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anna Gamble

School days remembered

resident of Wayne. She and her family-lived on a farm 7 miles southwest of town during her childhood and she and her husband, Ray, lived north of Bressler park for 34 years.

The oldest of seven children, onna is the only one still liv-g. There were several years tween Hanna and the next child, so she never really had a playmate.

She remembers working on the farm, milking cows and feeding horses and pigs.

grandmother had one sheep for making yarn," she said, "She would wash it in a tub and shear it herself."

THE WOOL WAS "carded" into yarn and her grandma would knit socks for the fami-ly.

Hanna also remembers walking two miles to get to

school every day.

"If you could get there dur-ing the winter, fine," she said, "if not, you just didn't go."

"Kids today are spoiled,"
Hanna said, "We didn't receive money or allowance for doing our chores, it was just part of life."

DURING HANNA'S

childhood, she and her family went to Minnesota after her father got the notion to move from Wayne.

After three years, the returned to Wayne and bough ick the same farm they had

According to Hanna, it was one of the first farms settled in Wayne County. Still in the family today, all that's left is a windmill standing on the land, she said.

Hanna's father used to carry the name Nelson; but he changed it to Granquist because of the mail problems, with an abundance of Nelsons

"OUR NAME CAME from the old country," she said, "I think it is-related to-the Sioux Indian tribe."

Hanna Granquist's name changed when she married Ray Gamble.

"Ray's sister wanted to pick his wife," she said "but he wouldn't let her say much about it"

She and her husband lived on four different farms during their years in Wayne and farmed on all locations.

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From LaPorte to city of Wayne

Straggling little settlements now remaining only in the pages of history. Having served their purpose of providing pioneer folks a meeting place and a crude little store at which to buy their plain provisions, as well as to pick up coveted mail, these tiny towns covered mail, these tiny towns soon deteriorated into groups of empty wooden buildings through which the prairie winds howled.

The lure of the railroad,

sealing the doom of some set tlements, provided the attrac-tion for the establishment of others which thrive to this day. In the graveyard of dead Wayne County towns can be found the names of once promising hamlets such as LaPorte, Taffe, Weber, Melvin, Northwide, each of which with its combination post -office, grocery and general store, and stage stop made a significant contribu-

TRAVELING WESTWARD in the hope of benefiting his health, Willard Graves of Mendota, Illinois visited this region in 1867, the year Nebraska was admitted to the union. From his bed in a spr ing wagon, Graves was impressed with the quality of the soil, the hills and vegetation, and was so invigorated by the and was so invigorated by the prairie air and sunshine that he v.as cured of his rheumatism. In his en-thusiasm, he went to the land office at Dakota City and bought 40,000 acres of land, most of it in Wayne County on Logan Creek.
Graves then returned to II-

linois and organized colonies of pioneer families to travel west to establish new homes. His first colony came to Wayne county in 1869, settling southeast of the present site of Wakefield on the bank of Logan creek, and establishing the settlement of Taffe, the first town in Wayne county. Here were provided the lux-

settlers, however, preferred, to move farther west, several families con-gregating at a location southeast of present-day Wayne. There was talk of the railroad coming through that way. In fact, some of the way. In fact, some of the grade for the proposed line had even been established. This promise of a thriving community led to the creation

Wayne County was organiz ed September 26, 1870, in a house on the George Scott homestead nearby. LaPorte was designated as the county seat and construction of a courthouse was begun in the spring of 1871, providing impetus to the growth of the com-munity which at its most flourishing period numbered about 300 residents.

But, alas, the wheels of fortune turned into reverse. The expected railroad failed to materialize. A new company appeared on the scene and in 1881 completed a line through the completed a line invogri-the country, missing LaPorte by some six miles, and fearful residents watched the platfing and creation of the new town of Wayne, first named Brookdale by the railroad.

PIONEER SETTLERS placed great importance on being located near the railroad, and for this reason residents began moving families, buildings and all to the nearby towns of Wayne and Wakefield, thus signaling the decline of LaPorte.

The inconvenience of travel-Ing to LaPorte to transact courthouse business led a group of Wayne citizens to petition for a special county-wide election to relocate the county—seat in Wayne. The election was held on Dec. 5, 1882, and favored Wayne by a substantial margin. Opposition by LaPorte residents proved futile and all records were moved to Wayne where of-ficial business was conducted in rented buildings for several

Need for a regular cour-nouse increased and on Nov. , 1898, voters approved is-

suance of \$25,000 in bonds to some point between Way finance the construction of a and Wisner became importa new courthouse. The cor-nerstone of the present building was laid by the Masonic lodge on Aug. 3, 1899, and the building was occupied on Dec. 28, 1899.

In extending its lines, the railroad had plans to locate towns about eight miles apart and had given the name of Northside to the next com-munity west of Wayne. This location, however, was farther from Wayne than desired and a group of residents offered an alternative site several miles northeast. This site won the

named Winside.

During the time of the development of the LaPorte area, another group of settlers came to Wayne county from Wisner, then the end of the railroad, and settled in the southwest part of the county near Springbranch creek. The railroad established the town of Hoskins in this area and residents soon began using it as the base for their provi-sions. In 1886 the railroad constructed a branch line from Wayne to Randolph, which line eventually ran to Bloomfield. This development led to the establishment of Carroll as the first town on the new line. The need for a shipping point farther to the northwest led to the creation of the town of Shotes a few years later.

THE NEED FOR a seurce f supplies and services at

as more settlers came to the area. A general merchandise store was constructed, mark-ing the beginning of Altona, followed shortly by other businesses, a bank and a post

As methods of travel became easier of the years, people began taking more business to the larger towns and Altona, suffering these losses, began to decline. To day all that remains are a church and a handful of well-kent homes

kept homes.
LaPorte, meanwhile, had suffered a fate worse than Altona. It was completely deserted. The courthouse property was sold to a private in-dividual and the courthouse became a farm home. The became a farm home. The cupola of the courthouse, however, had been removed and was placed next to the roadway, along with an in-scribed granite marker designating the site and dedicating it to the memory of the pione ers of the area.

The LaPorle remetery, six miles southeast of Wayne, was established in 1870 and is Wayne county's oldest burial ground. The last interment ground. The last interment made in the cemetery was in 1910. The cemetery is of special historic significance, however, because it contains the grave of one Nathaniel Allen, a pioneer homesteader in the county and one of only three veterans of the War of 1812 buried in Nebraska.

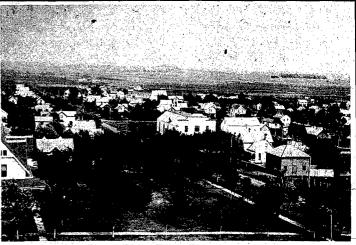
Wayne State College is the wayne State College is the country's largest enterprise or institution. Its beginning dates back to 1891 when Prof. J.M. Pile established a private normal college with the assistance of several community leaders.

munity leaders.

In 1909 the Nebraska legislature authorized purchase of the college and it became a state owned institution which today offers quality education to upwards of 2,000 young people each year in teacher training as well as a number of pre-professional

AS VITAL as the railroad was to the development of the county and as comforting as the sound of the steam whistle was to the early settlers, the need for train service gradually diminished over the years with the development of automobiles and trucks and the construction of better and better randways. Today no better roadways. Today no railroad tracks remain in Wayne county and one is hard put to recognize even any signs where trains once traveled.

Throughout the past one hundred years, our county and its people have experienced prosperity, recession and depression, yet through it all has been a steady growth and a stability during recent decades which today places Wayne county among—the foremost in agriculture, education, business, finance foremost in



VIEW from the top of Wayne's courthouse shows the opera house at the center of town,

Auto shapes entire life

automobile had a lot to do with Harold Gildersleeve's life. He not only helped push several new autos over the steep hills-surrounding Wayne, but he

also sold cars for 30 years.
Gildersleeve's first Ford garage, where he did his shop work, was located where the Headquarters is today, across from Midwest Federal.

The 88-year-old remembers when his father bought the family's first Ford and paid only \$375 for the car.

"Actually, the doctor brought the first car to Wayne," he recalls. "It took several men to push it over steep hills where it would get stuck sometimes."

GILDERSLEEVE SAID a group formed, calling themselves the Wayne County Life Saving Association and aiming at extinction of autos from the roads of Wayne. "It was amazing how many of those club members owned

their own cars within a year,

he said.
The roads around Wayne re not graded well and cars

which scared easily, he said.~

Gildersleeve, born on farm southeast of Way grew up in a family of nine kids. His father did grain farming until they moved to town

HE REMEMBERS THE mud streets and board sidewalks of the town.

Everything was horse-drawn when they first came to down. Hitching posts were on every street and horses were kept in feed barns within the city limits

Because horses were widely used, policemen had to use shovels to keep the street clean for the ladies, so they vouldn't drag their skirts in

remembers the policemen cleaning the globes of the streetlights and filling the burners during the day, so they'd light at night.

MAIN STREET WAS only 4 blocks long, stretching from the depot at the south edge of town, up to 4th street.

nothing established east main street, only farmland.

"The college was con-sidered out in the country," he said, "I had to walk through confields to get there."

Gildersleeve went to college for three years, was in the military service, and did farm work during his lifetime.

Gildersleeve recalled the early businesses of Wayne. He and his dad would exchange grown wheat for flour at the mill. The flour mill, owned by the Weber brothers (Walter

the Weber brothers (Walter and Will), was located where Wayne Grain and Feed is now. "THE CITY BALLPARK used to be a lake." he said, "I remember filling in the walter hole to make it solid ground." Gildersleeve remembers when the garbage dump was located where Heavy Victor park is today. The city finally covered the 20-foot deep pit for covered the 20-foot deep pit for better land use. The 3Bressler family also donated land to use as a city

park in Wayne.

There was also an icehouse located by the ballpark, he said.

in those days," he recalls, you needed ice for y icebox, you had to put a card in your window and a horse. drawn wagon would deliver it."

Gildersleeve remembers when the first telephone lines were installed outside city limits and when mail delivery became available to rural peo-

picking up each other's mail;

he said.

He can also recall the abandoned LaPorte courthouse being used as a poor farm for people who couldn't support themselves.

THE COURTHOUSE was no longer in use following the change of county seat, so low e people took over the

Gildersleeve remembers early entertainment in Wayne. He was a big fan of the Savidge Circus, operated by hometowners, Walter and Mabel Savidge,



He said the tent show and carnival were stationed and originated in Wayne.

During his childhood, he went to the movie theatre, located south of the State National Bank, for only 10 cents a

"I remember all of the signs posted in the theatre," he said, "They told the ladles to remove their hats and several

told the audience to "shutup."
When the city was still countryside, Gildersteeve said the road ditches were full of wild flowers. Bluebelles, honeysuckles and all types of wild grasses returned yearly.

Still going strong

Belle and gent await city's 100th

At age 85 and 77 respectively, Wayne's Centennial Senior Gent Max Schneider and Senior Betle Myrtle Splitsenior Bette Myrtle Spirt-tgerber are looking forward to the community's 100th birth-day party with the same youthful spirits that led their to settle these

parts.
"I plan to be around all the time, especially during the grand celebration," says Max

with a gleam in his eye.

"I just feel very honored and proud to have been chosen," echoes Myrtle, "and

chosen," echoes Myrtle, "and I hope to participate in anything they want me to."

Max and Myrtle were selected Senior Gent and Senior Belle during a Centennial Ice Cream Social last June sponsored by Wayne County Jayceettes.

They were chosen from a

They were chosen from a eld of seven women and three men all over the age of

Centennial Gent

AT AGE 85%. Max says he's scratching for 86 and plans to keep on scratching until he's 90. "Some people are doing good at 90 and getting better, he laughs.

The fourth of six children,

including three older brothers and a younger sister and brother, Max was born in Strausberg, Germany located just east of Berlin.

He came with his family to the United States in 1904 at the age of five. - "We first came

Neb. because my uncle was there," recalls Max, adding that from 1913 until 1935 his father farmed northwest of Martinsburg.

MAX WAS FARMING with his father when he married Clara Berg, a widow, on Aug. 14, 1926 at Ponca.

Max and Clara continued to farm near Martinsburg from 1927 until 1935 when they moved to a farm near Dixon. In 1938 they moved to a farm east of Hartington and lived there for the next four years. Max traded his plow for a

forge in 1942 when he purchased a blacksmith shop at Ulysses, Neb. He continued to work as a smithy for the next 19 years, selling the shop in

MAX WORKED at a gas station in Ulysses for one year before moving to Winside where he worked for 10 years in Alfred Miller's filling sta-

He retired in 1971 following an automobile accident on Nov. 15, 1970 just north of Wayne. The accident left both he and his wife hospitalized

or one month.

"A truck hit us from behind and a car hit us from the front," recalls Max, adding that he hasn't been able to

work since that filme.

Max and Clara moved to Villa Wayne in 1971 and were among the first residents to live in the new housing development. development.

Clara, Max's companion of 7 years, died at Wayne Care Centre on Jan. 13, 1984.

"MY HOBBY NOW is from my plate up to my mouth, twinkles Max.

He also enjoys spending time with his family, including three stepchildren and two children.

Max and Clara's children include Mildred Foster of Seward and Martin Schneider of De Kalb, Texas. Step-children are Vern Berg of Mayer, Ariz., Emma Burns of t and Carl Berg of Win-

Nex also is the proud grandfather of 15 and great grand father of 17.

He is a member of the Wayne Senior Citizens Center and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winside.

Centennial Belle

A TEACHER AND later a farm wife, Stanton native Myrtle Splittgerber continues to live on her husband's home place southeast of Wayne.

"I've been here 51 years now," says Myrtle, "and I just hope I can stay out here.

"I-don't-think-I could stand to be all cooped up somewhere," adds Myrtle, her voice trailing off.

The oldest of two daughters,

worked in a saloon for eight years before purchasing the business himself.

During the prohibition years, between 1920 and 1933, the saloon became known as the Soda Pop Parlor.

"I was about 13 years old when I began helping my dad," recalls Myrtle. "I could because there weren't any alcoholic beverages sold, just 'near beer.' 'Myrtle explains that "near beer" was beer without alcohol.

MYRTLE ATTENDED Stanton Public School and the Lutheran Parochial School where she was confirmed in 1922. She graduated from Stanton High School in 1926.

"I wanted to be a beautician but I had no way of traveling to Norfolk for training. So I bought a curling fron heater and set about doing hair on my

own for four years.

"Of course I worked a lot of other places too. I've worked since I was five years old.

In addition to fixing hair, for which Myrtle was paid 25 cents, other jobs included cleaning chickens, cleaning houses and working in a cafe

"THEN I DECIDED I could teach school," recalls Myrtle.
"I got my certificate from high school and set about look ing for a job."

Although feaching jobs were hard to come by (20 teachers to every school), Myrtle final-ly was hired to teach a school south of Pierce with students.

"Those kids were ornery and it was awful," smiles Myrtle some 50 years later. "I cried all night long after three days. Finally, I made up my mind to stick it out."

Myrtle remained at the school two years before accepting a teaching position at District 5 (Frog Pond School), located nine miles south and two and a half east of Wayne.

On June 14, 1933, three years into teaching at Frog Pond, Myrtle married Bruno Splittgerber, a farmer who lived near the school.

She continued to teach for one year following her mar-

"THEN I LEARNED to milk cows. Yes sir, I learned to milk cows. I also learned to run a tractor, grind corn, sow pats and change cultivators.

Myrtle is quick to add that he learned it all herself. "My



'but I've always been the kind to help yourself." to help yourself.

Myrtle's love of farm life has grown as the years pass and she continues to live in the home she came to as a young

Jan. 17, 1979.
Their children include Julie Ann Biede of Hastings and Lynette Hansen of Wakefield.

Myrtle also enjoys sewing and weaving on a loom she has owned for 28 years.

She also is a member of First Trinity Lutheran Church

First lady remembers

Teacher lives by 'recipe for success'

"To know even one life has breathed easier because you lived, this is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson was Hazel Smith's theme for life.

The retired teacher offered her time and service to several incoming teachers of the Wayne school system.

SHE WOULD greet the guests with a lunch served at her home, then show them the town and help them find a home for themselves.

Hazel got her education Peru College, Burr State College and at DePaul University in Chicago before she began

teaching.

Hazel taught third grade

children for 39 years and also instructed music for all lages. Her father, who was also a music teacher, taught her how play several instruments. Although her favorite was the piano, she also learned to play the slide trombone, cornet and

other instruments.
HER MUSICAL experience made her the best choice for music chairman of the Wayne Woman's Club, also



Hazel Smith

period around World War II when there were few men around Wayne. She was given the responsibility of directing both the band and the or

As a youngster, she taught herself baton twirling and eventually taughe classes for children and college girls in

Her twirlers would put on a show around Christmas time for people in the community.

ONE OF HAZEL'S biggest thrills as part of the Wayne

as First Lady of Wayne.

"I was the very first 'first lady' in Wayne," she remembers. "The local businessmen voted for me to represent the town."

She served her term about the same time Val Peterson was governor of Nebraska, she recalls.

Hazel remembers her mother and how well-liked she was in their southeast Nebraska community.

"EVERYONE CALLED her 'Aunt Happy' when they saw her," she said. "There was

a smile on my mother's face.

Hazel, who came to Wayne in 1932, was an honored World Book salesperson for her efforts to sell the educational

She also likes to write poetry and collects miniature cream

"Family and friends always know what to get me for a gift," she said. "I have pieces from several different countries."

One of Hazel's greatest helpers in her life is her niece Phyllis Jean Young of Carroll, lowa.



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

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. Bessier, Sr. In the spring of 1870, John T. Bessler, 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.

at the Federal Land Ottice, 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

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 and sent to prison.

County seat changes locations

railroad through Wayne Coun-ty 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, laga, 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 an election proclama-

THE COUNTY commissioners of Wayne County pro-claimed a special election for Dec. 5, 1882, for the purpose of 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 at-tempt to get men who were not legal voters to do so.

THE STATUTE authorized

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

voting on the relocation of the .men who resided in other recincts and who were opposed to the removal of the county seat, appeared and began to

challenge voters.
The election board con strued 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

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

e election. He filed a suit asking for an

injunction against all the of ficers of the county, forbidding them to remove their of fices to Wayne.

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

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

F.M. NORTHROP, an early Wayne attorney, went to LaPorte to serve the necessary papers the morning after the proceedings at Pon-

ca.
I.O. Richardson, county treasurer, was the only of ficial friendly to the removal.

difficulty, John Lawrence and his dray were secured for that

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, Hymter 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 afterstore room, where they re-mained until the promised courthouse building was com-

THE COUNTY SEAT mat ter was virtually at an end.

When promoting the pro-position 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

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 throug valleys as much as possible.

A bridge was built over the ek 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

AFTER THE CRAWFORD

and struck Mr. Yost on the

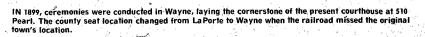
head, knocking him senseless. He was taken to the hotel. When he did not regain consciousness after two days, his

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.

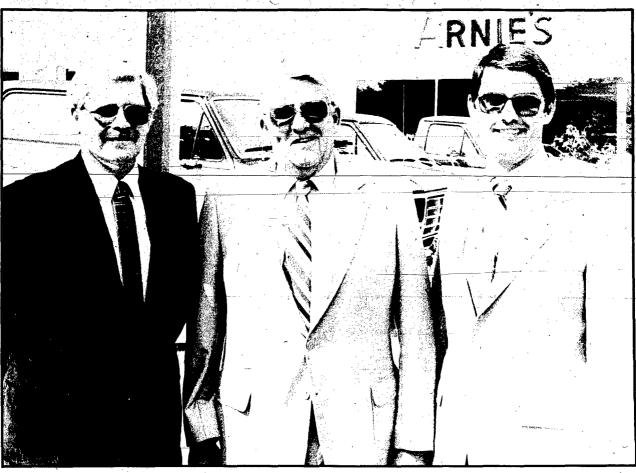
His mother refused to allow
an operation and for seven
years Yost lay senseless.
Finally, Mrs. Yost consented to her son's operation
and as soon as the brain
pressure was removed, Mr.
Yost asked: "How's
Crawford's house coming?"







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,



Technicians John Hightree, Le



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



1-19 East Third Wayne, Nebraska 375-3780



Doug Carlson and Ron Meyers, recon-



Dan Kardell, parts manager



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

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

reported to be more proficient in feats of mock warfare than of the colonial legislature.

When war broke out in 1775, he recruited the 4th Penn-

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

the academy he took a job as a surveyor. A Philadelphia land company sent him to supervise the surveying and settlement of land in Novia Scotia in 1765.

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

ne recruired the 4m Penn-sylvania regiment and later protected the retreat of this force back to Fort Ticonderoga. WAYNE LED A DIVISION

at Brandywine, commanded at Germantown and took part in the slege 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

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 His character is remembered by a once popular saying, "where Wayne went there was a fight alway; 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 greatgrandfather 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.

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

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.

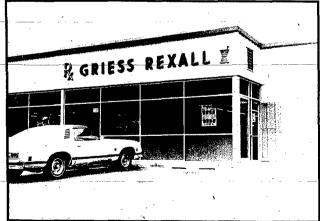
Now, jumping twenty years, to my grandmother Ley:

she was a real promoter and always had the small com-munity 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 t-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.

GIRIIESS REXALL



1984 present location.



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 Chittick 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



The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984 General History -

Fire destroys part of Wayne's main street

A destructive fire on Thanksgiving night, 1891, destroyed buildings in a half block on Main Street in

According to Dorothy Huse According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, the Thanksgiving blaze took six frame struc-tures on the west side of Main Street from Third Street on

The fire prompted Wayne citizens to establish protection against such hazards

The corner structure was occupied by a Sioux City man known as "Yankee" Taylor, known as "Yankee" Taylor, who came to conduct a hotel.

P.L. MILLER'S two-story frame to the south housed the Andrews clothing store on the first floor and Newt. Hoguewood lived above.

Hoguewood lived above.
Dr. Love's office was third from the corner. P.L. Miller's grocery was fourth to the south; Gamble and Lindley had an office south of Miller's and I.O. Wolston's general merchandise store was on the

The blaze was thought to have started from a cookstove left unwatched. It spread rapidly and consumed the six structures before it could be controlled.

At that time, the inefficiency of the bucket brigade was demonstrated. Thirty barrels of salt from Miller's grocery were also used by the fire

4, 1884, when the courthous was burned, the town counc investigated forms of protec

A.B. Slater and Henry Ley circulated a petition to vote on a tax levy and make an ap-propriation not to exceed \$1,000 for the purchase of fire apparatus.

cil voted to have three fourfoot wells due for the "general purpose of fire protection on First, Second and Third-streets on Main."

Councilmen key, Steele and Love were appointed to locate the wells and let contracts, and Councilmen Neely and Slater to purchase pumps, Slater to purchase pumps, hook and ladder trucks and two dozen buckets.

SIMMONS BROTHERS were awarded contract for digging the wells May 19, 1887. The wells were located in the alley of each of the three

The council also provided a pump for one of the wells over which a windmill was built. Cisterns which were also built were 10 feet wide, 11 feet

long and 20 feet deep.

Pipes were laid five feet deep along Main Street connecting the cisterns.

THE FIRE OF 1891 proved



Submitted by State National Bank

A FIRE on Thanksgiving night, 1891, destroyed a half block of buildings on Wayne's main street

the inadequacy of the bucket brigade and changes needed

Four men taking charge of buckets to the blaze did not each handle on the pump while prove efficient. city and provides the best protection.

LaPorte is platted by Solon Bevins in 1874

in Wayne County and dedicated to the memory of the pioneers who tamed the wilderness."

ilderness."
This inscription, with the dates 1869 and 1937, is engrave C.E. Hunter, Nathaniel Allen ed on a native granite boulder, and his two sons, Alonzo and which was dedicated Oct. 31, W.H.; A.A. Fletcher, James 1937. The dates include the A. Fisher and R.B. Crawford time of first settlement and settled at LaPorte.

The boulder, which was taken from the Andrew H.

Johnson pit five miles nor theast of Wayne, measures about three feet square and weighs 1,900 pounds.

The town of LaPorte, named

by settlers from a town of the of LaPorte same name in Indiana, was platted by Solon Bevins in

It was located on the north

DURING THE MONTH of May, 1869, the small colony, from Illinois settled and began building their sod "dug outs." Early in the summer of 1869,

settled at LaPorte.
In 1870, M.T. Sperry, W.E.
Durin, George and Enoch
Hunter, O.F. Crane, Albert
Miner, William P. Agler, Benjamin. Harmon, George and
Alexander Scott, and M.B. and I.O. Richardson came into and settled mainly in the vicinity

At the George Scott home southwest of LaPorte, Wayne County was organized Sept.

It was located on the north 26; 1870,
half of the northwest quarter
of section 25 in township 26,
north of range 4 east.
Bevins also built the first
Bevins also built the second Wayne county seat.

LOCATED AT THE county seat, LaPorte's courthouse was erected in the fall of 1874 at a cost of \$11,983

It sat in the middle of a town square with four rows of di ferent trees around the outer edge. It was the object of much pride in the little com-

Early commerce at LaPorte 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. The first blacksmith shop in

the county was put up in the summer of 1869. Known as the Miner place, the facilities consisted of a sod forge, a pair of bellows, a pair of tongs, an an vil and a hammer.

AT FIRST, THE tools, which were owned by Willard

Graves, were used by each man to do his own work. Soon, William P. Agler was doing business at the principle shop

The first regular practicing physician was R.B. Crawford, M.D., who came in June, 1869.

The first store was opened up in June, 1872, and kept by C.E. Hunter and Solon Bevins in the old county building near LaPorte.

The first school district included the whole county and was known as School District No. 1. The first organizational meeting was held Feb. 11, 1871, at the residence of C.E.

OFFICERS ELECTED /ERE A.A. Fletcher, WERE A.A. Fletcher, moderator; A.S. Miner, direc-tor; and George Scott,

In April, 1871, the county was divided into three school districts, into six in May, 1872;

July 1, 1876. The first census returns

The first census returns made March 21, 1871, showed the whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 21 years to be fifty; 27 females and 23 males.

THE FIRST TEACHER amined was Miss Jane Olin. She was granted a third grade certificate and faught the first certificate and faught the first school in District No. 2.

The first schoolhouse was built in District No. 3, in Oc-tober, 1871. The contractor was Solon Bevins and the contract price was \$1,400.

At LaPorte's most flourishing period, it boasted 300 inhabitants.

Social life consisted of quilting parties and spelling and singing contests held in the school or courthouse.

Literary clubs were formed, debates and plays were presented. Picnics, communi-

ty dinners, watermelon feeds and occasional dances were also enjoyed.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1880, it was considered at LaPorte that both the Union Pacific and St. Paul and Sioux City. county.

The railroad missed the little settlement and came through Brookdale (named by the railroad and later become ing Wayne),

Many homes and businesses later moved to the new site after abandoning their small

Although the county seat was moved, the brick courthouse remained for a time. but was eventually sold.

It was remodeled into a residence later. The cupola is preserved in a small fenced plot with an appropriate marker and is tended each year.

Plaque dedicated to

World War heroes

emocracy" was the watch ord in 1917 when the United States was drawn into the world war conflict which had been in progress in Europe since 1914.

America sent thousands of fine young men across the seas to help in the cause. Victory was gained and the Ar mistice was signed Nov. 12,

A solid copper tablet bear ing the names of all Wayne County youths in service was placed in the courthouse in 1923. The tablet weighs 800



At the upper corners and dates, 1914 and 1918. Also at these words, "This the top are these words, "This tablet is dedicated to the brave men of Wayne County, Nebraska, who answered their country's call in the world war."

The rolf of holler then follows. Those who lost their lives are listed together under the carties "Three and the the caption, "These made the supreme sacrifice."

At the bottom of the tablet are the words, "A tribute from the people of Wayne County, Nebraska. Lest we forget."



THIS GROUP represents G.A.R. soldiers from the Wayne County area who fought in America's civil war. Homesteaders Mark Stringer, I and Arthur T. Chapin, grandfathers of Mark Stringer civil war. Homesteaders Mark Stringer I and Arthur T. Chapin, grandfathers of Mark Stringer III of Wayne, are pictured back row, second from left and middle row, far left, respectively. Thomas Rearley Groat of Carroll is pictured first row, second from right. Also pictured is J. A. Maholm, grandfather of John Lower of Wayne.

Wayne Centennial Schedule Of Events

August 29 thru September 3

WELCOMING DA Wednesday, August 29

OPENING CEREMONY with introduction of dignitaries — City ballpark (3rd & Windom) SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMEMBRATIVE ITEM AUCTION — 3rd & Windom Quilt, coins, belts, etc. JUDGING OF CENTENNIAL ATTIRE

(Ladies, gents and families) — 3rd & Windom SQUARE DANCING — parking of of Midwest Federal Savings & Loan (4th & Main Street) - Rain: City Auditorium Spinsord by Leather & Lace Square Dance Club. Caller: Dean Dederman 8:30 pm

9:30 p.m. JAYCEE'S GALA FIREWORKS

City ballpark (3rd & Windom)

ARNIVAL RIDES — 3rd & Pearl All day

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
9:30 p.m. campus. Advance tickets \$6.00
All day CARNIYAL RIDES — 3rd & Pearl

AG & HERITAGE DAY

Friday, August 31

CENTENNIAL BREAKFAST \$2.50. City Auditorium, 7-10 a.m. (Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice) 7:00 a.m.

AG & ANTIQUE PARADE — Main Street 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

AG & ANTIQUE PARADE — Main sincer
Antiques on display downtown after parade
WILD WEST SHOW — 3rd & Main
Ed Eldridge and Tood Belemann
"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

CARNIVAL RIDES - 3rd & Pearl All day

YOUNG AMERICA DAY

Saturday, September 1

10 KILOMÈTER ROAD RUN 8:00 a.m. 11/2 MILE FUN RUN

Starf at Willow Bowl (10th & Main)

YOUTH PARADE (ages 16 & under) 10:00 a.m.

Main Street, 6th to 1st CENTENNIAL PITCH TOURNAMENT 1:00 p.m.

The 4th Jug Contact Albert Nelson (375-3805)

HOMEMADE PLE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sponsored by The Order of Eastern Star 1:00-

LEMONADE STAND ponsored by Business and Professional Women

Peoples Natural Gas — 208 Main Street SHRINER'S PARADE — Main Street

2:00 p.m. 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

Tug of War (ages 19-23) DANCE (Grades 7 & 8) -7:30

City Auditorium 9:30 p.m.

Music by "Stanton Sounds"
"WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical 8:00 p.m.

Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building. Advance Tickets \$5.00 "100 YEAR STOMP" High School dance

Midnight

at High School gym Music and Video by "Stanto Dance (ages 19-23)

Alt day CARNIVAL RIDES — 3rd & Pearl

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS DAY

Sunday, September 2
All local churches will have regularly scheduled morning
Contennial exhibits will be on display at

participating churches Noon

1;00 p.m.

2:00-5:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m

ng churches.
UNISON RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS
HORSESHOE PITCHING — Roosevelt Park
Contact Albert Nelson (375-5805)
BLACK POWDER EXHIBITION &
BLUEROCK SHOOT — 1½ mi E. on Hwy. 35
COUNTRY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
on the Wayne State College Campus — 14th
Street — Refreshments
Sponsored by Wayne Retired Teachers Association
"WAYNE, AMERICA" (A Musical
Celebration), a Community Theatre production
at Ramsey Theater. Wayne State College Fine
Arts Building, Advance Tickets \$5.00
UNISON RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS
FESTIVAL OF FAITH — United Methodist

6:30 p.m

FESTIVAL OF FAITH — United Methodist Church — 6th & Main Street — Refreshments Guest Speaker - Rev. William A. Koeber, Jr. — Gretna, Nebrask CARNIVAL RIDES — 3rd & Pearl 7:00 p.m.

All day

1:00

4:00 p.m

CENTENNIAL DAY
Labor Day, Monday, September 3
10:00 a.m. MIGHTY LOGAN RIVER WHITEWATER
CANOE REGATTA AND
CANOE REGATTA AND

PADDLEWHEELER, RACE — South Bridge

LEMONADE STAND

Gas—-208 Main Street and Professional Women Peoples Natural Gas-

GRAND PARADE — Main Street

*^'WAYNE, AMERICA'' (A Musical

3:30 p.m.

Celebration), a Community Theatre production at Ramsey Theater, Wayne State College Fine Arts Building.

CLOSING CEREMONY (following parade) City Hall

Quilt raffle

Presentation of Flag by Representative Doug Bereute

Presentation of Resolution

by Senator Merle Von Minden
MUD RUN — East Fairgrounds Avenue 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

CENTENNIAL BALL — Wayne National Guard Armory (age 2) & up) Centennial costume encouraged. Mort Wells Orchestra. Judging for Centennial Beard Contest during

intermission of Centennial Ball

CARNIVAL RIDES — 3rd & Pearl

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

General History -

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

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

"We wanted flowers that we felt—our_grandmothers_and great grandmothers grew," said chairman Gall 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

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 Head quarters 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 Elliott as a cultural and historical project recognizing gardening efforts

of 100 years ago. Serving with Korn on the committee were Nancy Jo

Korn said the location in the area north of The Head quarters was selected because it was highly visible and sur-rounded one of Wayne's oldest

wanted a display of old-fashioned flowers and ruled

assinoned flowers and ruled out any hybridized varieties.

Donations for the garden included phlox, ribbon grass, asters, day lillies, hollyhocks, blackeyed Susans, yarrow, baby's breath, dianthus, daislas rorgansis he belief. dalsies, coreopsis, bee balm, balloon flowers, golden glow, tiger lilies, four o'clocks, balsam, heliotrope, showy stonecrop, coral bells, gaillai dia, calendulas, bachelor but-tons, 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

VISITORS TO the garden could identify flowers with the help of a chart located inside The Headquarters

Adding to the old-fashioned harm 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 sur-

rounded it.

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

Mrs. Adolph Kurii, southeast of Wayne. The pickets, which dated back to approximately 1918, where Wayne County 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 Clete Sharer. The picket fence was repainted by Heritage Homes of Wayne.

Helping to maintain the garden, along with committee parten, along win 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 Celebra-tion, held Aug. 29 through



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

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

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

"Wayne, America — A

Celebration'' Musical premiered at Ramsey Theatre



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

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 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



Margaret Lundstrom

Dorothy Hughes Nyberg's writings, George Criswell's in-formation on Wayne State College, and various newspapers

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

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 wrot cript 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 form," complete with stage directions and other additions.

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

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, July 10, 1982 when the ayne family goes downtown

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 Neihardt Wayne Normal College); 1917 (dedication of the Neihardt Monument in Bressler Park); 1936 (dedication of Wayne City Auditorium); 1944 and 1945 (D-Day and V-J Day); 1958 (rocking around the clack); and 1960 (Wayne State's 50th anniversary).

Some of Wayne's actual historical characters were

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 directed.

tion of Mindee Zimmerman of

Norfolk.

An orchestra, consisting of Clifford Fredrickson on the accordian, 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," Band," "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, litterbug, 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

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.

were used in the production.

which offered a rare oppor-tunity to enjoy history as of-fered 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 ntations.

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



Mayoral Grove dedicated

WAYNE'S MAYORAL GARDEN, located in 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 Roster, pictured in foreground. Pictured planting a shrub into a spot dedicated to former Mayor Glen Houldersheld are, clockwise from left in background, Freeman Decker, Wayne Marsh, Kent Hall and Charles

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,

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 com-

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

THE RAILROAD WAS to be

tical 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.

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) Pre-

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 avor of placing the burden their payment upon the

ried 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

officials and were prepared to issue the bonds the next day. George Warren Smith of New York, who owned con-siderable land in Hancock Precinct, sued out an injunc-tion to restrain the issuance of the bonds.

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

On July 2, 1878, the County Commissioners declared the

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

Dixon, Dakota, Knox and Cedar Counties had voted bonds for this same road, also known as the Covington, Col-umbus and Black Hills Com-

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

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

Commodities had to be transferred at Covington and eight rates were as high as if

Submitted by Wayne County Historical Soci

THE RAILROAD depot, as it looked in 1912, was constructed

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 guage 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 ayne 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 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 , people became more con-us of roads and streets.

dealers were Motor car dealers were especially active in promoting improved roads.

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

In Wayne County, 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.

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

About two and one-half iles west of Wayne, it ran 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

Hoskins and then west to the County line

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

DOWN MAIN STREET to ple were disappointed and some were happy. When the highway was relocated bet-ween 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 for-midable obstacles to daily travel.

In 1919, the enterprising citizens of Carroll voted to pave Main Street. The work was started that fall and com-pleted 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 park-ing as well as for traffic. After the street was paved, pedestrians would no longer be subjected to splashings 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 Wayne

Edna Britton Stewart, aughter of Mr. and Mrs. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Britton, was the first white child born in Wayne. white <u>child born in 122,</u> Her birth date was Sept. 6,

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

Ben Miner was the first 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.

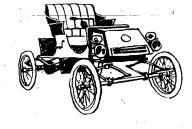
The first marriage in Wayne County was that of Mark T. Sperry and Miss Sarah Ann Eayres on May 14, 1871.

The first divorce action in the county was that of Whit-marst vs. Whitmarst, filed in 1881. The action was dismiss-ed at the plaintiff's cost.

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



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

The little, bright red, oneseated car was steered with a lever and when it was working at its best it could make a

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

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

the result.

Nyberg notes that when Dr.

Lleisenring 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 in-dignation 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

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

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.

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Coming of railroad is a significant event

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

Undoubtedly the most significant event of the early days was the coming of the

many years the pioneers had been working and hoping that they might be connected with the outer world by rail and that they would not have to rely upon

hauling everything into their little settlement by wagon.

The population did not grow much and there was little movement of real estate. The experience of the county with the Covington, Columbus and Black Hills Railroad has been

There is no question that when the bonds were voted for this company it was expected that a standard-guage road would be built.

IT WAS LATER learned that a narrow-guage road was contemplated and knowing the experience which Dixon Coun-ty had with this company, sentiment for its construction became lukewarm.

Mr. William Huse, in his history of Dixon County, enstitles one of his chapters, "The Story of a Rascally Little Rallroad," and from his description of the Covington, Columbus and Black Hills enterprise, Wayne County suffered no loss when its construction was abandoned.

In the summer of 1880, it was considered at LaPorte that both the Union Pacific, and St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad Companies would run their lines through the

By the next summer, the St. Paul and Sioux City Company had trains running to Emer son and lumber and materials

A STAGE LINE WAS also in operation between Emerson and LaPorte, which transported passengers and

In June, 1880, O.D. Brown, R.B. Crawford, and James Britton purchased the half-section, where Wayne Is now located, for \$5:50 an acre and donated it to Frank Peavew who was connected with the railroad, as a townsite, reserving an interest in it for

Town lots during the first year after the Peavey Townsite Company became identified with the real estate business and sold from \$25 to \$100 each, depending on the their location.

Those along main street, in

instances, brought a larger figure.

THESE SAME MEN purchased the 80-acre tract, on which the courthouse now stands, for \$1000.

The 40 acres just south of the original townsite, now oc-cupted by that part of the town beginning with the Municipal Power Plant, sold for \$50 per acre. This was a record price at the time.

at the time.

Bidding on this property
was spirited, as a number of
men wanted it to plot into building lots.

The fownsite owners

sidered that they would have to control it, for if this section was platted it would cause a depreciation in the value of

the original townsite.
THE WINTER OF 1880-81 is remembered by the pioneers as the most severe ever

recorded in Nebraska.

The suffering was intense among the settlers who were handicapped from lack of fuel. The winter began with a heavy blizzard on the afternoon of Oct. 15 and continued unabated for two or three

From that time until late April the earth was never without its covering of snow. It ranged in depth from three to four feet.

Government statistics show that more than 14 feet of snow, fell that winter and in April the entire fall went off with rain that flooded everything in the Logan Valley.

THE FLOOD WASHED out many miles of the railroad Wayne. During this flood period, goods destined for Laporte were held at Emerson

for more than 90 days.
Visitors in June, 1881, say
there was nothing here but the
lot stakes that marked the new townsite.

Lumber for the first house was hauled during the sum-mer and it is said that this oc-curred on July 3. This house was built by R.T. Maxwell on the southeast corner of the the present high school block

T.J. Steele is said to have erected the second house upon site, also occupied by Dr Lutgen's residence

WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, the railroad was extended to Wakefield and with the prospect of its reaching Wayne, families and buildings were moved from LaPorte.

A general store was soon in A general store was soon in operation on the State Bank corner (which building was moved from "LaPorte) operating under the firm name of Britton, Hardenburgh

O.D. Brown had started the Wayne County Bank (where the First National is now located) and his brother, C.C. operated it as its

The Logan Valley Bank, owned by Bressler and Patter-son, moved its 16 x 16 frame

building from LaPorte and was located at which is now 214 Main Street (Hrabak

R.T. MAXWELL AND Morris and Steele had hardware stores, and J.L. Merriman, a

general store.

A number of houses were built, notably those of Mark Stringer, Peter Mears, and the Conovers. It is impossible to enumerate each building as it was erected, but an early newspaper account states that by May, 1882, there were 33 structures. Mrs. Edna Britton Stewart was the first child born in the new town.

The railroad was completed and the first train arrived pro-bably in February, 1882, although the date has not been definitely determined.

The first regularly scheduled train was No. 12, which arrived from Norfolk on April 24, 1882, at 8:55 a.m. The town was originally named Brookdale by the railway company, but they were prevailed upon to change the name to Wayne.

A SPECIAL ELECTION was held on Dec. 5, 1882, and the county seat relocated at Wayne. Opponents of the change did not contest the election, but brought a suit against the County Commis-sioners to enjoin them from moving the county seat or any

of the county offices or records from LaPorte. District Judge J.B. Barnes sustained a demurrer to this action for the reason that the 320 acres in the south half of extraordinary remedy, of inaction for the reason that the

election might have been con-tested by the procedure outlined by statute

The contestants appealed to the Supreme Court and it was not until Jan. 2, 1884, that the case was affirmed and the county seat contest settled.

But in the meantime, men from Wayne, chafing at the delay and believing the appeal to the Supreme Court was enwith merit, went to

USING WAGONS, THE men brought back the books and records, placing them in the courthouse which had been built in Wayne.

been built in Wayne.

Stories of the episode differ, some maintaining there was considerable resistance from those at LaPorte, others saying that it was carried off quite peaceably.

At any rate, the first meeting of the County Commisioners was held at Wayne on March In 1883

March 10, 1883.

After the arrival of the railroad, there was a perceptible increase in all activities. New families began to arrive and the movement of real estate was stimulated.

IT IS STATED IN in the Logan Valley Herald for Feb. 29, 1884, "Over 100 newcomers have arrived this spring and still they come. Ten or twelve families are expected from lowa and Illinois this even

ing."
When John Lake purchased
in the south half of

part of Wayne) at \$10 per acre, he was considered was he was considered very foolish.

But after platting his addi-

But after platting his addition and beginning to sell lots, it was realized that the real estate market had its possibilities. For many years though, there was much land not under cultivation.

Cattle feeding operations may be said to commence with the coming of the railroad. Previous to that time, cattle had not been fed in

time, cattle had not been fed in any number due to the lack of

DURING THE WINTER of 1881-82, George Waite and D.W. Britton bought three carloads of local animals, fed them out on corn and shipped them by rail to Chicago in March.

It is stated that during the first year of the railroad, 108 cars of stock were shipped

from the county.

The town was incorporated as a village on Feb. 2, 1884. The first trustees were A.B. Slater, R.B. Taylor, James Britton, John T. Bressler and Charles Johnson.

A.P. Childs was clerk, T.J. teele, treasurer and A.A. Welch, attorney.

The first meeting of the trustees was held Feb. 18, 1884. For a number of years, A.B. Stater, was chairman of the board of trustees.

Minutes of these early meetings do not disclose much activity, except that sidewalks were ordered laid in the main part of town and gradually ex-

Speculators buy land

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, a study of early land titles in Wayne County shows that the largest portion of the was bought speculators.

A small percentage was acquired by pioneers who settled here. Other land was set aside for school purposes.

Strahan and Hunter townships, the two in which the city of Wayne is located, 83 percent of the land was bought by speculators, 10 percent ac quired by settlers and 7 per-cent set aside for school pur-poses, according to a study made by W.R. Ellis, ninth district court reporter for any years.
Originally the great western

plains, of which Nebraska was a part, belonged to the Indians by right of occupancy.

INDIAN TRIBES CLAIM-

ED ownership of lands as long as they occupied them. This proved true of lands along streams and of hunting

To encourage building of railroads, the government by act of July 2, 1864, issued grants. The Union Pacific was given the odd-numbered sections of land for 10 miles on either side of their line

through Nebraska.

When the B and M built a line from Plattsmouth to Kearney, the government made the same provision. , Considerable land had then

been taken by homesteaders in the 10-mile areas, so the

railroad could claim its share of land in any unclaimed part

A FEW SUCH CLAIMS were filed in Wayne County, 800 acres in Strahan precinct being so claimed.

Military bounty scrip was issued by the government under acts of Feb. 11, 1847 and March 3, 1855.

This scrip was issued to war

veterans and widows of veterans. They usually sold the scrip to speculators. In Strahan and Hunter townships of Wayne County

8,340 acres were entered and acquired by speculators under

THE SITE OF WAYNE west of Main Street was acquired through scrips issued to such

Zacharia H.K. Merrill, a veteran of the War of 1812, ac-quired the north half of the section (from 7th street down to 4th street approximately).

Through scrip issued to Louisa Wicker, widow of Ira Wicker, a veteran of the War of 1812, the south half of the section (from 4th street down to 1st street approximately).

