about 13 minutes.

Shortly after the move to the new building, the Herald went from a weekly to a semi-weekly publication.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS BEGAN delivering The Wayne Herald to local subscribers in April of 1972. Shortly thereafter, carrier

service began in the communities of Carroll and Winside, and later in Concord, Wakefield and Allen. Wakefield's service was later discontinued.

In addition to the Herald, 17 other publications are printed each week at the paper. They include the Bloomfield Monitor, Coleridge Blade, Laurel Advocate, Marketeer, Morning Shopper, Nebraska Smokeater, Norfolk Shopper, Osmond Republican, Pender Times, Pierce Leader, Randolph Times, Sundowner, Wakefield Republican, Walthill Citizen, Wausa Gazette, and the Wayne State.

The Northeast Nebraska

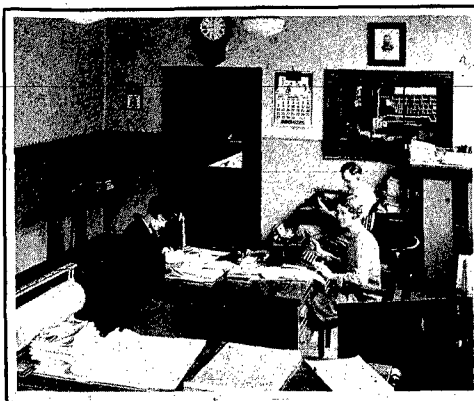
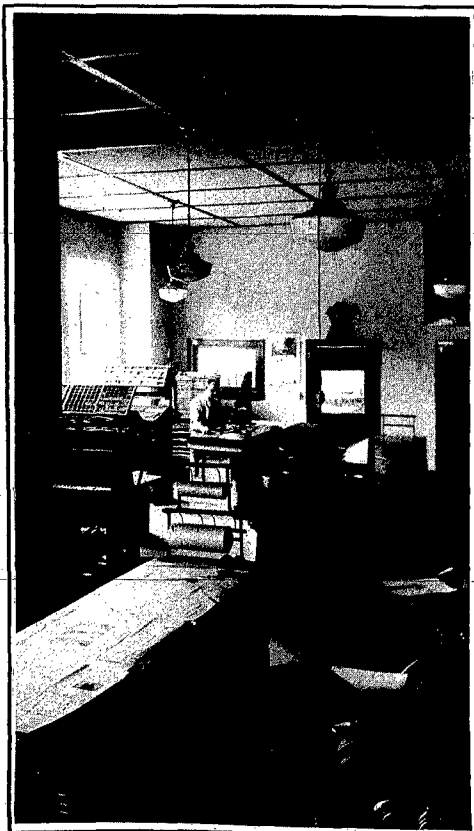
Rocket, a business circular of area newspapers, is the newest publication which is printed at the Herald office.

THE HERALD'S LATEST equipment, including a computerized typesetting machine and film processor allow for greater efficiency in the printing process.

In 1974, the Herald installed its own darkroom and equipment.

The Herald is an award winning member of the Nebraska Press Association and National Newspaper Association.

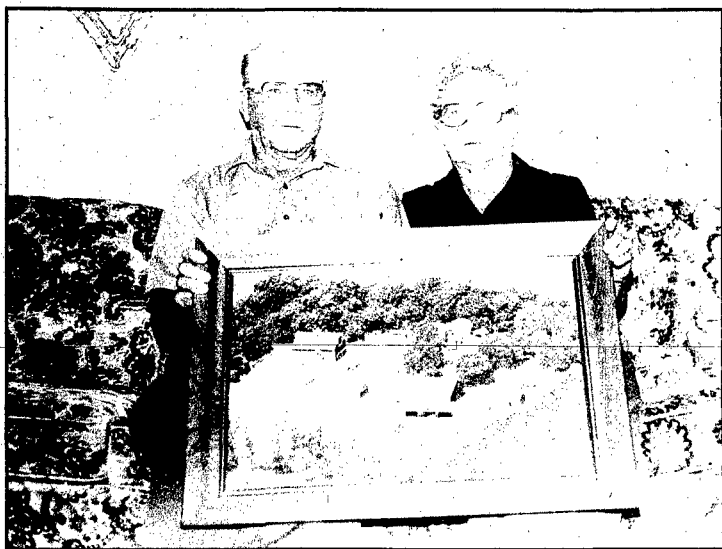
The Wayne Herald has grown from a small country newspaper into a business of manufacturing status.



