

## Gregg's Place

## Part Two

We left off with the General Store at Broadway and Main Street in Carver in 1904. In this quest for answers, have touched bases with old friends, made new friends and hopefully opened new avenues for others to achieve their goals. There has been lots of talk regarding the old Mobil and it has certainly gotten everyone all abuzz and talking. That's a good thing.

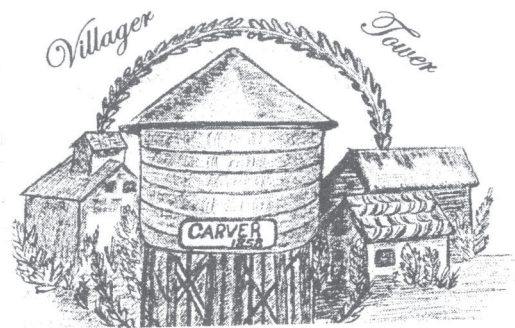
This certainly was a busy corner the records tell us. It's quite a maze to work through with all the twists and turns, various choices of many avenues to go, wrong turns and right turns. In 1904 the property came to be in the possession of Charles Dauwalter. Property could have been owned by one or more individuals with another actually the owner of various types of businesses. We learned that not only is it necessary to research history, but also to conduct genealogy searches to track down each and every business transaction that could have resulted from marriage and/or family. (We were unable to complete each and every twist and turn with a 100% accuracy).

So what have we learned this time? We learned that the building identified as the General Store stood until 1925 when it was then demolished to make room for the construction of the filling station. The filling station operated as a Phillips Petroleum Company under the investors identified as MN Valley Oil Company and was probably the talk of the town.

However, we are getting ahead of ourselves. We know that Holm retired in 1904. So where does the fact that EM Swanson gave his inventory to John Mellgren, his assistant in 1900 fit in? Does this mean that Swanson moved into the old original General Store on the corner or was the store in the address now identified as 208 Broadway? Either is possible. All we do know for certain is that it was in this sector because of the abstracts. Another twist in the facts that is plausible, as well, that the business started at one point and moved to another location at a later time. This entire sector of properties from 208 (now identified in present day as the apartment building) down to the Mobil Station was intertwined ownership through marriage and families by three abstracts making it extremely difficult to establish without a doubt the exact years and locations of which store and its exact location.

It was established that in 1906 that the Rachel Brothers purchased the business of HH Holm which was the original General Store. In 1908 it's named Emmanuel Swanson store which was determined was operating a general store/hardware store. In 1912 the property changes ownership to Noah Hammerlund who in turn in 1915 sells the hardware store business to the entity identified as the Idaho Party owned by the Rachel Brothers. Then in 1920 A. F. Swanson sells grocery business to father EM Swanson. In 1921 John S Johnson purchases Swanson Grocery. Notation is then made that in 1924 the Johnson Grocery is purchased, also known as the former EM Swanson Grocery. Following the trail to the adjacent building, it appears that through marriage it's plausible that at this point in time consideration is being given to construction of the filling station, therefore since the sector was referred to as the Hammerlund Building, it is feasible that the grocery/hardware business may have relocated to the adjacent building, but not an absolute fact.

The original investors of MN Valley Oil Company were L H Scherkenbach, Ernest Lenzen, George Deitz, Robert Johnson, Julius Schmidt, Charles Dauwalter, George Hebeisen, Robert Wetter, O R Treibel, Mary Scherkenbach and Evelyn Fink. Mn Valley Oil Company supplied the gas to the Phillips Petroleum Company managed by L H Scherkenbach. It wasn't until 1927 that the name Phillips 66 came to light. Mr Scherkenbach and the investors operated the



station until 1945. In 1941 the dissolution of the first corporation began its processes. In 1945 MN Valley Oil Company sold the property and business to James Pauly Sr and Joseph Pauly. This scenario will be followed up in Part Three.

With the construction of the station in 1925, there was a storage area on the north side of the building that at one point served also as a small cubicle size office for MN Valley Oil Company personnel. Most of the area was for storage however. An added notation is that on the property towards the present levee at the west also stood a tailor shop. The year was unable to be determined. It would have been after 1925 is the only known fact. Anyone with any more information is asked to contact either Ricki or John von Walter.