Both of these military boun ty scrips were purchased by speculators, probably for less

THROUGH ANOTHER ACT of congress, passed April 24, 1820, the government authorizterritory to be sold.

Nebraska land was first sold.

in 1857, the price set at \$1.25 an

acre.
Wayne County is unique in

Wayne County is unique in Nebraska as being the paradise for land speculators. Willard Graves was the most extensive speculator in Wayne County land, owning about 15,000 acres Richards and George I. King had about 10,000 each. Much of this was acquired by pur-chases at 50 cents an acre.

THROUGH THE home-stead, preemption and timber claims acts most of the actual settlers secured rights to their

The homestead act of May 20, 1862, provided a settler with land that became his after he lived on the place five years and improved it

Through the preemption act of Sept. 4, 1841, a settler could live on a place a year and then obtain title by paying \$1.25 an acre for it acre for it.

On the timber claims the land became the property of the settler after he had planted 10 acres of timber and cultivated the same.

A NUMBER of home steads were taken out in Wayne county. Several timber

claims were also filed.

Homesteads in Wayne County consisted of 160 acres and re given to the settlers pro were given to the services will viding they developed the land within a period of five years:

Serving Wayne for over 10 years



Dennis and Paddy Spangler are owners/managers of Amber Inn. Pictured with them are their children Shontell, 10, and Christopher, 4.

Amber Inn, Wayne's newest motel, has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. Located on east Highway 35, Amber Inn is owned and managed by Dennis and Paddy Spangler, who have been associated with the business since

The 32-unit motel has 16 single and 16 double-occupancy rooms, each with HBO, cable TV, private phones, and air conditioning. A meeting room is also located at Amber Inn.

The Spanglers employ two full-time workers, Shelly Luedtke of Laurel and Fern Longe of Wayne, as well as several part-time employees. In addi-tion, the Spanglers' children, Shontell, 10, and Christopher, 4, like to help out



AMBER INN

E. Highway 35 Wayne, Nebraska 375-4222

Altona grows from a general store

ing, both of Hooper, formed a partnership and constructed a store building in 1898.

They bought a two-acre tract of land from George F. Thies which was located in the southeast corner of section 30, township 25, range 4 in Plum Creek precinct, Wayne Coun-

ty.

The purpose of the partnership was to conduct a general merchandise business. A peti-tion was soon circulated for establishing a post office.

The department at Washington D.C. granted the request and suggested the name of Altona be used. at,

PANNING WAS THE FIRST postmaster appointed to the office.

to the office.
Helping boost the town was
Frank Leuck of Wakefield,
who constructed the first
blacksmith shop in the fall of

The following year, 1899, George F. Thies (owner of land on the present site of

land on the present site of Altona) moved to a new town. There he built a new building and stocked up in groceries, drygoods, hard-ware, harness and farm im.

townsite of Altona surveyed and the plat put on the county

The Bell Telephone Co. built a branch line to Altona from

a branch line to Altona from Wisner in 1990.
A town hall was added in 1901 and George Thies deeded the hall to the Sons of Herman Opera House Co., with C.W. Worth as president. The hall was later destroyed by fire.

Jesse McNish of Wisner and F.G. Panning were instrumental in establishing the Farmers State Bank of Altona in 1908.

THE BANK LOT WAS bought from Robert Roggen-bach for, \$100. A concrete and stone building was built and F.G.Panning became the first

An experienced blacksmith from Hooper, Henry Hogrefe, conducted business in Altona from 1909 to 1920, when fire destroyed the shop.
William Assenheimer was in

the implement and automobile business there from 1912 to 1919. Herman Assenheimer conducted the garage until it was disbanded.

as disbanded. William Kuss had a garage and Jasper Meyer blacksmith shop.

merchandise store was operated by Bergt and Panning from 1898 to 1917. Paul Mueller was the first clerk, serving from 1899 to 1910. The store was sold to W.F. Pflueger in 1917 and later to Wyert and Schultz of Winside, in 1918.

The new owners sold to J. Jarel of Iowa in 1919. Jarel closed out the stock in 1919 and

old the building to J.G. Bergt. In 1920, the Farmers Union Cooperative association pur chased the building and put in a stock of goods, employing Detlef Bahde as manager.

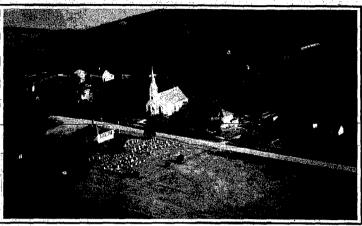
THE STORE WAS BOUGHT by Fred Hilpert in July of 1927 and Hilpert sold to Daniels brothers in 1935.

Altona's postoffice was discontinued in 1935 and bec-made a part of a Wayne route.

F.G. Panning was cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Altona From 1908 to 1915.

Otto Frentzi served from 1915 to 1917, and Victor Truk-ken from 1917 to 1919. Irving Bahde became cashier in 1919.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER.



AN OVERHEAD view of Altona shows the church and cemetery which still remain today. The town began as one store owned by J.G. Bergt and F.G. Panning of Hooper.

Thies operated his store in Altona from 1899 to when fire destroyed the

On Trinity Sunday, 1881, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized under the leadership of the

the union in 1867, but there aren't any records of white

men in Wayne County prior to

However, during 1869, number of families move from Lee County, III, and settle

ed in the southeastern part of

the country.

They were drawn to this western country (then marked

on school maps as part of the 'Great American Desert') by

Rev. G. Bullinger, in the home of Carl Erxleben, located one and a half miles east and two north of the present church.

The first church was built in 1886, the rear part of the building serving as the par-sonage. The first resident

Pioneers from Illinois

first to settle here

In 1897, the first parsonage was built.

Although relatively small, Altona was established to meet special needs in the county's commerce and served as a vital link in the overall

1900's bring changes to Wayne

Most emphasis on Wayne's history focuses on the years prior to 1900, but the years following brought several to the flourishing

The machine age brought about great changes. For a number of years the only automobile in the community was that owned by Dr. H.G. number Leisenring. He had several different

models of the early vehicles and many citizens had their first automobile ride in his

By 1908 or 1909, there were ral machines in the town and the number steadily in-

GREAT CHANGES also

were made in the business and social life of the community. In 1885, Walter and Will Weber came to Wayne and built a mill that served to store grain and grind wheat until

waiting at the mill until ground grain was sacked, the farmer making payment with a portion of the grain.

Wheat acreage later dwindled and the mill was discon-

CITY HALL WAS built in CITY HALL WAS built in 1912 and a modern brick depot in 1914. In 1926, the Wayne Herald moved into a new building and installed new



THE EARLY 1900's brought changes tire country. Attire during the first part of the century resembled the above picture.

and new equipment was pro-vided the Wayne telephone ex-change and that same year the federal government granted a building for the post office.

The Wayne Woman's Club

sold the old opera house pro-perty and started an

perty and started an auditorium fund. With the help of a govern-ment loan and grant, the auditorium was built and dedicated in 1936.

NATIVE CLAY SOIL was manufactured into brick in many prairie settlements. The Wayne plant was located on south main and

could produce 50,000 bricks a day, baked in large kilns and

used for buildings and streets. both in Wayne and nearby communities

iities. early husinesses included the Wayne Monument Works (1917), supplying a works (1917), supplying a large-territory in northern Nebraska; the Wayne Creamery (owned and operated by Edward Seymour); Wayne Ice and Storage Co. (1927), which made seven tons of ice daily from city water and maintained three rural delivery routes that served the area twice a week; Graham Ice Cream Co. and the Benthack and the Bernhach al, established by Dr Behthack in 1937.

Willard Graves, who is said to have owned 40 sections of land in Dixon, Dakota, Wayne and

Cumming Counties.
In this first group were the families of C.E. Hunter, Harrison Allen, A.D. Allen, Nathaniel Allen, Isaac Miner, Nathaniel Miner, Wilson E. Durrin, Wesley Mahollam,

Abner Fletcher and Capt. B.F

WITH THEM CAME PITT Hines, Martin Hines and the Barto and Fenton families, all of whom settled in the south part of Dixon County.

R.B. Crawford arrived in the fall of the year. He and his wife had been teaching school previously in Dakota County.

John McGuire took his

homestead in the south part of the county the same ve

In the spring of 1870, 13 more families arrived from Lee and DeKalb Counties in Illinois, also having been induced to come by Willard Graves.

FAMILIES of O.G. FAMILIES of O.G. Crane, George Hunter, Enoch Hunter, AIS. Miner, William Agler, Isaac O. Richardson, Mathew B. Richardson, George Scott, Alexander Scott and Benjamin Harmon.

The Cass, Steinbrook and Drummond families came

with them, but only remained during the first season. John T. Bressler arrived from Pennsylvania in April of

According to one of the pioneers, it was necessary at that time to leave the railroad at Fremont and journey to West Point in an open wagon hich carried mail-

WISNER HAD NOT BEEN established, but nearly all the homestead land in Cuming

ty had been taken. that time, there were no towns in Wayne County. The Wilson E. Durrin, Isaac C. county was boundless prairie, Miner and Mark Sperry were with fires sweeping over the country each fall, destroying all vegetation.

Each settler found it

necessary to plow a fire guard several furrows wide around his shanty. If a prairie fire was sited,

the usual defense was to set a 'back-fire.''

FRAME SHANTIES AND dugouts were the earliest dwellings. Some settler dug caves in the side of the hills with coverings of slough with coverings of THESE WERE THE grass, sod or boards.

to be hauled several miles from sawmills along the Missouri River.

Winter storms were described as having "great fury," because there weren't any trees to break the storm's

The principal fuel was slough grass and corn. Some breaking of the soil was done in the season of 1870 and a fair crop of sod corn was raised. which was used mainly for

THE COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED by a proclama-tion of Governor David Butler in the fall of 1870. The first county meeting for

the purposes of organization is said to have been held on Sept. 26, 1870, in the house on the George Scott homestead. Wilson E. Durrin, Isaac O.

the commissioners; C. E. Hunter, clerk; B.F. Whitten was named treasurer, but did not quality, so George Scott was appointed; Abner Flet-cher, county judge; R.B. Crawford, county superinten-dent; A.D. Allen, sheriff; W.G. Vroman, surveyor and Nathaniel Allen, coroner.

The boundaries of the county were defined and its organization legalized by the state government on March 4, 1871. The population of the county is estimated to have

Surveyors establish county's lines

Wayne County is a county in the buggy and drove across which legend played a part in the land to be measured. establishing.

It is said in a story by J. He calculated distance by

It is said in a story by J. Harold Cowan in the Omaha World Herald that one method of surveying in former times made use of a buggy wheel.

To one spoke, the surveyor

tied a handkerchief as ned a handkerchief as a marker. He then climbed into

He calculated distance by the number of wheel revolu-tions as indicated by the han-dkerchief.

IT IS LEGEND that Wayne County was surveyed after this fashion.

rected an error by oldtime about to the legend.

Because of error, Wayne County for years had 76 acres of no man's land. The land was sold at auction but the county still owns about 20 acres.
Wayne County's boundary

years after the first settlers Court. Thurston won.

IN 1889, THE eastern boun-

Wayne County's eastern line was set at the border of the Indian reservation.

dary was readjusted so as to take a four-mile strip from however, revealed that the Wayne County and add it to Thurston County.

Counties argued, finally tak- and leaving a long, narrow

belonged neither to nor Wayne County.

Tax problems arose and a

sale was attempted.

Several farmers bought strips adjacent to their pro-

All are now wondering where and how to pay taxes.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY WAYNE!

From





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.



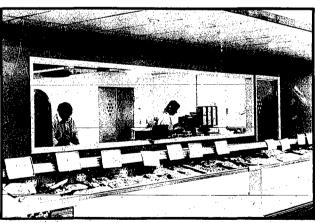
Fresh produce department



Cashiers at work



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



Fresh meat is prepared daily.



THE STATE NA

Serving WAYNE Contin



Herman Lundberg and Henry Ley inside bank, 188



State National Bank 1890



Harold E. Hein, Chairman of the Board



David Ley, President and Trust Officer



Robert Jordan, Executive Vice President and Trus



everly Etter, Vice President and Secretary to the



Ginny Otte, teller: Nancy Schwanke, Customer Relations Officer: Cindy



at Puls, receptionist; Jean Coan, teller; Doris Backstrom, teller.



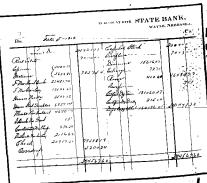
nsurance department: Donna Nelson and Lita Brown.



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



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



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This charter was approved for THE STATE BANK OF

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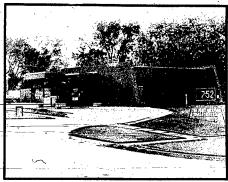
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T COMPANY offers complete banking facilities. They resonal and business affairs. They have extended hours and and Main Streets is open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. sursday. The drive in bank at Tenth and Main Streets is saturday.



State National Bank 1984.



State National Bank Drive-In 1984



Roger Boyce, Vice President and Cashier.



Galen Wiser, Vice President.



Denuis Lipp, Accounting Officer,



Merrill Hale, Loan Officer.



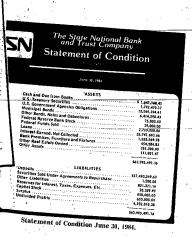
Susan Baker, part-time secretary.



Seated: Tom McClain, Vice President and Senior Trust Officer, Standing: Lovie 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.

National Bank Company

Wayne

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Travel in Wayne's early days is recalled

Evialita 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

to 1923, the farm remained in the possession of the family until 1970, when it was sold to John Petersen.

John Petersen.

My parent were married in the old Carroli hotel as my mother worked there then. The hotel was managed by my father's sister and her husr's sister and her hus-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-

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

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

remember this trip beffer.
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 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.

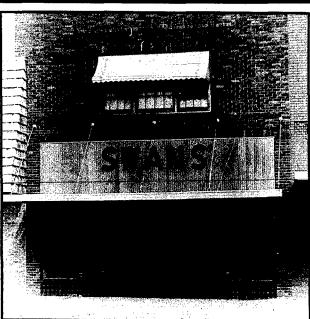
WE CAME BACK by train through the southern states, staying some time in Arkan-sas and Missouri with my mother's people. We got home

some time in February.

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



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.





s are (left to right) Diane Vandevelde, Wanda Backstrom, Doris Gaunt and Lois Echtenkamp,



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.

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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 Allen and Pender town and routes and routes out of Wisner and Pilger are delivered by U.S. Mail on Thursday.

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 pers

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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.

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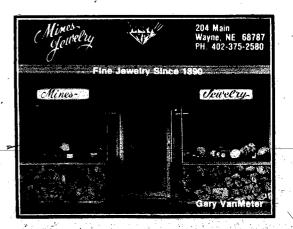


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Mines Jewelers





Pioneers weather tragedies

Harsh winters, dry summers plague settlers

Hardships suffered by the boiler gave more heating early settlers were many space and kept the room Tragedies and losses endured warmer. included harsh winters, dry summers, grasshoppers and even death.

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, the winter of 1880-81 was one of the most severe in middle western history. Snow blew from the hills and filled

valleys to a depth of 20 feet.

The storms raged from the
Black Hills to the river south
of the LaPorte settlement without a break.

Many deer, unable to find food because of the heavy snow, drifted with the storm. Pioneers found at least 500 bodies of deer in the snow that

DRIFTED SNOW IN THE winter of 1880-81 packed so hard that persons walked over tops of houses on the banks with safety. Snow lasted from October until April.

Winter isolation resulted in a fuel shortage in the LaPorte settlement. Slough grass, hay, cobs and even corn and fur niture supplied fuel when set-tlers could not go to river valleys for fuel wood.

Buffalo chips were gathered to burn for washday. One winter in the eighties, the creek filled with snow so deep that pioneers cut through 12

feet to get water.

During winter months, a washer boiler was turned up side down on the stove. Hay or slough grass was wrapped into bundles and placed eath the boiler to burn. The

WHEN BECAME necessary to burn corn, the burnt kernels of corn were aved and fed to chickens

Chickens, cows, horses and hogs tried to keep warm in the straw barns. It was common to see the animals walk on top of the snow and dig down to get ears of corn from stalks in the field.

Settlers carried hay in sacks from the stacks to the house for fuel. Occasionally they would sink up to their shoulders in snow. They would have to throw the sack of hay ahead and then climb out.

Fortunately it was custom o store food supply for six nonths and families usually had plenty to eat.

DROUTHS ALSO hindered the early settlers. The Wayne area had only a small amount of rain because there were no trees to draw the moisture

Rainfall was more plentiful around Wisner where there were trees and the river to

draw the clouds.

After the land was broken, it

drew more moisture.

Pioneers found that prairie fires were one of the dreaded menaces, in pioneer set-tlements of the middle west.

EACH YEAR, ESPECIAL-LY in the fall, fires swept across the prairie, destroying property and often taking tives.



THE BLIZZARD of 1886, which blanketed early Main Street, was one of the many hardships early settlers had to endure.

As a guard against such danger, each homesteader plowed around his buildings.

Often two furrows were plowed and the grass between burned so that the fire might be halfed in coming to the bar-

Fires, starting from camping or from careless users of matches, were driven along by strong winds over the unbroken land

IF PIONEERS FELT they did not have protecton from a

blaze they often started a "back fire."

This meant burning a plot of grass around themselves and when the prairie blaze swept by, it would not go over the burned spot.

Sometimes the blaze moved with such force that it could jump such burned places and continue its destruction.

After land was cultivated, prairie fires did not spread and were restricted to only small areas.

From the desk of Maude Auker

'Laugh and the world laughs with you'

Wayne County Anecdotes and Historical Notes

poet has said, "Tell me not in mournful numbers" and I won't, for "Laugh and the world laughs with you." Many laughable events have occurred in the seventy-five years I've lived in Wayne County.

Back in the late 1880's, the county was well aware of horse traders. There were two men, one in Norfolk (we'll call him AI) and the other in Winside (we'll call him Ben), both well-versed in the art of swap-ping hosses. At contacted Ben one day and said he had a goot gray driver but, since he had nothing to match it, he wanted to sell it to Ben.

to trade or buy without seeing but Al insisted it was sound, safe and dependable and ask ed Ben what he would pay. Ben thought he was safe when he said, "A bale of hay." Al said the good gray driver would be in Winside on the afternoon freight. Ben met the train to learn that he was the owner of a good gray driving

That wasn't the end of Ben's trouble...the goat ate the hominy that Ben's wife had made and set on the policion cool! Now, one more story about Ben's horse trading. He

SO THEY AGREED to run a

street, the winner to get the five dollars. Ben took off his was eighty years ago but Ben has many descendants both in Winside and Wayne who enjoy telling how their ancestor won five dollars running barefoot down the main street of Win-

The Old Settlers Picnic was first held in a grove north of Wayne; however, one of the most eventful picnics was held about two miles west of the town. That was in the horse

and wagon days.

Upon arriving at the picnic grounds, men untitched the horses and fied them to the wagons. Nearby a table was set up, baskets were opened, and a veritable banquet was set out. A quick sudden rain began. Food was hastily began. Food was hastily returned to the baskets which were placed under the table for protection while the pic-nickers ran for shelter underneath the wagons.

The rain ceased but alas...what a tragedy! A bunch of roving pigs had found and eaten the picnic food. Nothing for the picnickers to do but go home and eat scraps from the pantry.

YES, LSAID pantry. There were no refrigerators to rain in those days. Besides a pantry in every farm home, there was an outside cave ... twenty eight steps leading down into it ... used for storing vegetables, and for a refuge when a bad storm seemed im-

There was a farm home east

door and the door to the outside were very close together. Shopping in Wayne one day, the wife bought some lim-burger cheese which she put in

the pantry when she got home.

Late in the night, the husband, intending to open the outside door, mistakenly opened the pantry door. In a frightened voice, he called to his wife, "Quick: Mandey, get the children to the cave. The sky is as black as hell and smells like cheese!" He had also been in Wayne that day. and the mistake about the doors might have been caused by — shall we say — his confused condition.

Mae was born in Wayne
County but later her family
moved near a very small
town. Mae was young and
bashful when she got a job in the town's drug store. One morning a young farm boy came in to the store and said that his sweetheart (who ever heard of "girl friend" in those days?) was graduating that night and could be leave some rs in the store until the

MAE TOOK HIS four erican Beauty put them in a cool place. Late that afternoon, a traveling salesman, seeing a sign in the window that cool drinks were served inside, came into the store. Not knowing that only soft drinks were served, he asked Mae if she had four Roses:—

She said she had and offered him the American Beauties man was surprised,

meaning that, said "Thank you" and left. Mae is older between four American Beauties and four Rosets

Beauties and four Rosets: Have you ever visited the Wayne County Museum? You haven't? Then you should. You would find some very interesting items of the past and you might possibly learn something, as did a certain teenager. When the present courthouse was built, there must have been a spittoon must have been a spittoon (cuspidor, to the elite) in each office, and a half dozen in each hall, judging from the pile found in the courthouse attic.

The museum committee chose the best looking one, a porcelain of reddish-brown color, for display. As articles were brought in, the committee and a teenage boy who was helping were busy-sorting and placing. The boy placed the spittoon among the kitchen dishes. When asked why, he replied, "Well, isn't it a dish they used for baking beans? Would you know a brown ear thernware bean pot from a brown earthernware spittoon?

A GUN WAS brought in, unused for forty years, so the donor said. He added that it was loaded but the powder was dead. The committee sent for a local man well versed on guns. He took the powder out and lighted it; it was very

This gun expert was unmar ried. A friend asked him why. Bill replied, "It was like this. I had a sister-in-law who was a terrible housekeeper, and

cook. I was looking for a perfect wife." "Didn't you ever find one?" "Sure, but she was looking for a perfect hus

Life in 1888 wasn't all fun and jokes. The writer's grand-mother, who lived nine miles from Wayne, died during the blizzard of 1888. Friends and neighbors came to the home to express sympathy, the doctor was there, and the children from a nearby county school, not daring to brave the storm, were also brought to this

For three days, there were twenty-one people to care for. Since there was no mortician, my grandmother's body was placed by an open window and

THE DAY OF the funeral. there were two bobsleds in procession. The leading s carried several men with scoop shovels to clear the road. The second sled carried road. The second step carried the casket and my mother and father and four children. There was one flower at that funeral, a pink tissue paper rose made by Mrs. Mattle

She had used all the tissue paper she had and her hus-band Fran walked a half mile over snow drifts to bring it to

over show drifts to bring it to place on grandmother's casket. It was a rose never to be forgotten by our family. During the eightles, there was a society in Wayne known as the Y.P.S.C.E., Young Peo-ple's Society of Christian

Endeavor. The church spon-sored the society and the qualifications for the qualifications for the presidency were strict. The young man (it had to be a man; whoever heard of a girl president in those days?) must not smoke, drink or chew. A young man, free of these vices, became president of the society.

The those same years, The Wayne Democrat, a weekly paper edited by Walter S. Goldie, ran a column called "By Dad." It was written by the editor himself, a man who saw all, heard all, told all. Names were never mentioned but the words were so plain that they could not be misunderstood.

I THINK I am safe in saying that the majority of Wayne folks turned to "By Dad" in fear and trembling lest one of their social errors be printed.

One "By Dad" came out with this, "As I was going home late last night, I met a cigar with a fire on one end and a fool on the other. A local society would be embarrassed to claim him as their dent." Before the next edition, ditor's office and slapped the

There were no witnesses to what followed but the next week's "By Dad" said that it was too bad a popular young ar young off the man was staying off streets because of a black olack eye, and wondered who would lead the meeting at the church Sun

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.
Jonson 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
Koidel R.P., in 1971. Mr. Keldel had been Mr. Lund's employee from
June-1967 until the selling date.

In the summer of 1976 Mr. Keldel partially refixtured 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. Keldel 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.

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and Becky Keidel.

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Will and Sue Davis bought the store in January of 1983 from Dick and Bocky 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 extraordinery 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.



ured are, front row, left to right, Ardyce Linn, Sue Davis, Will Davis and Patti Zrust. Middle row, left to right, ilyn Boedensteadt and Shirley Pospishii. Back row, left to right, Shelley Emry and Terri Hypse. Not pictured are ryi Hall, Sandre Emry and Lise Nuss.

Happy 100th Birthday!

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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 Splittgerber), a Senior Gent (Max Schneider), a Little Mister (Jeremy Lutt), 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 Jayceettes. 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 Huttmann, Max Schneider, Myrtle Splittgerber, Harry Wert, Amy Ehrhardt, Mary Hansen, Mathilda Reeg and Matthew Youngmeyer; third row from left, Jeremy Lutt, Audra Sievers, Elizabeth Dorcey, Megain McLean, Emily Wiser, Stacy Sievers and Tina Lutt; back row from left, Kimberly Nolte, Shawn Nolte, Jennifer Reinhardt, Anton 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 dur ing 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 Col

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

sored by the Centennial Steer-ing Committee, and was used on an endless variety of ar ticles promoting the centen-

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 com-

Wayne's three major com-ponents — agriculture, educa-

tion, and business and in

dustry. Nab chose a farm silhouette to represent agriculture, a lamp of learning and gradua-tion cap illustrating educa-tion, and gears and a sack of money to depict business and

money to depict pusiness 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

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 Nah

Tops in trees

Tree champions selected during 1984 centennial year

Reprinted from The Wayne Herald July 19, 1984

receiving many 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°; cir-cumference; 198"; total

2nd St., owned by Thomas Schmitz; height 86'; crown spread, 108'; circumference, 184"; total points, 297.

*Elm, American — 414 W. spread, 45'; circumference, 42h, 51-, owned by Thomas 127"; total points, 214. hight 86'; crown spread, 108'; circumference, 84"; total points, 297. *Locust, Black — 42h, & *Poplar, Silver—4 th and points, 297. *Locust, Black — 42h, & *Poplar, Silver—4 th and points, 297. *Locust, Black — 42h, & *Poplar, Silver—4 th and points, 297. *Locust, Black — 42h, & *Poplar, Silver—4 th and points, 297. *Locust, Black — 42h, & *Poplar, Silver—4 th and points, 51, owned by Lottie Conference, 98"; foral points, 24"; crown spread, 56'; circumference, 98"; total points, 190. *Also, all 3rd & Pearl Silver—12 E 3rd distributions of the points, 258 sycamore, American — 4th and Main St. owned by City total points, 219. *Sycamore, American — 4th and Main St. owned by City Library height, 76"; circumference, 171"; total points, 219. *Sycamore, American — 4th and Main St. owned by City beight, 78; circumference, 171"; total points, 219. *Sycamore, American — 4th and Main St. owned by City beight, 78; circumference, 171"; total points, 219. *Sycamore, American — 4th and Main St. owned by City beight, 78; circumference, 171"; total points, 210; ci •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,

dom, owned by Rod Hutt-mann; height, 72'; crown spread, 54'; circumference, 113''; total points, 198.

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

total points, 170

*Mapis, Sugar — 4th & Lin,
coln, owned by Stan Burst;
height, 68' drown spread, 62'
circumference, 89'' fotal
points, 173.

*Oak, Bur — 1202 Lincoln,
owned by David Guill, height,
48'; crown spread, 88'; circumference, 63''; total points,
121.

WINNERS IN Category B (conflerous, everygeen trees) were as follows: *Arbor vitae, West; owned

St., owned by Robert Woehler, height, 74'; crown spread, 77', crown spread, 77', crown spread, 77', crown spread, 77', total points, 208.

*Linden, American — 6th and Logan St., owned by Ida Moses; height, 76'; crown height, 76'; crown spread, 38'; total points, 152', owned by Ida Moses; height, 76'; crown Hurstad; height, 79'; crown, height, 66'; 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 Sumner; height, 72'; crown spread, 34'; circumference, 71"; total points, 152.

•Pine, Scotch — Wayne Greenwood Cemetery; height, 71'; crown spread, 48'; cir-cumference, 89"; total points,

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

•Spruce, Colorado Blue — 7th and Pearl, owned by Keith Reed; height, 71'; crown circumference,

Greenwood Cemetery; height, 60'; crown spread, 32'; ctr-cumference, 82''; total points, _158.

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

There were plans to include inere 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.

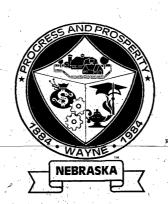
A brochure pointing out the locations of the (champion trees was made available during Wayne's Grand Centennial Celebration held Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, 1984.

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MEMBERS OF THE Centennial Steering Committee are (back row, left to right) Bill Dickey, Dean Bilstein, Melvin "Bud" Froehlich, Phil Kloster and Lyle Seymour; (front row) Mary 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.



2 - Clubs & Organizations The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984 Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884-1984



A DOWNTOWN parade marked the dedication of the Memorial Veteran's Cemetery.

WWIAuxiliary formed

was organized in June, 1961, with 43 members.

Mary Sydow and Mrs. Laurine Beckman was elected

The first meetings took

were later held at the Woman's Club Room. The auxililary's meetings are currently held at the Wayne Vers Club.

Mary Sydow, Julia Haas

The World War I Auxiliary place above the Fire Hall and three members who are

ficers are Maria Brugger, president and Peg Gormley, secretary-treasurer.

Irwin Sears writes from 'somewhere'

Excerpted from The Wayne Watchword, December 1917

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Walter Bressler the Wat chword is permitted to publish excerpts from letters written r brother, Irwin Sears formerly a student Wayne High School.

Irwin was on the transport which was forced to return to port because of being disabled in some manner not made

Later he was sent across and wrote from "Somewhere in France" but his letter was so mutitated by the censor as to be almost unintelligible.

"October 26. On the Ocean.

Well here I am somewhere, but I don't know where though I guess were are pretty near the American coast, as we ex-pect to land sometime tomor row, I sure have seen and ex perienced lots since you last

"WE LEFT LONG ISLAND October 18, about 10 o'clock and rode on the train to Long Island City where we got off and got on a ferry, the Cincin-natti, and rode down the Hudson River, passing the Statue of Liberty, to Hoboken, New Jersey, where we got off and boarded a transport ship called the "President Grant."

"We began getting on the ship about 4:30 and it took until 10:15 to get all of us on — about 6;300 in all on this boat."

That night the tug boats pulled us out into the harbor, where they anchored until the



IRWIN SEARS lost his life in action July 27, 1918, in the drive at Chateau Thierry, and was buried in France.

rest of the transport vessels board and they are in the

got out."
"About 5:30 in the morning, Oct. 19, they pulled anchor and started due east. In a very few hours we were out of sight of old U.S. — nothing to see but water, eight other ships, two torpedo boats, two armored cruisers, and two submarine destroyers."

"THE MORNING OF THE second day out, I saw a large man-eating shark and a school

'On the night of Oct. 22, the boilers in our engine gave out, all but one, and we had to leave the rest of the ships and

start back because we couldn't go fast enough then through the war zone."
"There was good cause for the boilers playing out, but I am not allowed to tell. I might state though that they have found two German spies on

guard house now

"The second and third days the second and mind days the sea was pretty rough. Some of the boys were pretty well scared, I guess, but I haven't been yet. We each have a life preserver and have to have it with us all the time. Each man is assigned to a life

"THE BUNKS ARE NONE too comfortable where we have to stay, but I guess I can stand it. We get two meals a day and quite a lot to eat such part is it.

as it is."

"We have our good times even though we are out at sea, as the band plays each after which we play once in a while."

"In the evening all lights must be out except a few blue ones below deck, so the enemy cannot see us."

Frank Heine is first commander of DAV

Wayne County Chapter 28, was organized in the year of The first commander Frank Heine Magnes ersen, George Hoffman, ter Chinn and Lee Woodruff followed.

Their meetings were held at the Wayne Fire Hall and then later were moved to the upstairs of where the Daylight Donut shop is now located. George Hoffman Jr., D.A.V. commander was installed June 22, 1961, as the new com-mander of the Disabled American Veteran Chapter 28 by retiring Commander Lee foodruff.
Other officers installed were

Walter Chinn, Wakefield, senior vice commander; Gust Johnson, Carroll, junior vice commander; Chris Bargholz, freasurer; William Finn, chapter_service_commander

and Lee Woodruff, chaplain.

"Jap" Les J. Étchison,
South Sioux City, state senior vice commander, presented the charter and membership trophy to Commander George Hoffman.

PLANS FOR THE annual Wayne Veterans picnic to be held September 10, 1961 were held September 10, 1961 were discussed. Representatives were present from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, World War I Barracks, D.A.V., Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. It was decided each organization would select committee members at its own meeting. High school director, George Konepik, discussed the formation of a school drum and bugle corps. It was orum and bugle corps. It was decided to discuss this in each individual organization. Plans for a program on Veterans Day were also discussed. Sunday, D.A.V. Commander Lee Woodruff presented the membership trophy and

D.A.V. charter to the commander, George Hoffman

Chris Bargholz was elected to be commander in 1970 and

served for many years.
The charter had been misplaced and in the year of 1980 August Lorenzen wrote the National and received it. the National and received it. The charter members are Christian E. Bargholz, Ray H. Surber, James E. Steele, L.A. Jensen, August—Lorenzen, Frank Heine, James R. Strahan, B.B. Bornhoft, Rudolph L. Will, Raymond R. Nelson, William H. Sharer, LeRoy Griesche and Earl Larson

AUGUST LORENZEN was elected commander in 1980. Senior vice commander is Elmer Wacker; adjunct and treasurer, Chris Bargholz chaplain, Duane Dolph and service officer, Elmer

Wacker Wacker.
They have their meetings the second Tuesday of the month at the Wayne Vets Club. There are 83 members, 56 of them are life, and 27 annual.

nual.

The organization plays bingo three times a year at the Veterans home in Norfolk and the Auxiliary furnishes the angel food cakes.

The organization has given flags to schools and different organizations and also helped with the veterans supper for the Norfolk Home Veterans, The Norfolk Vets have come to the Wayne Vets Club; usually in the month of September, for the last three years.

The group carries the colors for any parades they have in Wayne. August Lorenzen was made Commander of the Year in, 1980-81, getting the most new members in the state.

—Submitted by August Lorenzen, commander



THROUGH A joint effort of the military organizations in Wayne, the new Memorial Veteran's Cemetery was dedicated on May 31, 1982.

Another letter from Sears

"OCTOBER 28, HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. Well, you can of if, put them up and then go see I am back at my old trainget our cots. By the Jime we ing ground. We got here last were ready for bed if was 2:30 night at 12:15 and it was just and we were soaking wet." pouring down rain."

"While we were gone they had a terrific wind and rain storm which blew down our tents and that is the way we found them with about four inches of water all over the ground."

'We had to pull our tents out'

"We had to do it all in the we had to do it all if the dark, too, because the lights were turned off in our com-pany street as they didn't ex-pect us back. Oh, its a gay life if you don't weaken."

"WE GOT INTO NEW York

tents out harbor yesterday morning, but waited for high tide before sailing up the Hudson. It was was 2:30 5:30 before we began unloading, then after we got on the train the Red Cross nurses came on and gave us early wickes and coffee." sandwiches and coffee.

"I guess I enjoyed the trip; anyhow I am glad I had the ex-perience. Some of the boys said they would rather be shot than go through what we did.'

'Do you remember that little song papa used to sing about, 'Isn't God upon the water just the same as on the land?' Well that just kept running through my mind all the time I was out."

"We sure were headed for France. We don't know just how long we will have to walt, about a week, I guess; and then what happens to us, we'll have to wait and see."

Clubs & Organizations - 3

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 Warlwas enlisted at Oskaloose, lowa. 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

auxiliary to Irwin L. Sears Post No. 43, a small group of mothers, sisters and wives ac-cepted:

They felt the need to honor the deceased soldier, but also to lend a helping hand to the boys who had come back.

THEY WOULD HELP the disabled for whom the war would never be over, and help them find their rightful place

in civic life.

An organizational meeting was held at City Hall on April 8, 1921, and the first officers were elected.

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 unit were named: members also included another of Sears' sisters, Mrs. Hazel Bressler, and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Sears.

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

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

manent members.

As the working project of the group 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 roject to buy flag poles each ear at the entrance gate for Avenue of Flags at Greenwood Cemetery has also been started.

has also been started.

The poppy program goes directly for aid to disabled

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

several accomplishments dur-ing its 64 years of service to the community.

nt officers are Mrs. Kahler, president,

only surviving charter member at the time. president; Mrs. En The auxiliary's motto, "Join Hands to Serve," has led to president; Mrs. Ernest Siefken, secretary; Mrs. Eveline Thompson, treasurer; Mlss Mary Kruger, chaplain; Mrs. Merton Hilton, historian; Mrs. Albert Soules and Mrs.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and

<u> Auxiliary honors Llewellyn Whitmore</u>

Llewellyn B. Whitmore was the first boy from Wayne to pay the supreme sacrifice for his country in World War

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 aux-

iliary 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

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 in-formation. 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 the present time.

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-THE AUXILIARY'S money making project for the last 16 years has been the M & M willow cleaning service. The years has been file in a mipillow 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.

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 officers.
Eveline Thompson,
Guard Helen Siefken and
District Legislature chairman
The 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?

their dependents, the youth; needy and handicapped. Present officers are presi-dent, Ruth Korth; sr. vice president, Darlene E. Draghu; jr. vice president, Mabel Sommerfeld; secretary, Verna Mae Baier: Mabel Sommerfeld; secretary, Verna Mae Baier; treasurer, Lillian Granquist; chaplain, Shirley Brockman; conductress, Fauniel Hoff-man; 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 r 11, 1919 with 15 September 11, 1919 with 15 members and has since grown to 200 members. Rev. John W. Bland was the first com-

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

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

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

Sommerfeld, commander; LaVerle McDonald, senior vice commander; Chris Bargholz, adjunct; Jean Nuss, finance officer; and Lee

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.

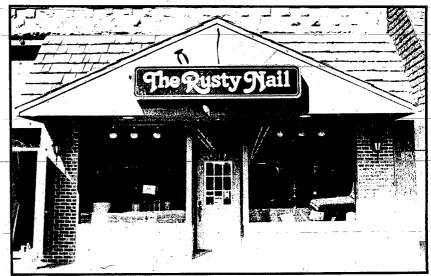
Roger, who has been with the shop for nearly 22 years, has been instrumental in the business' expansion. The store, originally known as Swan's Clothing for Men and Women, opened in 1936 at 205 Main in Wayne, under the ownership of Al Swan

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 ad-

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, Sassafras, Fritzi and You Babes.





Expanding and Growing with Wayne





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

Army, navy, marines and air force depicted

Mural is tribute to all veterans

gave us our freedom. They are the army, navy, marines and air force. As you look at this mural, you will see planes, ships, tanks, artillery, paratrooper's and the beautiful flag which says your

flag, my flag, our flag.
Uncle Sam, who called these men to serve their country,
the answer "3 cheers for the red, white and blue for the red, white and bive."

It's merely a piece of cloth, more precisely, several pieces, sewn together out of virginal white, rose red, cobalt bive. Joined together this certain way in this special combination it becomes something else.

It stems from a heritage of having wayed defiantly, over

having waved defiantly over the battle of Bennington on the New York and Vermont New York and Vermont border and Pork Chop Hill in Korea, from atop a 546 foot high lump of volcanic rock own as Mount Surbachi on island known as Iwo Jima.

It's flown over beaches as a brilliant signal of liberation to oppressed beaches like Omaha Palermo, Tarawa. It' been a welcoming beacon to tired crews in tired aircraft, limping back to a little patch of foreign soil from places

IT FLUTTERED arimly over Hickam Field on December 7, 1941 and at half staff, sadly over the White House on November 2, 1963. It's been to the Arctic and An ween, including briefly, a chunk of wind swept desert in

endured the Crisis, the Bay of Pigs and Watergate. Waved proudly above the marching feet of soldiers as Paris was liberated in 1944 and been desecrated under the trample ing feet of political protesters during a Chicago convention in 1968.

in 1968.

For a decade, not to long ago, some thought it unsophisticated, naive, not cool, to pay the proper respect owed these colors. Your flag, my flag, our flag. More blue than the sky it flies in, red as the blood of those who have died to protect it, white as the crosses and stars of Pavid under and Stars of David under

and stars of David under which those dead are buried. A glowing portrait of freedom, equally, for those who would revere or defile it. SO IN JUNE, Flag Day, or

Day

next time you happen to glance up and see Old Glory unfurled in the breeze take just a moment to really look at it, to weigh, good and bad, what we've endured and enjoyed as a nation over the last two centuries.

Then ask yourself this sim-ple question, under what other nation's flag would I rather

In this mural you will also find the Vietnam Veteran Na-tional Memorial in Angle Fire, New Mexico, It was Dr. Victor Westphall whose family westphall whose family originally built the memorial to honor their son David and his generations of Veterans. His son David was killed in an enemy ambush in Vietnam 16

In this mural you will also find the memorial that was dedicated in Washington, D.C. for all the veterans who served any war, to save the freedom of our country.

We are celebrating our

Wayne Centennial year, the veterans organizations on this mural are W.W. I, Amerian Legion, V.F.W. and D.A.V., also over 100 years of service.

-Submitted by Mrs. August Lorenzen



A MURAL, which represents over 100 years of service from the army, navy, marine and air force veterans of America, was painted by artist Marla McCue on Kaup's TV building at 222 Main in Wayne. Pictured left to right are American Legion Post 43 Commander Roy Sommerfeld, Llewellyn B. Whitmore Post 5291 VFW Commander Eddie Baier, and Wayne County

DAV Auxiliary organized at Wayne in 1980

The newest Wayne auxiliary, the DAV Auxiliary, was organized in December of 1980 and received its charter on Dec. 9 of that same year. Neva Lorenzen started the original auxiliary.

The original organization, which had 10 charter members, has a current membership of 21.

Joan Schaefer was the first commander and Irma Baier took over the position for the next two years.

· The Chapter 28 also holds

Wayne Vets Club the night as the auxiliary.

SOME OF THE AUX ILIARY'S community service work includes tray favors for Providence Medical Center. playing Bingo at Wayne Care Centre and taking Christmas cookies to the residents:

The group also bought a Christmas gift for a resident of Wayne Care Centre and helped with the Christmas

The auxiliary goes to the Norfolk Veteran's Home and

refreshments.

A major project of the DAY chapter and auxiliary is legislation. The groups correspond with senators and the President.

THE AUXILIARY DOES work for the Disabled American Veterans, which in cludes getting supplies for the Veterans Hospital in Omaha

The auxiliary works with the other three Veteran's auxiliaries to put on a dinner for the Veterans of Norfolk when they come to Wayne

include the Freedoms Founda tion, which provides scholar ships for teachers to attend sessions at Valley Forge, Penn. These sessions enable them to teach students the principles of freedom

The Americanism program, nich is sponsored by the auxiliary, provides a special speaker during the year and invites public attendance.

THE AUXILIARY TAKES part in the annual Memorial and Veteran's Day parades

cern involves a hospital pro gram which gives personal concern to veterans and their

Some of the projects involunteer service in hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, state hospital and soldiers homes.

Much of the DAV work in cludes getting supplies for the Veteran's Home in Omaha.

A SPECIAL PROMOTION by the auixliary helped get a handicapped parking spot on

main street. The mayor, city clerk, city administrator and council helped get the sign which serves handicapped people and the Senior Citizen's

A special donation was given to the Plummer boy who received bone marrow surgery.

The group's most recent project was supplying new mittens_and_gloves_for_the Centennial Christmas tree at the city auditorium. Both the mittens and collected food was distributed to needy families

VFW members share feeling of comradeship

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a national organization.

Though the V.F.W. is made up of men and women from all walks of life, every race, every belief and every origin, every member shares every belief and every origin, every member shares something in common they've all answered the call in defense of America and what it stands for.

Nearly two million members know the feeling of true comradeship.

Since its founding in 1899, it has been dedicated to the ser-vice of the United States, the community, the youth of American and to the needs of members and their families.

THE V.F.W. IS MADE up of departments. Each depart-ment covers a state area or an area overseas where military personnel are stationed, such as the Panama Canal zone

Each department is also made up of districts, which in turn are made up of local

Nebraska has fifteen districts made up of 177-leeal posts and has a membership of 32,268. Llewellyn B. Whitmore Post

5291 is a part of District 3, Department of Nebraska.

LATE 1945, organized as a fraternal, social and service organiza-tion and chartered Jan. 4, 1946, with 80 charter members.

The first post commander was Carl H. Sund.

The post had many meeting places before a permanent home was secured. Some of the places that were used for meetings were the city hall, the LO.O.F. hall, and the upstairs_over Felbers drug

The post, faced with a need of money for a building, came up with a plan to hold an auction of hard-to-get items, such scarce farm scarce farm reliabilities, tractors, equipment, pickup trucks autos and electrical ap

THE AUCTION SALE commiffee were Charles Denesia, Earl Jones, Kermit Florine



LLEWELYN B. Whitmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Whit-more, formerly of Wayne, was the first Wayne County man to more, formerly of Wa die in World War II.

Rundell, Quinten Preston, Mike Karel, Fred Gildersleeve and Carl San-Auditorium. They acquired two autos, a jeep, two trucks, a tractor, a

coun picker, electrical ap-pliances, and many smaller articles from local dealers for

gram finale at the Municipal orium. After paying cost for the merchandise, \$8,000 was earned to rent a room over Felbers Drug and meetings were held there regularly.

At a meeting on July 23, 1968, a motion was made to

purchase a building for a post

THE MOTION PASSED and

it was decided to check into raising money for a building. A special meeting was set for Aug. 6, 1988, and the group started a drive to raise money

for a down payment.
The drive was successful and a purchase agreement was drawn up with Russell Tiedke in July of 1969. His building on main street was purchased and an extensive remodeling project was undertaken with all volunteer

The new post home was opened Oct. 17, 1969. Airopened Oct. 17, 1969. Air-conditioning was added- and the building size was also in-creased early in 1972.