Submitted by Leona and Edwin Kluge

THIS COLLAGE of pictures shows the staff and building interior when the newspaper office was located at 110 Main.

THE NEWSPAPER changed locations in 1966, but only moved next door.



Wayne Herald photo

**DON AND Ella Lutt display an overhead view of their pioneer farm.**



Submitted by Ella and Don Lutt

**THE NELSON home place in its early days. Pictured from left to right are Eric Nelson, Anna Lutt, Nels Nelson, Edith Grimm, Mary Nelson, Stena Hammer, Ida Cuff, Maria Cuff and Pete Nelson.**

## Farm sees only two owners since incorporation of Wayne

The farm owned by Don Lutt and operated by his son Dennis has only had two owners since the incorporation of Wayne.

Located four south and two east of Wayne, the farm originally belonged to Nels Nelson, a grandfather to Don Lutt.

When Nelson died at the age of 97, the land was purchased by his grandson (Don Lutt) in 1956.

Dennis now lives on the farm which was purchased by his father for \$244.50 an acre.

**THE LAND** originally owned by Nels Nelson was legally described as Section 33, Township 26, Range 4.

The acreage was originally acquired by the family in December of 1880.

He bought the 80 acres of land southeast of Wayne for \$2.50 an acre. An additional 80 cost him \$35.50 an acre and the final 40 of his 200 acres cost him \$50 an acre.

Nels Nelson was not always interested in farming.

**NELS NELSON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nelson, was born Aug. 31, 1857 in Denmark.

On June 14, 1872, he and his parents came to this country, where they settled in Michigan.

His parents moved to Wayne county in 1875 while Nels remained in Michigan.

When he met Miss Mary

Hansen, they were engaged before he followed his parents to Wayne County in 1878.

**MARY JOINED** Nels in Wayne and they were married in August, 1881.

The Nebraska which Nels knew was a vast prairie with few homes and trees.

The railroad ended at Wisner and the roads were winding trails with no bridges for crossing streams.

Nels began his career as a stage driver when he and his brother Jens purchased the mail route between LaPorte and Ponca from Dan Vroman.

**JENS DROVE** during the summer months and attended school in the winter while Nels drove.

They made two trips a week over their route, carrying mail, passengers and nearly any items which they could haul on the stage.

Nels met a butcher at LaPorte and obtained a profitable wintertime business of transporting butter part way to the Black Hills where the gold rush was in progress.

He was paid from 6 to 8 cents a pound and often carried as much as 600 pounds of butter on the stage.

**THE VENTURE** was not so profitable during the summer months when the butter melted and dripped through the boxes.

Nelson also experienced the grasshopper raids of the early

days. He stated that in 1878 he saw what appeared to be a cloud covering the sun.

Millions of grasshoppers soon covered the ground and in one day consumed all vegetation in the area, including some three-foot tobacco plants.

When Nelson died in 1954, the 200 acres were bought at referee's sale by Adon Jeffrey for \$244.50.

**HIS GRANDSON** (Don Lutt), who had moved onto the farm in 1953, actually bought the land in 1956 from Jeffrey for the same price.

When Don and Ella Lutt moved into town in 1973, their son Dennis took over the farm. He and his wife live on the land with their three children, Steve, Susie and Jeff.

The operation consists of both grain and livestock production.

Their daughter, Deb, and her husband, Dennis Jensen, also live near Wayne with their children, Darin, Dusty and Devanee.

**CONNIE AND** her husband, Dennis Blecke, live in Brighton, Colo. They have two children, Wendy and Corey.

LaVonne and her husband, Roger Anderson, have two children, Todd and Rusty. They live in Powell, Wyo.

Their other son, Frank, lives in Mt. Clemens, Mich. He and his wife have three children, Brian, Darci and Carri.

## Prairie fires, storms make stage journeys hazardous for drivers

Nels Nelson, a homesteader in the Wayne area, drove the mail route from Ponca to LaPorte in 1881.

The stage road ran from Ponca to Wisner in 1876, through LaPorte, then the county seat of Wayne County.

In the winter, the stage made two trips a week with passengers and mail. In the summer it usually made three trips a week.

The stage drivers often had difficulty on the journey because of prairie fires or storms. Two plowed furrows on either side of the road helped much in guarding against the fires.

**THE DRIVER OFTEN** had difficulty in getting through the snowdrifts in the winter.

Besides Nelson, Edward Perry drove the stage and a young woman was a driver for a time also.

Nelson, at one time, worked

almost a week to 'break through from Ponca to LaPorte. Driving his team hitched to a light spring wagon, carrying mail, passengers and freight, he broke through four to five feet deep drifts.

As long as teams kept in the packed road they were safe, but once off into the snow, down they sank.

**ACCORDING TO** Dorothy Huse Nyberg, Nelson would give his horses free rein and let them find their path until they ended up in their destination.

Some time after Nelson would reach home, he might find a searching party forming to go out and find him.

In addition to mail, freight and passengers, Nelson often carried butter and eggs to Ponca.

Sometimes during the summer, the weather was so hot that the butter corks would



Nels Nelson

be running over with melted butter by the time he reached his destination.

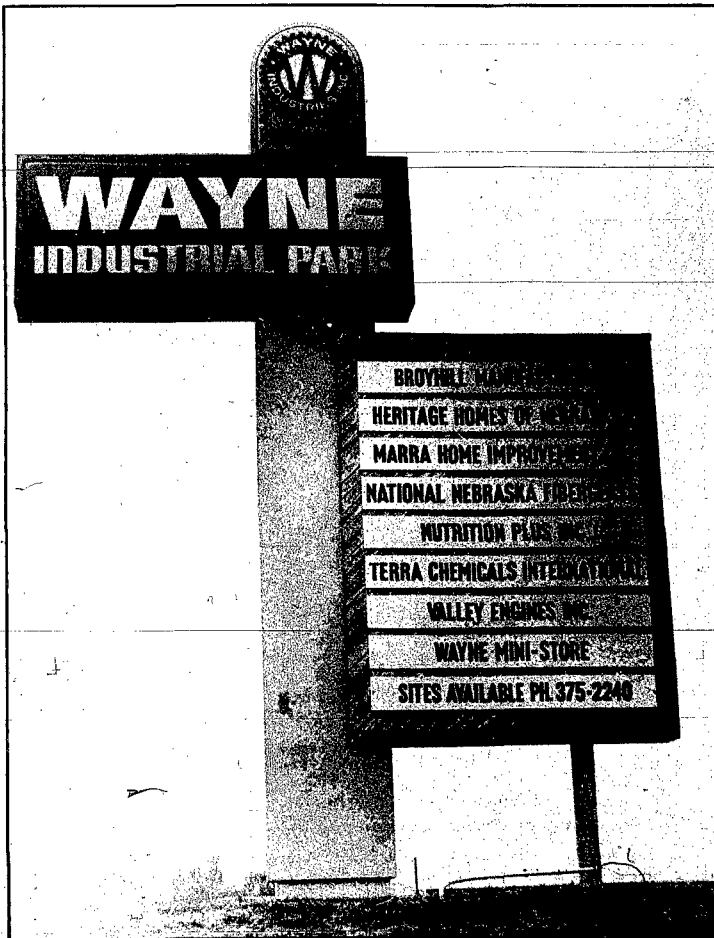
**NELSON DROVE** the mail route from LaPorte to Ponca until 1881 when the railroad came through, making overland travel unnecessary.

The 53-mile mail trip from LaPorte to Ponca required about eight hours to travel under favorable conditions.



THE INTERIOR of an early leather shop.

Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society



THE SIGN built to signify Wayne Industries, located on East Highway 35.

## Three generations farm land

# 'Timber-culture claim' beginning of Erickson farm

A "timber-culture claim," started by Nels E. Erickson in 1884, has been farmed by three generations of the Erickson family.

Only members of the Erickson family have owned, operated and lived on the farm.

The original 80 acres, passed down the family line, has increased to 120 acres during the 100 years.

Nelson began by planting five acres of trees on the land and then built a home to live in for a period of eight years.

**PRESIDENT GROVER** Cleveland signed a patent, which entitled Erickson to the land after the eight-year period.

At the beginning of the venture, Erickson planted 2,700 cottonwood, catalpa and boxelder trees on each of the five acres.

The land office stated that he had 9,240 living and thrifty trees, with 60 acres of land under cultivation when his patent was granted.

During that time, a house, barn and other buildings were also built on the land.