IN APRIL OF 1973, a Perpetual Charter was issued to Llewellyn B. Whitmore Post 5291 as evidence that the post had the required number of Life Members to warrant the distinction.

The required number a 25, since then the number grown to an even 100.

idea of starting a Veterans Cemetery. Several plots were considered and in cooperation with the American Legion a

Lots adjoining Greenwood Cemetery, belonging to Mrs. Ralph Carhart, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hein, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Saul, were donated to the

IN 1982, THE PLOT was developed and dedicated at the Memorial Day services. The Avenue of Flags was

born when the post purchased 52 flag poles and placed them at both the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the old Veterans burial plot in Green-

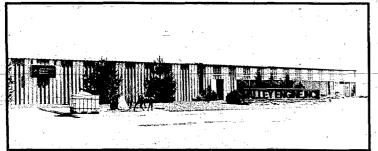
wood Cemetery.

Veterans casket flags are donated by families with deceased veterans, and these flags fly on these poles each Memorial Day.

As more flags are received, more poles are added. Other improvements to the plot are also planned by the organiza-

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 Freirles, Duena Bargholz, Donna Geiger, Sara Miller, Jim Martindale, Gail Nemec, Vernon Hanson, Gary Roeber, Jerry Lovelady, Dennis Sternhagen, Kevin Strudthoff, Davo Olson, Scott Johnson, Alam Finn, Dave Bloomfield, Gene Bartling, Keith Blernbaum, Gerald Haglund and Gery 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.



Owners Gary and Vicki Pick.

East Hwy. 35

Wayne

Ph. 402/375-3325

Masons among residents of young Wayne

The completion of the railroad through Wayne County in April, 1882, marked the beginning of a relocation pro-cess for many pioneers of the

area.
The new town of Wayne, now being served by the railroad, attracted many residents who moved their families and buildings from the town of LaPorte which was

bypassed by the railroad. Included in the numbers of Included in the numbers of new people in Wayne were several Masons, members of Corinthian Lodge No. 83. The Todge, which had been chartered at LaPorte in June, Wakefield.

The brethern, desiring the benefits of a lodge of their own, petitioned for a Lodge Under Dispensation in the summer of 1883. THE PETITION WAS sign-

ed by John T. Bressler, James Britton, Degrasse W. Britton, Arthur P. Childs, William O. Gamble, Cyrus E. Hunter,

Enoch Hunter, David C. Patterson, Edgar F. Morris, Luther T. Reed and Anson A. Welch.

Grandmaster Samuel W. Hayes issued the dispensation on Sept. 26, 1883, and the first meeting of Wayne Lodge U.D.

was called for Oct. 3, 1883.

Before that first meeting,
John T. Bressler and David
Patterson had been planning ahead. They had arranged a "hall" for the lodge on the sefloor Patterson building located on the west side of Main Street between second and third

Committees were appointed to secure needed furniture and equipment and officers were

also selected.

CYRUS E. HUNTER was named as master, John T. Bressler as senior warden, James Britton as junior warden, David C. Patterson as

Wayne Lodge No. 120 was issued a charter on June 24, 1884, upon recommendation of Corinthian Lodge of Wakefield and certification by Mosaic

and certification by Mosaic Lodge of Norfolk.

Officers under the new charter were James Britton, master; John T. Bressler, senior warden; Arthur P. Childs, junior warden; B.F. Feather, secretary; David, C. Patterson, treasurer; William Harris, senior, deacon. Harris, senior deacon; Charles O. Fisher, junior deacon; D.W. Britton, senior steward; Myron Giddings, junior steward; and Frank Fuller, tyler.

Activity and growth of the lodge made the need for a new location apparent. In the spring of 1886, the present Hendrickson building on the east side of Main Street was ready

THE LODGE VOTED to lease the second floor for \$200 year. The first meeting was held

in the new half on June 11, 1886. Dues at this time were \$1.25 per quarter and the secretary was to receive 75 cents per meeting for his work.

cents per quarter and remained at that figure until 1905 when they were raised to \$4 per year. The secretary's salary was increased to \$1 per meeting.

A disastrous fire in the early hours of Nov. 1, 1891, com-pletely destroyed a quarter block of buildings on the west side of Main Street, including the former lodge.

RECONSTRUCTION PRO-GRESSED rapidly and in the spring of 1902 the Mellor building was nearing comple-

The new building convinced the lodge to sign a five-year lease for the second floor at

\$200 per year. With new quarters and fur-

discontinue the practice of renting its facilities to other organizations.

Members moved into the new hall on June 1, 1902, and remained there for 66 years.

BEING A LONG-TIME dream that the Wayne Lodge would meet in its own temple, J.M. Cherry, early-day secretary, established a fund which enabled the lodge to purchase property at the cor-ner of Tenth and Lincoln Streets as the site for the pro-posed temple.

committees were Several named to check into fund raising, building selection and construction.

The Wayne Lodge assisted

the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with laying the cornerstone of the new temple, and in the following January the lodge installed its officers for 1969.

The lodge has also assisted the Grand Lodge with the lay-ing of many cornerstones in the community, including the Wayne County courthouse in

THE WAYNE LODGE 120 has experienced both times of prosperity and recession and has grown from the original 21 to nearly 152 at the present

Several members of the Wayne Lodge have also been chosen to hold offices with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. A.R. Davis served as Grand Master in 1927-28 and Ralph Carhart as Grand Master in

John T. Bressler, Sr., served as Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1920 and cor-onetted a 33rd Degree Mason

James G. Mines served as president of the Nebraska Veterans Freemans Associa-tion, William Brandenburg served as Grand Orator and two members, Ralph Carhart

Pleasant Valley organizes in 1898

Early club members sew and quilt for hostess

The Pleasant Valley Club was organized in 1898 with Mrs. True Prescott as the first president

president.

The club, strictly a social club in the early days, held all day meetings and did sewing, quilting and tore carpet rags

quilting and fore carpet rags for the hostess.

The group included 15 members in the beginning, but after 10 years they became disorganized and meetings

were not held for a few years.
In 1913, Mrs. Wm. Morgan
reorganized a group to
Literary programs of learning

instead of sewing.

THROUGH THE YEARS, there have been changes in the bylaws.

The organization is still a

The club gives regularly to charitable organizations in the

community.

The membership, which used to number 80, is currently at 17. Minnie Heikes and Angle Preston are honorary

MEMBERS HAVE KEPT a large scrapbook of all meetings held since the club organized. It is kept up to date by the secretary with the help of Mary Martinson, who is responsible.

Current officers are Leona Hagemann, president; Ida Bichel, vice president; Nadine Thompson, secretary-treasurer and news reporter. Alta Baier and Ruth Fleer are on the flower committee.

The club colors are pink and Submitted by Leona Hagemann



BACK IN 1898, this picture of Pleasant Valley Club was taken. The club is still very active and Leona Hagemann is president. The women are identified as (front row, left to right): Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Nargle,

Mrs. Martins, Mrs. Reecel and Mrs. McCoy; (back row) Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Baumgartner, Mrs. Madden, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Stoll Smith, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Welch.

Wayne County Jayceettes' projects continue to serve community

The Wayne County Jayceet good fellowship among its tes were-organized as the members. Its further purpose Wayne Mrs. Jaycees in October of 1954 with about 22 Wayne Junior Chamber of members. Meetings were Commerce in advancing their scheduled for the second Tuesport of the s

In it's beginning, the chartered or organization's primary pur the remember pose was to unite its members. Sister during for social purposes and create in February.

day of each month and remain as such today.

Verla Hamer served as the Chamber members.

Current Wayne residents who during the first year of

Current Wayne residents who during the tirst year or were charter members are organization were "Bad Yonnie Ellis, Lois Hall, Lois Habits," "Wearing of the Jech, Marcella Larson, Donna Green," "Mad Hatter," Nuss, Nyla Pokett, and Lil Surber. "White Elephant," An activity that was introduced by the chartered organization was the remembering of a Heart Sister during Valentine week

THIS TRADITION has carried through to the present. Ensuing programs featured a Traveling Bake Sale, Halloween Parties, Steak Fries, the making of Hospital Favors, Wrapping Easter Eggs, and Fashion Shows. The Mrs. Jaycees also sponsored the Miss Wayne County Pageant

In 1966, the goals of the organization were slightly altered. The organization changed its primary purpose to co-operate with the Wayne Jaycees in advancing its projects and programs. Its furjects and programs. Its fur-ther purpose was for social

purposes and purposes of car-rying out their own civic pro-

Thence, they became more involved in their own projects for the community.

The organization changed its name to Wayne County Jayceettes in 1980 when the organization was opened up to women whose husbands were not members of the Jaycees, and single women.

TODAY, THE Wayne County Jayceettes are 19 members strong and continue to serve the community through their various projects, such as making hospital favors, their an-nual Craft Fair, Region 4 Christmas party and Care Center Gifts.

They have also sponsored a Babysitting Clinic, Bike-a-thon for Diabetes and thon for Diabetes and Mother's March for March of

Donations have been made to various groups or organizations in the community, such as car seats for the hospital.

as car seats for the hospital, equipment for the schools and a projector for the library. They serve as a helping hand to the Jaycees in helping them self Christmas trees and sponsoring a Concession Stand Lutt.

for their Jr. Wrestling Tourna

development organization, they have not lost sight of their social purposes and family as they hold family picnics and camp outs, soup suppers and the annual Christmas Party

the annual Christmas Party.
They also continue to stress individual development through their personal, leadership and communication betterment programs and programs relevant to women in today's society.

The current Wayne laycette president is Mindy.

Jayceette president is Mindy

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Jociell Bull first director

Community sees need for Senior Center

Frank Renaldo and Chuck Smith, met with a group of in-terested citizens and found a need for a Senior Citizens Center in Wayne.

At first, weekly meetings were held in the Woman's Club Room. Recreational activities were planned for the Wayne Seniors.

Al Koplin, then mayor, and members of the City Council approved a proposal expressing a need for establishing a Wayne Senior Citizens Center. The Nebraska Commission

on Aging under a Title III
grant made a contract with
the city of Wayne for a Senior Citizens Center. A local advisory board was formed with representatives from the com-munity and senior citizens.

MRS. JOCIELL BULL was hired as director of the Senior Citizens Center on July 1, 1969. (She served as director until October of 1981.) During that time the Senior Citizens met at 316 Main

Recreational activities in cluding potluck meals and parties were held at the parties were held at the Center at that time. The first president was Mrs. Gladys

ed to the present site at 306 Pearl. The old hospital was and the basement was remodeled into the present Senior Citizens Center.

The senior center operated in cooperation with the Nebraska Commission on Aging, grants from the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Ag-ing, and funds from the city of

JUNE, 1979, THE Senior Citizens Center began serving congregate meals. Home-delivered meals had been served for some time before this. The volunteers were contacted by the Senior Center for the home delivered meal pro

The congregate meals are prepared by the staff from the Providence Medical Cepter of the Seniors.

The meals began slowly and now in 1984 an average of forty five meals are served daily for both congregate and homedelivered

The Senior Citizens Center received a grant from the Nor-theast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging for a 1979 Dodge van. And in July, 1979, Georgia Janssen began as the first mini-bus driver.

SENIOR CITIZENS in the city of Wayne were served as well as the handicapped with the aid of a wheel chair lift. The funding for the mini-bus came from the Department of

In 1981 Georgia Janssen became the coordinator for the Senior Citizens Center. Or ville Sherry was the driver for the mini-bus. The Senior the mini-bus. The Senior Center is mainly funded by the city of Wayne. Grants are also used for the

meals from the Northeast Area Agency on Aging and the mini-bus from the Depart-ment of Roads. The Wayne United Fund supports the Senior Center as well as dona tions from many of the

Seniors.

The Senior Citizens Center also has fund raising events at the Center during the year to help support their projects.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS Center is open from 9-5 Mon-day-through Friday. There are no dues to belong to the Senior



Submitted by Senior Citizens Center

THESE SENIOR Citizens were preparing to leave on a bus trip. Shown are Myrtle Splittgerber, Eva Malchow, Lottie Longnecker, Virgil and Cordelia Chambers, Mrs. Havener, Emma Soules. Walt Wesseman and Art Schellpepper

Citizens Center. Besides the bus service and the meals pro-gram, activities are planned for each day at the Center.

They range from educational to recreational group in-volvement. A newstetter is published monthly

A new Dodge van chased and began operation Aug. 1, 1984. The present drivers are Merton Hilton and Clayton Fegley. This van is also equipped with a whee chair lift and is limited to the city limits.

The 1984-1985 officers are: Melba Grimm, president; Amy Lindsay, vice president; Genevieve Craig, secretary, and Elda Jones, treasurer. Many benefits result from participating at the Wayne Senior Center.

County extension office established in 1932

Veterinarian organizes first 4-H clubs

The 4-H club work in Wayne County dates back to the early 1920's. One of the early pioneers in organizing baby beef 4-H clubs was Dr. Wm.

Hawkins was a veterinarian from Iowa, who located in Wayne in 1921. He was ac-quainted with the 4-H program in lowa and organized a 4-H livestock club in Wayne in

Hawkins received his en-ouragement from the presi-ent of the county fair board, H. J. Miner of Wayne

Credit for starting 4-H girls'

to Mrs. Merle Roe, who lived near Carroll.

SHE HAD A sewing club first, then a poultry club from 1925 to 1929. Her sister, Mrs. John Getterman, took over the club with the 4-H poultry pro jects in 1929-30.

As there was no agricultural extension office until 1932, leaders ordered their supplies directly from Lincoln. In 1932, a county extension office was established in the

Wayne courthouse with the Farm Bureau as the sponsor-



The first county agent was S. H. Liggert. The first fulltime home extension agent was Lorraine Dorr, hired in

OTHER COUNTY agents include Walt Moller, 1936-38; Chester Walters, April, 1939-Aug., 1942; W.R. Harder,

ept.,1942-Febr. 1948: Donald Warner, Febr., 1948 Jan., 1; Harold Ingalls, Febr., 1-Febr., 1973; Don C. Spitze, March, 1973-present.

Other home extension agents include Myrtle Ander son, 1952-74; Linda Sander, 1974-76; Anna Marie (Kriefels) White, 1963-1980. Marie Linda Huinker was part-time home extension agent and Mary Temme currently holds the position.

Highlights over the years include the dedication of the Wayne County 4-H building in 1954 after several fund raisers and benefits.

leaders include Mrs. Harold Olsen and Robert Hansen, Olsen and Robert Hansen, both from Wakefield, in 1980 and Mrs. Basil Osborn in 1958.

HOME EXTENSION agent, Myrtle Anderson, was honored by National Home Agents in 1961 for her work.

Some of the club's activities during the year include the Kiwanis Pancake Supper and 4-H A to Z; Nebraska 4-H Conference: Citizenship Short-course; demonstration contests; the Style Revue and contest and, of course,

There are currently 21 4-H clubs in Wayne County and six special interest groups. They are the Blue Ribbon Winners, Carrolliners, Combination Kids, Coon Creek Clovers, Deer Creek Valley, Gingham Gals, Helping Hands.

Also Hi-Raters, Leslie Lads and Lassies, Leslie Livewires, Loyal Lassies and Lads, Modern Misses, Pleasant Modern Misses, Pleasant Valley, Sholes Kountry Kids, Software Sharks, Spr-ingbranch, Sunshine Kids, Wayne Co. Beef Boosters Wayne Peppy Pals and Wayne

Kiwanis chartered at Boyd Hotel

The Wayne Kiwanis Club received its charter at a meeting which was held in the Boyd Hotel of Wayne on Feb. 6, 1923. – The club was organized at a

banquet meeting and by-laws were adopted.

The purpose of the club was to promote good fellowship and be of service to fellow

The original officers elected wre C.E. Carhart, president; R.B. Judson, vice president; Lester Vath, secretary; J.O. Mines, treasurer.

THE ORIGINAL board of directors consisted of A.R. Davis, C.M. Craven, E.J. Huntemer, J.C. Nuss, L.A. Fanske, F.S. Morgan and John T. Bressler, Jr. After starting with the Boyd Hotel as its meeting place, which was across the street east of the State National THE ORIGINAL board of

State National Bank, the club later changed its meeting place to the Mor-rison Hotel. The third change as the Woman's Club room

at the city auditorium.

The organization presently

noon at the Black Knight.

The club has had 9 people serve as Lt. Governor of the Division No. 14 of Nebraska-lowa district Kiwanis International.

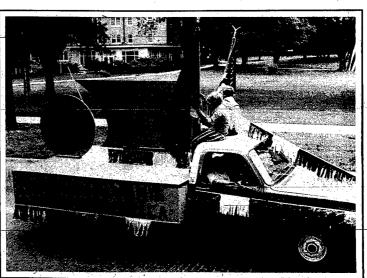
THE ORGANIZATION was formerly Division No. 4 of Kiwanis International until

Some of the Kiwanis community activities include con-struction of a picnic shelter in Bressler Park and bleachers at the Wayne Swimming Pool.

The club has sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 175 since 1933 and also sponsored the Circle
K Club at Wayne State Col-

lege.
The organization sponsors under the swimming meets under the direction of Dr. Sid Hillier The club also gives an award to an outstanding farmer of

THE GROUP annually sponsors a youth golf tournament and track meet. They involved with th Special Olympics.



nitted by Dan Sherry

THE WAYNE Kiwanis Club sponsored this float for the parade celebrating the nation's Bicentennial in 1976.

Included in the club's an nual events are a supper for recognizing outstanding scholastic students and also the Kiwanis Pancake Supper

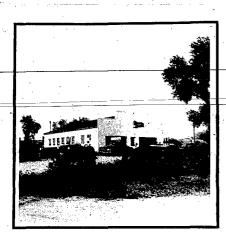
For the last couple of years, member of the club have also served pancakes and sausages for residents of the Wayne Care Centre.

Other projects have been a tree replant project, the remodelling of the Girl Scout Cabin and the installation of water fountains at Bressler and Henry Victor parks

THE KIWANIS CLUB in stigated the Lifeline project in Wayne, which now has over 20 units in operation. Under the direction of Bill Dickey, the club raised \$1,000 for the pro-

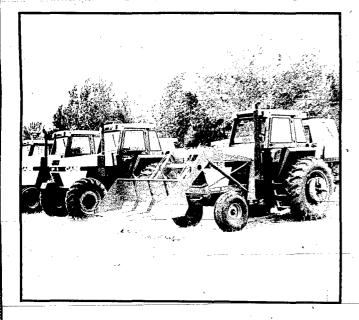
During the club's 50th anniversary in 1973, Robert Carhart was president of the organization. unusual coincidence, since his grandfather, C.E. Carhart, had been the first president 50

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 & AG SUPPLY

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

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Members key to growth at Grace Lutheran

Expansion and growth has been the result of a continuous effort from members of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, past and present.

In the years immediately preceding 1925, pastors from the surrounding area came to Wayne to conduct services. Rev. F.W. Kaul of Carroll and Rev. H. Bornemann of St. Paul's in Wakefield wamong the first to preach.

An active movement to organize a congregation was made by two members of the group, George P. Berres, Srand Frank Erxleben. On November 9, 1925, it was resolved to organize a congregation and the name of "Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church" was chosen.

A CONSTITUTION commit-A CONSTITUTION committee presented its report on Nov. 22, 1925 and the proposed constitution was adopted. It was signed by charter voting members, George Berres, Sr., Frank Erxleben, Carl F. Meyer, Carl Victor, Jr., Arthur Hagemann, George Lessmann and William Racherbaumer Racherbaumer.

The congregation extended a call to Pastor H.H. Hopmann of Lovell, Wyo., to serve as its first resident pastor. Pastor Hopmann accepted and was installed on January 10, 1926. The pastor's first project was to look for a suitable lot on which to build a small church. He and Frank Erxleben pur-

chased the lot upon which the present structure stands for \$2,000 on May 15, 1927.

A loan of \$4,500 from the Church Extension Fund helped to construct the 40 x 28

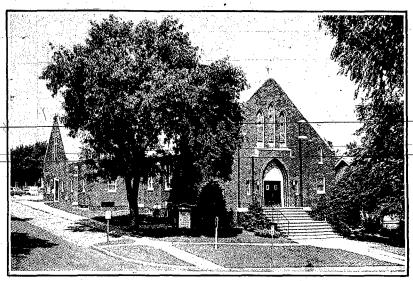
ff. chapel which was dedicated in September, 1927. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church found an afcomeran unurch found an af-fillation when it was received into the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in the summer of 1928.

GRACE SAW its first pastoral change when Pastor Hopmann accepted a call to Emmanuel Lutheran Church of York in September of 1936. Rev. Walter Brackensick of Lindsay filled the vacancy and became the second pastor of the congregation.

the congregation.

The purchase of an 8-room parsonage at 901 Logan St. marked the congregation's progress in February, 1937.

Continued expansion in the membership of the congregation made necessary strong consideration of a larger building in which to worship. A special meeting of all communicant members of the congregation was called and a survey committee was appointed in May, 1941.



GRACE LUTHERAN Church is located at 901 Logan Street.

ceremonies were held on August 11 and a special service marking the cornerstone of the new building being laid was conducted on Sept. 28. Rev. Thomas Mendenhall

came to Wayne in November, 1979 as associate pastor and campus pastor. He was installed as head pastor when Pastor Upton moved to Ewa Beach, Hawaii in 1979.

Jonathan Vogel, a ate from Concordia graduate from Seminary in St. Louis was or-dained and installed at Grace on June 29, 1980, and is curently head pastor. James Pennington was in-

stalled as assistant pastor of Grace on July 22, 1984.

The growth of Grace Lutheran Church numbers 735 baptized souls and 625 communicant members. They have expanded both their building area and congregation over the years.

First Church of Christ organization starts with evangelistic campaign

Church of Christ in Wayne began with an evangelistic campaign on March 9, 1926.

Evangelists J.S. Raum and Russell Green, acting under the auspices of the Christian Restoration Association, started their campaign on the second floor of Wayne City Hall. The campaign continued until April 4, 1926, with 54 responses to the gospel invita-

The organization began with Whitaker, Arthur Likes, and J.E. James as elders, J.A. Gifford and L.M. Rogers were appointed as deacons.

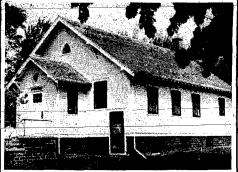
temporary meeting place of the congregation. R.H. Jacques, Arthur Likes and J.E. Wakefield.

James were elected as trustees of the church to locate

In June, 1926, the property on the northeast corner of Fourth and Logan streets was purchased and the congregation took posession on July 4, 1926. The house located on the property served both as a house of worship and as a par sonage.

Gustan Winter was called to Gustan Winter was caned of serve as pastor in June, 1926 but was forced to discontinue his services in November of that year because of a that year because breakdown in his health.

In April of 1927, Gerald R. Bentley of Oregon and his wife were called to the pastorate and they served the church un-til 1928, preaching part time in the Christian Church of



THE FIRST Church of Christ was organized March, 1926.

OTHER MINISTERS who rewritten in 1962 and once have served are H.H. McClen again in 1976. don, G.B. Dunning, Harold Buckles, Douglas McQuistan, building was put up on the pro-Robert Hansen, Paul Cook Lowell Carstensen, Daniel Escritt, Kenneth Lockling, Mark Weber, John Scott and Kenny Cleveland.

The first incorporation and by-laws of the church were formed in 1927. They were

again in 1976.
The first new church building was put up on the property at Fourth and Logan and dedicated on June 23,

in 1978, property was pur-chased on the north side of Highway 35 just east of Wayne. A new building was built and dedicated there in

Dedicated organization

1923 is beginning of **Wayne Girl Scouting**



In 1912 Juliette Low brought Girl Scouting to the Unite States. In Wayne, Girl Scouting started in 1923 with leaders Mrs. P.A. Theobald, Mrs. E.W. Huse, Mrs. C.M. Craven, Mrs. S.A. Lutgen, A.V.Teed, Mrs. Carhart, Mrs. L.F. Beery, Mrs. R.G. Brown, Miss Edith Marshall, Miss Enid Conklyn,



and Miss Nelle Gingles. In the

first girl scout troop were Katherine Kemp, Harriet Craven, Miriam Huse, Evelyn Mellor, Margaret Fanske, Faye Winegar, Marjorie Jo Theobald, Evelyn Felber, Marjorie Ley and Jane

Marjorie Ley and Jane VonSeggern.
In May, 1956, Prairie Hills Girl Scout Council was chartered and Wayne County was one of thirteen counties which later expanded to 19 counties with the council of the ct Clumbus fice at Columbus.

In 1963 the council camp near Nickerson was purchas-



ed. A contest was held to name

MANY CAMPING adventures are held every year, which include a week of day camp, camping at the Wayne Girl Scout cabin and at Camp Crossed Arrows with bus trips to Sioux City and Omaha. The older girls camp at Ponca State Park, and in South Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota,

or Missouri

meeting in April, 1964 at Wayne, Wayne Girl Scout Jean Owens was named winner with "Crossed Arrows,"

In February, 1959 Miss Maribelle James, daughter of Howard James of Wayne,

Howard James of Wayne, became executive director of Prairie Hills Girl Scout Coun-

Many changes have been made through the years, in-cluding logo, trefoil, promise and law, and program material, but scouting pur-pose remains the same, which is to help girls develop into nappy, resourceful dividuals, william happy, dividuals, willing to share their abilities in their homes, their communities, and their



Girl Scouts is vifally con-cerned with improving the quality of our environment, and is deeply committed to building better relationships among persons of all ages, religions, races, and na-tionalities

— Submitted by Marilyn Carhart

Spirit of cooperation

Woman's Club continues support

Out of the spirit of coopera-tion shown by the women of Wayne during World War I, Wayne Woman's Club joined the federation in 1919.

federation and 36 women sign-

ed as charter members.

The object of the federation has always been educational and civic betterment and the pressive record of achievement. Wayne club has had an im-

ment.
Over the years it has sponsored the Little Theatre Group, the Wayne County Historical Society and museum and also the Wayne

THE WAYNE WOMAN'S Club still gives substantial gifts to the active organiza-tions.

In 1945, the club sponsored planting of 6000 trees in the county and encouraged the beautification of rural school

The club also gives two scholarships each year to high school graduates who plan to attend Wayne State College. A trust fund was established for the Girl Scouts and donations have been made annually to charities and other projects.
When the City Auditorium was built in 1933, the Woman's

Club donated \$6000 to the project in order to have rooms inside the building. THE PRESENT

rooms are rented by people in the community for meetings

and family gatherings.

In 1979, the club celebrated its 60th anniversary by entertaining district and state of at a luncheon and special program.

Members of the Wayne club have held many district of fices and two members cur-rently hold Inter-County of-fices.

Mrs. Grace Welch Lutgen, FWC poet laureate, was outstanding song, "Nebraska My Native Land," was sung throughout the state.

OFFICERS FOR 1984 include Mrs. Val Damme, President; Mrs. Hurschul Manning, Granquist, second vice president; Mrs. Ed Grone, secretary; Mrs. Jack dent; Julia. secretary; Mrs. Rohrberg, treasurer.

mittee chairmen who help with promoting and maintain-ing the Wayne Federated Woman's Club.

Early settlers see need for Baptist Church in Wayne

Early in the winter of 1881, the Rev. J.F. Heilner, sup-ported by his wife and a few staunch friends, felt the need of building a Baptist Church in the new town of Wayne.

On Dec. 17, 1881, a-meeting of organization was called and the Missionary Baptist Church was started win the following offices: R.J. Morgan and W.B. Jordan, deacons; the Rev. J.F. Heilner, W.B. Jordon and R.J. Morgan, trustees; M.N. Conover, church clerk, and Anna M. Heilner, church

1881, thirty two s have served the ministers have served the church. Two recent pastors, Rev. Russell Dacken, 1955-1963 and Rev. Frank Pedersen 1963-1972, along with Rev. W.W. Theobald 1890-1897, share the honor of having the longest pastorates

According to church records, "after reading of minutes of the meeting and adopting the same, they were ordered placed upon record in the office of the County Clerk of Wayne County and State of Nebraska."

IT WAS IN March of 1894 that the church resolved unanimously to seek and ex-pand its ministry into the

rural area. The minutes read:
"Believing it to be for the best interest of a part of our membership as well as their convenience and the better development of gospel work, what it resolved that this church be it resolved that this church establish a branch vicinity of School District No. -66-to-transact such business as may be needful to the best interest of the church and the spread of the gospel of Christ."

The following resolutions were made:

Five members constitute

—To receive into the fellowship of this church such persons as give evidence of be-

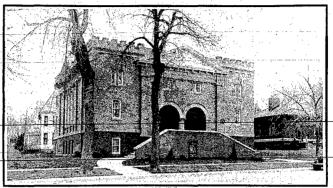
-AND TO dismiss by letter such members as are in full fellowship to churches of like

faith and order:

—To observe the ordinances in harmony with the parent church and the gospel of

—To use their efforts in-dividually and collectively for the maintenance of church services, encouragement of God's children and the salvation of souls:

-That this branch be per mitted to elect a moderator, one clerk and treasurer for



THE BAPTIST Church was organized in 1881 and is presently located at 400 Main.

transaction of needed their mutual/support, sym-

-THAT THE clerk make report fo the clerk of the parent church of such business as may be related to it once each quarter;

—That the branch shall

—That the branch shall work in harmony with the parent church, each pledging

pathy and prayers.

A motion was made that the above resolutions be granted and in full force from the date of March 21, 1894. The motion

mendation was made by the advisory board of the church

that the church take hold of the work of building a new church building.

IN A REPORT of the com mittee on the building in April 1909, the minutes read: "After corresponding with five newchurch buildings and receiving replies, together with sketches and cuts of most of them, we beg to recommend that the style of building be the Grecian or Temple style, that the material be Hydrolic pressed brick, with full basement under entire structure..."

The church was constructed and worship services are still held there each Sunday with church at 9:45 a.m. Sunday school follows a fellowship cof-fee at 11:15. Sunday night ser-

vices meet at 7 p.m.

The churches are within the Omahaland Association of the Nebraska Baptist State Con-

vention.

The church baptized a record forty three people in the year 1911. The membership peaked in the year 1915 with approximately two hundred forty three members.

ONE OF THE church's former ministers, Rev. Edward Carter, was the first black minister of an all white congregation to be called to an American Baptist Church in the United States. He and his wife Ruth were featured in The American Baptist.

The Wayne Baptist Church marked its 100th birthday in

The current minister is Rev. Gordon Granberg

Young farm women form Serve-All club

On December 10, 1935, nine voung farm women met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Longe's mother in Wakefield to organize the first project club in the Logan precinct.

The object of the club was to entertain a group of homemakers through social activities, developing mutual interests in the community, improve methods in homeliv-ing, cooking, sewing and food preservation.

The women chose "Serve-All" as their club title and decided to meet on the first Tuesday of each month: It was later changed to the first Friday and finally to the third Wednesday to admit ore members.

Charter members included

Mrs. Chauncey Agler, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Arthur Longe, Mrs. Albert Longe, Mrs. Hedward McQuistian, Mrs. Walter Otte, Mrs. Harold Mrs. Maurice Olson, Olson, Mrs. Wesley Rubeck.
THE FIRST PRESIDENT

lected was Mrs. Walter Otte. Mrs. Arthur Longe and Mrs. Chauncey Agler volunteered as A and B leaders for two

years.

In the early years, leaders training meetings would be an all day workshop, having a covered dish meal at noon. Members would meet at the Fire Hall in Wayne and ocassionally at the cour-

A state leader, a specialist the Home Economics Division at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, would demonstrate the two part lessons. In the fall of 1936, lessons were also given in

The very first lesson was making Christmas gifts, toys, aprons and ties. Because of its' closeness to Christmas the leaders give it later in the

THE SECOND LESSON January, 1936, included braided and hooked rugs, made from dyed burlap, old woolens

Still active members, Alice Longe and Mrs. Gus Longe joined at this second meeting. Mrs. F.I. Moses, the first

County chairman was a quest at this meeting and attended the national meeting in Washington, D.C., of in-terested women in Extension

held April 29, 1936, featured the program, "What Makes a Good Day for the Farm Fami-

cil would meet on the morning of Achievement Day, with all leaders and new officers attending, including the county

ON THE SECOND Achievement Day, April 23, 1939, the Serve-All club gave a panel discussion on "How Do Farm" People Live in Comparison with the City People.

The lessons during the thirties were homemakers challenge and correlated with the hard times. The old saying, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without," was heard throughout the

Excellent circulars included the "ABC's of Mending and Repairing Clothing," "Using Home Resources," "Making Home Resources," "Making Soap," and others were used.

The club was encouraged to devote more time to reading, music, art and community ac music, ari and community ac-tivities. When the R.E.A. made its entry into the county in the early forties, lessons in-cluded "Lighting in the Home" and "Updating Homes in Kitchen Improvements and Electrical Appliances."

interesting lessons included "War-time meals: food and nutrition," "Making "over clothes," "Sewing for the Red Cross," and "Home Nursing."

Most clubs also updated heir constitutions at the time nd the "Serve-All" club boasted its largest enrollment

The first Achievement Day

. The County Extension Coun-

DURING THE WAR years, precinct.

When the state council reorganized in late 1947, the club changed. Beginning in January, 1948, the extension or project clubs were called theme.

of twenty in 1948.

The club joined the Wakefield Hospital Auxiliary



THE SERVE-ALL Extension Club, organized in 1935, is pictured on guest day in 1946.

for several years and in 1948, participated in the County

THE FIRST BOOTH was entitled "Color in the Home," and the club has had a booth titled

almost every year since.

The club's first Christmas Smogasbord, held in 1946, was also attended by several past members. After a few years, the husbands were also guests in the evening. Members have enjoyed their Christmas din-ner at a local restaurant in the most recent years.

The club sent relief packages to a family near Narvik, Norway, and continued for several years since 1946. One of the members still continues correspondence

Over the years, the club has donated to many organiza-tions, local and state. Bir-thdays, Valentine's Day, and Christmas were remembered for five patients of the "Shady Nursing Home, Wakefield.

SINCE THE BUILDING of the new care center, the club entertains three times a year with Bingo, prizes and refreshments. The clubs also help collect for the April Cancer Crusade in the Logan

The club participates in the county goals, writes to con-gressmen and five members have also served on the elec-tion board in the Logan

cookbooks and mailbox markers were sold at one time. by club members.

in 1950, club members made In 1950, club members made two United Nations flags and-presented one to the County Superintendent of Rural Schools in Wayne County and one to the Wakefield Library.

THE CLUB HONORS all members on their silver and golden anniversaries with a

All: club members have served on the county council at some time and three have served as county chairmen. include Mrs. Alvin Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Carlson and Mrs. August Longe. Mrs. Longe also served as District E director in 1956

Many of the members have attended the state conventions and county tours, plus the Friendship Goer's Annual din-

Mrs. Gus Longe and Mrs. Kenneth Gustafson were chairmen for two county Spring tours to Omaha and Lin-coln and Alice Longe was Chairman for the county farm tour in 1952.

SEVERAL MEMBERS honored with the Neighbor'' and Homemaker awards.

Recipients have been Alice Longe in 1960; Mrs. Gus Longe in 1955; Mrs. Lawrence Carlson and Mrs. Alvin Johnson.

y events include Sisters," which are I at the Christmas revealed at Party, one craft lesson a year, a club tour in June and a pic-

nic in July.

Club anniversaries have been celebrated every five years since the 20th, with

members as guests.
IN 1955, THE 20th was celebrated in Wakefield; the 25th was celebrated in Wayne in 1960; the 30th in 1965; the 35th (1970) in Wakefield and the 40th in Wayne in 1975. The club will celebrate their

Boy Scouts of Wayne are organized in 1914

Boys Scouts of Wayne was organized in 1914 with W.R. Ellis and Paul Mines as Bechenhauer became leader and in 1922, Prof. A.F. Gulliver took over the leader

During that time they ap-lied for registration known as

National Scouts was incor porated on Feb. 8, 1910 and by 1929 the country was divided into regions, councils and

The Wayne area was assigned to the Covered Wagon Council No. 326 with head-quarters in Omaha, and Troop 1 became Troop 174.

PROFESSOR GULLIVER WAS troop leader for 27 years and the troop has been

and the troop has been registered every year since. In 1925, Prof. K.N. Parke and T.S. Hook were leaders of another troop, number then unknown. However, it was registered as Troop 175 in 1929 with Walter Albert as troop

The troop was not registered 1030 to 1944, but has

registered every year since.

Troop 221 organized in 1968
with Jewell Schock as first troop leader. In 1976, the troop

PACK 174 WAS STARTED in 1959 and disbanded in 1967 In 1968, Pack 221, wa

started with Steve Braasch as first cubmaster and the Pack has registered every year

Pack 175 started in 1945 with J.W. Sutherland as cubmaster

w.R. Wiltse of Wayne was among the five men to start the pack, which consisted of 31

nembers.
CUB SCOUTS ENJOY the pinewood derby held each year, weekend campouts with parents and the annual Scout-

Boy Scouts not only work on badges and skill awards but

badges and skill awards but they also enjoy trips. Troop 175 went to New York in 1972 and to Yellowstone Park in 1974. They also attend Camp Eagle and Camp Cedars, which are council-owned

Boy Scout Troop 174 enjoyed trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico in 1979 as well as trips to Col-orado and Minnesota.

MANY BOY SCOUTS have attended the National Cam-poree held in many parts of the country.

The troops and packs are in the Diamond Dick District of the Mid-America Boy Scout Council.

Over the years, the most reer me years, me mosi i cubmasters have been Ivn Koch, John Marlyn Koch, John Rebensdorf, Larry Hasse, Don Sherman and Bill Woehler.

At the present time, Matt Maloy is cubmaster with 10 cubs as members of the pack.

In the fall of 1982, due to the In the fall of 1982, due to the lack of boys, Troop 175, under the scoutmaster of Vern Fairchild and Troop 174, under scoutmasters LeRoy Simpson, Brent Pedersen and Rod Blunck combined their memberships

Klick, Klatter Club formed

Fourteen members organized in October of 1954 to become the Klick and Klatter Extension Club.

The club flower is the yellow nd the official colors are

yellow and brown.

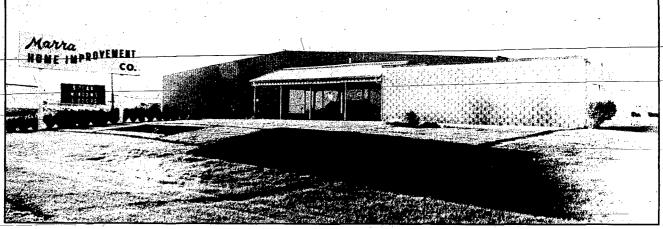
The members are active in supporting country and city projects and the club's motto, "learning by doing," helps in promotion of civic activities. The club's lessons consist of leadership training, study

ANNUAL EVENTS FOR the club consist of an educational tour, guest day and Christmas Highlights of the summer in-

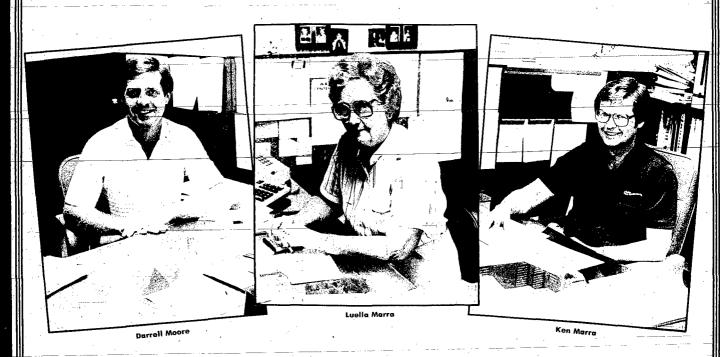
cluded county fair preparation and erecting an extension

The club, which presently has seventeen active members of which four are charter members, is planning to observe their 30th anniverseventeen sary in the fall of 1984.

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







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Women's club promotes formation of Historical Society

For many years the Wayne Women's club sponsored the historical museum. The ladies historical museum. The ladies most actively involved in the project felt that the job was too big for a sideline activity of their club so they began promoting the formation of a Wayne County Historical Society.

As a result, a meeting was held on September 6, 1961 for the purpose of starting a historical society. Those prehistorical society. Those present at that meeting were:

Mrs. Jessie Reynolds, Mrs.
Art (Maude) Auker, Mrs.
John Owens, Mrs. Chas.
Heikes, Mrs. Dave
Theophilus, Mrs. Dorothy
Nyberg, Mrs. Don Wightman
and Mr. Ted Hook, who was
selected as chairman. selected as chairman.

selected as chairman.
This group decided that it
was desirable to incorporate
the organization and Mrs.
Wightman moved the chairman appoint a committee to look into the steps that were necessary to do so. A committee was appointed to supply a list of process from which a list of persons from which a governing body would be nominated

Maude Auker submitted the following names of persons who had donated and seemed interested in a society — Fred Kemp, Ray Agler, Ralph Beckenhauer, Robert Boeckenhauer, Walt Bressler, Dave Hamer, George Noakes, Ralph Crocket, W.R. Ellis, Brent Fleetwood, Herman Frese, Chas. Heikes, Steve Porter, Dr. T.T. Jones, Irving Moses, Cob Olson, Ross Porterfield, Martin Ringer, Dave Theophilus, George Buskirk, Howard James, Max Ash, C.H. Morris, Carl Wright

SHE ALSO LISTED the name of the ladies who had worked at the museum — Jessie Reynolds, Mrs. H. Jessie Reynolds, Mrs. H. Seace, Mrs. Grant Simmer-man, Mrs. John Owens, Mrs. George Noakes, Mrs. Dan Lamb, Mrs. O.G. Nelson, Mrs. J.H. Brugger, Pearle Sewell. J.H.: Brugger, Pearle Sewell, Mrs. Dave Theophilus, Mrs. Dave Hamer, Mrs. Chas. Heikes, Mrs. Basil Osborn, Mrs. H.H. Hahn, Mrs. Julie Perdue, Mrs. Lottie Perrin, Miss Faye Brittain, Mrs. Steve Porter, Mrs. Abe Dolph and Mrs. Irve Pead Sha also and Mrs. Irve Reed. She also listed Mrs. Hilton and Leona

Bahde as interested.

At that time the following ladies were on the museum. committee of the Woman's - Mrs. Art Brune, Mrs K.C. Danielson, Mrs. O.G. Nelson, Mrs. Stanley Morris, Mrs. Irve Reed and Miss Pearl Sewell.

Peart Sewell.

Special recognition should
be given to Jessie Reynolds
who catalogued all the exhibits that were in the museum when it was manag

ed by the Woman's Club.

On October 19, 1961 a meeting was held in the office meeting was held in the office of the county judge for the purpose of organizing the Wayne County Historical Society. Those present were — T.S. of the compose of organizing incompose of organizing incompose of organizing incompose of the control of the co

MR. McDERMOTT explain ed the steps necessary to organize and incorporate a non-profit organization the group voted to have him prepare a draft of the articles of incorporation and decided that the number of directors would be not less than 5 or more than 9.

The next meeting was on December 7, 1961 at the same place with the following present: Charles McDermott Mrs. Art Auker, T.S. Hook, Mrs. J.A. Reynolds, Mrs. Dave Theophilus and David J. Hamer. At this time the of-ficial name "The Wayne Coun-

Mr. McDermott now did the necessary work Involved in setting up the corporation and on February 28, 1962 the Articles of Incorporation of the Wayne County Historical Society were filed with the secretary of state.

On March 29, 1962 Mrs. J.A. Reynolds, Mrs. Arthur Auker, Mrs. Dave Theophilus, M.R. Johnson, David J. Hamer and Robert Boeckenhauer met at

Robert Boeckenhauer met at the judge's office to discuss a proposed constitution and by-laws. At that time an annual membership fee of \$2 was

ON APRIL 4, 1962 the following persons met at the courthouse — T.S. Hook, David J. Hamer, J.R. Johnson, Mrs. Dave Theophilus, Mrs. Arthur Auker, Mrs. J.A. Reynolds Charles McDermott and Auker, Mrs. J.A. Reynolds, Charles McDermott and Robert Boeckenhauer. At this time the constitution and by-

time the constitution and by-laws were adopted. The first annual meeting of the Society was held on September 24, 1962. The treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$272. This in-cluded \$10 each from the Wayne Women's Club, Mrs. Arthur Auker, Mrs. Dorothy Nyberg, Mrs. J.A. Reynolds, and T.S. Hook, Hazel Abel of Lincoln and Herman Lundberg each gave \$100 and 11 memberships at \$2 each were recorded. Expenditures, all incurred in conjunction with the incorporation procedures, were \$7 to secretary of state \$10.50 to the county clerk and \$24.02 to the Wayne Herald. At that time the officers were — President, T.S. Hook;

Vice President, J.R. Johnson: nd Secretary-Treasurer, obert Boeckenhauer. The next project was the ac-

quiring of a site for the museum. Since the railroad no longer provided passenger service on the line thru Wayne, that part of the depot was no longer being used. President Hook corresponded with the railroad company to determine if the society could use the east end of the depoi for the museum as many of the board thought it would be a

AT FIRST THE railroad asked \$50 per month rent and the society would have to put a restroom in the west end of the depot for the railroad workers. The board thought that they wouldn't be able to pay that much so Mr. Hook again wrote to the company,

explaining the situation.

This time the railroad agreed to take \$50 per year but the museum would have to be moved upon 30 days notice if out of the picture.