**NELS AND SELMA** Erickson's son, Raymond, and his wife, Ethel, acquired the farm from the original owners in 1940.



**FERN AND KEITH** Erickson replanted trees on their farm which began as a "timber-culture claim."

At this time, several of the original trees from the homestead were cut down to make way for a new genera-



Submitted by Fern and Keith Erickson

**THE ERICKSON** home as it looked in 1925.

tion. The Erickson's built their present home in the early 1950's and also planted a new crop of trees to replace the original grove.

Keith and Fern Erickson took over the land in 1971 and are presently living on, and operating the farm.

**BESIDES THE NEW** trees, Erickson has increased the land acreage from 80 to 120 acres. His father bought an additional 160 acres in a different location to increase productivity.

Erickson remembers the

first tractor coming on the farm in 1934. Everyone wanted a ride on the new machine.

Erickson didn't get his own tractor until 1946.

He was not fond of horses, so he was ready for the machine age to hit the farm.

**THE ERICKSON** farm has always been mostly crop farming, but they do have some livestock which they feed for sale.

Three of the Erickson generations have gone to a country school, 1 1/4 miles south of the farm.

Keith and Fern's children were unable to carry on the tradition, though.

All four of the children went to public schools in Laurel.

**THEIR OLDEST** daughter, Denise, lives in Lincoln with her husband, Tom Tietgen, and their one child. She works at Bryan Memorial Hospital.

The second daughter, Vicki, lives in Norfolk with her husband, Mark Carlson, and their one child.

The Erickson's two sons, Mike and Scott, both attend Laurel-Concord High School.

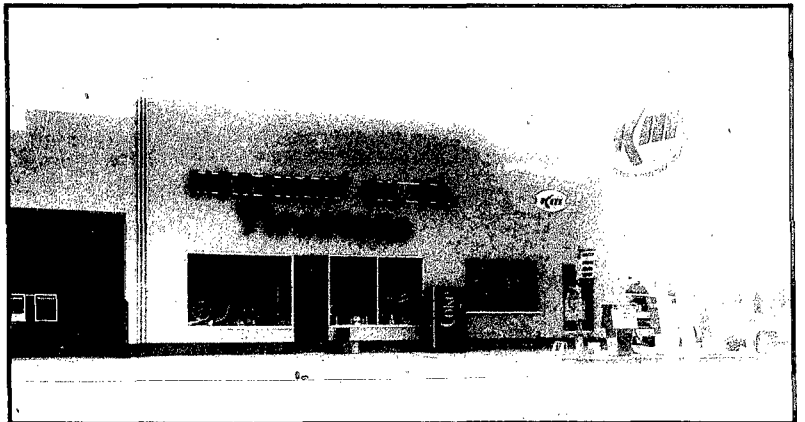
## Merchant Oil Company



121 W. 1st  
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Merchant Oil Company's employees and owners are (left to right) Tom Wills, Vardel E. Lutt, Bryan Denklaue, Pauline Merchant and Bob Merchant.



1984 location.

## Changing with the times

It was in 1919 after 13 years of blacksmithing on the corner of 1st and Pearl, E.H. Merchant decided to change with the times, from horse shoeing to the gasoline business for the horseless carriage. In 1920 E.H. Merchant and B.F. Strahan formed a partnership (Merchant and Strahan) and entered the oil business. The location of the blacksmith shop was ideal, as it was on the highway from Wayne to points west, known as the Grainland Road. Lubricating oil, axle grease, kerosene, and gasoline were the main products that were sold. In 1927 the partners signed a contract with a major supplier that lasted over 55 years.

In October 1938 the close of the depression years, E.H. Merchant purchased B.F. Strahan's interest in the business. It was then known as the E.H. Merchant Oil Co. Earl was joined by his son Bob in 1946. The business name was changed in 1955 to Merchant Oil Co. Inc. In 1965 a new service station was built on the corner of 7th and Main, handling the same products as the one on West First Street. In 1972 the energy crisis arose and all jobbers were on allocation and locked in. This continued for nearly eight years. In 1978, the Seventh and Main location was sold to the First National Bank, for a drive in.

In April 1980 signs were changed and new color was added, and new product names, as a new contract was signed with Kerr McGee Refining. This was a happy union, for we are proud of our quality products. In 1983 the service station in Wakefield was completely renovated, and a convenience store was added. This is known as the Wakefield Kogner Mart.

In the 38 years that Bob has managed the business, his wife, Pauline, has also taken an active part. The office and bookkeeping has been under her management. This happiness in the business has been attributed to the fine customers of the Wayne community and to the many loyal and faithful employees.