The Julia Perdue property Ine Julia Perdue property just west of the Benthack Clinic was considered for a time as was the former Ar-mory just west of the college on Main Street. These propers would have to be purchas-and efforts to raise the

money bogged down.
Mrs. A.V. Teed offered to wis. A.V. leed offered to give her former home in the center of the block just west of Lincoln and north of Second Street in Wayne. There were certain requirements that had to be met such as the naming of the museum after her husband, and the preservation of the plants and trees on the lot,

THE BOARD OF directors decided that the house was too small, access was poor because visitors would have to

ty Historical Society, Inc." that the old county jail and Laura E. Lyons, Mrs. Ben sheriff's residence could be Gearhard Morrison, Mr. and used, but it was not in very Mrs. Nate. good condition so that was discarded.

Then what seemed to be an excellent opportunity presented itself. The owners of the property at 6th and Main Street were willing to give the society the house on their lot providing that they moved it away so they could build a fill-

ing station.

Mrs. Clarence Sorensen would give a tract of land across from the airport providing that the historical museum would be located there. So the board of directors voted to accept both of-fers and made plans of action.

JOHN KAY WAS willing to move the house and dig the basement for a very reasonable fee. When that was done, the mason who had agreed to build the foundation failed to do the job, so Howard Beckenhauer agreed to do it.

Henry Doring, Wayne
Gillitand and Robert Gilliland and Robert Boeckenhauer were his assistants and the house was finally set down on the founda

tion.

The city of Wayne wanted to get rid of a log cabin that was in one of the parks southeast of the college. The city street department crew loaded it on Robert Boeckenhauer's hay wagon and he unloaded on the museum grounds.

The Wayne County Public Power District furnished some poles to set it on so the bottom logs would not rot from setting on the ground. Gordon Emery renovated the building as a project for a boy scout

then decided that they would try to find someone with a mobile home who would live out there and thus control van-dalism and theft of the property. A well was put in to furnish water for the mobile home and

restrooms in the museum.

The city built the power lines to the site. Future plans included acquiring a barn to shelter an exhibit of antique farm machinery.

Then the bomb fell. The

highway department moved access which the society had been using and gave i Logan Valley Implement. appeals that were made to the appeals that were made to the department were futile as they thought the society could share an access that was about 50 feet east of the museum propety with the ad-

joining property owner.

The board then tried to buy a right of way from the access to the museum property but the price was too high. By that time, vandals had stolen some of the antique windows and the pigeons had moved Sorensen took her property

THE WAYNE COUNTY HE WAYNE COUNTY
Historical Society sponsored
the Wayne Historical Marker
which was dedicated on Sunday, July '26, 1964. It was
erected at the Wayne
Municipal Airport.
Those who contributed to

Those who contributed to fund for the marker were Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Faculty Club of Wayne State, Wayne Kiwanis Club, Wayne Lions Club, Beat 'Em All 4-H Club-Wayne, Wayne Women's Club, Wayne County Farm Bureau, Rural Home Society-Wakefield, Mr. George Noakes-Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Theophilus, Miss Leona Bahde, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Thompson, First because visitors would have to National Bank, State National Park out on the street and Bank, Winside State Bank, walk up an alley to the house. Carroll Farmers State Bank, When the new county jail Hoskins Commercial State was bullt, someone suggested Bank. From California

At the annual fall meeting of the Society on September 1975 the society was offered the Ley family home to be us-ed as a museum. The group accepted with thanks.

Officers for the coming year were President, Mrs. Lucille Larson; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Bert; Secretary, Mrs. Alvin Ehlers; Treasury, Mrs. Wayne Tietgen, Other board ere Leon Meyer Mrs. Terry Bartling, Willis Johnson, Mrs. Jim Corbit, Wayne Wessel, Cletus Sharer, Bob Bergt and Alvin Enlers.

THE BOARD attended a ounty commissioners meeting to see if they could get county money to help maintain the Ley house, no county

During February, 1976, the Commission gave the Historical Society \$2000 to be used to maintain the Ley Museum: There were now 162 paid members.

During April, 1976, the Questors Club offered to prepare the Ley house for a museum. The society approved to lease the Ley house until the tax exempt approval

the tax exempt approval became effective. After everything was moved into the museum and catalogued an old fashioned tree decorating party was held

IN AUGUST, 1977, 'Henry Ley delivered the deed for the Ley House to Leon Meyer and also \$2500 contributed by the Lev children to the society.

November, 1977, Lawyer Ken Olds prepared papers to transfer the east property back to Mrs. Mabel Sorensen. Ivan Freeze is willing to purchase the property from her Mrs. Sorensen intends to revert the proceeds from the to the historical

On February, 1978, the Budget and Audit Committee requested \$2500 and were granted that amount from inty commissioner

HISTORICAL SOCIETY sponsored a "Parade of Table, Fashlons" in April 1978 and a profit of 136,40 was realized The State National Bar

donated 3 massive ornate concrete blocks from remodeling of the bank. It was decided to use 2 of them to face a flower box at the southeast corner of the house where the sign and flag pole will be installed

A nùmber of articles and furniture have been donated to the museum and the Ley house is open for tours on Sun day, from May until fall. Mrs.
Wilma Johnson is the curator.
On April 1, 1979 a lawn

watering system was install ed, another 3 Show was held. Table Fashion

THE HISTORICAL SOCIE TY organized and planned the printing of a Wayne County History Book to be published by Toylar Publishing Co. of Dallas, Tx. A total of 892 family stories were received. The topics contained 26,000 words. A total of 627 books have been sold plus 18,75 special pages.

By December, 1981, Wilma Johnson reported there had been 8,000 visitors to see the

been 8,000 visitors to see the museum. Wilma made a script for tour guides to use. It will be put on tape.

In July, 1982, Wilma Johnson died after losing a battle with cancer. She was greatly missed. One room in the museum will be named in her memory. Donna Shufelt and Stan Johnson have been appointed new co-curators. appointed new co-curators.

In September, 1983, the hy In September, 1983, me by-laws were rewritten and were adopted October, 1983. A Christmas party was held November 27 with decorating of the museum

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 already 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, open house was held August 5, 1984 from 2 to 6 with the Wayne Kiwanis holding a watermelon feed on the tennis courts north of the museum

The final accounting of the repair and restoration has not been made as there is still a cogsiderable amount of to be done.

-Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

and Bessie Baier

OLD-FASHIONED SERVICE. MODERN MEAT PROCESSING



Cliff Johnson and his horse 'Old Jim' were a common sight on We streets in the 1920's, when Cliff worked for Denbeck's Market.

The corner meat market could go in and have meat cut the way you wanted it, where you could custom-order a quarter of beef and know that it would be processed according to your

It's still that way at Johnson Frozen Foods, where we've been Wayne's meat market since 1940. Clifford Johnson, long-time owner of Johnson Frozen Foods, began working in the meat business as a teenager, apprenticed with Denbeck's Market. Among other duties, he made deliveries with his faithful horse 'Old Jim' and a two-wheeled cart in the 1920's.

In 1940, he opened his own processing business. Larry purchased the oss in 1977, and has continued the tradition of fine meats and the latest in

reaction of the means and the process of the packing equipment.

The number of meat products offered by Johnson's Frozen Foods has nearly doubled in the last ten years. Slaughter-

ing, processing, curing, sausage-m and smoked meats are all part of the and smoked mears are all part of the Johnson line. Name brand products in-cluding Wimmer's, Nebraskaland Pro-ducts and John Morrell are sold along with Johnson's own WillCliff brand (a combination of Wilma and Cliff Johnson's names). While we carry major brands, we are producing many more of our own fine meat products.

Johnson's is also entering the catering field, preparing dell trays and meats for wedding receptions and other celebra-tions. Gift boxes and gift certificates are also available to our customers.

Johnson's slaughtering plant is located eight blocks west of its store at 116 West Third. Larry, active in both state and national meat processing organizations, is the current president of the Nebraska Association of Meat Processors.

Selling the best cuts of meat for the best price: that's a philosophy that works for Johnson Frozen Foods.



JOHNSON'S **FROZEN FOODS**

116 West Third Wayne, Nebraska 375-1100



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

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 he Wayne community healthy is the primary goal **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

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.





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 1986.

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

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East 10th Street 375-1555

East Hwy. 35 375-1541

First mass celebrated in Wayne in 1882

the town of Wayne was platted

and homes were built.

Among the early settlers who came with the railroad as were and Maurice Ahern, the latter the founder of the Ahern Department Store, a landmark in Wayne for many years.

Through the two men's ef-

forts, Father Horn from West Point came in the spring of 1882, celebrating Mass at the home of John B. Geitzen.

TWENTY-FIVE people were present at this first Mass, among whom were John B. Geitzen, John P. Gaertner, M.P. Ahern, Amadi Chaon, and John J. Tracy, who was a brother to Father Tracy, who brought the Tracy Catholic Colony from New York to old St. John's, now

known as Jackson, Nebraska. Father Horn was succeeded by Father Carney of Norfolk, who attended Wayne Mission for two years. He held Mass at the Geitzen home until 1883 when the family left Wayne. Mass was then said at home of M.P. Ahern and the old courthouse was later used.

Father Carney was succeeded by Rev. Father Daniel-Moriarty of Lyons who also attended Emerson and Wayne in addition to other Missions near his residence

The home of Mr. Ahern and the old courthouse was used by Father Moriarty for some

THE YEAR following Father Moriarty's arrival in 1885, the first church was erected on a site in the north of town, now known as oth and Main Street.

At that time, there were few members, but under the ef-forts of the pastor, the church was built and paid for.

To assist towards decreas ing the debt, a fair was held in the winter of 1886, which was handled successfully, the receipts above expenses

amounting to over \$500.

In 1887, Father Moriarty
was appointed first resident
pastor of Wayne, remaining
for about a year. He was succeeded by Father Mugan who also remained for one year.

During this time, a First Holy Communion class was held,

improvements made

FATHER WALLACE came in February, 1890, remaining until that fall when he left for England.

Father Wallace, who suc-ceeded Father Barry, was transferred to Emerson after one year. Wayne, which had no rectory, again became a

In 1896 a change was made, with Wayne and Dixon coming under the charge of the sam pastor. Wayne was designated as the place for the pastor to reside in and Father McGrath moved from Dixon to Wayne.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, a house and three lots were purchased nearer the city and the church was moved to the location on East Fourth

Father McGrath remained nearly two years and was suc-ceeded by Father James B. Fitzgerald, who remained for

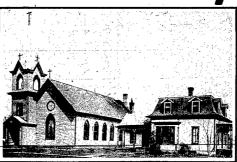
ve years. During his pastorate, the hurch enjoyed a substantial growth in membership and all

indebtedness was paid off. Father Weber succeeded him, remaining one year. During the administration of Father T.P. Haley, who came in December, 1902, the church had been doubled, a church tower built and new alters, seats, confessional, bell and other items were obtained for church, house and

WHEN FATHER HALEY was appointed to the Wayne Parish, Dixon was attached to it. In 1903 a pastoral residence was purchased at Dixon.
Plans were also made to build
a church at Carroll, and on
January 1, 1904, the first Mass was said in the new church at Carroll. It was named Our Lady of Sorrows and became a mission of Wayne.

Another addition was also made to the Wayne Parish. A committee of three men made of John Gaertner, T. bran and Wendell Baker, secured two and one-half acres of land from the Wayne

Public Cemetery Association.
This burial spot, used exclusively by the catholics of Wayne County, is a memorial



THE CONGREGATION'S first church and parsonage

In 1906 Father Haley resign ed to take up a course of study in the Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and was succeeded by Father William

FATHER KEARNS, who came to the parish in September of that year, had served as assistant to St. Philomena's in Omaha and as Chaplein to the sister series.

Shepherd in the same city.

Mary's at Wayne for 44 years and Our Lady of Sorrows Church at Carroll for 40 years,

were made in the church and in the rectory. He also established the annual vacation school of teaching nuns for the benefit of the children of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Sorrows at Carroll, He retired in 1950 and made his home in California.

ON NOVEMBER 4, 1950, the Reverend Father Robert Hupp, became pastor of St. Mary's in Wayne.

Father Hupp had previou served as Navy Chaplain for Margaret Mary's in Omaha, supervisor of all C.Y.O activities in Omaha and chaplalin at the Good Omaha and the Good Shepherd Home.
Father Hupp's stay

Wayne was only two and onehalf years, but in that time the rectory was renovated and necessary new equipment was

Mary's Men's Club, a unit of previously served for three forty charter members who years as chaptain in the U.S.

worked with the pastor and St organization in the church) for improvements of the parish

HE ALSO ORGANIZED the St. Mary's C.Y.O., St. Peter's and St. Joseph's Couples Study Clubs, and the senior and junior choirs. As part of his pastoral duties, he acted as moderator of the Newman Club at Wayne State College.

The highlight of Father Hupp's years in Wayne was the building of a parochial grade school. Six acres of land on East Seventh Street were purchased for the school site

With the cooperation of the parishioners, the necessary funds were collected to begin operations. Mr. E.J. Huntimer, an architect formerly

of Wayne, drew the plans. Mr. Frank Theilman, home contractor, began con-struction. Ground was broken on Sept. 8, 1952 and by June of 1953 the building was enclosed, the furnace was in, cement floors were laid in the kitchen and auditorium and desks for

A BUILDING HAD been purchased from the state to be used as a convent for the four Benedictine Sisters, who were sent from the Mother House at

On June 13, with the school project near completion, Father Hupp was transferred back to Omaha to undertake the building of the new Christ the King Parish.

He was succeeded by Rev Father Wm. C. Kleffman of St Rose, Hooper, and St Lawrence, Scribner Parishes

Sacraassistant at Blessed Sacra-ment Church in Omaha before coming to Hooper and was moderator of the Fremont Deanery.

FATHER KLEFFMAN had the task of completing the building and furnishing of the school, which opened on Sept. 8, 1953, with an enrollment of 43 pupils, just one year after ground was broken. Father Kleffman obtained the furnishings for the chapel

including altar, pews, a taber monstrance. dlesticks for the altar tions of the cross, a Baby Estey electric organ for the chapel and a Wurlitzer Spinet organ for the church.

A modern kitchen was in-stalled and the grounds were leveled off and prepared for landscaping. The Sister's Convent was also moved to a more convenient site and entirely

Father Kleffman directed both choirs and organized the St. Mary's Boys and Girls Safety Patrol. He served St. Mary's until August of 1968, when he was called by the Ar chbishop to become pastor of St. Agnes Church in Omaha.

BEFORE LEAVING, he worked with James Loftus of the Architectural Firm of Loftus and Denny to plan, design and draw up blueprints for a new church in Wayne.

Space was badly needed to accomodate the increasing number of Catholic students at Wayne State College and members of the parish In August of 1968, Father

Paul J. Begley was appointed the new pastor of St. Mary's. He had served as pastor of Mary's Church in Hubbard for the four previous years. A native of Omaha, he had

been ordained for 13 years when he arrived in Wayne. Shortly after his arrival, a new rectory was purchased at 723 Walnut Drive.

ST. MARY'S PARISH had a big moment in April of 1965 when ground was broken for new church. Results were seen by members of the building committee, who had been appointed in 1968. Dan Sherry, Felix Dorcey, Ted Armbruster, Jim Keating

and John F. - Einung were

beginning to see their many hours of meetings were not in vain

The new church, a one-story building, had a full basement with a concrete floor and finished restrooms. Also a basement with a social hall and a kitchen

407 seat nave, a family room, a confessional room, sacristies and a 34-foot wide

ST. MARY'S WAS dedicated on June 6, 1971. Concelebrants of the dedication Mass were His Excellency Daniel E. Sheehan, Archbishop of Omaha, Rev. Robert P. Hupp and Rev. Paul J. Begley.

The homily was given by Archbishop Sheehan and Master of Cermonies was Rev. Anthony Milone. Assistants to His Excellency were Rev. Alfred F. Hoesing and Rev. Richard A. Wolbach. A banquet was also held at Wayne State College Student

Center, Toastmaster was Dan erry and recognition were to the honored guests

given by Remarks were given by Father Hupp, Father Begley, Kent Hall, the mayor of Wayne; and Dr. W.A. Brandenderg, president of Wayne State College.

FATHER BEGLEY WAS moved from Wayne to Bellevue in June of 1974, when Father Tom McDermott came here from St. Patrick's in Bat-

tle Creek.
The 1,400 pound bell, which
was moved from the old
church, was shipped from
Philadelphia by train in 1902.
A bell tower was constructed
during Father McDermott's pastorate.

The old church and par sonage were sold on Febr. 12, 1972, and the purchaser converted the church into seven apartment units.

After spending seven years in Wayne, Father McDermott was sent to Omaha in June, 1981, to start the new parish of St. Elizabeth Ann

FATHER JIM Buschelman came as St. Mary's replacement from St. John's Vionney

On Aug. 15, 1982, the parish celebrated its Centennial with a special outdoor Mass, and a burning of the mortgage.

Beginnings in 1960

Hospital Auxiliary serves needs of Providence Medical Center

The Wayne Hospital Auxillary began in January, 1960, when the Wayne Woman's Club wanted to give members of the community an oppor tunity to use spare time to help with needed hospital service.

The club voted to sponsor the organization and Mrs. R.W. Casper, Wayne Woman's Club representative, served as chairman for the project. On Febr. 6, 1960, the Wayne Woman's Club met to discuss

world sclub met to discuss the possibility. With 55 ladies present,—Mrs. R.W. Casper was voted to serve as temporary chairman and Mrs. Raymond Schreiner as temorary secretary.

The committee working

The committee working on the project consisted of Mrs. R.W. Casper, Mrs. Don Wightman, Mrs. Ed Smith, Mrs. E.L. Seiberling, Mrs. Chris Tietgen, Mrs. R.A. Schreiner and Mrs. W.G. Schulz was representative of the hospital board.

FUNCTIONS OF THE hospital auxiliary were ex-

projects to buy designated items for the hospital were discussed. first officers elected

were Mrs. R.W. Casper, president; Mrs. Herman Stuve, vice president; Mrs. F.I. Moses, secretary; and Mrs. David Garwood, treasurer.

Serving on the constitution and by-laws committee were Mrs. Lloyd Behmer, Miss Laura Fredrickson, Mrs. J.M. Strahan, Mrs. Orville Sherry, and Mrs. F.E. Moses was Committees were also set up

Committees were also set up at the first meeting on March 3. They included Mrs. Norbert Brugger, sewing; Mrs. Martin Pohlemus, gift shop; Mrs. Ed Smith, membership; Mrs. Clarence Sorenson, social; Mrs. David Hamer, literature. Mrs. Richard Sorenson, social Hamer, Mrs. David Hamer, literature; Mrs. Richard Kern, favors (tray); Mrs. Floyd Hupp, canning and jellies; Mrs. F.S. Morgan, nominating; Mrs. Willard Wiltse, courtesies; Mrs. Art

Engel, baby alumni; and Mrs. Don Wightman, publicity.

GÚEST PROGRAM SPEAKERS during the first year included Mr. Gael Col-eman, Wayne Community Hospital Administrator; Mrs. George Buskirk, secretary of Wakefield Hospital Auxiliary; Dr. Walter Benthack, M.D.; Dr. O.B. Proett, Presbyterian minister; and Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, R.N., supervisor of

Various program presentations were also given by Mrs orville Sherry, Mrs. Dave Hamer, Mrs. Hobort Auker Hamer, Mrs. Hobort Auker and Mrs. Martin Polhemus. The first Wayne Hospital

Auxiliary Bazaar was held on Saturday, Nov. 19, 1960, in the Wayne City Auditorium. The bazaar grossed \$1,071 and was considered a success.

Although the Baby Alumni records were discontinued in March, 1964, cards are still sent to new mothers.

OTHER COMMITTEES

plained and money raising Auker, historian; Mrs. John THAT have been discontinued through the years are sewing and mending, canning and jellies, social, courtesies and literature

The auxiliary's current membership is 139, which is down compared to the 1960 membership of 220

The hospital's Gift Shop has made great progress over the years. The first shop was organized at the Wayne City Hospital in 1960 by Mrs. Martin Polhemus, gift shop chairman and the committee.

Handmade gift items were displayed in a glass showcase at the hospital.

THE HOSPITAL GIFT shop was transferred to the newly-built Providence Medical Center in 1975 by the gift shop chairman, Mrs. Robert Benthack and committee.

The new shop space enabled the auxiliary to display more items and profits increased. All profits from the gift shop continue to go toward the purchase of hospital equipment.

A cow in church?

Halloween was on Saturday night. The Presbyterians re doing some work on their church so they were having vices in the assembly room at the high school. When the worshipers came to church that Sunday they

found that some gremlins had led a local cow up the steps and tied her between two rows of seats.

Although the cow was not very anxious to descend the stairs, several men persuaded her to do so and with scoop,

broom and mop cleaned up the mess she had made

ose that such an event would make the

- Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

First Scattered Neighbors meeting in January 1954

The first meeting of the were written by Mrs. Warren Scattered Neighbors Home 15, 1954, with eight ladies pre

Six joined the club that day and four more ladies joined at the next meeting.

At the second meeting, the

scattered neighbors name was chosen and the rose

name was selected as club nows.
The club colors of orchid and silver were chosen and words to the club song, "Happy, Happy Little Club,".

Marotz.
THE CONSTITUTION WAS

adopted Sept. 15, 1954, for the new club. Original charter members who still-remain in the club are Mrs. Dale (Lois) Krueger, Mrs. Clarence (Arlene) Pfeiffer, Mrs. Charles (Veryl) Jackson and Warren (LaJeane) Marotz

Names of nutshell friends, similar to secret sisters, were drawn by members as a club

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St. Paul's organized for unchurched settlers

In the year 1880, 12 years after the first homestead had been taken in Wayne County and one year before the com-ing of the railroad, the story of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church began. Evangelical

Concern for the spiritual welfare of the scattered and unchurched settlers in Wayne County, many of whom were Lutheran, led Rev. G.H. Schnur, Sr. to visit Logan spiritual

Valley.

On April 5, 1880, he preached

the first Lutheran sermon in
the county at LaPorte;

SERVICES WERE held at intervals for a year and a half at Kluever's schoolhouse, Str-inger's and Kluever's residences, and at LaPorte.

In the fall of 1881, the group was ready to organize a con-gregation. An organizational meeting was held at LaPorte courthouse on Sept. 25, 1881, but the location of the church

was to be at Wayne.

St. Paul's became the first congregation organized in

Rev. Schnur accepted a call as pastor and the congrega-tion applied to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America for financial aid.

On Oct. 5, 1881, the conregaton joined the vangelical Lutheran Synod Nebraska, assembled at gregaton

REV. SCHNUR bought a quarter section of land one mile south of the Wayne depot and became the first resident pastor of any denomination in

The congregation decided to build an 18 x 26 foot chapel and three lots were purchased on the southeast corner of Fourth and Logan streets and building was begun.

The chapel was completed in January, 1882, and the congregation adopted a constitution and organized a Sunday

By the end of 1883, the chapel had become too small for the needs of the congregation and a new site had been secured on the southeast corof Fifth and Pearl streets, the present location of the

On Aug. 2, 1885, Rev. Schnur resigned and it was more than half a year before a successor was found in Rev. M.L.

TWO MONTHS later the ser vices of Rev. E.F. Mueller was secured for German ser-

1888, at the congregation was about 100.

1888, at the congregation was about 100.

On April 14, 1912, Revition's annual meeting, Ringer announced his resignation after 12½ years as pastor. Pourth and Logan.

The chapel had been sold

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and Pearl'streets, where it served as the pastor's residence for a time.

residence for a time.

At the beginning of 1892, the reported membership of the congregation was 53. Times were difficult, and despite the earnest labors of Rev. Melick, the church membership was decreasing. Nevertheless, work went on for improvements in the church. work went on for im-provements in the church.

On May 29, 1892, Rev. Melick read his resignation and Rev. M.L. Kunkelman took charge on Dec. 1, 1893.

AS A RESULT of the long vacancy, the Sunday School-had been closed for a year or more and services had been held only occasionally in the

After the new pastor's arrival, in two years the Sunday School reported an enrollment of 89, while 48 members had been added to the church and attendance at services averaged about 100 for a time.

Rev. Kunkelman resigned in the early part of 1896 and was succeeded on April 1 by Rev. V.C. Eckhart.

When Rev. Eckhart left, the

congregation was without a pastor for two and a half years. There were only seven members left, but the western secretaries of the mission boards promised them a new

Rev. C.J. Ringer took charge of the work at St. Paul's Church on Dec. 1, 1899 and organized a church coun

cil.

By Oct. 7, 1900, the church for the church and undertake the purchase of a parsonage.

FOLLOWING APPROVAL by the congregation, the pro-perty adjoining the church on the south was bought. During Rev. Ringer's ministry the Ladies Aid was

reorganized and a Young Peo-

Ple's Christian Endeavor Society was organized. The family of the church's organizer, Rev. G.H. Schnur, offered to present an altar and a pulpit with appropriate fur-nishings, and a window in the shape of a cross above the altar to the church.

Necessary alterations were made in the front part of the church. The east end of the church was rebuilt, a chancel and a study for the pastor were both added.

A baptismal font was given by Rev. L.M. Kuhns and his brothers in memory of their parents, pioneer Lutheran

A rededication service for

chison, Kan., became a supply pastor for the congregation. He preached his first sermon in Wayne on May 5, 1912, and remained during the summer.

In the fall, he returned to the seminary and Rev. J. Kuhn served as supply pastor until Mr. Blessing's return the following Spring.
On May 3, 1914, a regular

call was extended to him. His work was cut short by his sudden death on Sept. 20, 1915, at the age of 28 years.

On Dec. 26, 1915, the con-

gregation unanimously called Rev. J.H. Fetterolf. He ac-cepted and took-charge-on-March 1, 1916.

Various improvements were made on the church property, including cement walks, a furnace, modern plumbing for the parsonage and an enlarged platform for the church:

A LUTHER LEAGUE was organized at this time and they presented a new organ to

the congregation in 1917.
On June 8, 1924, Rev. Fetterolf resigned and Rev. Coy
L. Stager took charge of the work on Oct. 19, 1924.

Plans were revived to build a basement for Sunday School and other meeting purposes. On July 12, 1925, the congregation voted to carry plans into effect and by spring, the base-ment was ready to provide room for various activities in the church.

In 1925, the gift of a new church bell was given by Robert Stambaugh. The Light Brigade, which

and been discontinued, was reorganized again by the Women's Missionary Society in November, 1925. It remain-ed active until June 1, 1939,

ed active until June 1, 1939, when it took up the work of a new group called "The Children of the Church." a On March 20, 1927, Rev. Stager resigned and was succeeded. by Rev. C. HF. Krueger who took over in August, 1927 and remained for 13 months. 13 months.

Rev. W. C. Heidenreich succeeded him, coming to Wayne on Dec. 1, 1928. The eleven years of his pastorate were some of the most difficult in the congregation, due to the financial crash in 1929 and the drought years.

drought years. In 1931 the Women's Missionary Society resumed its work after a period of inac-tion. A year late a Young Women's Missionary Society was formed, remaining active until April, 1938.

REV. GIESCHEN came to Wayne in 1940, following Rev. Heidenreich's term, which came to a close on Oct. 15>

Previous to his arrival, the congregation had completely renovated the interior of the parsonage.

The church was redecorated

Pastor Gieschen left the parish on Oct. 4, 1942 and Pastor Hendricksen came to serve on Dec. 28. He left St. Paul's in September, 1943.

PASTOR SCHULDT arrived on Nov. 1, 1944, to lead the congregation. In 1945, the congregation voted unanimously to purchase a new pipe organ and it was dedicated in 1947.

Buettler Architects of Sigux City, Ia., were authorized to proceed with improvement plans on the church building in

Pastor Schult resigned to become president of the Nebraska Synod on Aug. 1, 1948, and Pastor Shiery came to serve the congregation.

In that same year, the building committee recommended that a new parsonage and church be constructed when \$50,000 was raised.

THE CONGREGATION voted to build a new church but no parsonage on the present site

The parsonage was moved to 1017 Pearl St. where two lots were purchased in 1950.
In 1952, Pastor Shiery

In 1952, Pastor sniery resigned on Oct. 15 to accept a call to Frackvile, Pa. Two seminary students, Stanley Ecklund and Theodore Youngerman served the con-

Youngerman served the congregation.
Following Pastor Shiery's resignation, the possibility of a merger with St. Paul's sister church, Redeemer Lutheran, was brought before the congregations.

THIS POSSIBILITY was dropped the following year

were accepted in 1952 and Pastor Volker arrived on Dec. 1 to guide the congregation with the building of a new church.

On June 13, 1954, special ground-breaking services were held for the new church. Pastor Schuldt and Pastor Simon of Allen assisted in the

Also in the same year, St. Paul's became a member of the newly merged synod, Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Central States.

ST. PAUL'S observed its 75th Anniversary with a special program and eveningorgan recital.

In 1956, Pastor Volker left to join the faculty at Midland College, Fremont. Pastor Shirck assumed the pastorate on Feb. 1, 1957. In

1958, the congregation voted to purchase the Howard James' lot south of the church for \$4,000 without the buildings.

The 80th Anniversary of St. Paul's was observed with an dinner on Sept. 17, 1961, and an house with an organ recital on Sept. 24.

THE LUTHER League presented their first Living Nativity scene outdoors during the Christmas season. It has become an annual thing since 1961.

In 1962, St. Paul's became a member of the newly-formed

member of the newly-formed (Lutheran Church America) and in 1963 the LCW had to write a new constitution in order to qualify for in order to qualify for membership in the newlyformed synod.

average chlurch attendance was 251 and the average church school attendance was 135. Lenten services averaged

ON DEC. 12, 1965, the mor tgage on the new church building was burned with Dr. Gieschen, president of Central Seminary and also a former pastor, as speaker. In 1966, the congregation purchased the Koplin property

west of the parsonage for

St. Paul's joined with five other local churches other local churches to establish the Wayne State College Cooperative Ministry in 1968.

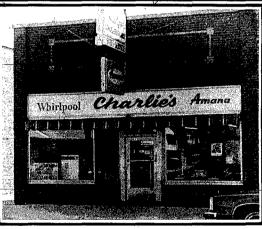
Pastor Schirck resigned to become pastor at St. Luke's in Omaha on Sept. 14, 1968. Pastor Peterson came to serve the congregation on April 13, 1969.

THE GARAGE THE GARAGE on the Koplin property east of the parsonage was sold and moved to make room for a parking

In 1972, a Pastoral Retartions Committee was organized to serve as a support and evaluator of the pastor. The congregation voted in 1975 to hire an architect to draw plans for a ramp to the front door, an educational front door, an educational wing, a parking apron and a parsonage.

congregation's "Strength for Missions" goal

was reached in 1981.
When Pastor Peterson left the congregation, Ted Youngerman began a term as interim pastor.



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uilding.
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Charlie's Refrigeration and Appliance Service bought the business in 1976 and in 1978, Charlie and M



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Faith church organized in 1973 In June, 1978, Faith became

In early 1973, a group of vices each Sunday from the Armory for the next year and home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roemhildt and with Pastor Andrew Domson of Hoskins, they conducted the first worship sevices. service.

These services continued to be held regularly at the Roemhildt home for the next year. At the end of 1973, this met and named itself

Faith Evangelical Lutheran.
The need for a worship facility to accommodate the size of the group became ap-parent very quickly. After a brief search, the armory was rented in March of 1974. Faith began conducting worship ser-

present noise of worship was purchased by Glenn Meyer for use by the group. Worship ser-vices are still held in the building, south of the fairgrounds on Grainland

In 1977, work began in earnest on the constitution of the congregation and incorporation within the state of Nebraska. The articles of in-corporation were drawn up and filed and the constitution member of the Wisconsin vangelical Lutheran Synod

Over its history, Faith has been served by three pastors, Pastor Andrew Domson, Pastor Raymond Beckmann and Pastor Wesley Bruss.

Pastor Bruss of Hoskins serves the congregation in addition to his regular responsibilities at Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church

of Hoskins, The officers of Faith are Clarence Hansen, chairman; Glenn Meyer, vice-chairman; Todd Beiermann, secretary; and Thomas Jones, treasurer. 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 purchas-

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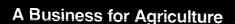
Chemicals of Wayne also has area dealers: Urwiler Oil of Laurel, Carroll Elevator and the Dixon Elevator.

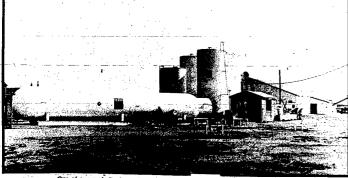
Terra Chemicals of Wayne is a part of a network of 15 Terra Chemical locations. Throughout the state. The Wayne retail plant is part of Terra Chemicals International loc of Siony. City. tional, Inc. of Sioux City.

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.

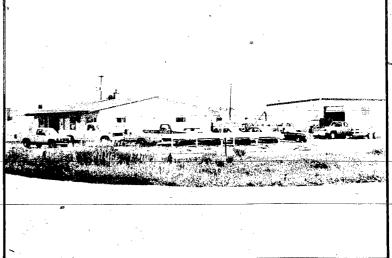
Floater operator Jerel Schroeder, product manager Ronnie Billheimer and secretary Lora Dion round out the Terra Chemical staff.
The regional office headquarters for Terra Chemicals is also located in Wayne

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, secretarios secretaries.





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Clubs & Organizations - 17

Methodist Church begins in LaPorte

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, 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 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

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 Exten-sion Society loaned the class-

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

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

The story of Methodism in Workers Society, organized in Wayne begins with the very March, 1883. The name was earliest history of the town. later changed to Benevolent Prior to the settling of Wayne, 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

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

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 ago underbuilding program got under-way 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

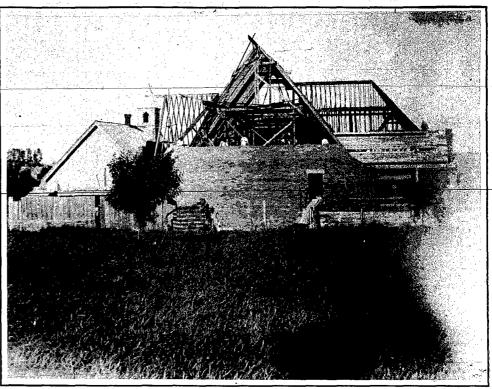
A pipe organ was purchased and presented to the church in 1903. It was one which required a second person pump. Several sessions of the Board were given to finding women to accept this assign-ment. In 1910 the organ was improved by the installation of

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 suc-cessive months. A member of the Board was appointed to have the meter checked.

In 1917, the street in front of In 1917, the street in front of the church was dirt, and the Board voted to have it sprinkl-ed-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

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 sanc-tuary, fellowship hall and cate the offices. This work was completed for dedication during the 100th anniversary of the church in December of 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 Rob Portor

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



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. under the leadership of Robert Porter.
The seven members.

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

people have moved from

Wayne.
THE MEMBERS conduct THE MEMBERS conduct-most of the leader training-lessons during the nine meetings held each year. The club has been active in par-ticipating in the extension ac-tivities offered as well as com-munity events

munity events. Five club members were on

to the club and the club consists of eight members.

Since the club is basically urban, it has had a big turn has made tray favors for the

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

resident at the care cern e, or nually.

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

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

ers have heard county ate competition 4-H and state competition 4-H speeches and demonstrations

4-H alcohol impact team also

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 Pantasy of Trees display. The club has studied and discussed major issues and

discussed major rissues and concerns of local, state and

SOME OF THE members have expressed their concerns

and opinions through letter writing campaigns to political

The club honors new mothers with a shower for the

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 ides of murals throughout slides of murals throughout Wayne County, which are now

located at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln.
MEMBERS HAVE been

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

776 and several members
ave attended state convenons throughout the years.
—Submitted by Verdina Johs

Six Andersons members of first A-Teen club

sion Club has a unique history to its name. The club was originally called the 6-A Pro-ject Club because of the six Andersons who were

members of the organization. These six women were Mesdames Earl, Emmett, Guy, Henry, Iver and Luther

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 educa

nal progra<u>m</u>s in the home. Wrs. Clarence Schroeder elected president of the

IN 1939, WHEN Mrs. Luther Anderson passed away and Mrs. Emmett Anderson mov-ed to Oregon, only four Andersons remained with the group

sons 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 essons of interest were essons of interest wer 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 at tend the meetings. In the winter of 1948 and 1949, some members went to club in a lumber wagon and others walked through snow covered

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

Funds have been raised through bake sales, card par-ties and other donations. Sup-port 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 ban-quets 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 serv-ing as Wayne County chair-man was automatically selected.

Members have helped pro mote 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 Righert Mrs. James Poblages Anderson, Mrs. William Rig-gert, 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

During the 25th anniversary of the Wayne County Council, the club wrote the script and participated in the program. "Whirling through Exten-Club members per formed in costumes represen

1960. - **MEMBERS ALSO** par-MEMBERS ALSO par-ticipated in the celebration of the Nebraska Centennial by preparing a float titled, "Helping Hands across Nebraska"

Nebraska."
Since the celebration of the

"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

The silver anniversary par ty was held at Pentico's Party Room in Pierce with Nikki Syvanen of Finland as the

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

Hoskins, was the site of the club's 30th anniversary Former home extension agent, Myrtle Anderson and

charter members have been home extension agent, Anna honored at each of the celebrations.

"This is your life" was the feature of the 1953 program at Bargstadt, Mrs. Otto Koepke and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder

> JACQUELINE OWENS, the 1983 Wayne County home ex-tension 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

Beginning the 1984 club year as members were Mesdames Earl, Guy and Irving Ander-son, Fred Bargstadt, George Ehlers, Walter Fleer, Jr., Ver-non Hokamp, Duane Krueger, Leslie Kruger, James Robin-son, William Thoendel and Haroid Wittler.

The executive committee members are Mrs. James Robinson, president; Mrs. Duane Kruger, vicepresident; and Mrs. Anderson,

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 May 1, 1977, at the Aerie nome
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. meeting.

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

Our motto is "People help-ing People." With this in mind, we raise money to sup-port the following projects: port 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 A.H. Clubs. and the 4-H Clubs.

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Peoples Natural Gas was founded in 1930. By the end of that year te were providing gas service to customers in 24 midwestern com-

munifies. In 1931, Wayne was included as part of the family of Peoples Natural Gas. By 1932 we were serving 63 communities. Growth con-

tinued as a slow but steady pace during depression years and

tinued as a slow but steady pace during depression years and through the war years as well.

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pricing structures.

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ert of Wayne for the last 54 years.

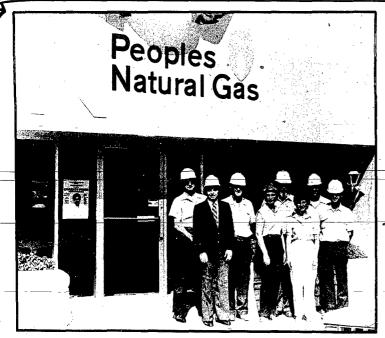
having picnics, steak fries, hayrack rids, and Halloween, Christmas, Valentine, and Easter parties. We also have a men and women's softball team

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

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.
—Submitted by Members



The staff of Peoples Natural Gas includes (back row, left to right) Jim Markham, Sld Pres and Duane Strona: (front row) Koith Mosley, Ruth R. Berglund and Babs-Middleton.



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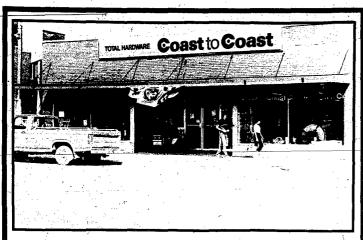
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The business is located in the building that was vacated by the J.M. McDonald Company in April, 1982, It has a retail sales area of approximately 5,300 feet. The Hausmanns moved to Wayne from

St. Paul, Nebraska, where they operated a Coast-to-Coast store for 10 years.

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essional personnel include Dr. Don Koeber and Dr. Larry Magnus: nd, standing, from left, Elaine Lage, Elaine Pinkelman, and Diane Pi

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 2! 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 Stoux 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 multi 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.

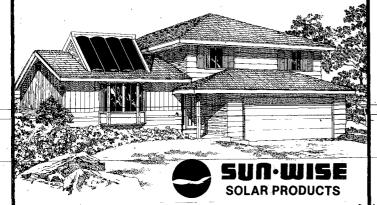


The Koeber family has been a part of the Wayne community for many years. Pictured here are, from left, Claudia Koeber; her husband, Dr. Don Koeber, and his mother, Norma, whose late husband, Dr. William A. Koeber, founded the Wayne Vision Center.





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rry, 1969, Dr. J.J. Liska came to Wayne after practicing in Arlington for 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 practica. 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 Foulk and Becky Rakow. Lydia Thomsen is the bookkeeper and Dick Munter is at the Winside office.

WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC



Congregation organized

Magazine article leads pastor to area for first Presbyterian service

Wayne United Presbyterian Church was conducted on Sept. 18, 1881, for a congrega-tion of about 40 people. Rev. G.M. Lodge of Avoca,

lowa, had been attracted to the area by an article he had read in the magazine, "Interior."

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 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 seats 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 lowa to helpwith the formal founding pro-

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.

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

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

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 com-modity 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 Sustenation 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 recom-mended that a new building be

A CONTRACT was let to .M. Farr and the cor-A CONTRACT was let to R.M. Farr and the cor-nerstone 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 mor-ning service. The Rev. D.C. Montgomery, pastor at the time of the

pastor at the time of the dedication of the church deutcation of the chorch building, left Wayne in 1901 to accept a position as superintendent of schools in the Province of Oriental Negros in the Philippine

Island.

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 Estey organ and chimes were given in memory of Charles and Anna Bell White in 1952.

In April, 1906, the congrega-tion voted to build a new parsonage and it stood im-mediately east of the church

key, 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 Afficial Rufflegge, 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 pow dispersion.

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' Aid Society and the Ladies' Missionary Socie-ty 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

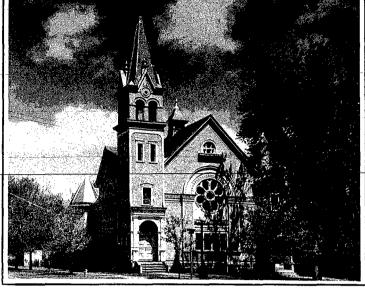
the longest term of service in the history of the church.

chancel was refinished, the choir loft remodeled and the organ was renovated and im-proved. The dedication for these improvements was held in 1952.

Dr. Proett also instituted

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 veriety

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



bmitted 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 Lin-

coln 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

FACING A MAJOR decision in the early 70's, the congrega tion decided to remodel and up date the existing edifice in-stead of building a new building.

Plans were drawn up for adding a narthex to the main en-trance, remodelling the fellowship hall to include two offices, rearranging the Sun day School space, moderniz-ing the front of the sanctuary and carpeting throughout.

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

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

The custom of decorating Christmas trees for churches with white and gold symbols of Christianity — "Christ Christianity — "Christ Monograms" — was started 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 or-

Since that first year Chrismons have been used in a regular Sunday service early in Advent.

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 se cond in terms of length of ser vice to the congregation.

Dahl initiates formation

Wayne Lions Club chartered on July 25, 1961

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

The original Wayne Lions lub 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

1976, issue of The Wayne Herald, the Lions Club celebrated its 15th anniver-sary of service in 1976.

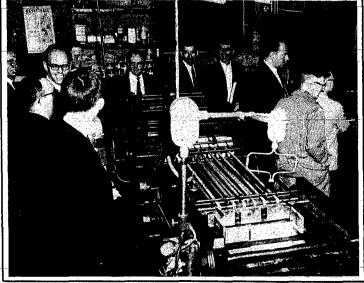
Charles Denesia, a charter member and club historian, said that Wayne resident, Clif-ford Dahl was responsible for initiating formation of the current Wayne Lions Club.

DAHL MOVED Nebraska after living in Van Nuys, Calif., where he was a Lions Club member. He mov ed to Wayne in 1948 and in

quired about a Lions Club.
Since previous attempts to reform a local Lions Club had folded, 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 suc

sept. 27, 1961, the Wayne Club chartered with 38

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



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

CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED in 1963 and dur ing 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 in-stallation of an electric

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 air-port east of Wayne on Highway 35.

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

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

some excavation work.

tank which serves the park and the airport

he club is involved in local, district, and international ser vice projects with major emphasis on sight and hearing conservation and restoration.

Wayne Club presented an eye bank kit to the Wayne Hospital in order that eyes for transplant can be removed from registered donors after

NEBRASKA LIONS CLUBS are responsible for the con-struction and support of the Eve Institute on the Universit ty of Nebraska Medical Center campus. The Wayne Lions have made a number of con-tributions to the institute and in 1973 the club sponsored a

in 1973 the club sponsored a glaucoma clinic in Wayne. The club also contributed \$2000 toward the construction of Prov.dence Medical Center

of Providence Medical Center in the early 1970's. The Lions Club sponsors an annual talent contest for local youth and also sponsors year-ly football and basketball skills contests.

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 Liftle 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 Pro vidence Medical Center

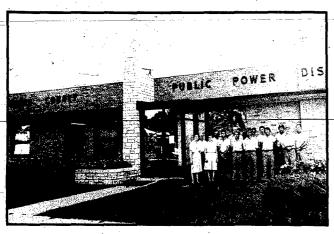
Local members who have served in district positions in-clude C.J. "Clete" Sharer, who served as District 38-B Governor in 1974-75, Alvin Governor in 1974-75, Alvin Reeg and Charles Denesia, who served as Deputy District Governors in 1975-76 and 1976-77 respectively.

CHARLES DENESIA ALSO served as District 38-B Secretary in 1974-75. Charter members, in addi-

tion to Denesia, who were still active in the Wayne club dur-ing the 15th Anniversary, were George Goblirsch, William Kemp, Wes Pflueger, Alfred Koplin, Clarence Boling and Pichard Menci

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

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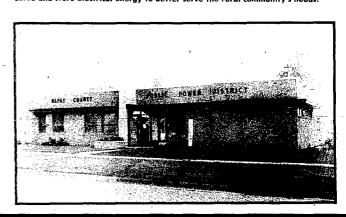
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<u>Wayne</u> County Public Power District began on November 17,-1939 when the tirst form home was lighted by electricity furnished by W.C.P.P.D. Prior to that date the majority of rural homes were lighted by kerosene lamps and farmers did their evening 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.

tional 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 Count Public Power.

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







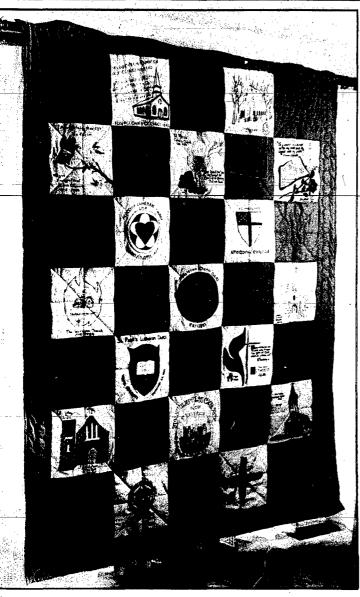
Pictured, left to right, re Ruth Paulse

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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Happy Homemakers mark 30th during Wayne's centennial year

the Happy Homemakers Ex-tension Club will take place in 1984. The first meeting of the club was held in the home of Mrs. Val Damme on Sept. 15,

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 through the Wayne

The 30-year anniversary of Norfolk Opportunity Center for many years and to Honey Sunday, a charity for mentally

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

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

of the Izaak Walton League organized as part of the Na-tional League, which is dedicated to defending clean air, soil, water, woods, and wildlife. There were 62

They leased, for \$1.00 a ear, the area four and oneyear, 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 Com-mission obtained fingerling bass and bluegill to stock the lake. Wayne photographer lake. Wayne photographer Cobb Olson filmed the work. Fishing was soon good. The Ike's enlarged the lake,

In 1954, the Wayne Chapter of the Izaak Walton League pranized as part of the National League, which is 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,

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

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 Shufelt's cabbage slaw and Mert Hilton's venison stew are

memorable traditions.
So many members have contributed money, materials, inspiration and perspiration that someone would surely be

> Submitted by Mrs. Richard Baier

Project of churches

Centennial quilt depicts city's religious heritage

Wayne's religious heritage was captured in a quilt which

was displayed throughout the city's centennial celebration. The quilt, which was com-prised 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

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

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

quilted to represent the Holy

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

they couldn't have turned out Christ; Joyce Pippitt, Linda "they couldn't have turned out Christ; Joyce Plppitt, Linda prettier."

While seven churches chose Baptist Church; Mabel Somto design the blocks with pictures of their church Marilyn Carhart, St. Paul's buildings, other blocks Lutheran Church; Laura depicted emblems of the Franklin, St. Anselm's church, Bible verses, the Episcopal Church; Jill Pickinsacrament, and a stained paugh, Evangelical Free glass window.

In addition to the blocks

Also Millie Thomsen and

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 Half. Church; Genevieve Craig and Marilyn Maxson, Independent Faith Baptist Church; Mathilda Reeg, Theophilus United Church of Christ; 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 chur-

> ches taking part in the project.
> It's 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 church

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



Wayne-Herald photo MEMBRS 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 Shufelt; (middle row) Donna Shufelt, 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, the Alan and Carolyn Baier family, Robert Eckoff 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 Ensz.

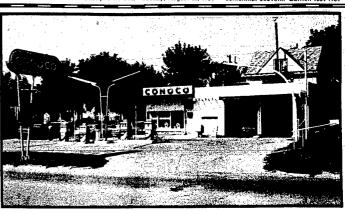
The present law firm started in the summer of 1947 when Kenneth M. Olds moved to Wayne to be associated with H.E. Siman. After Mr. Siman's retirement, Kenneth M. Olds practiced alone and later was joined by Donald R. Reed and the firm became known as Olds and Reed. This partnership continued until 1972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

Swarts and Ensz.

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 andd 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. Ensz is Wayne County Attorney at this time.

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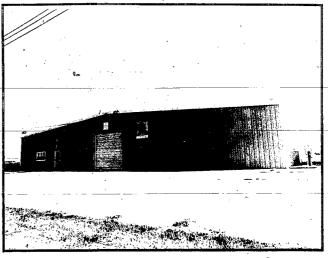
Jack Kingston owned Wayne Ice and Cold Storage until 1968 when it was purchased by Tom and Linda Prenger. The Prengers owned Wayne Cold Storage until 1978. In 1977 the company expanded with a branch distribution center in O'Neill.

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.

erving a 15 county area with beer products is a task that makes Wayne tributing a company on the go. Wayne Distributing delivers beer to a wide seping section in northeast Nebraska. Iroweries out of Milwaukee, Wis. and St. Paul, Minn. provide the various brands

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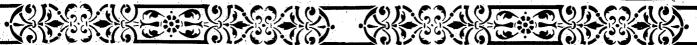


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WAYNE CABLE IS PROUD TO BE A GROWING PART OF THE WAYNE COMMUNITY

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

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BENTHACK CLINIC SALUTES WAYNE ON ITS CENTENNIAL!

The name Benthack has been synonymous with health care in the Wayne area for near-

ty 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 construc-

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

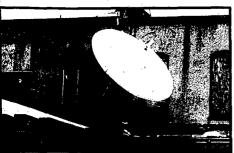
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Schmitz, Cindy Schmitz, Jim Maly



This satellite TV system helps T&C Electronics sho



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.

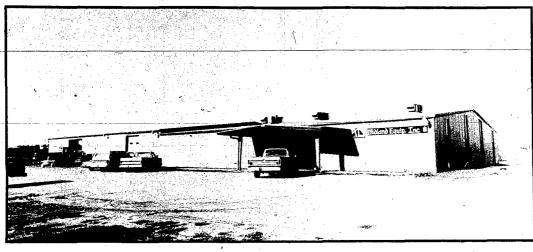
avox and Quasar television sets occupy the main thrust in T&C's inventory, but they also offer a large line of other electronical equipment. Customers have a chance to select many models of television sets from remote control or dial control, color or black and white, portable or console sets, or wide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

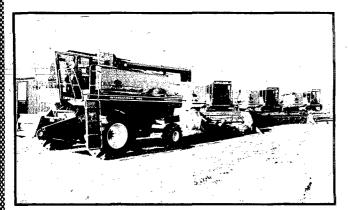
The most recent addition to T&C Electronics is the satellite TV systems. T&C carries such satellite TV systems as Birdview, Prodelin, MA-Com, Channel Master, Intersat, Luxor, Janeil and Drake. Tom and Cindy invite you to come in and relax in their newly added on viewing room. See for yourself the 100's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



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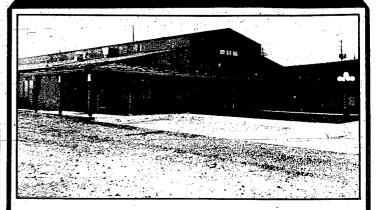
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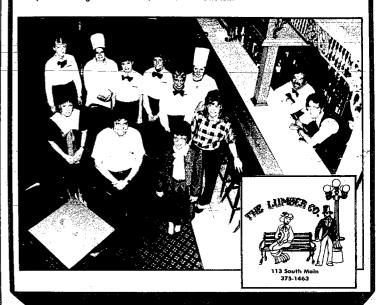


Char E
Celebrating 24 years of business in Wayne this
ummer is Blake Studios located at 202 Pearl Street.
Owned and operated by Char Blacke, Blake
tudios had its beginnings in 1960 at 106 Wast 2nd
Nayne. Char has seen a lot of changes in
hotography in the past 24 years. The largest factor
as the use of direct color in the late 60°s.
Before the use of direct color, photographers did
uch of their own work. Now most of their developug and printing is done through a larger company
hich handles several accounts.
Blake Studios does work in all fields of
hotography with specialization in graduation,
redding, engagement and family pictures. Char
lake is capable of taking any type of photo. Baby
ictures and anniversaries are also common
hotographs Char does.
Char works with the community through her work
in the Community Theatre and doing photography
work with Wayne State College.





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 set. 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.

Wayne area for 19 years. Arnoia Lack built into prosent according 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

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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 Gambles store at

downstairs of the old Gambles 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 Blis, 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.

and Marian Sue maternity clothes

Good through Centennial

20% off All Regular Price Merchandise
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Closet personnel includes from left, en, Millie Thomsen and Joanie Thomsen.



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Clubs & Organizations - 27

For 69 years

Golf swinging in Wayne

ted in Wayne with the ne originally played in Bressler Park and surroun-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.H. Craven, C.H. Fisher. J.J. Abern, John president. L.M. Graven, 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 Hen-drickson of Wayne made-Piclay's Ralloya it or Not by 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.

purchased from Henry and Elizabeth Giese for \$4,720 by the Wayne Country and Golf Club for the purpose of con-structing a 9-hole golf course. In April, 1947 construction began on the golf course. Carl Wright was in charge of green 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. Coryel; Hole 6, L.W. McNatt and son; Hole 7, A.L. Swan; Hole 8, Joe K. Geffact, and Hole 9, Prof. K. Geffard; and Hole 9, Prof. C.V. Wart

C.V. Wart.

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

were constructed and a new

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. -Marsh; president; Bill Mc-Quistan, 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, bnridge; Marcella Larson, social; Martha Brodersen, social; Martha Broderse house; Ella Lutt, publicity.

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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.

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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 nation

work 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



WAYNE AUTO PARTS

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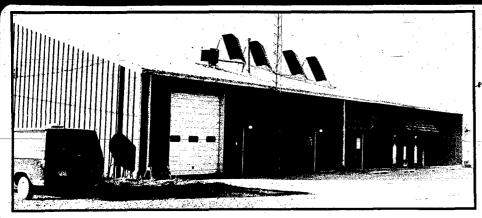
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CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE!

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 Con-



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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 Jarge 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.

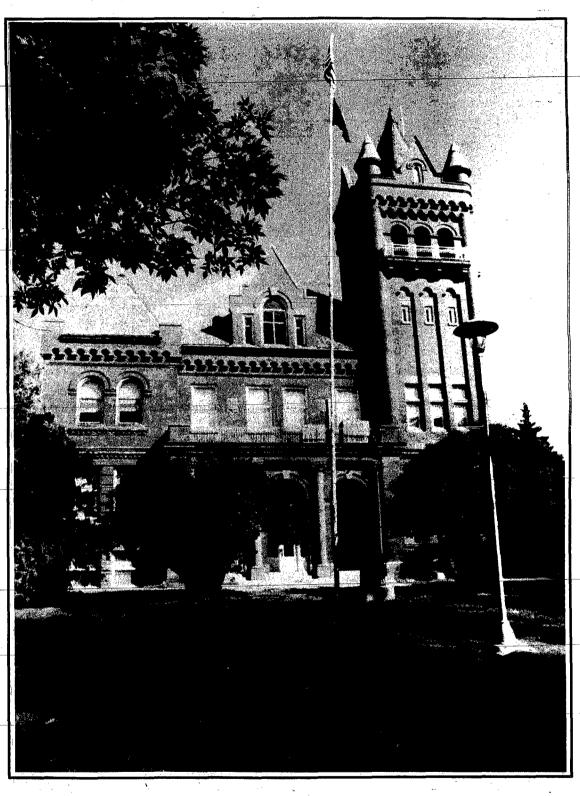
We encourage everyone to participate in all the centennial events set for the coming week. Take pride in Wayne, and enjoy all of the festivities. Let's celebrate our heritage — and welcome Wayne's second 100 years.

Melvin 'Bud' Froehlich Bill Dickey Dean Bilstein Phil Kloster Lyle Seymour Mary Monson Kathy Manske LaVon Anderson Lorraine Johnson Rozan Pedersen



THE WAYNE HERALD Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884 - 1984

Tuesday, August 28, 1984



Wayne County Courthouse



Frame structure serves as first courthouse

Probably one of the most mpressive buildings in 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 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 cour-thouse was built at LaPorte.

After the railroad came through the present townsite

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. 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.

JULY 4, 1884, 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 be to be a started by a prisoner who 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 several years.

mystery In 1882, the owners of the The only newspaper of the Crawford and Browns' Addi-

time was printed and publish-

ed 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 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

tion donated Block 2 to Wayne

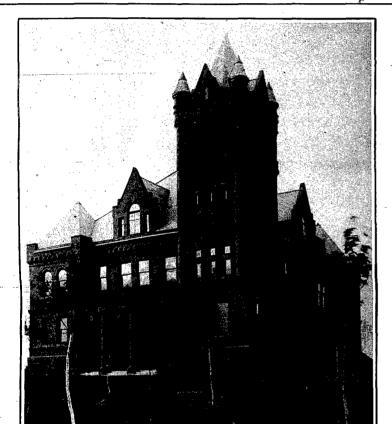
County. The deed contained the provision that "the said block be used by the county of Wayne to put county court thouse and other county buildings thereon. Said cour-thouse to be erected thereon within 20 years from the date of this deed and in case no of this deed and in case to courthouse of the value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

THE SHERIFF'S residence

and jail were built on this square in 1885.

On several occasions, an ator 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.



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

Subm.... by the Wayne County Historical Cociety



courthouse, opera house O. B. Kortright, an early resident of Wayne, was an oc-cupational builder in the town. He was born Nov. 24, 1847, in Fallsburgh, N. J.

Kortright constructs

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

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 atnomes. 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 im-pressiveness. 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 of ficial 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

ounty 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.

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

From the Stanton Picket -Submitted by Robert Boeckenhauer

Courthouse burns

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

nd. 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

had been shackled in the shack.

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

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 rected the frame building, which housed the county of

ficers until about 1900.
Following the turn of the century, the courthouse presently used became occupied.

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



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

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

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.

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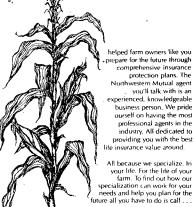
We are proud to have been a part of Wayne for over 50 years. In the early twenties, Jack Kemp was district manager and from 1930-1960 T.S. Hook was located in Wayne Marty Polhemus took over from 1960-1970 followed by Dale Carstens from 1970-1980. Janice Ellis followed Carstens in 1980 and presently is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

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A tough act to follow



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-fact 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 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 <u>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 demonstrating complete and directions.</u> 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.



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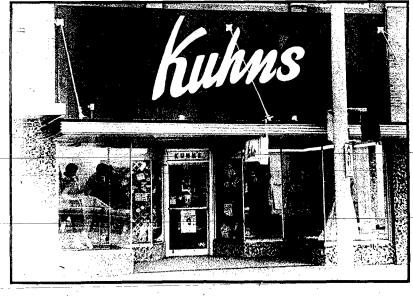
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Government & Services The Wayne Herald, Tuesday, August 28, 1984 Centennial Souvenir Edition 1884-1984



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Soc

Electric lights bring rejoicing

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

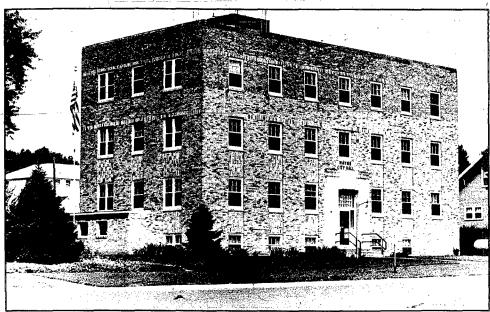
Water freezes in standpipe

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

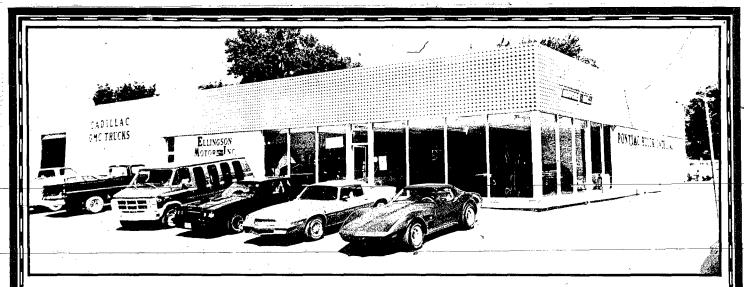
"All records for this section are broken as to cold weather. Last Thursday morning when the thermometer bobbed around anywhere from 28 to 34 it was thought it would be the extreme limit for the winter, but it was not to

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, Rog Bargholz: Grant Ellingson, December 199





ndra Schyltz, office r iun, general manager



Mike Mascoe, news director.



Air staff pictured are (left to right) Dan Bac dorf, J. Kelley, Swan Johnson and Nick Zin

ATCH Radio signed on the air March 28, 1968 under the ownership of Mol and 1 beson. In 1971, it was purchased by Wyman and Willa Schnepp, and sold to Tod Stordsomber of 1974. KTCH-FM signed on the air October 19, 1975, and became the area's free station the following February, KTCH, Inc. and owner/manager Dean Craun took to June 1, 1978, and two years later began broadcasting with now towers and transm. KTCH (AM) at 1590 on the dial broadcasts with a power of 2500 watts from 6 a.m. uidown, while KTCH-FM, 104.9 on the FM dial, beams 3000 watts from the 300 foot to m 6 a.m. to midnight.





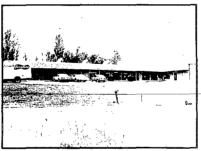
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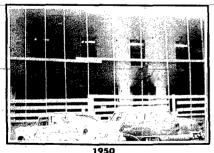


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Harold, Marian, Randy Surber



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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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

Furniture Headquarters For N.E. Nebraska

1½ Miles North of Wayne

Phone 375-1885

Use your credit 90 days same as cash or take 36 months to pay!!

Bucket brigades precede water works

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.

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

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 and hydrants for \$26.95

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 each. water two nours, mose naving in 1915, an 85,000 gallon 75-foot lots might use it two

it was 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 sprinkl-

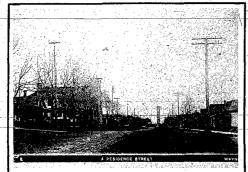
Ing.
The first rate set was fifteen cents. In a short time the amount was cut to seven and one-half. For those not having meters and using the water for sprinkling, the general rate was increased one hundred

wayne's 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 fur-nished 400 gallons of water a minute.



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gilliland

ONE OF Wayne's first water standpipes.



Submitted by Elma and Way

A MAIN street shot shows standpipe at north edge of town.

water tower was built in the area where it still stands to-

and one-half hours and those having 150-foot lots might use it three hours.

The time when water might



CURRENT WAYNE City Council members include (left to right) Ivan Beeks, Keith Mosley, Darret Fuelberth, Carolyn

Filter, Mayor Wayne Marsh, Freeman Decker, Larry Johnson and Leo Hansen. Inset: Darrel Heier.

Treasurer reports on 1898 barbecue

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
Programme and the second	\$528.10
Disbursements	

Three beefs 110.00 Roasting same \$153.50 39.00 16.74 Charcoal and wood Bread .. Coffee, sugar and milk Cups, spoons and plates Use of lumber and seats 13.45 19.50 Gasoline, wire, nails, etc Cartage and labor Printing and advertising 45.50 Telephone, telegraph, stamps, etc. Music - Wayne and Laurel bands Wild west holdups 6.86 46.45 44.80 65.00 28.75 Two balloon ascensions Fireworks Decorating 14.32 Entertaining speakers Balance on hand

-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.

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. 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

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 be office of postmaster until

April 12, 1875, when he resigned. J. W. Maholm was ap-pointed to fill the position. The office and mail route was discontinued Oct. 12, 1835.

Wayne tinuously shitted and building Wayne's post office was conshifted from one ilding to another

FINALLY, A NEW federal building at second and pearl streets was dedicated June 7, 1935, with the Nebraska Legion and Auxiliary in

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 residences which had moved to Wayne from LaPorte in 1881.

The new building had a lob-by, offices and mall rooms. At that time, there were 440 bronze boxes for patrons.

Free rural delivery out of the Wayne post office was in-stituted 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.

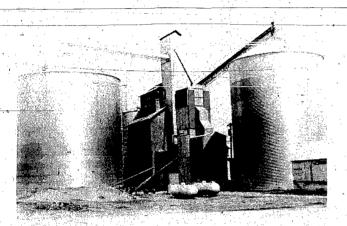


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WAYNE'S POST Office was built using federal funds in 1935.



Wayne Grain and Feed offers two locations for complete farmer service in grain storage





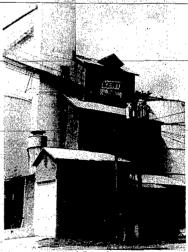


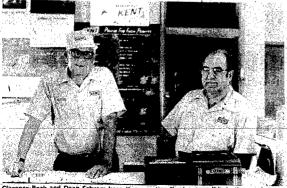






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Wayne Grain and Feed 116 South Main 375-3449

Position held by 27

Mayors play key role in success of Wayne

The following is a list of the past mayors of Wayne and the terms they served in the posi-

biographical statement was supplied for some as well as photos. Although the information was not available for all, some family members did submit materials.

Those are as follows:

A. B. Slater

Slater was one of the first village trustees when Wayne was incorporated on Feb. 2,

E. R. Chace

Chace and his wife came to Wayne in 1883. He was elected trustee to the Village of Wayne at the first election on April 1,

Henry Ley 1887-88, 1897-1902, 1907-09

Lev and his family came to Wayne in 1881, from Jordan, Minnesota. He opened a two-story store on the northeast corner of Third and Main Streets, named The German

In 1892, he applied for a bank charter, which was ap-proved as the State Bank of Wayne. The bank still operates at the same location on the southwest corner of se-cond and main streets. He was a state legislator in

Frank Fuller

Fuller was an attorney in Vayne, following its incor-Wayne, following poration in 1884.

James Britton 1892-94

Britton conducted a general store and was a practicing lawyer in early Wayne.

He was one of the first trustees in the village of Wayne, when it was incor-porated on Feb. 2, 1884.

Britton reserved an interest in the railroad by purchasing, in partnership with others, a section of land for a townsite (soon to become Wayne).

He was also the attorney responsible for drafting and fighting for passage of a bill to make Nebraska Normal College a state school in 1909.

T. W. Morgan 1895

Morgan came to Wayne as a depot agent Aug. 23, 1883, and served for 37 years.

Stringer was one of the early homesteaders in the area. His farm wasoutheast of Wayne. was located

occupational He was an occupational blacksmith on his farm and opened a shop in town in 1886, also building a home in



William Piepenstock

Piepenstock, at age 21, established a successful harness business in Wayne in 9. The shop was located at Main Street.

He was the father-in-law of another mayor, Martin

John T. Bressler 1910

Bressler came to Nebraska in 1870, at the age of 21, and filed a homestead in Wayne County which is now the Leslie precinct.

precinct.

He was an organizer of the Logan Valley Bank at LaPorte and when the county seat movement the bank was ed to Wayne, the bank was reorganized as the First Na tional Bank.

In 1909, he was part of the three-man committee that was responsible for the state's purchase of the Nebraska Nor-mal Coilege from J. M. Pile,

John H. Kate 1911-1912

Kate was mayor when the new city hall was built in 1912, on a quarter block at second

and pearl streets.

He began in the clothing business and then operated the Radio Round Incubator company in Wayne for several

C. A. Chace 1913-14

Chace and his wife came to Wayne in 1883. He was engaged in the lumber business for

Cunningham was an occup tional auctioneer from 1908 1934 in Wayne.

George Lambertson 1917-18

J. H. Kemp

Kemp and his wife moved to Wayne in the summer of 1909, where he served superintendent of schools.

In the summer of 1914, he resigned to become district agent for the Northwestern agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Com-

William Orr 1921-31

Orr was a part of Wayne's early mercantile business, beginning in 1905.



M. L. Ringer

Ringer graduated from Wayne's Normal College and worked for Phil Kohi, a Wayne real estate dealer.

real estate dealer.
He started his own business, dealing in insurance, real estate and farm management.
He was chief of the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department

for 30 years, the longest term ever served by one man.

Herman Lundberg

Lundberg, a student at Wayne's college, started his banking career-when Henry Ley asked the college president, J. M. Pile for a reliable

student to work in the bank.

He started at the bottom and
worked up to Chairman of the

also kept books for al Wayne businesses, several Wayne bus working only at night.

L. W. McNatt

McNatt traveled for several vears with a hardware com-

coln, before coming to Wayne.
In 1928, he purchased the
Carhart Hardware business
from C. E. and A. B. Carhart.

Glen Houdersheldt 1050-55



Willard Wilfse

Wiltse was the second generation to become generation to become associated with Wiltse Mortuary. The son-in-law of Wm. Beckenhauer, he joined the Beckenhauer Funeral Home in 1928

He became the sole owner of son became associated with the business.



Alfred Koplin

Koplin was born and raised in Stanton County. While still in his teens, he built a dance hall and operated this for a

At the age of 19 he worked for his brother in a garage for a few years, later buying the

business; which he operated in Winside for several years. After leaving the garage he moved to Randolph where he

moved to Randolph where he bought another garage, operating this for two years before coming to Wayne. He then worked in a garage before going into the automotive wholesale parts business from which he retired in 1943 retired in 1943

Besides his mayor duties he also served on city council from 1964-65.





Chris Tietgen

Tietgen and his wife owned and operated a hatchery in

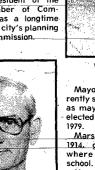


William Koeber

Koeber started an op-tometrist clinic when he arriv

tometrist clinic when he arriv-ed in Wayne in 1949.

He was president of the Wayne Chamber of Com-merce and was a longtime member of the city's planning d zoning commission



Kent Hall 1970-73

Hall is the current president of the Wayne Greenhouse, Inc. and the Plant Market, which was established in 1921 by his

randfather, D. Hall.

He has also served two
erms on the Wayne City Council and is presently serving on the planning commis-

Hall was the first mayor to serve a four-year term, as a result of Wayne becoming a first class city in 1970.



Freeman Decker 1974-78

Decker is currently serving on the Wayne City Council, after being appointed in 1984.

He was the Wayne County

superintendent of schools, 1938-43, and has been associated with the State nas been the State associated with the State Department of Education in

He has also served as commissioner of education, coorsedinator of state colleges and a dinator of state colleges and a professor of education at Wayne State College. Decker held the elected

position as state superinten dent of schools



Mayor Wayne Marsh is cur rently serving his second term as mayor of Wayne. He was elected for his first term

Marsh, born in McClain in 1914, grew up in Osmond where he attended high

first time in 1930 when he at tended college at Wayne State

After spending some time in Omaha following college, he returned to Wayne and work-ed for the Internal Revenue

In 1947, he started his own accounting office above the First National Bank (where Surber's is now located)

He also managed the Ford garage until 1949, when he purchased the Wayne Book Store,

Marsh sold the store to Marsh sold the store to Merle Rise in 1979, after 30 years of management. He is presently refired. He also served on the Wayne City Council for three terms.

Change in city's lighting, utilities marks progress

Kerosene lamps on posts were the first street lights used Wayne. When the electric system was installed, the old osts were disposed of and arch lights were hung in the posts were disposed of and arch lights were non-middle of the business district's street intersection

Later on, such lights were placed at intersection in the residence district, also Electroliers have replaced the business district lamps and electric lights on poles are placed in the residence sec-

Gasoline street lamps were also an early form of light in the business district. The globes had to be cleaned and filled every day by the police.

ON APRIL 5, 1898, a special election was called by the

Wayne City Council in response to a petition requesting an electric light system for the city.

The vote dealt with issuing \$4,500 in bonds for establishing, operating and maintaining the system:

The vote carried by 199 to 57 and nine bonds of \$500 each were issued. A tax was levied to pay interest on the bonds. On Aug. 31, bids for construction of the electri light plant were opened by the city council. The council accepted the work of R. Philleo, stating that he would do the brick work for \$600 and the wood work for \$237.58.

AT THIS TIME, a small brick structure was built for the engine and a frame structure was erected for the boilers. Electric light service was given only during the evenings

A petition asking morning service was co the council was unable to grant the request.

The electric rate was fixed first at 50 cents a month for 16-candle lights and \$1 a month for 32-candle lights.

THE POWER PLANT was powered with three Diesel engines, one 600-horsepower engine bought in 1928, a 750-horsepower unit bought in 1930 and a 750-horsepower unit purchased in 1935.

The last Diesel, bought in March, 1935, cost \$47,359. A

w. Switchboard was installed in 1937.

N. H. Brugger was appointed superintendent of the ower plant in 1938, with Harvey Meyer as assistant.



Wayne True Value V&S Variety

In October, 1975, Sherry Brothers was more inventory was added. 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 True-Value store.

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



<u> Wilma Allen and Joyce Barker, sales cierks</u>

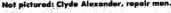














HAPPY BIRTHDAY WAYNE





Submitted by Wayne Volunteer Fire D

THE 1918 Wayne Volunteer Fire Department with questionable identifications are (standing, left to right) Carl Bernstein (on truck), George Fortner, R.L. "Tuffy" Wills, Frank Karff, Ernest Rippon, George Lamberson, Lester Vath, Walt Bressler, Martin Ringer, E.E. "Bunt"

Fleetwood, Oscar Weiland, Bill Jenkins?, Bill Beeman?, Lloyd Powers (on truck), John Soules; (kneeling, left to right)?, Fred Benshoof?, Harry Barnett, Dick Carpenter, Dervie Hall, Bud Hall, John Bingold, Fred Karff, Joe Baker,?.

Town sees need for fire protection in 1885

885, a committee R.B. Taytor, hnson and A.H. tnctuding R.B. Taytor, Charles Johnson and A.H. Ellis, was named to prepare and report plans for a system of fire protection

It was decided that three vells be dug, these being on first, second and third streets. Pumps, hooks, ladders and two dozen buckets were ap

paratus secured.
In July 1891, Mayor James Britton felt the need for an organized fire department in

Wayne.

He appointed J.G. Mines as marshal and A.J. Tracy as assistant fire marshal of the company, organized February 26, 1894.

OFFICERS OF THAT OFFICERS OF THAT FIRST department were T.W. Moran, president; C.M. Craven, vice president; C.B. Tower, secretary; Nelson Grimsley, treasurer; and S.B. Russeil, R.C. Osborn and E. Curptionham were appointed Cunningham were appointed F.L. Neely was chosen foreman of the hose company and Will Rickabaugh was ap-pointed as foreman of the hook

and ladder company.

Fire limits of the city were fixed in July, 1891, from fourth street to the railroad and the the first alley east and west of Main street

A hose cart and 500 feet of ose were bought to use in fighting fires.

EQUIPMENT OF THE FIRE department was first kept in a small shack near the city power plant.

Later the firemen secured use of a frame bulding just east of the Main and third

the company erected a bell tower near this frame building. A steel bell was first bounding. A steel bell was mist bought, and this being un-satisfactory, J.G. Mines, fire chie., secured a bronze one to replace it.

the bell on a tower and use the lower part of the tower for the hose, hanging it there to drain.

THE WAYNE COMPANY. however, had racks in the frame building for the hose. They also had the building ared for the company's

eting place. Then the Wayne city hall was built at 2nd and Pearl streets, the bronze bell bought when the group organized, was placed back of the city hall which is now the fire sta-

The new fire The new fire hall highlighted the reorganization of the Wayne Fire Department in 1912. The present fire hall was built by A.M. Helt for \$7,500 at the time of the reorganization

The west addition of the sta-tion, which currently holds the department's firetrucks, was built in 1972.

ed as the first police station in ed at this time for \$3,650.

Wayne.

The final addition, on the north side of the station was built in 1977

Ordinance No. 212, which was passed and approved Sept. 30, 1912, stated the rules

and regulations of the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department. The reorganization meeting was held at City Hall on Nov. 12, 1912, and officers were elected for the year

C.H. FISHER WAS CHOSEN as fire chief; H.B. Crayen, assistant fire chief; Crayen, assistant fire chief; Leroy Ley, secretary; and G.W. Fortner, treasurer. The first "fire engine" was a soda and acid cart, which

created its own pressure when the chemicals were mixed. In 1916, the department pur-chased a Rio trück which was used until 1925.

A 1925 Lafrance, with three

THE EAST PORTION serve chemical tanks, was purchas

IN 1942, THE LAFRANCE was sold to the Nemaha fire department for \$600. A 1922 Olds was also owned by the department.

The first pumper purchased by the department was a 1936 Ford. A 1941 International was also added to the equipment. The department's latest ad-

dition is a 1,000 gallon a minute pumper.

The first rural district fire board was organized in 1950, to meet the needs of the rural community

THE DEPARTMENT WAS responsible for protection of the rural homes, but no fee

was charged.
Members included Mayor
G. Houdersheldt, Chief Martin G. Houdersneid, Children Ringer, Norm Brugger, Les Ellis, Gereon Allvin, Paul Rogge, Ralph Beckenhauer, Edwin Laauwe, Joe Beckenhauer, John Mohr, Ed Glassmeyer and Ed Seyler.

In 1929, a sterling siren was installed near the fire station.

An electronic system soon took over with five sirens which could run in unison or individually.
THERE HAVE BEEN four-

teen different men serve as fire chiefs for the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department Martin Ringer held the posi-

tion from 1918-1945, a period of 27 years. His term exceeds any other chief who has served the department.

Other chiefs include C.H. Fisher, 1912; Geo Lamberson, 1913-16; H.B. Craven, 1917; Martin Ringer, 1918-45; L.B. McClure, 1946; Paul Rogge, McClure, 1946; Paul Rogge, 1947-52; Bill Mellor, 1953-57; Lee Swinney, 1958-62; Ivan Beeks, 1963-67; Ivan Creighton, 1968-69; Cliff Pinkelman, 1970-75; Dick Korn, 1976-82; Kenneth "Dutch" Sitzman, 1983; Dale Preston 1984 Preston, 1984.



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WAYNE'S CURRENT fire department includes (back row, left to right) Dutch Sitzman, Rick Robins, Harry Leseberg, Dana Johnson, Ivan Beeks, Paul Rogge, Bob Stanley, Clay Ellingson, Lee Swinney, Chris Lueders; (middle row, left to right) Ron Fink, Harold Fleer, Jeff Triggs, Bill Kugler, Lynn

Upton, Kevin Brockmuller, Norbert Brugger, Brian Frevert, Todd Hoeman, Ron Wriedt; (front row, left to right) Jim Granquist, Richard Korn, Larry Creighton, Roger Niemann, Marilyn Stromann, Sandy Bull, Dale Preston, Dave Foote, Brooks Widner.

From prairie village to progressive city

The City of Wayne began as a prairie village in 1881, located in the line of the railroad, it developed into a progressive city.

In the early days, there was a requirement that a settle-ment have a population of 200 before becoming a village. Wayne met this requirement

early.
Settlers decided to ask the county board for incorporation of the village, which had previously been governed by the county board. The petition asking incor-poration was presented to the commissioners on Feb. 2, 1884.

THE BOARD appointed village trusfees, who held

their first meeting Feb. 28,

Those appointed village trustees were R. B. Taylor, James Britton, John T. Bressler, A. B. Slater and Henry Myers.

Henry Myers.

Slater was chosen chairman, Childs as clerk and
Steele as treasurer. All served
their positions without pay. A. A, Welch was named corpora-tion lawyer and Charles Johnson qualified as trustee. A report to the village board in March, 1889, showed that Wayne had 1,130 residents.

THIS WAS ENOUGH to begin city organization, so the fown was divided into three

City limits were then extended following a council resolution in January, 1890. M. S. Davies, George Shaw and W. O. Gamble were chosen to draw plats of the annexation.

Even before the City of Wayne was organized, the entire territory had to be formed into a county.

Previous to the organiza-

tion, the county was under the jurisdiction of Dixon County for judicial purposes.

DURING THE SUMMER of 1870, a petition was circulated through the county, signed and presented to David Butler, the governor of the

Complying with the law, he

officials

On Sept. 5, 1870, the election was held at the house of vas held at the house of George Scott on Coon Creek in

the eastern part of the county the eastern part of the county. Those elected as officers were W. E. Durin, M. T. Sperry and Isaac Miner for county commissioners; C. E. Hunter, county clerk; B. F. Whitten, county treasurer; A. D. Allen, sheriff, A. A. Fletcher, probate judge; Wm. G. Vroman, county surveyor; R. B. Crawford, superintendent B. Crawford, superintendent of public instruction; Nathan Allen, coroner; Geo. Hunter, Nathan Miner and R. B. Crawford, judges of election; Enoch Hunter and Geo. Scott, clerk of election.

Martin Ringer remembers

Teams used to pull fire carts

By Goldie Leonard Excerpted from Wayne County Anecdotes and Historical Society

Mr. Ringer recalls that wide wooden sidewalks, ten to twelve feet across, extended from downtown to the Baptist Church. He was a fireman and used to help pull the two wheeled carts.

If they were called during rainy weather, the muddy streets made traveling difficult. Later on, they had teams to pull the carts. Henry Bennett had a team of ponies which was so used and one time, when the team was running, one of the ponies dropped dead. A man received five dollars for having his team pull the fire-cart.

Baseball was a big sport in those days and Mr. Ringer was a member of the baseball team. The Winside band played. The Fourth of July was celebrated with parades every second year. The Old Settlers Picnic was held in Bressler's Grove a mile north and west of town.

That was a big gathering, with bands playing and a roll call of Old Settlers names. Later, a vote was taken as to where the picnic should be held and Winside took over the celebration, and kept it:

A ONE-LADY CIRCUS used to come to Wayne with her elephant and a few other animals. For several years, she held her show at the Fairgrounds in Walter Weber's field. Mr. Ringer remembers that it was quite a sight to see a circus come to town, either by train or horse-drawn

wagons.

Negroes used to help unload the train and usually blocked traffic. One time a burly Negro said to the town mar-shal, "I would like to see you make us move!" It was useless to try to get them out of the way until they were Mr. Ringer played a cornet in the band which used to

meet visiting dignitaries who came by train. The train pulled to a stop just past the street and the Congressman or whoever the important person might be stood on the back

A large crowd gathered and the band struck up a tune, "Here Comes The Hero" and the "hero" would deliver a speech. One time, William Jennings Bryan spoke in

There used to be a circuit entertainment with one show a week. Large crowds attended; the charge was twenty-five and fifty cents.

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Stoltenberg Partners personnel are, from left, Bryan Stoltenberg, Janet Lamp, and Dale Stoltenberg Nog pictured is Melvin Meierhenry.



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Dale Stottenberg has been in the real estate business since 1968, first working in Carrolf, where he started his own company. Dale Stottenberg 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.

at 108 West 1st, Extensive remodeling was completed both on the interior and exterior of the building.

The Stollenberg brothers purchased a Partners franchise in 1880. 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.

Stollenberg Partners employ Melvin Meierhenry, farm broker, and Janet Lamp, secretary/receptionist.



Stoltenberg Partners purchased this building 1982, extensively remodeling it for their offices.

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Wayne

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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.

tion (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 tankeman. These eventually led up to the highest designation of chief engineer. Several employees who have been with Morris the langest have been Lloyd Brown,

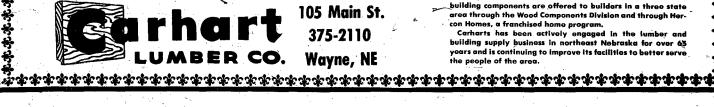
reral employees who have been minimum, the longest have been Lloyd Brown, for 28 years; Wes Beckenhaur,

for 20 years; and Vern Sievers, 13 years experience working at Morris Machine Shop.

Shop.
In January of 1980, Morris
received the honors of being
named the Chamber Man of
the Year and Small Business
Administration District II







Wayne, NE

con Homes, a franchised home program.

Carharts has been actively engaged in the lumber and building supply business in northeast Nebraska for over 63 years and is continuing to improve its facilities to better serve the people of the area.

Airport beginnings in 1930's

Town's first plane owner dies while flying

Wayne's Municipal Airport had its beginnings in the early

had its beginnings in the early 1930's with the combination of a two-man operating station. The town's first plaine owner, Guy Strickland, was killed in a plaine 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 by the current size at this time. 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 fly-

ing days.

Dwain Clouse operated the

Dwain Clouse operated the airport_during the 40's. The main—hanger—was enlarged around 1945.
Morton Senseney, who aftended 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.



THE BOUNDARIES of the Wayne Municipal Airport in 1940.

DON IOHNSON 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."

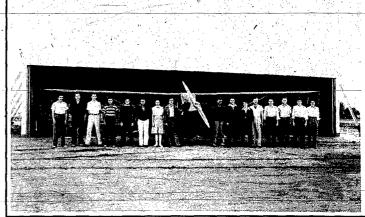
In the late 40's, the port was on a 165-acre tract a mile east of Wayne. A new hangar was erected about this time making three hangars, a shop and office on the site.

Twenty planes were based

at the field during this time Asphalt was put on the run-way around 1963 for better landing conditions

AN AIR SHOW was part of the entertainment in 1968 fo the dedication of the improved

inway. Allen Robinson became operator in 1975 and continued till 1981. He gave navigation lessons and provided certified



Al and Tess Allen were operators from June, 1981 to

Zach, the present operator, took over in October, 1982.

Plans are currently under-1982 and Orin way for extending the runway.

Members of the Airport Authority are Mitch Nissen, David Ley, Dean Craun, Dick Manley and Stan Morris.



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 Dorcey 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

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.

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 loday than ever before and at constantly advancing prices and the

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, wooley, 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 pre-sent 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 ears. Several services are offered for all aspects and eds for care

The Wayne Care Centre (pictured) serves the communiwith physical therapy and complete facilities for its

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 instruc-

tional programs.

The Senior Citizens Center, under the direction of Georgia Janssen, also provides and active program.

Wayne is the headquarters for Region IV Developmental

Wayle is inelected relative region in Developments 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.





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 purchasand 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 communi-

Mrs. Jane Brockemeier of Wisner, recent araduate 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 Ketelsen and Mrs. Linda Carr, (the last two not pictured) are chairside assistants.

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McDERMOTT & McDERMOTT CONGRATULATE WAYNE AND ITS CITIZENS FOR A THRIVING 100 YEARS



Charles E. McDermott

McDermott have been pro-viding legal service to the Wayne community. That year, 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 Fairmant. 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 socretaries are

Two legal secretaries are employed by the McDermott & McDermott law firm. Trixic Newman has been here 10 years, while Joni Tietz has been years, while Joni Herz 1100, 2000...
with the firm the past five

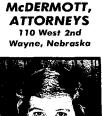
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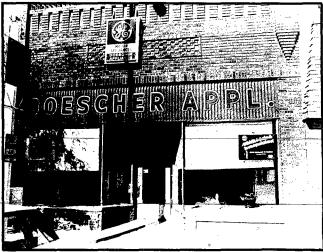
Duane Schroeder





Joni Tietz





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.

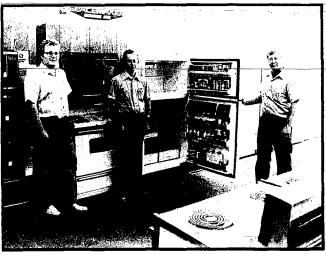
From their present location, the Doescher's have a long line of products and brands to offer their customers. Doescher Appliance Store currently offers General Electric equipment in the form of microwaves, electric ranges, refrigerators, washers, dryers and air conditioners.

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 ap-

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



DOESCHER APPLIANC

306 Main

375-3683

Providence Medical Center opening 'fulfills dreams'

residents of the Wayne area was realized in August of 1975. Dedication ceremonies were held for the new Providence held for the new Medical Center.

For more than a decade, the need for a new hospital facility was evident. Obsolescent physical facilities in the old Wayne Hospital, including a shortage of space, functional defects, and the impossibility of making the building fireproof, pointed up to the need since before 1960.

None of the rooms in the 26-bed facility, which had served the community for over 30 years, conformed to hospital standards.

The need for improved and enlarged health care facilities was evident by population in-crease figures alone, and became even more critical because of the fact that only three physicians remained in Wayne County

WHEN THE former hospital was opened in 1941, Wayne's population (1940 census) was 2,179. The 1970 census of 5,380 showed that even though the population had doubled from population had doubled from 30 years ago, families were still served by the same medical facility. The former 26-bed hospital was constructed in 1942 by Dr.

Walter Benthack and became Wayne Municipal Hospital following an election in 1959. The Wayne Hospital Foun-

ation was formed in 1961 to deal with the problem of con-tinued medical care. It was realized early in the 1970's that a new medical center would be needed.

would be needed.

An effort to form a hospital district with taxing authority was abandoned early in 1971 when objections were raised at a public hearing.

LATER THAT year, the Benedictine Order of Sisters in Norfolk agreed to provide half the total cost of a \$1 million hospital if the Wayne area would raise the remainder and agree to allow the sisters to operate and maintain the facility.

The plans were announced inity by Robert Carbart, chairman of the Wayne Hospital Foundation board of directors, and Mother Anella Slaber, O.S.B., prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk.

Land for the project was acquired when the board of trustees of the state colleges gave eight acres of land adia ent to the Wayne State Col lege campus on the condition that the facility be made available to students attending the school

The initial \$500,000 was rais ed in a few months, but interviews with communities convinced the board that additional funds would be needed

OVER \$880,000 was even tually raised through subscription-type pledges from area corporations, businesses, families and in-dividuals. In addition, \$383,300

The initial plans were for the facility to be built on the north-east campus of Wayne State College with no Wayne city or Wayne county monies involved. The events of the next months proved both of these plans true.

Caring for twice as many patients, the new hospital

would be a 42,025 square foot plant, nearly four times larger

than the old hospital.

Community leaders started
the ball rolling. On Nov. 1,
1971, Carhart named Adon Jeffrey, then president of the First National Bank, as the general chairman of the Medical Center Building Program. Carhart and Harold E Hein, president of the State National Bank, were named co-chairmen of the pattern gifts committee one week

THE FUND-RAISING drive got a big boost by the 15th of the month when Jeffrey and Hein announced subscription gifts totaling \$75,000 from the ting 15 percent of the \$500,000

The board of directors of the State National Bank voted a state National Bank voted a \$46,500 five-year subscription. Similar action was taken by the First National Bank's board of directors who thorized a \$28,500 gift. The subscriptions were prorated by the two banks on the basis of total deposits according to

In mid-November of 71, Dr.
Walter Benthack became
chairman for solicitation of the Wayne Hospital's medical stan and Mrs. Louise Jenness chairman for hospital employee solicitation. Late that month, Walter

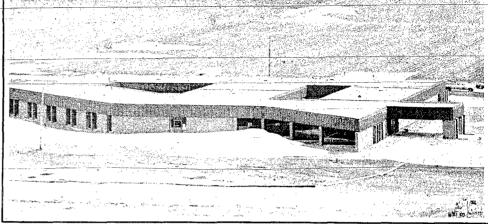
Moller, Wayne realtor, accepted the chairmanship of the special gifts division of the subscription campaign. On Nov. 29, the Wayne Hospital Auxiliary announced a \$9,000 gift to the fund drive.

CAL WARD, district extension director and superintendent of the University of Nebraska Northeast Station, became chairman of the service area division of the fund drive in December. On Dec. 13, Wayne Federal

Savings and Coan Association donated \$20,000 to the drive. Association president John Bressler made the announcement as Wayne's three financial institutions pushed the fund drive over the \$100,000

the 16, total subscriptions had reached \$248,530, including \$30 turned over by Wayne State College's Bowen Hall. Adding to the subscription total was a \$100 gift from the young women of Neihardt Hall at the college. The halfway mark of the

The halfway mark of the campaign was passed on Dec. 20 when Mrs. Jenness an-20 when Mrs. Jenness announced that 38 employees of



AN OVERHEAD view of Providence Medical Center in the 1980's.

drive. Most of the employees signed payroll deduction authorization forms for one hour per paycheck for the five-year subscription period.

CONTRIBUTIONS continued during the early part of 1972, and included \$1,500 from Wayne Firemen; \$1,000 from the American Association of University Women; \$250 from the Acme Club in memory of Mrs. Fred Blair, a former member; and \$750 from Wayne mayor Kent Hall, representing his annual salary

as mayor.

Roy Christensen, general manager of Carhart Lumber Co., and Edward Owen, presi dent of Paxton and Vierling Steel Co., of Sioux City, donated \$5,000 to the hospital drive. Friends since their college days, Christensen receiv ed a check from Owen \$5,000 for the fund.

included Other donations \$100 from the Royal Neighbors Lodge; \$1,500 from the Wayne Jaycees; \$500 from the Wayne PEO chapter; and a \$2,000 pledge from Wayne Lions Club. On the Wayne State campus, the theatre depart-ment pledged the money from one benefit performance of Oedipus Rex.

A banner headline in The Wayne Herald on Feb. 14, less than a month before the end of the subscription campaign. announced the good "Over the Top in Medical Center Drive!" At that time the total, \$535,228, represented 107 percent of the goal.

BUT. CONTRIBUTIONS were still needed and the cam-paign continued_towards_its.

end in early March. In late February, William Norvell, chairman of the city of Laurel, announced \$22,505 in pledges and Wayne's Royal Neighbors of America lodge pledged \$100. Former Kiwa-nian Dr. Alward E. Brown

willed \$1,000 to the fund and the Wayne Kiwanis Club matched the gift. Winside resident Mrs. Virginia Chapin McCai made a \$20,000 gift and Dart Industries Inc., of Florida donated \$25,000 to the fund via former Wayne resident, imer Frank Wilson III.

On March 3, 1972, the total pledges, \$866,602, were an nounced and a victory celebration was held. The total represented 173 percent of the original goal.

Even though the big dona-tions marked the progress of the drive, it took hundreds of smaller donors to bring about the staggering total.

MORE THAN 1,400 smaller subscriptions represented over half the total.

The Benedictine Sisters were making final revisions of the floor plan by the fall of 1972, the Foundation had ordered outside signs for the building and surveying was being done for the layout of water lines to the new facility. On May 14, 1973, Dr. Lyle

Seymour, president of Wayne State College, and Mother Im-elda Koch of the Benedictine Sisters helped turn over the first scoops of dirt for what is to be called the Providence

Medical Center.

By early June, another 10,000 in pledges were received. Through the next two years work progressed on the new facility and in August of 1975 hospital administrator Thomas announced Charles plans for an Aug. 24 open house and dedication.

ARCHBISHOP DANIEL Sheehan of the Omaha Diocese addressed the 2,500 Diocese addresses persons attending the dedication ceremonies. The in tion-was given by the Robert Haas, president of the Wayne Ministerial Associa-Wayne Ministerial Association. Mrs. Richard Keidel, president of the Wayne

Hospital Foundation, welcomed the guests.

Speakers included Wayne Freeman Decker Wayne State college president Dr. Lyle Seymour; Dr. Robert Benthack, chief of staff at the medical center, and Mother Imedical cerner, and Mohier Imelda Koch, representing the Missionary Benedictine Missionary

The old hospital building has been converted into city of-fices, including the police department, city clerk, utility billing offices, general administration, consulting engineer's office, mayor's office, and director of civi defense.
Also included is rooms for

the city council and planning commission, public meeting rooms and recreation room. The Wayne Senior Citizens Center is also housed in the

basement of the old hospital.
Facilities at Providence
Medical Center include:

Laboratory: with latest type of equipment to provide speed and accuracy in the performance of laboratory tests.
Radiology: the radiology

Radiology: the radiology department is operated unde of highly supervision qualified radiologists.

Surgical department: is staffed to assist in today's modern surgical procedures

Recovery Room: patients are taken to this room following surgery to receive cons-tant, expert care by the nursing and anethesia staff until

Physical therapy: to help ed vour recovery

Electrocardiogram and stress testing: an EKG is a measurement of the heart activity. A cardiologist can provide extremely valuable infor

Medical records: a com-plete record of your treatment and progress is maintained during your stay and kept on file for future reference.

Intensive and Coronary Care Unit: this special unit is a patient care area designed * for the purpose of concentrating in one location those patients who are critically or seriously ill and who require and will benefit from a large amount of skilled nursing ca amount of skilled nursing care and close, constant, nursing observation.

Emergency room: treatments are given in accordance with the medical urgency of each patient.

· Ambulance service: is available. With hospital peravailable. With nospital per-sonnel serving as attendants, this service is assured of well-qualified persons. The drivers are all specially trained for ambulance work.

Dietary: Your diet, like your medications, treatments, and diagnostic tests prescribed by your doctor, is impor tant.

Telephone patient's room at no additional

tharge.
T.V. sets; may be rented.
This service as well as a gift shop convenience is provided by our Auxiliary.

Childbirth education classes periodic basis.

Clargymen: patients may meet at the hospital on a

Clergymen: patients may be visited at any time by a clergy of their own choice. Chapel: is situated to the far end of the "B" wing and is open at all times for the benefit of patients, their celatives and friends who and friends who

wish to visit there.

Family room: may also be used for visits, if you wish to be away from your hospital

ed by two clinics: Benthack Clinic of Dr. Walter Benthack, Dr. Robert Benthack Gary West, P.A.; Wa Family Practice Group of Willis Wiseman, Dr. Jim Lindau, Dr. Todd French and Dr. David Wachs.

Wayne County growth reported by census

Wayne County's first census was taken by Geo. Hunter in the spring of 1870 and showed a total population of 180.

The first assessment, taker after the organization of the county, was made in March 1871. It showed the valuation of personal property to be \$8,640 and real estate was \$319,500, total valuation at

showed the natority of the inhabitants to be as follows: Germany, 62; Illinois, 38; Nebraska, 55; England, 3; Canada, 10; Pennsylvania, 20; Ohio, 4; Indiana, 7; New York, 15; Maine, 2; Vermont, 6; Denmark, 16; Michigan, 7; Iowa, 9; Scotland, 2; Wiscon sin, 31; New Jersey, 5; Min-nesota, 2; District of Columbia, 1; Norway, 1; Virginia, 1; Ireland, 1; and Kentucky, 1.

The occupation report for the county showed 71 farmers, 2 carpenters, 1 physician, 1 at-torney and 2 blacksmiths. Also

included was the fact that three residents could neither read nor write.

THE 15TH OFFICIAL census of the United States, taken in 1930, placed the total population of Wayne County at 10,566. A total of 5,546 were males and 5,020 were females.

The county total for the previous year of 1920 had shown a population of 9,725.

Of the 1930 total, 6,783 were

living on farms and 3,783 in

towns. The county had 1,132

foreign-born residents.
The greatest number, 592, were natives of Germany, 174 of Sweden, 133 of Denmark, 64 of Sweden, 133 of Denmark, 64 of Wales, 38 of England and a few from other countries.

THE CITY OF Wayne, itself, showed a population of 2,115 in 1920 and 2,381 in 1930.

The school census of 1930 The school census of 1930 showed that Wayne County had 1,510 between the ages of seven and 13, 393 were the ages of 14 and 15, 419 were the ages of 16 and 17 and 612 were

of the ages of 18 to 20. Illiteracy was only .5 percent at this time.

With an area of 450 square miles and a population of 10,566, Wayne County had an average of 23.5 persons per square mile in 1930.

The farm acres totaled 369,920 and represented 95.9 percent of the land.

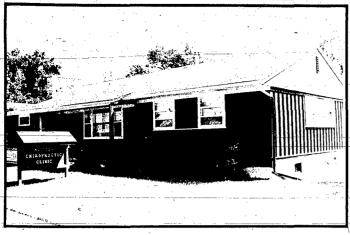
THE AVERAGE size of farms in Wayne County was

223.1 acres in 1920 and increas-

The 1930 report showed Wayne County to have six miles of concrete, brick or

asphalt roads in the year.
Graveled roads of the county totaled 73 miles. Improved dirt roads were 774 miles, unimproved dirt roads, 577 miles and other roads, 74 miles.

In 1937, Wayne had payed streets, with gravel and other hard surface covering about 80 miles.



Hillier Chiropractic Clinic commends Wayne on a century of hard work and prosperity



Dr. Sid Hillier has recently noved Hillier Chiropractic Clinic to its new location at 501 East 7th. The family prac-tice 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 West, 3rd, and in March of 1971, the office was moved to 106 West 2nd. Their most recent move came December, 1983.

Elaine Francis is the clinic receptionist.

HILLIER CHIROPRACTIC

CLINIC 501 East 7th ayne, Nebraska

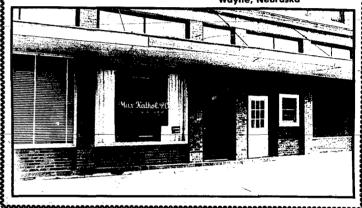
Max Kathol, CPA, salutes Wayne for a successful 100 years

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.

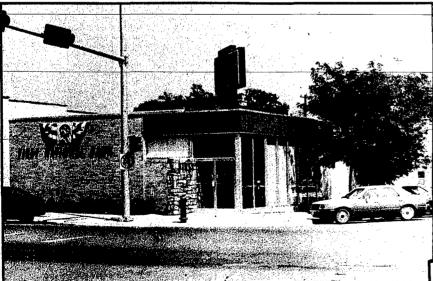
Several years ago, the firm computerized its operation. Max and his staff — Joel Ankeny, Tammy Foote, and part-time employees DiAnn Shultheis and Melia Hefti — work with clients primarily in the areas of taxes and financial statement preparation. Our clients are from all over northeast Nebraska — from Norfolk to Sioux City to Hartington.



MAX KATHOL, CPA 110 Wayne 2nd Wayne, Nebraska



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK COMMENDS WAYNE ON A MAGNIFICENT ONE HUNDRED YEARS



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.



'Throughout the years"

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAYNE





Doctoring nearly 60 years

DR. WALTER BENTHACK, Wayne's oldest practicing physician, stands beside a plaque which hangs in the window at Benthack Clinic in recognition of Wayne's centennial year. The plaque, which Dr. Walter says is "vintage 1926," guided patients to his office during his first practice in Pierce. It is gold leaf on black and was mounted in an oak frame by Gary West, physician's assistant at Benthack Clinic. Dr. Walter, 88, moved his practice from Pierce to Wayne in June of 1930. Practicing with him is his son, Dr. Bob Benthack.

Sanitation poses problems

thin he early days lown people (which increas for irranspor-tation, pigs to eat the garbage and to butcher, and cows to furnish milk. In 1898 the county assessor's records showed that there were 173 horses, 451 cattle, and 220 hogs assessed to residents of Wayne. All of these animals might not

have been kept within the city limits but many were.
In the July 13, 1898 issue of THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN
Editor E. Cunningham had the following editorial:
"Time to Clean Up"

There are some places in the city that need sanitation and need it badly. At times in the evening the fragrant perfumes of these disease laden plague spots is something terrible to experience and we are sorry to say that all the blame cannot be made to rest on the numerous stock yards that surround the city. People and hogs are brought entirely too near in their places of abode and we don't altogether believe it is the fault of the hogs, but hog pens are not altogether responsible for quite all the perfumes afloat. There are a good many places that need looking after pref-ty closely by our board of health if they are really concern-ed about the health and comfort of the people that do not own stock yards, hogs and hog pens, swill barrels and cow own stock yards, hogs and hig pens, swill barries and cow stables that are only cleaned semi occasionally. Some of these times our city will experience an epidemic brought on by carelessness in not keeping clean as we should and when we follow our dear ones to their last resting place we will realize that we are responsible for their deaths in not enforcing the laws of God and man against these breeders

ne September 21 issue contained this new item:

On Sunday afternoon the spirit took its flight from the earth by tenement of Ora Bibler the 8 year old son of E.E. Bibler and wife. The little fellow was at school on Wednesday and on Thursday complained of not feeling well. On Saturday the attending physician pronounced the case diphtheria, from which he died at the time stated. The funeral occurred on Monday morning.
In the same issue Editor Cunningham again spoke out editorially in this fashion:
The death of Ora Bibler from diphtheria has thrown our

The death of Ora Bibler from diphtheria has thrown our little city into an excitement that may result in a general cleanup that is surely very much needed. It is not known how the case that resulted so terribly originated and it is hoped that the disease may not spread and we believe it will not if prompt action on the part of the authorities can prevent it. It is time to clean out hog pens from the resident portion of the city and the alleys need a renovating that will make of them something better than reeking cesspools of corruption that scatter broadcast their germs of death. We have disregarded the ordinary laws of sanitation long We have disregarded the ordinary laws of sanitation long enough in our city not because of ignorance, but because we didn't desire to be regarded as assuming the part of being our brothers keeper.

It is time to look after our brothers welfare if we would

preserve the lives of those nearest and dearest to us and let preserve the investor mose nearest and dearest to us and let us put aside all sentimentality in the matter and look at it in the light of intelligent beings and if our neighbors are determined to be other than citizens, careful of the health of the general public, apply to them the strong arm of the state. It is a matter of life or death and regard for the tender feelings of a neighbor should not be allowed to cut

The issue of October 5 printed a story from THE DIXON TRIBUNE which belittled Wayne for its sanitation pro-

The Ponca papers nearly went wild last week, just because a poor little inoffensive animal called "imophitist americana" got into some lady's chicken coop, and after being besieged by the enraged owner, his dog and all the being besieged-by the enraged owner,-his dog and all-the neighbors for blocks around, gave up the battle leaving a trail of incense behind which caused people living in that locality to elevate their noses and hold their breath whenever they go near the terrible place of encounter. Whew! That's nothing compared with Wayne's stockyards last spring — DIXON TRIBUNE.

We didn't suppose they could smell them 14 miles away. That's why Ecter had to replenish his jug.
In the October 12 issue, this news article appeared:

In the October 12 issue, this news article appeared:

Diphtheria Closes Schools

During the latter part of the week just passed, cases of diphtheria developed at the homes of Mr. Fling, R.E.K. Mellor and T.W. Moran. The children are all pupils in the room taught by Miss Schultz and the schoolboard thought it advisable to close the schools for a time and have fixed it. at two weeks. They have acted wisely in the matter and it

is hoped that when the time fixed has expired all danger will be passed and the schools can open with safety to all. The September 21 issue also deals with the diphtheria

Considerable complaint is being made by residents in the southern part of the city against the close proximity to that portion of the city of the different feedyards. They claim there is no use of cleaning up alleys and backyards

as long as these are allowed to exist and some of them threaten to begin proceedings for their abatement. The diphtheria scare last week had a rather demoralizing effect on the attendance of a few rooms in our city schools, but as no new cases have developed everything is

schools, but as no new cases have developed everything is again assuming normal condition and the boys and girls are again nearly all back in their places and hard at work. Every precaution that can be taken to prevent disease of any kind getting into our schools has been taken by our schoolboard and the teachers as no detail that will tend to the physical as well as the mental growth of the pupils has been neglected. The ventilation of the building and sanitation of the surrounding is very carefully looked after. There were a couple of more incidents and then one issue stated that only the Bibler boy had diphtheria, the little girl that had died had succombed from other causes. Editor Cunningham again wrote of the need to clean up the outhouses (he called them vaults) behind the business buildings in the alleys on either side of Main Street. There are no reports on whether anything had been done.

Today it is hard to imagine Wayne with an authouse behind every home and business building with pig pens and a barn where a team of horses and a cow were housed behind many homes.

behind many homes

When the sewers finally came it was a major undertaking to remodel the house or add on aroom or more to accommodate the bathroom.

—Submitted by Robert Beckenhauer

First telephones installed in 1897

together.
A few independently owned

and operated telephones were in use at the time.
They were the crude Blake type, consisting of wooden boxes and battery mounted on wall boards about three and a

half feet long.

The receivers were eight to 10 inches long and the mouthplece was only a hole in

Huse Nyberg, W.F. Perdue, a telephone linesman in Wayne for several years,

It consisted of a tall glass jar containing a powder dissolved in water, a piece of carbon and stick of zinc, all

stirred together.
Something always happened when the machine was cranked, but not always the right

The party on the other line might hear a howl or feel a shock of electricity, the result was always uncertain.

DURING JULY, 1897, W.A. Cottrell and W.W. Pritchard, telephone men, were in Wayne to install the town's first

the men worked to have telephone lines working within

10 days.

The system became a re ty and a newspaper report of Oct. 5, 1897, said "Citizens are wondering how they ever got along without the telephone." The company had subscribers.

The telephone linked together the people of Wayne with the outside world.

PRITCHARD, WHO SOLD sewing machines in connec-tion with his telephone business, had his first ex-change over the Ahern building (now Timberline, Ward's, etc.) and his daughter was the operator. Martin Savidge was said to

have the first phone installed. Rates were \$1.50 for business phones and \$1 for residence. The Nebraska Bell Telephone company, who wanted to start business in Wayne, reached the outskirts of the city, but no farther for Pritchard held franchise within the city.

Because of this, the long

distance station was located in the J.C. Hostetter home on the R. Craven farm just north of

BLANCHE HOSTETTER presided over the exchange and calls from a distance were and calls from a distance were brought into a tiny booth to which townspeople were sum-moned when needed. Pritchard retired from the exchange in 1900 and Ray Don-nely succeeded him. Three

years later the city council granted franchise to the Nebraska Bell—Telephone company, authorizing use of streets and alleys for telephone purposes.

Farm lines connecting with the Wayne exchange were another big step in phone history. S.E. Auker, who had seen telephone lines running

seen telephone lines running along fences in western Nebraska, brought the idea to

Nebraska, Made State Sta

across roads and driveways.
FRANK STRAHAN had the

FRANK STRAHAN had the second one at his ranch, building it in 1903.

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg. the fence-post telephone line worked well except when old Bessie would see a tempting bit of green on the other side of the fence and would noke her head through would poke her head through,

thus crossing the wires.

At first the farm lines ended in the Chace and Neely hards ware store (now the Midwest Land Co.) and the men there switched calls over to other farm lines for several months. Fifteen Wayne citizens met

in November, 1903, in the law office of Welch and Stanley to promote a rural telphone line

JOHN LIVERINGHOUSE was elected chairman and William Fischer, secretary. A committee including F.M. Griffith, J.M. Ross, F.L. Neely, W.H. Gildersleeve and

ly, W.H. Gildersleeve and Henry Kellogg was named to investigate preliminary to fur-thering the project. By January, 150 farmers had signed up, which was a number sufficient to guarantee building three rural lines. Farmers owned their own

lines and paid switching fee. The lines out of Wayne numbered 40 in 1938.

F.E. Bell came to Wayne in 1904 and opened an indepen-dent exchange in second story rooms of the Kass building and Lane drug store.

HE SOLD HIS interest to Arthur Overshine, Chicago capitalist. A.J. Ferguson was elected president and A.N. Matheny,

treasurer. In 1920, the Nebraska Telephone Company became the Northwestern Belt

the Northwestern Belt Telephone Company. In 1934, construction began on a new telephone office for Wayne. The building and equipment were put into ser-vice Feb. 15, 1935, at 215 Pearl Street

The new brick building and new equipment for the Wayne exchange were constructed at a cost of \$35,000. The Wayne exchange was converted to full dial service

Trustees pass ordinance for building sidewalks

The first election held in the village of Wayne was called

for April 1, 1884.
A. B. Slater, John T. Bressler, L. C. Dearborn, E. R. Chace and Charles Johnson were elected trustees for a

term of one year.

Bressler tendered his resignation and F. M. Northrop

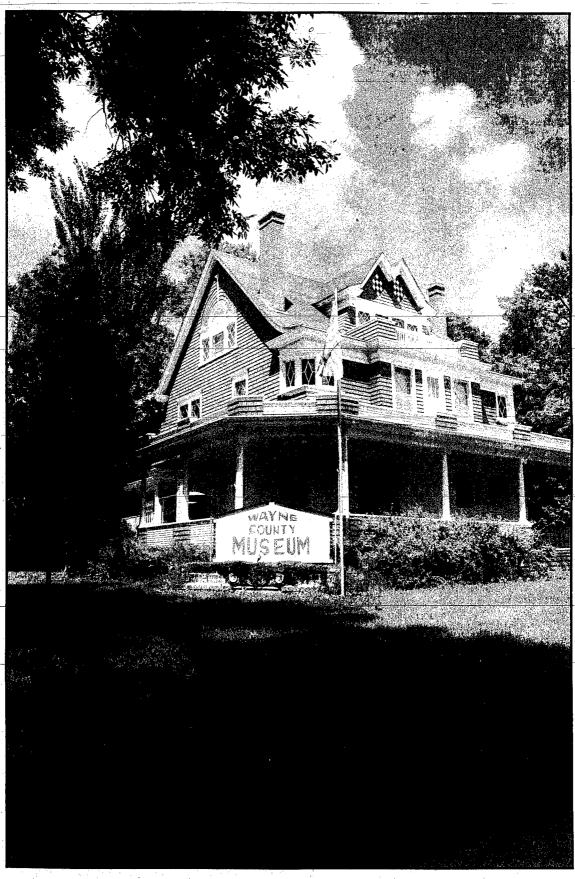
Bressler tendered his resignation and F. M. Northrop was named for the vacancy.

A. P. Childs was elected clerk; A. A. Welch, named attorney; and John T. Bressler, named treasurer.

Among the first business transactions by the trustees was the passing of an ordinance providing for building of sidewalks.

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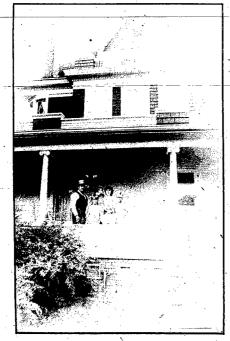




The way it was









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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

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 lawred a provision in the 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 Benshoof Auker agreed to sponsor the

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

lda Reed Moses met with Judge Lyle Jackson, sheriff Hans Tretgen, county clerk C.A. Bard, district clerk David Hamer, and commis-sioners Emil Meyer, Oliver Reechart and George Stoltz. The women asked that the north portion of the court room be used to display the

THE REQUEST WAS

pleted by April 23, 1954. Mrs. Jessie Austin Reynolds was appointed recorder for the 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,

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. Stoltz sang, and the museum

DURING 1955, THE follow ing 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 anti-ques 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. Malks Sprensen donated 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 building, a museum. The building, which had to be moved to pro-vide room for a new filing sta-tion going up in Wayne, was donated by Joe M. Hupp of

HOWEVER, WITH FUNDS unavailable to refurbish the museum site, the house has re-

mained 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 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 represen-tatives met with the commis-sioners and made the pro-posal. The commissioners in-dicated that they would like to see evidence that the 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. County commissioners agreed to grant \$2,000 to the historical society for maintenance and upkeep on the house for one

At the present time, the Lev 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 re-

mother of the Ley children, will be dedicated in memory of their father. The Ley home became the second physician's home to be

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

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 aftic was finished and used as a play room.

The home has four fireplaces, one upstairs and three downstairs, designed for burning coal. Woodwork the rooms and fireplaces clude maple, cherry and walnut. The walls of the den are paneled and many of the 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 vnstairs each contain a dif ferent design

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 eling of the bathro and other changes since water

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 h 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

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 rable amount of work

CARRYING ON A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

January, 1977, the Chevrolet/Oldsmobile 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 ears 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 noved 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.

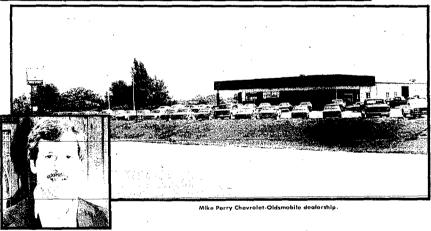
A total of 26 employees are in the sales and service areas as well as Coryell Derby at 211 Logan, providing over 285 years of experience for our customers.



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 Corvell Derby for 33 years. The staon has three other employees.









The sales staff at Mike Perry Chevrolet/Oldsmobile incl left to right: Jack Brownell, Ed Carroll, Terry Graf, and

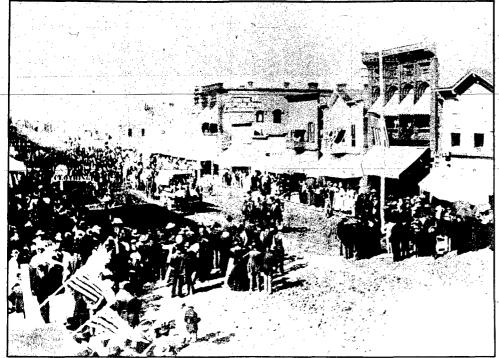


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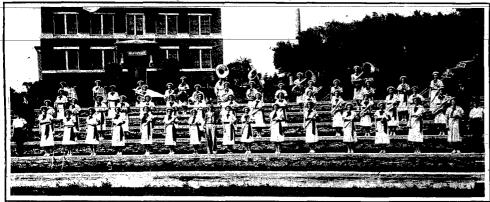
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Submitted by State National Bank

AN EARLY celebration on Wayne's main street is highlighted by a grand parade down the center of town



WAYNE'S "All Girl Band" was directed by Ray Reed in 1937

Local bands provide

early entertainment

ck in 1884, there were local businessmen who decided to start a band.

The leader was Robert W.

Wilkins, druggist, who played the cornet; Charles M. 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 the Wayne County Fair in 1885.

FROM THE FAIR'S proceeds, the band bought new in-struments and hired a direc-tor. 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

The old building with a tar roof was the community center where all skating par-ties, dances, and shows were

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 musi-

at Norfolk for the old soldiers reunion and won first prize in

During street fairs and carnivals of the 90's, the group was called to play in Sioux Ci-

for its dedication. The band

munincipal band of 50 musicians in Wayne, was

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.

Somehow, 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 carried two, one to pedal and

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 places.

ed first among school bands. In 1936, the musicians were called to Sioux City to play at the Grandview Music pavilion also played at Aksarben and at Ponca for the town's 80th

Social life is self-made

tainment was self-made by Wayne's earliest settlers, ac-cording 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 husking contest in the

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

EARLY SETTLERS felt the need of intellectual polish and as a consequence, promoted spelling bees and literary societies.

These were usually in harge of the teacher of the

Stiff spelldowns were con-ducted and important topics ere considered in heated debates

Flaborate 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 in-vited to attend."

FLOOR MANAGERS were J.S. Fox and Ira Durin. Tickets were rather dear for that date, costing \$1.50 each.

invitation There will be a Social Hop at the courthouse Thursday eve, February 20, 1879. Yourself February 20, 1879. Yourself and lady are cordially invited to attend. Good music will be attendance. Tickets, cluding supper, \$1.75. Britton and Bressler, Managers. LaPorte, Nebraska."

at Fifth and Main streets in

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. Armstron, Mrš. H. H. Moses, Mrs. E. L. Jones, Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, Mrs. John Harrington, Will Wittler and Mrs. rington, Will Wittler and Mrs. Henry Ley.

ALMOST 250 attended the

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

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

York in the eighties.
This magazine told that Madame Demorest of New 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 ac

onmodate all who wisheds, club work, so the Monday club was formed the same year. Its main object was establishing and maintaining a library, Other women's a library, Other women's groups helped until the city took over the library project.



THE "HUNGRY FIVE" Henry Ley, Father Robert consisted of (left to right) Ralph Austin, Hupp, John Einung, Pat Atkins, Orval Brandstfetter and Geo Goblirsch.

recognized among the best in Nebraska and a women's band of 60 musicians had members from Wayne, Wisner, Con-cord, Carroll, Wakefield and Emerson.

Hungry 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

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."

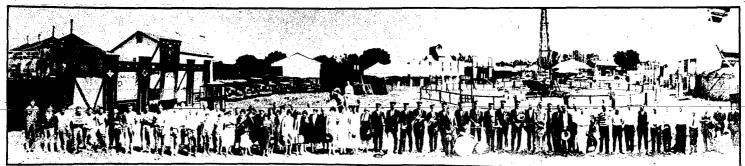
Founded to play polka band

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. other area events

The group had several tur-novers as members moved away or died and finally lost interest in the late 60's.

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Mabel Savidge remembers the past

Wayne County Anecoun and Historical Notes

Centennial year. 100 years later...Anyone over eighty years old can truthfully admit that we are now in the age of miracles. And in this centen-nial year we gather around us those who are left and remark about the changes and try to accept the progressions as

they come.

Everyone over seventy years has vivid recollections of the days before the so-called basic necessities of to-day: the telephone, automobile, helicopter, airplane and encompassing electricity. The transition of traveling with our amusement company by private railroad car in the horse and buggy days to wal-ching a television set showing an astronaut walking on the moon in the rocket age can be

My father and mother, F.M. and Elizabeth Reid Griffith, came from Red Oak and Burl-ington, Iowa, and homesteaded four miles north and a half west of Wayne, living in a chicken house on the Goss farm until their home was completed. It was in those days an attractive farm home with the huge porch on two sides of the house, the white picket fence surrounding the wide terraced lawn. The Lloyd Straights now reside in the same house, which has, undergone several

All six of us children lived «myself...Mabel,

George, Stella, Edna, Frank, Jr., and Milton. We all attended the country school still standing, one-fourth mile west of the farm, and we went on to State Normal College. My father was a cattle feeder and farmer, but was really most proud of raising his beautiful

MY MAIN PLEASURE as a child was horses and I began riding my five-gait pony early. I used a red-plush side saddle then, but later rode astride in full dress. When I was eight years old I began piano lessons, a hobby that would develop into a career later. I played the organ at Wayne County fair when my father was president of the fair. At that time he had a

At that time he had a beautiful high-spirited driving team and, being a lover of horses, I was allowed to drive them at the fair. While they were prancing around, folks thought they would get away from me but I enjoyed it and wair.ed away with a \$5.00 prize for being the most skillful driver and \$5.00 for my team.

It was at this time that I met man who would become my husband. As president of the fair my father hired various acts, and he hired Walter Savidge to walk the wire at the fair for \$5.00.

My college days started at Nebraska Normal College in old original College the old original college building which was dedicated in 1892. It was located "on the hill," on the present site of Wayne State College. I finished the teachers' course in 1902, studying piano under a Miss Stewart. Years later I finished the scientific course. I was and many friends bought them assistant teacher of music at the college and have a very flattering recommendation reacquainted with the former from President J.M. Pile, teacher of "grammar, didactics, mathematics."

OF POSSIBLE INTEREST to high school and college students is the letterhead of the college stationery:
"Students may enter at any
time. No entrance examination. Satisfaction guaranteed. Enrollment last year (1901) more than 1,000 students. \$125 pays for one year...50 weeks. \$31.50 pays all expenses for one term. Our recommenda-tions are the best. Thirteen regular courses of study.

Special courses to accommodate all. Kindergarten and primary methods. Catalogue sent on request." How dif-ferent it is now. I attended the New England

Conservatory of Music, Boston, during 1903 and have a recommendation from F. Ad-dison Porter, Superintendent, describing "conscientious student, a good player and a successful teacher." Also in my memoirs is the February 14 anounce-ment that I was selected "as a member of the Opera chorus which is to take part in the public performance of the Opera school," in Boston, Massachusetts.

I taught at the conservatory a year, then returned to the midwest where I taught in various towns for a few years. Another of my hobbies during this time was oil painting; I

wire-walking artist of earlier years, an N.N.C. student, years, an N.N.C. student, Walter Savidge, who persuad-ed me to marry him May 2, 1911, rather than to continue teaching in a college position. He owned Savidge Amuse-ment Company with his brother whose stage name was Elwin Strong.

WE BEGAN A LIFE which was for me a new career; summers on the road in our 15 car private pullman train from April until late fall; winters in opera houses wth vaudeville between acts. All 125 members of the crew

and 20 concession stands would fit into the fifteen cars as the train took us from town to town throughout the midwest. The mahogany berths were surrounded by handsome mirrors, and the silver basins had hot and cold runn-ing water. Our "big tent" seated 1,000 people and as a drawing card we had a wonderful aerial act, the "Flying Baldwins," paying them \$300 a week. Winters in cold hotels were

not as glamorous. Most hotels had heat only in the hallways.
I was the piano player of the show, and to help along we gave dances after the show.

During summers our specially made tent served as theater for the New York and Chicago dramatic produc-The production required eight men to operate the stage

numerous vaudeville acts bet-ween scenes. Outside the tent were the side shows and rides, all termed "ballyhoo." Many common rides of today were unique and expensive then. We had the usual oddities: "Baby May," the smallest fat lady who tipped the scale at 480 pounds, the Madagaskar programs, the Madagaskal prygmies, the George Thomp-son family in which Mr. Thompson was the smallest at thirty-two inches. We had wild animals, animals, trick horses, Siamese twins, snake charmers, Ma-Ho, the man

AS OUR SHOW grew It was well-known in the midwest as being the cleanest show in America. The main reason for that was that my husband did not allow smoking, gambling, profanity or messiness to exist, and only married persons could join. Instant dismissal and fines were the results if anyone disobeyed the rules. Because of this the company soon received the name of "The Sunday School Amuse-ment Company." At this time we split with Walter's brother

we split with Walter's brother and went it alone. We started several professionals on their way up. Lyle Talbot, who is seen occasionally on television, began as a child with our troupe because his parents were with us. He stayed with us for years before "going Hollywood." Dick Elliot, now deceased, a well known comedian in films. well known comedian in films had his beginnings with us as did Fritz Adams who also went on to perform in the

Our only child, Walter Savidge Jr., who is now an Omaha realtor and a grand-father, started in show business at the early age of

three weeks.

Art Thomas bought the remainder of our business after we retired in 1941, having traveled the circuit for 35 years. Many articles have been written about our life, and now a book is in the pro-cess of being written.

MY PARENTS BUILT the home where the Tony Garlicks now live and moved there from the family farm years ago. My mother, father and two brothers, Frank and

Nilton, have all passed away.

I remember my father when
he worked on the old Boyd
Hotel, situated on McDonald's Corner; and I remember that one of my properties stood where the present post office is located. That house had been moved from LaPorte and been moved from LaPorte and the government paid me \$250 for it, so they could build the post office. My mother had a house next to mine. It was moved directly west of our former family home on Main Street. And now perhaps a new post office will soon be built.

I have been a Presbyterian all my life. I have seen sixteen presidents come to office (Cleveland twice) in the years of my life. Centennial year. Memories boil to the surface and surround us. I have been a art of two centuries. What a leasure to live! This I know and believe: It

is not how long we live but how we live that matters.

Wayne salutes its soldiers

January 18, 1899
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN
By Eph. Cunningham, Editor
"The Soldier Boys Banqueted"

On Monday evening about 50 of Wayne's citizens gathered about the festal board at the Little Delmonico for the purpose of doing honor to the returned soldier boys. The banquet itself was one fit for the best while the music furnished by the quartet composed of Messr's Nangles, Goldie and Wilbur was a very happy and entertaining

reature.

Dr. Ivory acted as toastmaster and filled the position admirably, J.M. Pile extended to the returned heroes a warm welcome that we know finds a ready response in the heart of everyone. J.D. King was the only representative of the war of '61 present and his words of greeting were well received and heartily applauded.



Judge Norris was called out by the toastmaster and his response was one characteristic of the man, filled with patriotism and expressed in a most pleasing manner.

Next came George Wilbur of the Second Nebraska whose words demonstrated that he was not sorry for the tender of service he had made and who found no cause for regret and who gave assurance by his words that the spirit of the fathers was alive in the men of '98.

Following him came one of the boys who received his baptism of fire in the far east, away in the far off Phillipines—Elmer Lundberg. To say that every word that fell from the lips of the young man was listened to with the closest attention hardly expresses-it.

He told us something of the islands, the people and He fold us something of the islands, the people and what may be expected of them and expressed the belief that it will be well to make considerable allowance for the newspaper reports about the danger of trouble likely to arise with the people over there. He says that it was always necessary for them while he was there to get papers from the states to find out about the great excitement prevalent in the islands as they never found it out in any other way, because it didn't exist.

It is his opinion that the people there will readily accept and be wonderfully benefitted by the control that will be and be wonderfully benefitted by the control that will be exercised by our government. The evening was a happy one for those present, the only regret that we heard expressed being that all of the boys who had gone at their country's call could not be present and enjoy the present. There were present five of the now veterans of the Spanish-American war, Elmer Lundberg, Geo. Wilbur, Harry-Beebe, O.B. Hayes and Gary Light and we are certain that they fully realize that the citizens of Wayne heartily appreciate the part they took in the war for humani-

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-Submitted by Bessie Baier

LaPorte celebrates

Christmas season

Wayne County's first Christmas celebration in Wayne County took place in the old courthouse at LaPorte in 1880, according to Dorothy Huse Nyberg.

LaPorté was then the county seat and its population con-sisted of twelve families. The families decided to have a celebration and invite people

from the countryside. Mrs. John T. Bressler and Mrs. Mary Brittain were appointed to make the arrangements. The celebration was financ-

ed with \$35.

A BOXELDER TREE took the place of cedar or fir as the central attraction and it was

central attraction and it was decorated with evergreens procured from a Wisner merchant. The tree was lighted with candles and filled with candles and other gifts.

According to Dorothy Huse Nyberg, the fall of 1880 ushered one of the hardest winters. Bluzzards were frequent and people did not venture far over the unbroken, unprotected prairie. protected prairie

The hardy pioneers had lit-tle in the way of entertainment during the long, dreary winter months, with no conveniences and few comforts. When they received invita-

tion to attend the first Christmas celebration, they gathered from long distances and filled the courthouse to overflowing.



EVERYONE CON-TRIBUTED presents to the free and everybody was remembered in the distribu

Dorothy Huse Nyberg relates the story of one lady making an overcoat for her husband and the joyful climax in which it was received.

This was reportedly the first Christmas program in Wayne

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Women's clubs establish public library

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 the control 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

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 interest shown by several women's clubs including Acme, Monday, U.D., Bachelor Girls, Minerva and Pieran, represented respec-tively by Mrs. Hamer Wilson, Mrs. Dan Harrington, Mrs. Jessie James, Miss Lucy Buff-

Jessie James, Miss Lucy Buff-ington, Mrs. Sarah Andress and Mrs. Edith Cherry. These clubs organized as a group in 1898 with the follow-ing board of directors: Mesdames J.T. Bressler, A.A. Welch, C.A. Chase, Nathan Chase, Burdick and Wilbur; also Misses Mary Mason and Bufflindton. Buffington.

In about 1898, the Commercial Club, an organization of business men, furnished a room in the courthouse which became the first library. followed and the ladies took turns acting as librarian as there was no money to pay for that service

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

THOSE ATTENDING THE meetings were Mesdames Ley, Blair, Owen, Davies, Wilson, Pile, Littell, Brown, Weber Beebe. Duerig, Fuller, Robbins, War-nock, Corbit, Bartlett, Williams and Jacobs

By 1910, added names in-

By 1910, added names in-cluded King, Johnson, Dear-born and Montgomery. It is evident from the records that the men of Wayne were most supportive of the

were most supportive of the efforts of the club ladies. Speakers at a general meeting in 1902 were Pro-fessors 'Pite, Gregg and Snodgrass from the college, Judge Moses and Rev. Birrell.

OTHER NAMES appearing y the time the new building

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

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. set to work.

Carnegie responded with a check for \$10,000 on the condition that the city match the

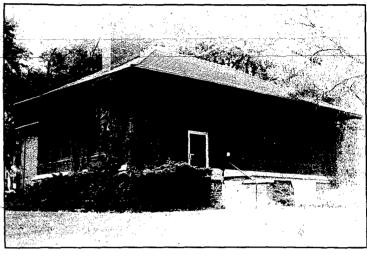
THE LIBRARY BOARD petitioned the city council and was granted a levy to maintain the library. It bought the lot just north of the Baptist Church for \$850.

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

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



HE 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

Services are provided to all ge groups through story age groups through story hours, summer reading pro-grams, 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 Founda tion was established in 1978 to accept memorial gifts and other bequests.
—Written by Leila Maynard,

Association develops Wayne County Fair

Interest in a Wayne County Fair first developed in 1885 when an association was form ed 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 sec-

tion.
In the late nineties interest 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 dona tions from the breeders and others. The undertaking proved successful at first, but ed successful at first suspended in about 1920.

Acting under public pressure, a group met at Wayne's City Hall in 1922 to n the late nineties interest form a temporary organiza-the fair lagged and no tion known as the Wayne County Fair and Agricultural
Association.

> The purpose of the organiza tion was to promote agriculture, this being done through holding a county fair each year.

THE GROUP INCOR-PORATED with a capital stock of \$25,000.



Officers chosen were H.J. VonSeggern, secretary; R.W. Miner, president; H.B. Ley, treasurer. Craven, vice president; W.E. Directors were V.L. Dayton,

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 built in 1925, with most of the funds raised by school children of the county. An am-pitheatre was also built in

Other improvements to the

grounds and buildings have

ln 1940, the constitution was changed and six additional board members were added to board members were added to the Wayne County Fair and Agricultural Society making the governing body a presi-dent, vice president, secretary, treasurer and fif-teen board members. THE CURRENT officers are Dick Sorenson, president; -Marty Willers, vice president; -Arold Marr secretary and

Arnold Marr, secretary and

Board Ley, treasurer.

Board of directors include
Don Peters, Howard Greve,
Robert Hansen, Glen Olson, Jim Shultheis, Richard Soren son, Felix Dorcey, Leland Herman, Marty Willers, Jerry Pospishil, Albert Topp, Terry Leland Janke, Don Langenberg and Ray Roberts





Submitted by Wayne County Historical Society

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Early day LaPorte celebrates Fourth

When the ploneers first ar-rived 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 settledecided on an In-

dependence 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 din-ner and a lively dance follow-

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. games were added for enter-tainment.

Everyone provided their part for the feast, including chicken, potato salad and

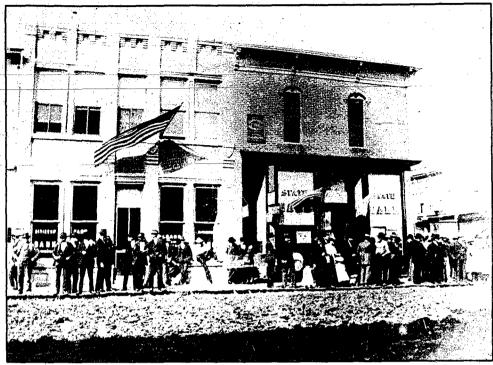
DOROTHY HUSE Nyberg recalls the year Mrs. W. A. Hunter roasted an entire pig an ear of corn in its mouth

To prepare the animal, she dusted off the newly killed pig with resin, then dipped it into a washboiler of scalding

After wrapping the pig in a woolen blanket, the hair peel-ed 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

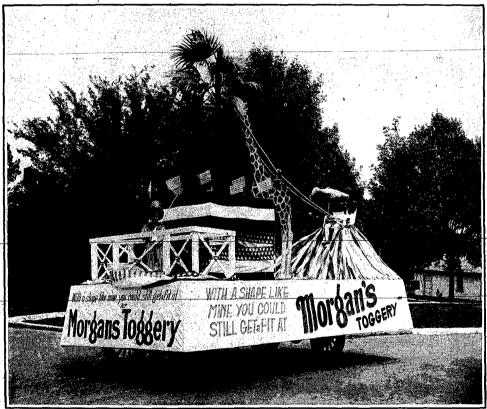
Wayne County was represented at the big Fourth celebration staged at Ponca in 1883. The cornet band and glee club furnished music while young women, dressed to represent the goddess of liber-ty and the various states, presented a "panorama of beauty and splendor."

The Declaration of In-dependence was then read and the 5,000 spectators were stir-red with patriotism.



PEOPLE LINED the streets of Wayne during the Fourth of July celebration.

Grand parade highlights Wayne celebration



FRANK MORGAN built this float for his children, Mary Jane and Jack, who participated in the 1919 Fourth of July parade.

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 lemmo" 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.), footraces, 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 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

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 ning 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

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. they were for all time.

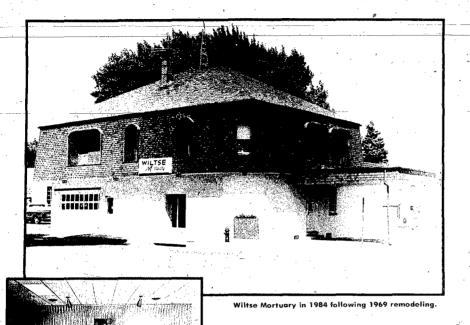
No wealth that parents can leave their children can com-pensate them for the lack of the training the schools can and will give them. The scholar is heir to all the ages; all the beauties of poetry, all the brave exploits recorded in history, all the wonders of genius are his. Perhaps in some of our country districts we have

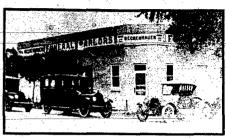
another Edison only waiting the touch of Philosophy's fairy wand to start him on his career of invention; 'some mute, in glorious Milton,' who only needs the songs of our poets to show him his ability.

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.

County Superintendent of Schools -Submitted by Bessie Baier

WILTSE MORTUARY BOASTS THREE GENERATION BUSINESS





Beckenhauer Funeral Parlor in 1915



leckenhauer Funeral Home with addition added in 1925.



Wiltse Mortuary in 1958 before last major remodeling

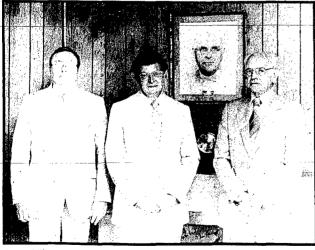


Interior picture

Funeral home in Winside



Funeral home in Laurel.



Rowan Wiltse, partner Brian McBride, William Beckenhauer (pictured) and Willard Wiltse represent three gaperations of evacuable

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.

Solso. This too had been a three generation family venture.

A third family funeral name 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

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J. M. Pile strives for building of the college

"From Then to Now — A Story of Wayne"

In several towns of Nor theast Nebraska, early attempts were made to found colleges. Some early examples were those at Frent, Neligh, Plainview, and

by the establishing of a Lutheran school under the name of the Wayne Academy This was in operation as early as 1888 as is shown by an an-nouncement of the winter term for that year in which "Classic and Normal" courses were offered.

M.L. Melick, the Lutheran

moving spirit of this first association. Until recent years trenches, which had been dug for the foundation of an academy building, were visi-ble on the location to the east of the Greenwood cemetery.

For a number of years prior

to 1889, W.E. Howard, County Superintendent, conducted a superintendent, conducted a summer institute for teachers and others in Wayne. In the summer of 1889, J.M. Pile, a teacher in the Fremont Nor-

HIS WORK WAS so well appreciated that the next sum-mer, when County Superinten er, when County Supermonth of J.J. Gildersleeve and Ci-totandent W.B. Ashley decided to hold a ten weeks' summer school, Mr.

Pile was ago...
instructor.
The attendance at this school was about seventy-five, which was considered quite which was considered or remarkable inasmuch there were only sixty-five school districts organized in

the county.

Mr. Pile was enthusiastic about the possibilities of about the possibilities of Wayne as a Normal school center, and a number of citizens stirred by the interest which had been aroused by

A tract of land adjoining the town on the northeast was pur-chased and deeded to the Nebraska Normal College Association. This was divided into 600 lots, most of which re sold for \$35 each, thereby

EACH LOT became a stockholder in the company. Two blocks of this addition were set aside as a college campus and the money raised was used for the erec and equipment of

building.

Mr. Pile returned in the summer of 1891 and conducted school in a frame building at No. 313 Main Street (now Roe and Crawford's Market). The new building was com-

pleted by fall and the new school was opened on the hill in November, 1891, as the Nebraska Normal College.

The board of trustees of the college association elected Mr. Pile as the president and

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tendered the property to him free of rent for a term of five years, with a stipulation that if the attendance should reach 200 in the fifth year, the pro-perty would be deeded to him free of encumbrance.

THE FIRST FACULTY consisted of J.M. Pile, Mr. Hawkins and Miss Byrne. Two were added in the fall of 1892. During that year the new building was completed, and a dormitory added.

When school opened in the when school opened in the fall, the new quarters were enthusiastically dedicated to the cause of education. During the five years following, the campus was expanded to five acres, attendance increased materially, and when the period had expired the proper ty was deeded to J.M. Pile.

A dormitory was erected in 1898 at a cost of \$3,500 and in 1900, Kingsbury Hall (recently demolished) was built. This

contained a spacious dining hall and was the first dor-mitory to be heated by steam.

1905 a bond issue \$40,000 was sold and extensive added. Also Terrace Hall, a power plant, and a little later, the president's residence.

THE CAMPUS WAS extended so that when the institution was taken over by the state, it consisted of about thirteen

acres.
The school raised much of the foodstuffs that were used and butchered some of its meats, and thus employment was offered to students and board and room was furnished

at reasonable prices.

The expense of attending school in 1895 was \$125 per year which included board, room, and tuition for fiffy weeks. Many a man and

woman may be thankful to J.M. Pile for making it possible for them to secure an education they otherwise might not have obtained.

Entrance requirements have pecified admittance to the sidera specified admittance to me common school course to any student who could read or-dinary text books. Classes dinary text books. Classes began at 6 a.m. and continued until 10 p.m. and the president taught nine classes daily in ad-dition to his administrative

STUDENTS WERE permitted to advance as rapidly as their abilities warranted and many a young man after riving at maturity with little Thousands of other young or no schooling, was enabled men and women have receiv-to complete his elementary ed training and inspiration and secondary education in a from the work they have done riving at maturity with little few years by the exertion of ef-

It is said that at the large they owe the vinter term there were as their career.

many as 800 in attendance and the average attendance for the last few years as a private in-stitution was around 400.

Many men and women who have since attained considerable recognition were on the early faculties. Among them the names of Anna Byrne, F.M. Gregg, U.S. Conn, C.H. Bright, and A.V. Teed appear prominently.

IN THE EARLIER days of the school we find among the lists of graduates such names as Charlotte M. White, H.E. Mason, Fred S. LeCrone, John G. Neihardt, Arthur Mullen, and R.I. Elliott

at the normal college. It is their Alma Mater and to it they owe the foundations of

School purchased

Nebraska Normal College formed

According to James E. Brittain excerpted from 'From Then to Now — A Story of Wayne''

One of the most exciting and important events in the town's history was the fight in the Legislature of 1909 for the assage of the bill to purchase

passage of the bill to purchase the Nebraska Normal College for a State Normal School.

Two attempts had been previously made which failed. Mr. Pile had been in ill health and shortly before the legislature of 1909 convened he decided to try to sell bis in. decided to try to sell his in-stitution to the state.

He disclosed his plans first to James Britton on the Sunday before the meeting of the legislature. Mr. Britton pro-ceeded to Lincoln at his re-quest-and attended to the matter of the drafting of the bill and its introduction.

At that time, there had been no re-appointment of the state for legislative purposes in many years. Wayne County was represented in the lowe house by Adam Pilger whose district was composed of Wayne and Stanton Counties.

HE INTRODUCED the hill which was known as House Roll 139. Under the old reappointment then existing the southeastern counties much better represented than the gortheastern.

Richardson County had representatives Pawnee, two; Nemaha, two; Johnson, two. These were all counties of about the same size as Wayne county, but we had only one representative between our county and Stan-

ton county.

Generally speaking, the South Platte counties had South Platte counties had much the better of the representation and strong op-position to the bill developed in that quarter as well as in other communities which had institutions they wished to have made State Normal Schools. The only State Normals then were at Peru and

Meetings of the business men and citizens of Wayne were held, but very little hope was entertained that was entertained that the passage of the bill might be secured, however they continued the fight. P.H. Kohl, Henry Ley, John T. Bressler and James Britton were on the ground during practically the entire session of the legislature. legislaturë.

MUCH ASSISTANCE was given by John Kuhl, who represented Cedar and Pierce

representing Knox and Boyd, D.C. Heffernan representing Cuming, Dakota and Thurstor and D.J. Killen of Gage, W.D Redmond, a former member of the legislature, also rendered much assistance

A bill was pending before the house for the establish-ment of an additional Normal School in the northwest corner of the state. Support was gained for the Wayne bill from those representing northwest Nebraska in return for what assistance might be rendered for their bill.

for their bill.

Finally, after a severe fight, and after overcoming odds that seemed almost insurmountable, the bill passed the lower house by a small materials.

It was thought that in case the lower house was safety passed, the proposition would have a good chance in the Senate. But opponents of the measure showed their stiffest opposition in the upper body

represented the senatorial district composed of Wayne, Stanton, Madison, and Pierce Counties. Fred Volpp, a former resident of represented Wayne, represented Washington and Dodge; George W. Wiltse, of Ran-

ucleus around which support for the Wayne Normal bill was gathered. Frank T. Ransom Douglas County lawyer, ma a powerful speech for the measure upon one occasion.

M.R. Hopewell, the lieutenant governor, when a fie vote occurred upon the question of indefinitely postponing the bill, cast the deciding vote in favor of the measure and thus

kept it alive.

Finally the bill was brought to its third reading and after the roll had been called, the

the roll had been called, the secretary announced there were 16 votes for the measure and 16 votes against.

SEVENTEEN WERE necessary for its passage. Friends of the measure asked for a call of the senate. One member, W.B. Banning, of Ilnion was absent Union, was absent.

After many tense moments the sergeant-at-arms returned with Mr. Banning, and he cast the deciding vote for the bill. It is fortunate that he was in the city and could be located, for if he had been at such a distance that it would have taken some time to find him, the call of the senate would have been lifted and the bill have failed of the necessary majority.

on third reading.

When this news came back, there was much rejoicing in Wayne, as it seemed that impossible had been complished.

BUT THEN THE question arose, would the governor sign? Petitions were cir-culated over Northeast sign? Petitions ...
culated over Northeast
Nebraska asking Governor
Shallenberger to affix his
signature to the bill.
Much pressure was brought
bear on Governor
weto it. But

the Wayne representatives were insistent and remained on the ground until the bill was finally signed.

Governor Shallenberger finally affixed his signature on April 6, 1909, and it became a law. It provided that the State Board of Education might ex-

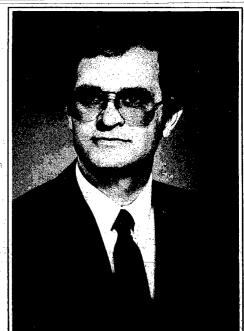
Board of Education might ex-pend not to exceed \$90,000 for the purchase of the Nebraska Normal College at Wayne. Negotiations were finally completed, the school was purchased, a president and faculty were selected, and the school opened as a State Norschool opened as a State Normal in September, 1910

But before the bill had passed the legislature, the founder of the school, J.M. Pile, had passed away.

College president

A 1960 graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., Der Elliott excelled both as a student and athlete, winning 10 varsity letters in three sports. He was named the Outstanding-ing Scholar Athlete his senior

He earned his master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1964 and his Ed.D. from the University of Northern Colorado in 1969. Dr. Elliott came to Wayne State College in 1971. He has been president since 1982, and was Vice President of Academic Affairs from 1975-80 and Vice President of the College from 1980-82. Prior to coming to Wayne State College, Dr. Elliott laught in the public schools in Missouri, at the City University of New York, in New York City, and at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo. Dr. Elliott and his wife, Sandra, are the parents of three sons: Glenn, 20; Gregg, 17; and Grant, 6.



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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,

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 fine city. In order the properly carry out the Spirit of this Centennial, certain standards, incentives, and penalties are Centennial, certain standards, incentives, and penalties are necessary to promote and encourage the proper spirit among citizens.

Section 2. Centennial standards. From this date torward 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 testive occasion.

Section 3. Incentives tor Complying with Standards. Those complying with standards will be appropriately awarded with prizes, awards, or good feelings among themselves.

who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, in addition to missing out on the fun and spirit of the emtennial, be deemed quilty of a misdement the penalty for which may include public quilty of a misdement the penalty for which may include public 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 atter 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

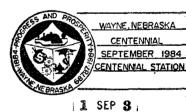
THIS CENTENNIAL Ordinance was passed by the Mayor and City Council of Wayne in observance of the celebration

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 humanities; Frank Prather, division head of firector of information systems; and Don Whisenhunt, vice president of formation systems; and Don Whisenhunt, vice president of Wayne State College.





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.



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 cancella-

tion 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.

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You are condially invited to attend "Wayne, "Nebiaska's Solden Jubilee and Kamecaming July 2; 3 and 4, 1931

The Founding of The City of Wayne id to Kanar

Those Who Had a Part in Its Early History. Wayne County Fair Grounds.

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THIS INVITATION was sent to cifizens 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. Flifty-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.



l part-time personnel include, front left: Pat Schmoll, Jenny nd Diane Ebmeier. Back: Eddie Foot, Sean Dorcey, Jeff Strat-Poehlman and Pat Melena.















Bakery personnel are, from left, Chantip Hewitt, Janes Schmale and Sarah Surber.



Managing the produce and d ments are, from left, Linda Teresa Tiedtke.

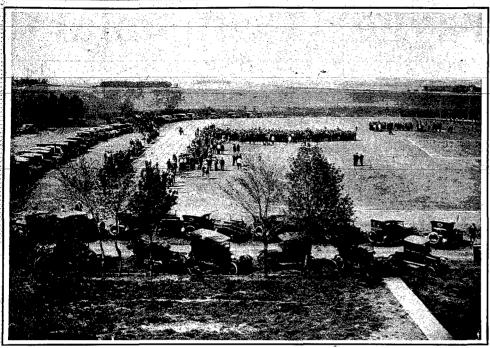




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Wayne, Nebraska

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Ahtletics 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 T with the tie against Omaha University ;(now UNO).

First-year coach Jack Wink

The basketball program has also enjoyed success in the past. From 1967-70, the Wildcats went to the National Championships three years in a re v only to lose in the first round each year.
Wayne State Athletic Direc-

led the 1949 feam to a mark of tor Kon Jones nao the upper 90-0 and a Conference Cham tunity to pilot the basketball prionship. The feam was squad from 1970-74, and career to "the many fine honored last fall at the Wayne manage the baseball feam for State Hall of Fame banquet. The seasons. which is the privilege to coach."

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 at-

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

The Wayne Players add to early entertainment and Bell, Book and Candle. Merriman,

With approximately twenty-ive persons in attendance in Wayne Players were organized in February, 1939. The first Board of Directors consisted of Dr. L.F. Perry, president; the Reverend W.F. Dierking, the Reverend W.F. Dierking, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Hobart Auker, Miss Hazinski, Mrs. Clarence Wright, Miss Fuller, and Mr. Henry Ley. The first play, Big Hearted Herbert, was given in Aprit, 1939. It proved to be a huge success in the community and so, was followed through the

so was followed through the years by: The Bad Man, The Night of January 16th, Mr. and Mrs. North, The Bachelor's 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,

Also presented were Gay City Auditorium, the Nineties, a war time Revu 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 ha been: Henry Ley, Mrs. Fritz Mildner, Harry Fisher, the been: Henry Ley, Mrs. Fritz Mildner, Harry Fisher, the late Mrs. Russell Anderson, Miss Ruth Ross, Harold West, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. William Selz, 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 wayne woman's club for the benefit of the Wayne City Library, Other sponsors in-cluded: The First Methodist Church of Wayne and the Car-roll 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

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

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, pro-ceeds of which would go toward that equipment. However, the play never became a reality and the organization dispersed.

1981. Marlene played the role of MyrHe MacSimmons when "Harvey" was given by the Wayne Players. She said, "I haver never lost my love for the theatre."

-Submitted by Ruth Ross

A letter of appreciation was received from Marlene McNutt¹ Dion in February,

Many others share that sen-

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 With deer, elk, prairie

deer which they strung up on three poles for the night back of what is now the State National Bank

WHEN THEY RETURN-

ED, 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

the eighties and continues un-til 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 ducks are popular for hunting

now.

Tennis and picnics were popular sports in early years, especially for the young peo-

Tennis courts were first located on Fourth and Main streets. J. G. Mines, Paul Mines, 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 surroun-ding lots. Later the men secured per-mission to use Chris Hansen's

In 1917, a country club was incorporated and 35 acres, two miles east of Wayne were leas-ed from John T. Bressler for

the grounds and club house.

Bressler was the first president. Early officers included:



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Societ

TENNIS WAS a popular sport in early Wayne

One of the flourishing C. M. Craven, C. H. Fisher, J. 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 ning 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

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

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

Trees were planted, playground equipment install-ed, bandstand and tables add-

Bressler also donated a sec tion of ground in the east part of town, which was equipped in the same way.



Submitted by the Wayne County Historical Society

Ben Franklin: serving Wayne since 1908

Ben Franklin has been on the Wayne business scene since the good old days. The 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.

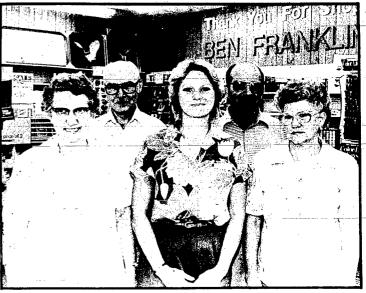
Several remodelings have taken place over the years. In 1918, the sales area was 25 foot by 90 foot, in 1928, the back of the building was extended to its current size. In 1941, the building to the north was purchased and completely remodel-

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, ey took over the management of the Wayne Ben Franklin.

The most recent remodeling took place in 1979, when extenwork was done on both the interior and the exterior of the

in the Wavne Ben Franklin — the store that brings variety to life.





WE'RE HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE WAYNE **BUSINESS COMMUNITY!**



207-209 Main Street, Wayne, Nebraska



ned by Charles Maier of Lynn Upton, Dick Korn, Paul Koplin, Mei Reeg, Larry Haase, and Kirk So White, Jim Granguist, Not Dictured is Marilyn Carbart, bookkeeper and Art Wolters, part tim

Koplin Auto Supply, Inc.

We can get parts for a Model T or an Grand Prix

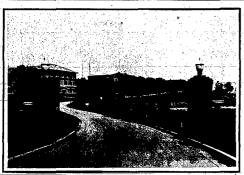
Whether your car's an antique or new, Koplin Auto Supply, Inc. can get the parts you need for it.

Koplin Auto Supply was founded in 1948 by Alfred Koplin, and was located at 114 W. Second Street, Wayne. In 1955, the business was moved to its present location at 213 W. First. Alfred's son Paul purchased the business from his father in 1962, and has operated it until the present time.

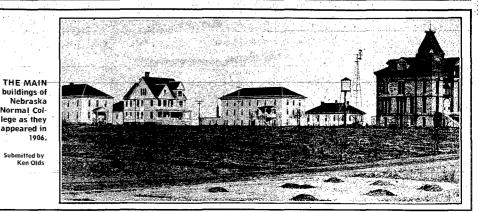
Any type of automotive work can be performed by Koplin Auto's skilled personnel, from engine tune-ups to air cool service. We specialize in automotive parts and automotive machine work. lawn mower repair, and air-cooled engine repair. Our staff of nine includes two automotive machinists, one air-cool technician, three counter people, an outside salesman, and Paul Koplin,

We're happy to be part of the Wayne business community, and look forward to the next century of growth for the city.

Koplin Auto Supply, Inc. 213 W. 1st Wayne, Nebraska 375-2234



THE FIRST entrance to Wayne State College



Wayne State College undergoes changes

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 bat-tle back in the early 1900s to establish a college in their

The year 1909 saw a strugggle 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

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

BILL 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. 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 fie vote occurred to indefinitely, postpone the issue, M.R.

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 sear-ching, 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 institu-

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 pássed 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

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 of-fice, 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 the school to the Nebraska State Teachers College in 1949, and gave permission to bestow 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

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

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 has been with Wayne Efflott has been with Wayne. State for 13 years, holding varous 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. college and the community. He says, "Not only is the

faculty active in college ar-fairs, but also with different groups throughout the com-

en 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 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

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 cur-rently placed in Conn Library. A report from the Office of the Renistrar in 1985 showed

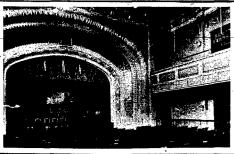
A report from the Office of the Registrar in 1957 showed that Neihardt had no marks below 80, and 15 above 95. Records for his years of enrollment had been partially. destroyed.

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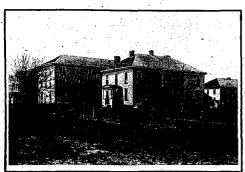
Peterson was a 1927
graduate from Wayne and
would later go on to become
Governor of Nebraska from 1947 to 1953. He received 194/ 10 1953. He received distinguished service awards from the University of Nebraska, the Department of the Air Force, and the American National Red Cross



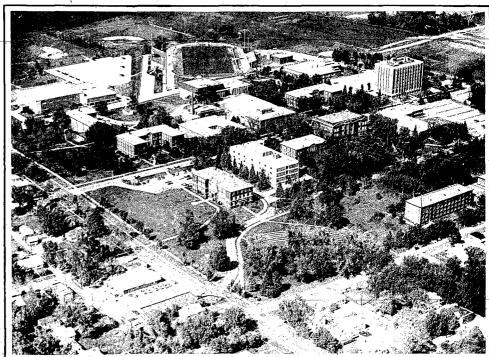
LAYING OF the cornersto for a new Nebraska College building in 1906.



THE INTERIOR of Ley Theatre in its beginnings.



Submitted by Elma and Wayne Gillila



Fredrickson Oil Company backs its products with over 50 years of quality service experience







any at present with the latest business front.

In 1937 Fredrickson Oil Company began serving Northeast Nebraska through a one-room service station and tavern 1½ 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.

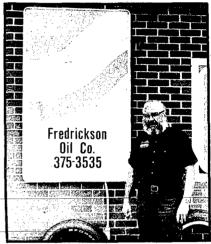
The front and surrounding area of Fredrickson's Oil Company has gone through many renovations since its beginnings in 1937. A brick front was added to the station in 1963.

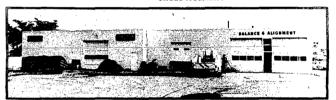
Striving for better customer service.

tion 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

Puce. Eredrickson's backs its business with <u>over 50 years of employee</u> erience. Swede Fredrickson has 30 years of experience behind him.





added service as provided to area residents when Fredrickson's built the lding north of the filling station. Computer balancing and tire alignment for cars











Betty Schwager







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Wayne Shoe Company: quality shoes for the whole family

If you're looking for shoes for any member of the family, think first of Wayne Shoe Company, 216 Main Street, Wayne

owned and operated by Marian Froehlich, Wayne Shoe Company has been in operation since 1970, when Marian and her husband, Melvin 'Bud' Froehlich, purchased Don's Better Shoes from Don Echtenkamp, and renamed it Wayne Shoe Company.

Company.

Wayne Shoe Company features a wide range of name brand shoes for the whole family. For the ladies, we have Naturalizers, Fanfares, Hush Puppies, SAS, and Easy Street. Men's shoes include styles by Weyenberg, Morgan Quinn, Red Wings, and Hush Puppies, while our children's brands are Jumping Jacks, Hush Puppies, and Red Goose shoes. In addition, we have Nike, Keds, and Kangaroo sports shoes in a complete range of sizes.

Stop in the next time you or any of your family need top-quality shoes at a competitive price. We think you'll be pleased with what we have to offer.

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Melvin 'Bud' Froehlich has been working with Farm Bureau Insurance customers for 20 years. An affiliate of Wayne County Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau insurance provides an umbrella of insurance protection for virtually any need.

As Farm Bureau Insurance manager, Bud also assures his customers of continuity and reliability. His office, located at 100 South Pearl, has been a Wayne business site for many years. It formerly housed a blacksmith shop owned by Clarence Sorenson. Bud's secretary, Deb Mascoe, has been with Farm Bureau Insurance for 10 years.

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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FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

100 So. Pearl Wayne, Nebraska 375-3144

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-thefarm delivery of feed products. Our staff includes Brooks and Jennifer, Dean Mc-Cormick and Brett Frevert.

If you haven't already done so, stop in and say hello. We're here to meet the feed and seed needs of area farmers.



Degn McCormick.



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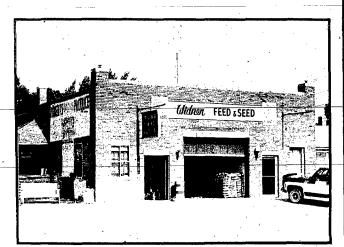
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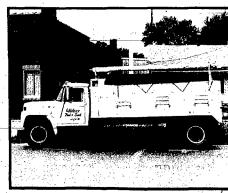
S-Brand soybeans

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Free on-the-farm delivery is an important part of our busine

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106 Pearl Wayne, Nebraska 375-1374

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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 execution.

Electric power was restricted for years to the hours bet ween 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

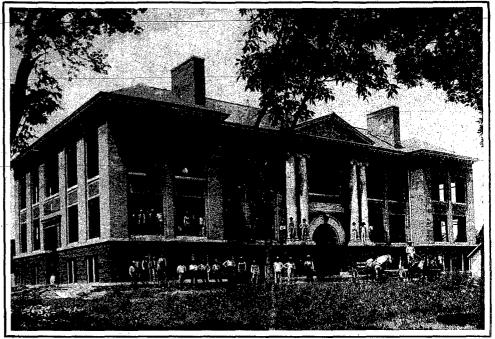
diabolical pleasure in such mischief as stealing ice cream from back porches of homes where parties or receptions were being held, leading cows to the second floor of the schoolhouse, or upsetting outhouses on Halloween.

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

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, Northrup, Chase, Tucker, Pile and Harrington houses were usaccommodate 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.



WORKERS CONSTRUCTED the Wayne High School, which is now the Wayne Middle School, during the summer of 1908.

New concept

Middle School originates

part of District No. 17's cen-tral 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

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 implemen ting the new concept.

the Board of Education and the administrative staff of District No. 17 held the view that Intelligent and Importantive development of a program to meet the early years of adolescence was the most the control of the c 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 pro-

gram.
The building, however, was basically sound, in good repair, and generally provided good facilities for teaching most of the present riculum offerings.

WITHIN THE three-story Wayne Middle School are 21" teaching stations including a gymnasium, band room, shop,

library.

For the most part, grades 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 library and the learning

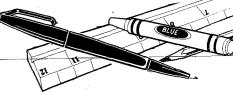
In 1981, there are 22 Middle School faculty members. This group includes four teachers who are shared with the high school. There is a full-time nurse shared with the entire school system. The Middle School has one

full-time secretary. The Mid-dle School principal is also special education director for the school district. He has no

teaching responsibilities.
—Submitted by F.R. Haun



MEMBERS, OF Carroll's school board are (left to right) Jim Hummel. Cap Peterson, Francis Haun Becky Keidel, president; Ar ecky Keidel, president, old Reeg, Joyce, Reeg and oris Daniels, board



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's ratings at the Wisner 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.

mana in 1973, ar vermillion in 1977 and at wayne state in 1977 and 1978. Ron Dalton is also director of the marching band and

THE WAYNE HIGH Drama Club has been part of the school's extra curricular program for the past

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 Invita-

tional 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 basebal

familiar baseball history in northeast
Nebraska recognize the name
of Ralph Bishop, recalling
both the man and the Legion baseball league named in his

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 spr-ingboard seat of a wagon and ingpoard 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

thonedic 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

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 ar-riving at the Care Center. Still bound to his stretcher, Bishop would lay near therfirst base. yould lay near the first base.

line and "enjoy every moment of the action." He then became a firm follower of baseball and # Wayne or Wayne State teams were not playing, he would go to any game with those who were at-

HE BECAME MORE in volved with the Wayne baseball programs when he filled in for a missing scorekeeper at one of the

ing was a familiar pastime for Bishop, as he kept score for many of the game 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 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 SURGERY, Bishop became regular scorekeeper 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

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 car-ried a great respect for him

and his knowledge of the The team went on to claim

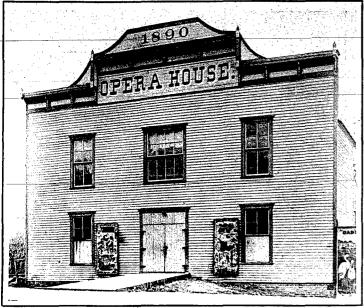
the 1963 State Class B Legion Championship at Aurora in what many have described as a "story book ending" to the season for Bishop, the team and the town of Wayne.

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 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 wave the praise for someone else...saye your sympathy for

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 cluded in the league are Laurel, Ponca, Wakefield,

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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

center of community ac-tivities was the frame opera house. The structure was built the corner of Fifth and Main streets

Entertainment at the hall included show troupes from eastern centers, home-talent plays, concerts by bands and

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 lofs, building and furnishings, finished in 1889, cost about \$3,600.

TO FINANCE THE proposition, 10 men individually con-tributed \$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."

ΑN OCCASSIONAL

Shakespearean play was done for the community by members of the local Shakespearean club.

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

pecame 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

The Wayne Woman's Club furnished the initial \$6,000 to start the auditorium fund.

The modern auditorium was

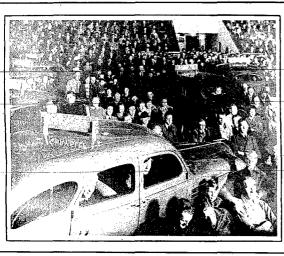
The modern auditorium was a reality when a government Joan and grant provided the rest of the funds.

THE \$70,000 BUILDING was dedicated on Jan. 17, 1936.

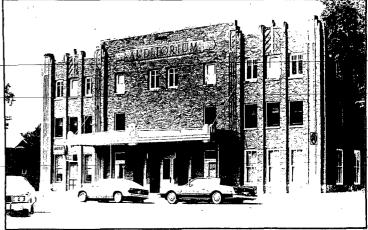
The current building provides seating capacity for 1,500 and a stage. The Woman's Club has rooms in the building and Hazel's woman's Clob has rounts in the building, and Hazel's Beauty Shop is also located in a portion of the structure. Several community ac-tivities, including meetings

and basketball games take place in the City Auditorium. The spirit of the old opera house still exists in today's

auditorium.

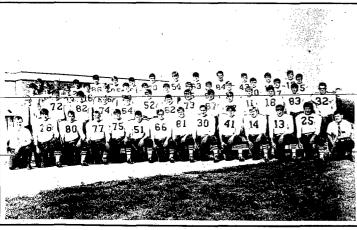


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Wayne Herald photo

WAYNE'S AUDITORIUM at Third and Pearl Streets was dedicated in 1936.



Submitted by At Hanser

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 coach. Harold Maciejewski the team had 20 wins and one loss.



Submitted by Harold Macielewski

State championships highlight Wayne High sports

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

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:

est Husker Conference Champions in 1967, 68, 69, 71, 72 74 with Coach Allen Hansen.

From 1967-75, Coach Allen Hansen won 77 games and lost

In 1983, Wayne High participated in the State Class B

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 of three times with Coach Mike Mallette.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wayne High won districts in 1975.

WRESTLING

Kevin Koenig won the State 185 lb. Class B Championship.

CROSS COUNTRY

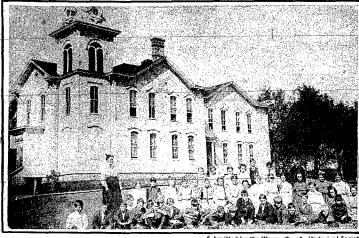
Wayne High won districts in 1980.

Wayne High won the district Class B Championship.

-Submitted by F.R. Haun

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THE OLD Wayne High School was built in 1888 and dismantled for the new building in 1908.



Submitted by Mabel Sore

THE OLD Ward School was built in 1891, on north main street. It was forn down around 1910.

School location moved

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

Nyberg's history or way...
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

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 Taytor 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. some additions made

In a few years the structure became too small for local needs and the Ward School was built on the lot, near the standpipe on north main street THE NEW BRICK building was erected on the lot in the west part of town in 1908 and the Ward School was torn

the Ward School was forn 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 in-dicate 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 ac-credited 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

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 gym-nasium, 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 clos-ed. The Carroll elementary school remained open, but was managed by district No. 17 of-

In 1959, the Carroll School

In 1999, 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

grades K-6, until 1967.
In the fall of 1967, the school organization of the Wayne Schools was changed to a K-4-4-4 pattern.

It was at this time that the Wayne-Carroll School District dedicated a new high school, constructed with money pro-vided 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 educa-tional concept called "Middle

Submitted by F.R. Haun



Submitted by Elma and Wayne

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: McClellan - 1889-90

Mr. McClellan — 1889-93
W. W. Bonner — 1893-97
U. S. Conn — 1897-01
M. R. Snodgrass — 1901E. P. Wilson — 1905-09
J. W. Kemp — 1909-14
O. R. Bowen — 1914-17 1901-05

O. R. Bowen — 1914-17
J. A. Armstrong — 1917-21
R. W. Shiery — 1921-22
Conrad Jacobson — 1922-25
T. S. Hook — 1925-29
H. R. Best — 1929-35

C. F. Dienst - January

C. F. Dienst — Januar 1935-36 E. W. Smith — 1936-39 N. F. Thorpe — 1939-4 J. W. Litherland — - 1939-42

1942-December 1944 Stuart Baller — January

1945-49 Evert Willert — 1949-60 Stanley Westergard — 1960-64 F.R. Haun — 1964-present



WAYNE HIGH School in 1984.

Wayne Hereld photo



WAYNE ELEMENTARY School in 1984.

Enrollment Figures

Enrollments in the public schools were fairly constant rom 1924 to 1950, averaging 470 students.

There was a steady increase in enrollments from 1951 to 269 when the enrollment peaked at 1130 students. Since 1970, there has been a steady decline in enroll-

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 selfevaluations, 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 Car-oll School System to AA is in recognition of the excellent quality of education being carried on in your school

"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 accreditate school exceeds." credited school systems."

The Nebraska State Department of Education has con-

tinued to annually award the Wayne Schools AA accredita-

In addition to holding AA accreditation, the Wayne High School has been accredited by the North Central Associa-tion of Secondary Schools since 1917.

—Submitted by F.R. Haun

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od roal estate salesman and received his roal estate broker's licose in 1977. John's wife, Branda has recently joined the firm specializing in residential roal estate sales in Wayne. In January, 1981, another son, Mark J. Dorcey, moved from Omaha to join the Wayne firm as a licosecul road create selection.



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⊢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

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.



Drive-In Restaurant

Wayne, Nebr. 375-4472



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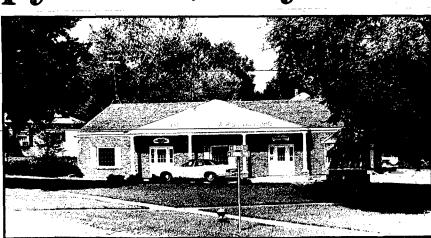
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Carol Niemann, manager of the Wayne branch, has been with Columbus Federal

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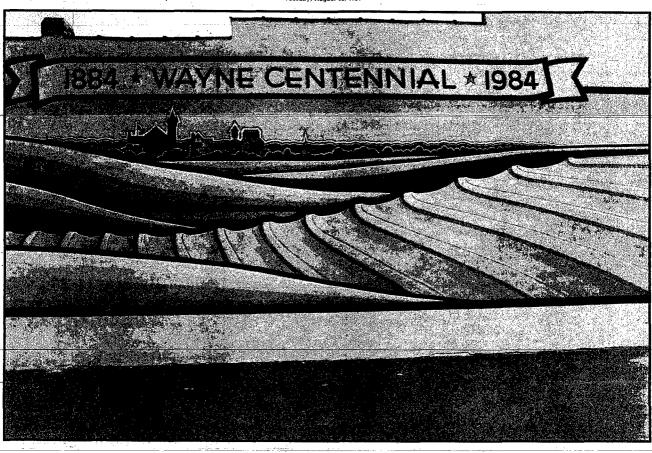






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CARLOS FREY and a volunteer apply finishing touches to the mural (in center photo). Gary VanMeter also assisted in the project, pictured in the lower photo filling in the numbers at the bottom of the mural.

Mural a tribute to Dr. Koeber

north wall of the Wayne Vision Center along

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

designing and painting the mural, each stroke of the brush has created much more meaning. Carlos Frey, who voluntarily supervised and offered his ar-tistic 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 zon-ing 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

"I guess he took a liking to me," Van Meter said

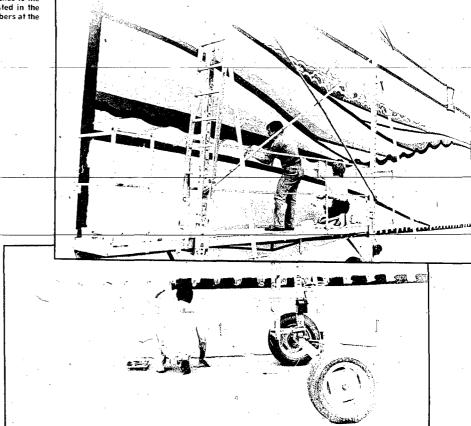
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After Koeber died, his family found a type-written letter addressed to Van Meter. The letter, written on Easter Sunday, 1979, listed several of Koeber's achievements as community leader and as a Wayne citizen.

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 photo:

"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 Commit-tee, considering centennial project ideas, when "Something snapped and I got that letter out which was written five years

IT WAS ALSO when Van Meter realized the "uncanny pro-

phecy" 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

ind 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

LaPorte businesses are

reestablished in Wayne

Wayne County began as early as 1869 and all were near

The first blacksmith shop in the county was put up in the summer of 1869 in the eastern part of the county, near Logan

pair of bellows, a pair of longs, an anvil and a hammer, all belonging to Willard Graves. The tools were supplied, but every man had to do his own

A shop owned by Wm. P. Agler and located at LaPorte became the principle blacksmith business in the

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,

The first businesses of and was the only doctor in the

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.

THE FIRST banking institu tion in the county, the Logan Valley Bank, was organized by John T. Bressler in 1880.

reestablished He reestablished his LaPorte bank in Wayne in 1885 and it has continued as The First National Bank ever

Henry Ley, who also went into the banking business, began as a store operator in

Establishing the "German Store," Ley extended credit to

THE X-RAY Incubator Factory, located north of the frame depot, was an early business

settlers who were prompt to pay their account annually, after the crops were in and

TOBACCO, CHEESE, dried fruits and pickles were freely sampled by customers who might buy green coffee to be roasted and ground at Ley's

There was little fresh fruit, to lack of refrigeration. The first bunch of bananas to

arrive in Wayne was admired greatly.

Ley operated the store for 10 years, before e

The town's brick plant owned by John Sherbahn. manufactured brick until the fall of 1916, when the establisher quit, because of ill

In the early days, with much building to do in a prairie set-tlement and transportation

facilities meagre, many communities established brick

Clay soil was manufactured into brick for building pur-

The Sherbahn plant was on south main street, on the site later converted into the D. 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 capaci-

The bricks were not only us-

ed 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



ed by the Wayne County Historical Society

FIRST National Bank, located where was established by Bressler. This picture shows two seasons in the ear

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"

"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 inquir-

ing 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 in

to 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 come direct to its nome 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 suc-cessful, very much to the benefit of both himself and his

(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.)

Grist Mill a top industry in early years

Feb. Jan 1909 -

were new, the provision for a mill was very important.

They product were unable 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

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 proposi-tion at a special election Dec.

The question was whether

the county should issue bonds in the amount of \$2,000 for aid in building the grist mill or

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 milk 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. with siding

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 im-provements necessary for manufacturing flour and

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 ex

McHENRY AND Dennison 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 pro-position. The bonds to help the new mill were issued following the more than two thirds vote

McHenry and Dennison had completed the million 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

IN 1885, WALTER and Will Weber came to Wayne to build the mill which served the prairie settlement for many years. Quita

years.

Quita often, the farmers
drove 20 to 24 miles by wagon
to have their grain ground.

A trip to the mill was ar anged 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 sacked and ready to take

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

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 pro-cessing did not pay and the mill was discontinued after erating 40 years.

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Dark clouds appear

Grasshoppers invade Wayne farmlan

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 homesteader in the old tent darkening of the sun and LaPorte settlement, that his anxiously watched the moving father had some fine tobacco hordes. plants -- he raised his own 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 are the whole lot stayed until the wind was just

ed.
ONE AUGUST morning in the late seventies, she related, when the 'hoppers sighted LaPorte and swarms darken ed the skies, the settlers gazed upward and predicted rain before nightfall.

Before long, they had learn-

ed the true cause for intermit-

Toward evening, as the favorable wind lessened, the pests settled - every green pests settled — every greathing was a moving mass of in-

There wasn't much under cultivation then. Fields of corn and gardens were left com-pletely bare. The 'hoppers

THEY CAME FROM the southwest and went in a nor therly 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.

attacked the leather

stables, ropes and house

shingles.
Whether the 'hoppers were ready to make their descent or not, they were forced to do so 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

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

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 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

CORN THAT was in roasting ears at that time was bent to the ground with the weight of the 'hoppers.

On some places they are just the garden stuff, but left the CORN THAT

grain.

One homesteader built a machine for catching them. It consisted of a twelve feet wide canvas which stood vertically and was saturated with

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.

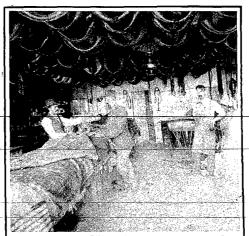
Window dressers are attraction

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 affraction for their

Phitippine islands display have been an attraction for thuidreds 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



ed by Wayne Co

THE INTERIOR of an early saddle store.

Horse is forgotten

May 10, 1899
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN

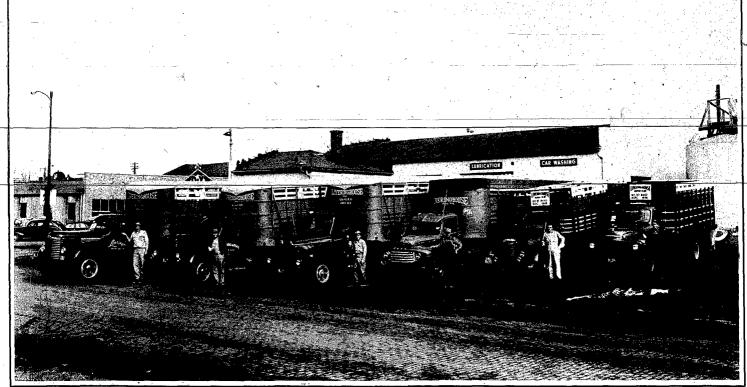
M.P. Ahern and wife. One evening last week they rode down to the store after supper, got out and fied their horse to a post and when it came closing time they locked the store, walked home and thought nothing of the poor

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 base-

-Submitted by Bessie Baier



THE LIVERINGHOUSE trucking firm was a thriving Wayne business in 1951 owned by Clarence E. Liveringhouse, grandfather of Saily (Liveringhouse) Schroeder.

Submitted by Sally Schroeder

Local trucking firm thrives during the years This picture was taken on they started with WA as shown the west side of Merchant Oil in the picture. Co. in 1951. cylinder Dodges with 7 x 8 ft.

Clarence E. Liveringhouse, grandfather of Sally (Liveringhouse) Schroeder of Winslow, Arizona, started a trucking firm in Wayne in

boxes. Then in 1955, they ne creased to 12 and 13 ft. Her grandfather also owned a 24 ft.

921.
Her father, Tom, started.
The first trucks were 4 driving for his father when he

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.

Sally's father had told her the license plates usually had 27 as the prefix, but that year

ney started with WA as shown in the picture.

1a. Fom Liveringhouse and 2-year-old Doug Farrens with his miniature truck on the ground; Alfred Erevert, left to right: Harold (Tony) Olson, known back then as (High Pockets); Ed Bales, who now lives in Sloux City, Wayne resident.

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Local runaway is found in Richards livery barn

May 24, 1899
Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN
by Eph. Conningham, Editor.

"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 Sloux 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.

Sioux City.

The marshal was shown the animal on which the fittle fellow had come to town, but concluded that a boy of so tender years without spoes 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.

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...



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 per-

sisted 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



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

Monument works comes to town

Leila (Mitchell) Maynard of Wayne, moved from Emersonto 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 rough

Claude O. Mitchell, father of Western Auto was built by transformed into finished Leila (Mitchell) Maynard of Mitchell to house his new products, was-ione of the

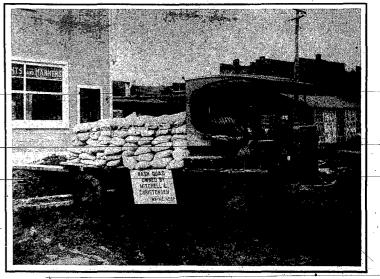
A loading platform at the rear allowed rough granite and marble to be unloaded directly from the flatcars directly from the flatcars which brought the unfinished stones from quarries in states as far away as Vermont. This business, where basic

materials were

oroducts, was⊬one of the earliest manufacturing plants

in Wayne.

Mitchell employed two skilled Scandanavian stone cutfers, a full-time bookkeeper, one or two salesmen, and a crew of six to eight men who set the monuments i cemeteries throughout nor



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Early businesses are competitive

Directory of 1884 Main Street

torneys — Britton & Northrop, A.A. Welch, D.C. Patter-H.H. Moses, H.E. Nye, Frank Fuller, I.N. Flickinger,

Agricultural implements-Milligan & Co., Slater & Cone,

Chace, Neely & Co., Simmons Brothers

Banks — Logan Valley bank, Citizens' bank.

Books and stationery — M.S. Davies.

Boot and shoe maker — N.J. Juhlin.

Boarding houses — Peter Mears, Daniel Wise, William

Barbers - G F Sehald, H Waddles

Barbers — G.F. Sebald, H. Waddles.
Brick yards — J.F. Sherbahn, W.S. Sherbahn.
Coal — Slater & Cone, Peavey & Co., Bailey & Dyer.
Carpenters — Chaffee & Meyers, J.H. Johnston, A.W. Chafee, Wm. Mears, Tollinger Brothers, J.D. Slater, S.D.

Churches — Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist.

Drugs.— L.C. Dearborn, W.A. Love.

Drays — J.N. Lawrence, J.R. Armstrong, E. Miller.

Dry goods and clothing — Strickland Brothers, F.P.

Taylor.
Furniture — J.P. Gaertner, C.H. Johnson.
General merchandise — Johnson, Smith & Son, Henry Ley,
Oxford & Merriam, W. Soenneken, Whitton & Woolston.
Groceries - P.L. Miller, Witter & Co.
Grain and hogs — J.O. Milligan & Co., Peavey & Co.
Harness — N. Robitaille, J.Ş. Lewis, jr.
Hardware — Chace, Neely & Co., Linn Brothers.
Hotels — The Boyd, American House.
Lauddries — Mrs. Mesthaler, Rich. Johnson

Hotels — The Boyd, Aller House Laundries — Mrs. Mesthaler, Rich. Johnson. Liveries — Coyle & Gillett, E.C. Morton. Lumber — J.O. Milligan & Co., E.L. Jones & Co., Bailey &

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MAIN STREET as it looked in 1886.

Lodges — A.F. & A.M., G.A.R., A.O.W., I.O.O.F. Meat markets — Rock & Ritchie, J.H. Brown, Henry Goll. Masons and plasterers — Alex. Holz, A. Wheaton, O.M.

Millingry — Mrs. M.P. Ahern, Reed & Raymond. Newspapers — Herald-Tribune, The Gazette:

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. — Merrîman & McMakin, Walter Brothers

Real estate — R.B. Crawford, Bressler & Patterson, R.B. Taylor, F.M. Skeen, W.O. Gamble, J.A. Lindley, F.A. Philleo, A.A. Hardy.
Restaurants — F. Nusbaum, C. Walters.

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Railway station—T.W. Moran, agent; James Coyle, assistant; M.P. Ahern and Henry Rees, section foremen.
Saloon—Beardshear & Carnell.
School—W.J. McCoy, principal; Miss Susie Davies and
Miss Anna Davies, assistants.
Wagon maker—F.H. Robinson.

Numbers increase during 100 years

1984 Business Directory

Farmer's Nutrition Cost Accounting, Max

Agricultural implements — Carr Ag and Auto, LaPorte Implement, Logan Valley Implement, Midland Equipment.

Air service - Wayne Air Service

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Appliances — Charlie's Refrigeration, Dittman Refrigeration, Doescher Appliance, Kaup's TV.

Attorneys — John Addison: Bornhoft Law Office: McDermott, McDermott and Schroeder Olds, Swarts and Ensz.

Auto dealers and repair — Arnie's Ford Mercury, Coryell Derby, Ellingson Motors, Koplin Auto Supply, Mike Perry Chevrolet Olds, Smitty's Auto Clinic, Wayne Auto Parts, Wayne Auto Salvage.

Wayne Auto Salvage.

Bakeries — Daylight Donuts, Vel's Bakery

Banking, savings and loan — Columbus Federal, First Na-tional Agency, First National Bank, Midwest Federal Savings, State National Bank and Trust, Triangle Finance,

Mayne Commodifies.

Bars and lounges — Alice's Country Tavern, 4th Jug, King of Clubs, Mert's Place, Rain Tree Drive-In, Wayne Vet's

Barbers and hairdressers — Arlene's Beauty Shop, Ellis Barbers, Hazel's Beauty Shop, Headquarters, Mr. Mitchell's, Pat's Beauty Salon, Shear Designs, Talk of the Town. Books and stationery — Wayne Book Store.

Bowling alley — Melodee Lanes.

Catalog centers — Sears Roebuck catalog store, Montgomery Ward.

Chiropractic Health Center, Hillien Chiropractors

Chiropractic Clinic. Clothing and shoes — Kid's Closet, Queen's Fashions. Rus Nail, Surber's Clothing, Swan's Women's Apparel, Way

Cold storage and distributing Johnson's Frozen Foods

Wayne Cold Storage, Wayne Distributing.

Computers — Computer Farm.

Construction — Carlson Construction, Carman Construction, Goeden Construction, Heritage Homes of Nebraska, Allustor, Concept Lating, Mills Husker Concrete and Gravel, Lindner Construction, Milo

Meyer Construction, Otte Construction, Don Sherman Con struction. Thos Construction

Dentists — George Goblirsch, DDS; Wayne Dental Clinic; Vessel, DeNaeyer and Lodes.

Wessel, DeNaeyer and Lodes.

Department Stores — Kuhn's Department Store, Pamida

Discount Center.

Drugstores — Griess Rexall, Sav-Mor Pharmacy.

Electronics — Kugler Electric Co., Ron's Radio, T and C

Financial Planning — Edward D. Jones Paula Pflueger.
Fuel and energy — Modern Energy Systems, People's
Natural Gas, Skelgas of Wayne, Wayne County PPD.
Furniture and upholstery — Busy Bee Upholstery, Dis-

Gas stations and garages — Clarkson Service, Derby, Eldon's Standard, Fredrickson Oil Co., Lessman MM Co., M and H Apco, M and S Oil, Merchant Oil Co.

General repair - A and J Repair, Morris Machine Shop,

Tom's Body Shop.

Grain and feed — Moorman Feeds, Farmcraft Feeds,
Feeder's Elevator, Wayne Grain and Feed, Widner Feed and

Greenhouses - Country Nursery, Wayne Greenhouse and

Greenings Costs, John St. Market.

Groceries Bill's GW, Ron's Jack and Jill.

Hardware — Coast to Coast, Dier's Supply, Wayne True

Health and child care — Diet:Center, Kiddie World Day

Care, Providence Medical Center, Wayne Care Center, Home Improvement — Carhart Lumber Co., Manga Home Improvement, O and L Interiors, Vakoc Building and Home Center, Wall to Wall Decorating

Amber Inn, K-D Inn. Hotels and lodging -

- Aetna Life Insurance, American Family In surance — Aetha Life Insurance, American Farmity Insurance, Farm Bureau Insurance, Farmer's Mutual, Keith Jeck Insurance Agency, Jensen-Peters Agency, Northwestern Mutual Life, IDS American Express, Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency, State Farm Insurance, State National Insurance National Insurance.

Jewelry — Diamond Center, Mines Jewelers. Laundries and cleaners — Bill's GW, Skelgas Laundry,

puerior Speed Wash, Wayne Cleaners.

Manufacturing — GEC Manufacturing, Restful Knights.

Morticians — Hiscox-Schumacher Funeral Home, Wiltse

Monument works - Wayne Monument Works

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Newspapers and publishing — Morning Shopper, Quill

Publishing, Wayne Herald and Sundowner.

Optometrists — Wayne Vision Center.

Photographers and artists — Blake Studio, Jammer

Photography, Mid-America Art Studio.

Physicians — Benthack Clinic, Wayne Family Practice

Group.

Plumbing and heating — Creighton Plumbing and Heating,

Dutch's Plumbing and Heating, Spethman Plumbing, Wood

Dutch's Plumbing and Heating, Speriman Plumbing, wood Plumbing and Heating. Radio stations — KTCH AM and FM Radio, Real estate — AMC Really, Century 21, ERA Property Ex-change, Joe Lowe Realty, Midwest Land, Security Land Ti-tle, Stoltenberg Partners.

Restaurants and drive-ins — Black Knight, Dairy Queen. Dick's Dairy Sweet, El Toro, Godfather's Pizza, Les' Steak House, Lumber Co., Pizza Hut, Popo's II, Taco Del Sol, Wind-

Sanitary Service - Mrsny Sanitary Service, Wayne Refuse Sanitary service — Mrsay Saintary Service, Wayne Rei Co., Wayne Rendering Co. Tax service — Ray Buell Tax Service, H and R Block. Telephone service — Northwestern Bell. Television — Wayne Cablevision. Theatres — March Theatres (Gay and Dude).

Travel service — Trio Travel

Trucking — RV Trucking, Schmoldt Trucking.
Variety stores — Ben Franklin, Caseyls General S
Ceramic Cellar, The Joynt, Just Sew, 7-Eleven, neral Store Shepherdess

Veterinarians and animal care — Siever's Hatchery. Wayne Veterinary Clinic.

Yard and garden service — Barner's Lawn Service

Organized in 1939

Businessmen form Wayne Chamber of Commerce

of Nebraska, do hereby certify that Articles of Incorporation of Wayne Chamber of Com-merce, Wayne, Nebraska, were filed in this office under date of Jan. 20, 1940 recorded in Book Miscellaneous Incorporations.
IN TESTIMONY WHERE

OF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great

Seal of the State of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this 20th
day of January, in the year of Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty, signed Harry R. Swanson.

Harry R. Swanson.
These are the official words of the official seal of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. The following is a short summary of the beginnings of the Wayne Chamber.

I, Harry R. Swanson, **ON DEC.** 4, 1939, a small Secretary of State of the state group of businessmen met to of Nebraska, do hereby certify form a Chamber of Commerce for the city of Wayne

icorporation for the city of Wayne.
er, of Com. Ted Hook was named the
Nebraska, temporary chairman of the
office under group, Russell Bartells was
1940, and temporary secretary. The
Book 104, men set a goal of 200
orporations, members.

On Dec. 14, 1939, eighty charter members met to adopt rules and elect board 14, 1939,

The first officers were: Carl Wright, president; Russell Larson, vice president; Russell Bartels, secretary; and Henry Lev, treasurer.

OTHER BOARD members included: W.C. Coryell, J.C. Nuss, John T. Bressler, Earl

Addison, Ted Hook, A.V Reed, John Carhart, R.J. Kingsley and Clarence Wright.

The membership cost was set at \$5 per year. The organization was set up on the basis of a two-year trial period because many felt Wayne wasn't large enough to have a Chamber and the town had too many cliques who wouldn't be able to work together

Meetings were held the second Monday of each month cond Monday of each month.
The Dec. 26, 1939, issue of
Wayne News reported that Articles of Incorporation were
prepared by H.D. Addison and
Russell Bartels and submitted

to the state for approval.
On Jan. 8, 1940, with over 200
members, the Chamber set up 14 committees.

ventions, highways, policy and rules, membership, budget and finance, agriculture and livestock, new enterprises, athletics, publici-ty and information, legisla-tion, municipal affairs, entertion, municipal affairs, enter-tainment, trade extension and executive.

Among the first goals set by Among the first goals set by the Chamber were to sponsor speakers on grasshopper control and hybrid seed, obtain a soil Conservation of the Sales Pavillion, obtain paving for the highway north of town, improve parking facilities and city beautification. ty beautification.

One of the first industrial prospects to look at Wayne was a shoe factory. The in-

dustrial promotion literature noted "We have a mixture of fair-minded nationalities that guarantee a friendly, helpful atmosphere.

Our extra 'ordinary school advantages would appeal.....(to an) appreciation of convenience in training employees' kids for useful and independent citizenship."

PRESIDENTS OF THE organization have included Carl Wright, 1940; Russell Larson, 1941; William Coryelf, 1942; L. W. McNatt, 1943; Robert E. Marek, 1944; Henry E. Ley, 1945; Ralph Carhart, 1946; Carl Nuss, 1947.

Adon Jeffrey, 1948; Adon Jettrey, 1948; A.L. Swan, 1949; Elmer A. Meyer, 1950; Dr. W.A. Koeber, 1951; Ed Seyler, 1952; John Eded-burn, 1953; C.N. Olson, 1954;

Robert McLean, 1955; Willard Wiltse, 1956; Arnold Reeq,

Roy Christensen, 1958; Mel lofson, 1959; Ted Arm-

1965; Willard Wiltse, 1966; Charles McDermott, 1967.
Ted Armbruster, 1968; Robert Merchant, 1969; Arnold Reeg, 1970; Larry King, 1971; Robert McLean, 1972; Dr. Jay Liska, 1973; Dr. Wayne Wessel, 1974; Rowan Wiltse, 1975; Roy Hurd, 1976; Roger Nelson, 1977.
Gerald Bofenkamp, 1978; Glen Elllingson, 1979; John-Dorcey, 1980; Pat Gross, 1981;

Glen Ellingson, 1979; John-Dorcey, 1980; Pat Gross, 1981; Bob Ensz, 1982; Randy Pedersen, 1983-84; Dale Pedersen, 1983 Stoltenberg, 1985.

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

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

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 interests of safety and pro-Herald-Tribune, the Boyd gress. hotel is listed as a "going" Shortly before 1950, State

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.

the hotel from H.B. Boyd and his wife for \$8,000. F.J. Fit-zgerald bought half interest for \$4,000 in 1896 and the other half interest in 1900 for \$3,500 from the Moodies

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

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 pur chased 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

gress.
Shortly before 1950, State
Fire Marshal E.C. Iverson condemned the building as a

When the Boyd hotel was brand new, in 1884, Wayne had a boot and shoe maker, a wagon maker and two livery stables.

AGRICULTURAL

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

The hotel was the scene of many social affairs. Its dining room was a good place for din-ners and parties through the

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 E.O.Stratton directed financing of a community pro ject 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 Mor rison 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

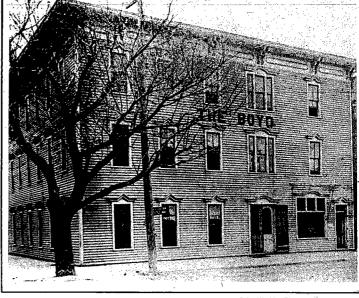
LAST DAYS OF THE Boyd were supervised by Mr. and Mrs. French Penn who rented from Ellis Girton in March 1936. Rooms at the hotel then were 75 cents and \$1.

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

equipment in the hotel was building for his Wayne Mat-

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

vas closed.

C.D. McCullough used the

tress Shop until 1949 when he moved to his present location.

Since that time, Oscar Peterson has used

CONTRACT FOR demolishing the old building was let to the Lehmann Wrecking company, Sioux Ci-

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.

A STAR IN

HARNESS SHOPS were important for outfitting the settler's horses.

Dugouts serve as early homes of first settlers

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 dua 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 bot toms 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.

ment 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 pro-vide protection from the wind.

Wells were easily dug near the slough, water being reach ed 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

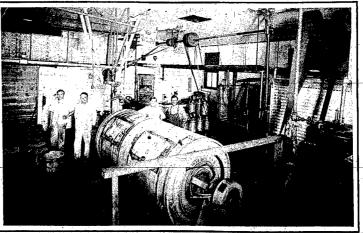
April 12, 1899 Excerpted from THE WAYNE REPUBLICAN By Eph. Cunningham, Editor

"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

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 divertised, 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 over-night".....Perrin's Hotel, south of the tracks, and the Boyd night''.....Perrin's Holer, 355.... SE corner of 2nd and Main were in existence. —Submitted by Bessie Baier



serves the railroad A.P. Gossard.

Creamery

father of Mabel Sorensen 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 north of the railroad

tracks.

Mabel can recall the men
who ran the engines stopping
and the continuous contin to get drinks, but instead of beer it was the good milk they

Lyle Kampbell and Claude Ferral also worked with the three men at the creamery.

A.P. GOSSARD and his sons ran this creamery north of the railroad tracks.

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Baier maps the past

Walls of buildings posess a history

If walls could speak, there would certainly be a lot of history talking from the interiors of businesses along Wayne's Main Street.

Some of those "words of history" have been recorded by Bess (Mrs. Richard) Baier, a 60-year resident of the Wayne area.

Through tedious months of research and firing reading,

numbers which represent past-and present business locations along Wayne's Main from First Street to Fourth

Corresponding with each number is a chronological listing of businesses that had, at one time, occupied the building. Some of the businesses were established

started (on the business loca-tions)," Bess said. She is a member of the Centennial Cultural and Historical Committee which is chaired by Sandra Elliott.

The Centennial Steering
Committee and Mrs. Baier invite the public to use the map

researching the material for business map September. Her research began with telephone direc-

"But if you go back a ways, there was a time when the telephone directories didn't list street numbers."

rely on old newspaper stories which occasionally would mention a business that was two doors down from the German Store" or would men-tion a store across the street

"The most tedious task was going through the telephone directories. It was more fun reading the old newspapers,"

from another business.

said Bess, who received most of her old newspapers from the Wayne County Historical Society of which she is also a

"I really wanted to know bout the old businesses and stores. If might seem crazy to some people," she said. Her Interest peaked when grand-parents would speak of the Wayne businesses.

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East side -

<u>101 — Central Garage: Miller & Strickland; and Carhart's.</u> 105 — Philleo & Son Lumber; Philleo and Harrington Lumber Yard; and Carhart Lumber Yard.

107 — Wayne Herald; Democrat Office about 1926-1928. 109 — The Regulator, dry goods; Otto Voget Hardware; Hugh O' Connell's Pool and Billiard Hall; Meyer and Bichel; Wayne; Farm Equipment Co.; Big Al's Place; and King of

111 — James Dobbin, buggies, carriages, pianos; Crary Fleming Implements; Thompson & Bichel Implement; Dudley Laundry Co. and Hazel's Beauty Shop; and the Morn-

Lerner Shoe Shop; Marra Home Improvement; and

is — Lerner snice snicy, Marra nome Improvement; and Carel's Furniture Store. 15 — A.T. Cavanaugh Insurance; Western Union Telegraph

115 — A. I. Cavanaugh insurance; western Union Telegraph Co.; and Jerry's Cafe.
117 — Crystal Theatre; Co-ed Theatre; and Bornhoft Law Office and State Probation Office.
119 — Sebald, barber; Shane's Groceries; Excelsior Restaurant; J.C. Ludeke, barber; Wooki Beauty Shop; and Wayne Eagles Club.

121 - Boyd Hotel; Brown McDonald Dry Goods; and Coast to

Hughes and Locke People's Cash Store General Merchandise; Connor, Hughes Co. Store; Maute's Shoes; Larson's Department Store; Larson and Kuhn; and Kuhn's

Department Store, Earlier and Rolling and Rolling Department Store.

203 — E.P. Ofmsted and Co.; Carrett and Daily Hardware; Carhart Hardware; L.W. McNatt Hardware; and Bud and JoAnne McNatt Hardware

205 — Hewlings Wayne Cash Grocery; L.J. Hansen Bazaar Store General Merchandise; Canham Sisters Millinery; Uhl

Confectionery; W.L. Jones Confectionery; McClean and McCreary Millinery; The Mode; Swan & Kagy Millinery and ready to wear; Swan's Clothing; and Swan's Women's Ap-

Logan Valley Drug, Adams & Dutcher; Phil Kohl's J.G. Miller & Co. General Merchandise; Nuss 5¢ to \$5.00 Store; and Ben Franklin Store

209 — Ehus, Taller; Davies' Bakery; Wayne Bakery; McVicker and Richards; Carl Volpp; McVicker & F. Volpp; F.E. Gamble, clothing; Kirkman Drugs, and Nuss's, combined with 207.

211 — Davies' Book Store: Utter's Book Store: Maute's Shoe e, H.S. Welch Jewlery in south side; Tweed — Reed, rs; Fanske's Jewlery; Dale's Jewelry and Diamond

Center. 213 — Ahern's Millinery and Dry Goods; Ahern's in same building moved to place in Second Street while new under construction; Eph Cunningham's Republican; Gamble's, Timberline, Wards etc. as above.

215 — August Piepenstock's City Bakery and Grocery; G.H. Darnell Candy Manufacturing; Timberline Wood Products, Kid's Closet, Montgomery Ward Agency and Restful Knights, Wall-to-Wall Decorating.

217 — Charley Watson's Furniture and Mortuary; Rob't Ut-

ter Books and Music; H. Jones, books; Gamble Store; Coast

to Coast.

19 — Ingalls Grocery and Jewelry; Sullivan's Grocery; I.E.

Ellis Furniture Store; Wayne Book Store.

21 — R.W. Wilkins Drug; Ed Raymond "Wayne Drug Co.";

Warren Shutthais Drug; Roberts Drug; L.W. Vath; Bob Chittick; Kirkman's Drug; Wilmer Griess Rexall Drug; Phil

Griess Rexall Drug; Wayne Book Store.

223 — Dearborn's Pharmacy; Wayne National Bank; Dr.

E.S. Blair in eastend; Robert Caspe, Dentist and F.S. Berry, Attorney; Olds, Swarts and Ensz. 301 — Ley's German Store; August Dirman; Furchner, Warner &, Co.; John Wendt; Mildner & Wendt; Hrabak's

Warner &, Co.; John Wendt; Mildner & Wendt; Hrabak's General Merchandise; Phillips Petroleum Company Service Station; First National Bank. 303 — Mrs. J.H. Roman and Emma Klever, Millinary and Dress-Making, Mrs. E.A. Stater Ice Cream Parlor; People's

Natural Gas; and Doescher's Appliances.

305 — Bayer Sisters Millinery; Kirschbaum Cream Co.;

Norm Maben's and Cliff Peters Insurance Agencies and

Logan Valley Realty and Auction.

307 — C.A. Berry & Co. Grocery; Fitch Grocery; Russell's

Wayne Review: Johnson's Bakery; Kugler Electric; Bakery.
- Wayne Cleaners and Dryers; Fitch Grocery; Conger

Grocery: Charlie's Refrigeration & Appliance Service. 313 — City Steam Laundry; Central Meat Market; Ben's Paint Store: Wayne Vision Centrer. 315 — Judson & Kay Furniture; Geo. Lamberson Real Estate

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317 — Wayne Maytag Co.; Dr. S.A. Lutgen; Kugler Electric;

Campus Cleaners and Tailors.

319 — Wayne Maytag Co.; Frank Morgan Clothing; Dez Radio Service; Emil Lueders, electrician; King's Carpets. 321 — O.S. Roberts Plumbing; Singer Sewing Machine Shop; Hilles' Beauty Shop. 323 — Parsley-Briggs Motor Co.; McCarragh-Briggs Motor

Furniture: Midwest Federal Savings — Loan.

West side

100 — Bon Ton; Depot Restaurant or Corner Restaurant; Hoover's Short Order House; New Delmonico Restaurant; Capital Saloon; Gem Cafe; Gem Discount Liquor; and Trio Travel.

102 — August Schwaerzel Shoe Shop; Anton Biegeler Shoe Shop; Henry Lueders Barber Shop; Wm. Dammeyer Cigar Factory; Fred Ellis Billiards; Hofeldt's Beer Parlor; Mike's

Factory; Fred Ellis Billiards; Hofeldt's Beer Parlor; Mike's Tavern; and the Fourth Jug.

104 — Wm. Piepenstock Harness Shop; Ray Surber Furniture, Surber Floor Covering; and King's Carpets.

106 — Sonneken's General Merchandise; Robert Hefti General Merchandise; Venetian Beauty Shop; Henry Hachmeier Repair Shop; Henry Hachmeier Implements; Tiedtke Soft Water; and Kugler Electric.

108 — Jacques Cleaners; Nebraska Cleaners; Lester Electric, Plumbing and Heating; and Russ Tiedtke.

110 — Wheaton — Lueders, Barbers and Perry and Porterfield Livestock Dealers; Wayne Herald; Brandstetter Insurance Agency; Wayne Veterinary Clinic; Computer Farm; and Centennial Shop.

112 — Mildher's Grocery; Colson's Grocery; Colson's Hatchery; Priest U & I Store; Miller's Tavern; Twin Bar and now parking lot.

now parking lot. 114 — Lindley's Land Office; Smith's Tonsorial-Parlers; Wheaton's Barber Shop; Golden Rule Store; Newspaper Building, Wayne Herald. 116 — John S. Lewis Harness Shop; C. Peterson Modern Shoe

Repair Shop, became part of Golden Rule Store and later, Newspaper Building. 118 — Gaertner's Furnitue and Mortuary; Gaertner and

Beckenhauer's; F. Rockwell, billiards; Victor Pool Hall;

Mint Bar; High-Spot; Black Knight.

120 — Citizen's Bank, Dudley Laundry Co.; Lo
Shop; and now included in State National Bank.

122 — Britton, Hardenburg and Johnson General Merchandise; Robbins and Harrington General Store; State Bank of Wayne; and State Natonal Bank.

Wayne; and State Natonal Bank. 200 — Logan Valley Bank; First National Bank; Larson-Kuhn Florine Clothing; and Surber's Ladies Clothing. 202 — Drs. Crawford and Wightman; D.E. Smith and Co. General Merchandise; John Harrington's Double Front Store General Merchandise; Harrington-and Robbins Men's and Boys Clothing; F.E. Gamble Clothing; Barney Stark's Men's Clothing; Larson-Florine Clothing; and Surber's Men's

204 — Mines Jewelry. 206 — Chase — Neely Hardware and Implements; Craven Brothers Hardware; Craven and Welch Hardware; H.B. Craven Hardware; Wayne Shoe Co.; and Midwest Land Co. 208 — Den Sullivan's Grocery; Bruce Roosa's Confectionery; H.S. Welch Jeweler, shared building with Roosa; Wayne

H.S. Welch Jeweler, shared building with Roosa; Wayne Bakery; People's Natural Gas.
210 — Central Meat Market; Jack Denbeck Meat Market; Standard Market Meats; Kagy's; and The Shepherdess.
212 — I.O. Woolston's Chicago Store General Merchandise; destroyed by fire; S.R. Theobald, The Racket, dry goods; W.A. Hiscox Hardware; Doescher's Hardware; Jeff's Cafe; and Daylight Donuls.

214 — Gamble and Lindley Real Estate Office; fire; pre Farrand & Rundel's Grocery; Ralph Rundel's Basket Store;

Clover Farm Grocery; City Grocery; Wayne Book Store Office Equipment; and T & C Electronics. 216 — P.L. Miller Grocery; fire; P.L. Miller's Star Grocery;

Felber's Pharmacy; and Wayne Shoe Company. 218 — Dr. Love's Office; fire; B.J. Kass Drugs; Sedgewick Drug; Phil Kohl Drugs; Orth's Drugs; Wayne Beauty Parlor; Hiscox Hardware; H.W. Theobald Store; A & M

Sales and Service; Swan McLean Men's Clothing; and the Rusty Nail.

220 — Andrew's Clothing Store; fire; Wilson Bros. "The Matchless Store"; Robert C. Moore Stores; Council Oak Store; Marra Home Improvement: Russ Tiedtke, Wayne Vet's

"Taylor Hotel; fire; Wilson Bros. Yankee'

chless Store"; General Merchandise; Palace Cafe (and tap room after prohibition); Firestone Store; Kaup's TV. 300 — Little Delmonico Cafe; The 2 Johns Clothing; Blair and Malloy Clothing; Fred Blair Clothing; Atkins Clothing; and Wayne Music Co.

R.B. Judson & Co. Furniture; Wayne Shoppe; and Kagy's Shop

Safeway Grocery; Black Knight. These businesses in-

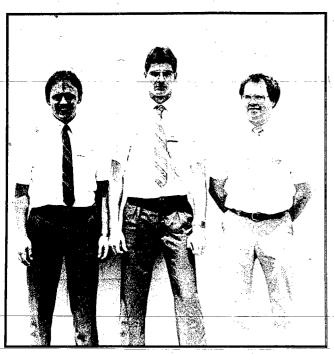
304 — Safeway Grucery, S. Lectude lot 302, apparently. 306 — Wayne Candy Kitchen, Johnson's Ice Cream Parlor (The Hamburger Hut); Silver Bros.; John's Cafe; and (The Hamburger Hut); Silver Bros.; John's Cafe; and Doescher's Appliances.
308 — Union Hotel; Wayne Shoppe; Martin Ringer Insurance

308 — Union Hotel; Wayling Siloppe; Warfill Ringer Hisbrance Agency; and Mr. Mitchell's Styling Salon. 310 — Love Hotel (possibly); and the Gay Theatre. 312 — Wm. P. Vail, Optician and Milo Krempke News Stand; Dr. C.T. Ingham; and Dairy Bar. 314 - Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Kemp, dressmakers; and The New

Wayne Cleaners.
316 — Dr. Dotson, Optometrist; Senior Citizens Cent

Keith Jech and Bruce Luhr, Insurance and Real Estate. 318 — Electric Shoe Shop; and Andy's Pizza House. 320 — Dr. T.T. Jones, Osteopathic Physician; and the Head

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 soley 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



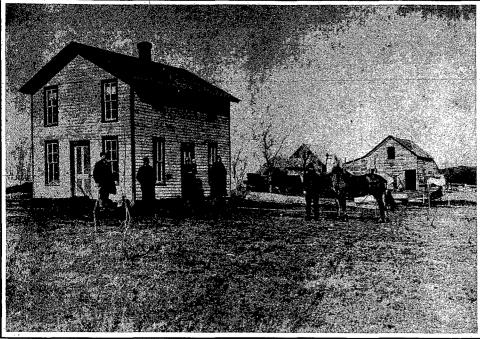






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Wayne Sandahl farm worth \$4 in 1880

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

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

ownership of the homestead.

Agler sold the farm to Edward S. Sandahl, who came

ward 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 (Dřík) 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 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,

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

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 "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

Wayne Sandahi's 160-acre began their hundred-year currently lives in Lincoln. The barn in 1943, the garage in 1948

second son, Wayne, is the pre-sent owner and resident.

He began farming with his

The farm is currently
centered around grain production and rough feed for cattle.

> THE BOYS GIVE a lot of credit to their mother for help-ing them through bad financial situations.

> "Mom dressed chickens and raised geese and ducks for sale," Neil said. "She would barter produce

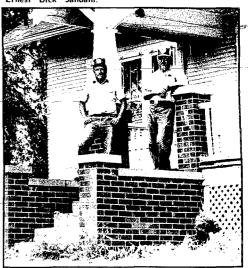
> in order to keep the doctor and dentist bills paid,'' Wayne

> remembers.
>
> The extremities of Nebraska weather is also easily remembered by most

Wayne remembers a nest of robins which fried 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 ORIGINAL Sandahl family which settled the farm are (left to right) Edward Sandahl, Carl Frederick Sandahl, Ed-na Sandahl Olson, Lillie Sandahl Hypse, Nettie Sandahl Ring, Edward Lawrence Sandahl, Hulda Bark Sandahl, and (front) Ernest "Dick" Sandahl.



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.

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 1/2 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, lowa, before coming to Nebraska to start his

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

THE HOME WAS compieted 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

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 re-mains in Wayne.

mains 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,

hail. which brought. snowstorms and grasshop

THE 30'S WERE powered by horse teams only and Don-na 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 con 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 en-joy it, the kids did anyway."

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THE NEIGHBORS would buy machines together and share the binder and shocking responsibilities, she said. "In those days," she said, "you depended on your

"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 she ground, buy a fraction of what it used

Stringers farming land in **Wayne County since 1879**

located east and 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 eighties from Seth Richards, a land agent, for \$4 per acre.

Later the bought a quarter section south of the farm for \$8

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 receiv-

ed 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, Jowa, to tive 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. Infan-try. He was discharged from the army on Jan. 30, 1865, at Cairo, III

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 mar-ried Matilda Dygert, daughter. of Otis Dygert, who lived across the road from the Stringer homestead.

MARK J HAD A blacksmith shop on his homestead and

snop on his nomestead 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 bar-rels of food and clothing to the needy, which had been sent from the Grange in the east.

The deed to the Mark Str-I farm was recorded

THE FARM BUILDINGS were located on the half mile road east of Wayne, on the morth side of the present air-

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 Wayn from John and Cecilia Phillips in February, 1886. He operated a blacksmith

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

Grandpa didn't w George blacksmith.



MARK STRINGER III stands by his collection of farm relics

GEORGE, BOUND AND determined to be one, quit school and went west to learn

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

After the father and son blacksmith shop partnership, Mark Stringer I sold the business to his son George in

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

He operated the shop until 1912, when he moved to Wren-shall, 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

In 1923, Mark Stringer III at-

In 1923, Mark Stringer III at-tended Wayne Prep School and lived with Otis on the homestead.

Mark Stringer III, one of seven children of Mark Str-inger II and Edith Chapin Str-inger, was born in Wakefield, Nov. 7, 1906

STRINGER III remembers his father's many trades which took the family to many

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

MARGARET

GRADUATED FROM Bemid-ji State Teachers College and taught school in Minnesota, having received a life cer-tificate to teach in the state.

Mark III and Margaret lived nd farmed with Otis on the Stringer farm, raising purebred Dorset and purebred

purebred Dorset and purebred Hampshire sheep.
They also raised and fed cat-tle, 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

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 Bar num Bailey Circus special train that came every other

MARK III AND MARGARET have three children. Mark IV is a mis-sionary to Colombia, South America: David Stringer is a licensed ariplane mechanic; and Marlynn McDonald is a

urse. Mark III has been on the Str inger 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 JI



We've been helping Wayne grow for half a century

Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association was chartered May 5, 1887 in Nobraska City, Nebraska. As a result of its broader base of operations, branch of fices were astablished 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 Signifest and Loan was chartered January 23, 19935. First directors of the association were John T. Bressier, Jr., W.R. Ellis, Et. Galley, J.S. Horney, William Beckenhauer, C.E. Wright, C.E. Carhart 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.

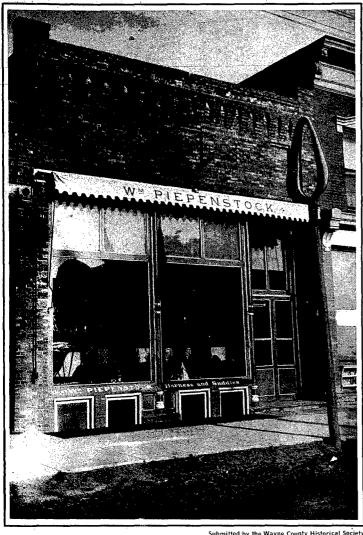
Duane W. Hall of Nebraska City has been President of Midwest Federal since 1969. Post Presidents of Wayne Federal were Rollie W. Ley, 1935-June 1956; John T. Bressier, Jr., 1936-February 1973 and Botty Addison, February 1973-October 1980. Local advisory hoard members are John Addison, Charles R. Kay, Joan Lackas and Dan Sherry.



Evelyn Doescher, and Betty Addison ne office of Midwest Federal Savings



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THE WILLIAM Piepenstock harness shop was located at 104 Main, between what is no Fourth Jug and Kugler Electric.

Piepenstock starts harness business in Wayne in 1889

his business as a harness maker around 1889 and it pro-spered over time.

His shop was located at 104 Main Street, between what is now The Fourth Jug and Kugler Electric.

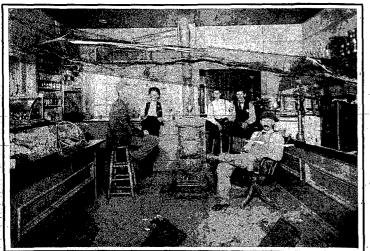
stay in Wayne for only a few weeks visiting his brother, August, but when he saw a lovely soprano in the church choir one Sunday, he lengthened his visit.



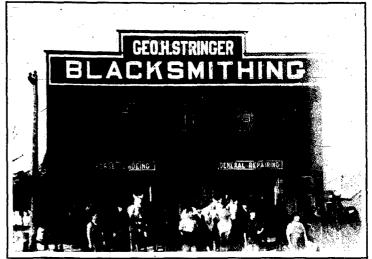
following.

He became well-respected

canacities with the Lutheran



THE RALPH Rundel store about 1890. Pictured (left to right) are Rundel, Rickabaugh. Titsworth, Berry, and McVicker.



Stringers move blacksmith shop into Wayne in 1886

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 cat-tle. In 1886, he moved his business into town. He bought Lots 10 and 11,

was the block 27, original Wayne, from of a John and Cecilia Phillips in February, 1886.

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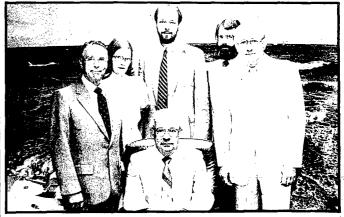
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Mark Stringer I sold the business to his son, George, in "

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 The new shop was built soon

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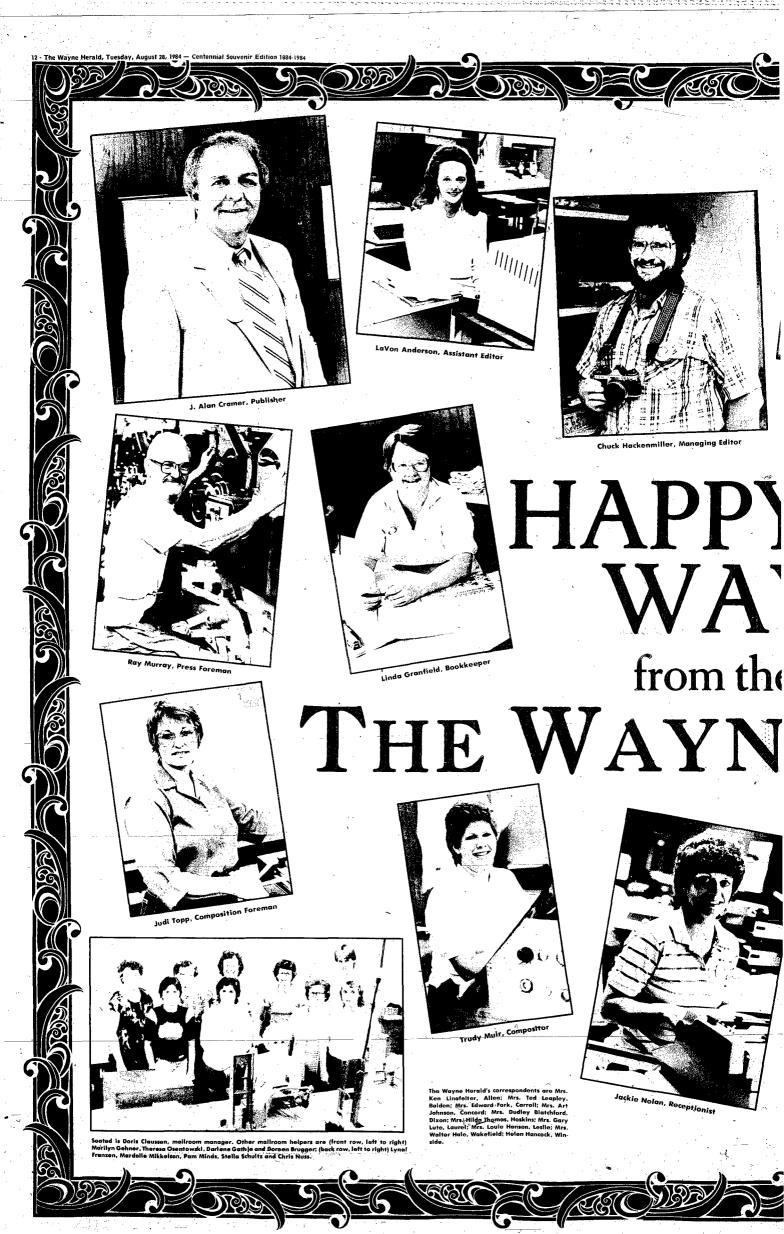
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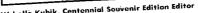
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NEWSPAPER

Newspapers keep citizens informed

ty seat.
The initial newspaper venrure, called the Wayne County Review, was published by C.E. Hunter, of LaPorte, and William Huse of Ponca. Huse also published the Journal at

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,

were in LaPorte to advertise, most of the small advertising patronage came from Sioux City, Ponca, Ionia, Stanton, Wisner and other points out-side 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 in-terest 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

cnas. Simmons started a newspaper which evolved into W.S. Goldie's Graphic in 1891. A few years later, E. Cunn-ingham bought the Graphic plant and inaugurated the

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. then sold the property to Gardner and G.A. Wade.

the Democrat.

Wade sold to J.G. Davidson 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 Gesbarg's interest in the

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.

ABOUT A YEAR after 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 con

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. and bought the plant.

When Huse took charge, the was worth nan \$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

In 1910, the first move was to

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 wer, until the No. 1 became unequal to the growing requirements of the paper. A new No. 14 linotype was installed and some vears later. the No. 14 intrippe was in-stalled 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).

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 in-

terest in The Wayne Herald in

IN THE SUMMER of 1966. the Herald moved to its pre

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 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. Wayne Herald to local subscribers in April of 1972. Shortly thereafter, carrier

sent location at 114 Main service began in the com--Street. munities of Carroll and Win-At this time, a new Goss side, and later in Concord, Community Press was pur 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, Marketer, Morning Shopper, Nebraska Smokeater, Norfolk Shopper, Smokeder, Nortok Snopper, Osmond Republican, Pender Times, Pierce Leader, Ran-dolph Times, Sundowner, Wakefield Republican, Walthill Citizen, Wausa Gazette, and the Wayne

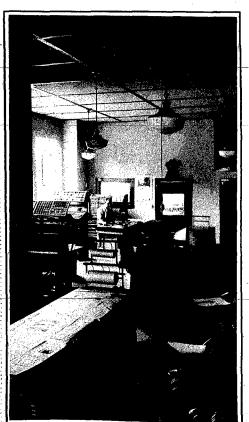
Rocket, a husiness circular of area newspapers, is the newest publication which printed at the Herald office.

THE HERALD'S LATEST equipment, including a com-puterized typesetting machine and film processor allow for greater efficiency in the prin-

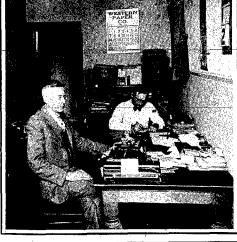
ting process.
In 1974, the Hérald installed its own darkroom and equip-The Herald is an award win-

ning member of the Nebraska Press Association and Na-tional Newspaper Association.

The Wayne Herald has grown from a small country newspaper into a business of manufacturing status.



THIS COLLAGE of pictures shows the staff and building in when the newspaper office was located at 110 Ma

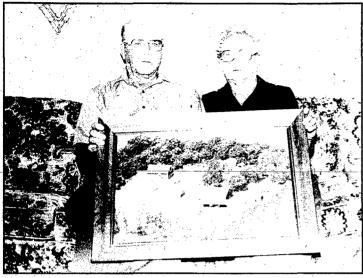






THE NEWSPAPER changed locations in 1966, but only moved next door

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Wayne Herald photo

DON AND Ella Lutt display an overhead view of their pioneer farm.



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 Cutt, Maria Cutt and Pete Nelson.

Farm sees only two owners since incorporation of Wayne

The farm owned by Don Lutt Hansen, they were engaged no operated by his son Den before he followed his parents and operated by his son Dennis has only had two owners since the incorporation of

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 Den-

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 re-mained in Michigan.

When he met Miss Mary

to Wayne County in 1878.

MARY JOINED Nels in Wayne and they were married in August, 1881.

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

mail, passengers and nearly any items which they could hauf on the stage.

I. 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 car ied as much as 600 pounds of butter on the stage

THE VENTURE was not so profitable during the summer months when the butter and dripped through

" 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

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

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. live near Wayne with childnen Darin, Dusty also live near 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

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

ips a week. The stage drivers often had 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 weer 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 Dorot Huse Nyberg, Nelson would give his horses free rein and let them find their path until they ended up in their destina-

Some time after Nelson would reach home, he might find a searching party form-ing to go out and find him.

In addition to mail, freight and passengers, Nelson often carried butter and eggs to

Sometimes during the summer, the weather was so hot that the butter crocks would



be running over with melted butter by the time he reached his destination.

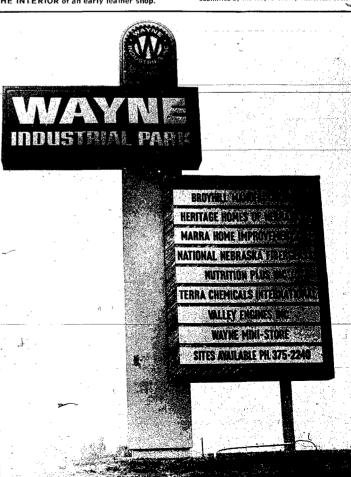
NELSON DROVE the mail route from LaPorte to Ponca until 1881 when the railroad came through, making

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 Societ



THE SIGN built to signify Wayne Industries, located on East Highway 35.

Three generations farm land

'Timber-culture claim' beginning of Erickson farm

"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 and after the eight-year

At the beginning of the venture, Erickson planted 2,700 cottonwood, catalpa and box-elder trees on each of the five

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



FERN AND-Keith-Erickson replanted trees-on-their farm which began as a "timber-culture claim."

At this time, several of the homestead were cut down to



THE ERICKSON home as it looked in 1925.

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 frees Erickson has increased the land acreage from 80 to 120 acres. His father bought an additional 160 acres in a dif-ferent 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.

always been mostly crop far-ming, but they do have some livestock which they feed for

sale.
Three of the Erickson generations have gone to a country school, 1½ miles south of the farm.

Keith and Fern's children vere unable to carry on the tradition, though.

All four of the children went

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 hus-

lives in Norfolk with her hus-band, Mark Carlson, and their one child. The Erickson's two sons, Mike and Scott, both attend Laurel-Concord High School.

Merchant Oil Company



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Merchant Oil Company's employees and owners are (left to right) Tom Wills, Verdel E. Lutt, Bryan Denklau, Pauline Mer-



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 purchas 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 Korner 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.