The reason that the 208 Broadway property has been included in this feature is because of its connection with the filling station ownership. They go hand in hand with ownership of the same people. According to the abstract, Henry Gehl constructed the building in the building in 1857. Documentation has established that the business conducted in this building was a hardware store owned and operated by Noah Hammerlund from 1885 to 1915. Did he expand next door, we don't know. We do know that he sold the store to J F Sauers and Idaho man who ran the same type of business in Idaho. Noah Hammerlund purchased the store from Henry Denny. Then there is a void. The abstract reads that in 1907 Noah Hammerlund acquired the property. Again, there is a distinct difference between operating a business in a location and owning the property. That's what adds to the confusion in trying to sort this out. It has to be assumed that the building was leased while owning the business. In 1912, George Dietz is an additional owner of the property. George Dietz also owns the property adjacent to this site. (Swanson Insurance building presently.) In 1921 there is reference that John S Johnson conducts business as the Swanson Store. The next piece to this puzzle states that in 1928 the business is identified as a grocery/hardware store in this location.

At this point in time, the filling station has been in operation now for three years. In 1931 to 1937, Ray Anderson conducted business in the location as the "R Grocery" with the aid of Grace Brown. It was determined that Ray Anderson got out of business in 1937 to work in the defense plant during the war. It was also determined that this was possibly when Grace moved the business up the street to the building now known as "Funky Minds". Research then identifies the owner of the grocery store as Lloyd Johnson whose wife, Anna was Earl Dauwalter, Sr's sister, which would make sense since in the earlier notations, that Charles Dauwalter has vested interest in the property and chances are possibly related to Anna. Lloyd Johnson sold the business to Gladys and Elmer Kraemer who operated the Kraemer Café originally in this location until approximately 1957 when they relocated their business on the corner of Third and Broadway, now known as "Olios". This is all enough to boggle the mind. Now, if you have been able to keep up, the ownership of the building changed hands in 1945 to James Pauly, Sr. and the property still is assets of the Pauly ancestry.

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The third feature will follow the evolution of the business of the filling station that in 1945 became the Mobil in Carver. In the meantime, if anyone has any further information on what we have published thus far, we ask that you contact us. There are pieces of this puzzle that are still missing and that may be incorrectly placed. We would like to have a much clearer picture. So please help us with any information that you have. You can leave a message for Ricki at 952) 448-5126.

### *Carver Black Sox Bingo*

It's time again to come and play Bingo with your friends. The Carver Black Sox are holding another Turkey and Ham Bingo Night on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall from 7 – 11 PM. Again, food and beverages will be available. If you have any questions, call Gwen at 952) 448-3422. Please come and have fun.

### *Carver Card Club*

Submitted by: Evelyn Grimm

Like to play cards? It's not just for senior citizens. It's for anyone who likes to play cards, different games, different people. Those who want to play, meet downstairs in the Village Hall from 1 PM to 4 PM. Cards will be played on February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember anyone can play. Coffee and cookies are served too. See you there.

### *Preservation America Community*

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed making an application for Carver to try to obtain designation as a Preservation America Community. Some of the benefits with this status include White House recognition, Preserve America sign, sign to be placed at the entrance to town, authorization to use the Preserve America logo on any promotional materials, official notification of designation to state tourism offices and visitor bureaus, and to enhance community visibility and pride. It was also mentioned that becoming a Preserve America Community may help with receiving grants for future projects. The Commission recommended submitting a request to the city council to apply for the Preserve America Community status, which has virtually no cost to the city.

### *Broom Ball Team*

The Park and Recreation Board members talked about the broom-ball team. The teams could play if there were ice and if the weather would cooperate and allow the personnel to make the ice. It was possible that Mother Nature would look kindly on outdoor sports people if colder temperatures were on the horizon.

### *2007 Program Brochure and Objectives*

The Athletic Director reviewed the program brochure with the Park and Recreation Board members. The final product was almost complete. The brochure would be sent separately from the city's newsletter. Summer programs were discussed. The members discussed the Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association coordinating registration with the athletic director.

### *Park and Recreation Board*

Field allocations were being updated by the athletic director. The board members were asked for their input. Fees and priority issues were discussed for teams and leagues. The board members determined the priority of allocations for field usage. A lengthy discussion was held regarding keys versus card reader system.

The board questioned water run off when the ice rink is flooded. The Public Works Supervisor explained that it was the construction design. The members requested that the engineering firm be present at the meeting to explain the design of the rink and the reason water flows from the outside edges. An ice rink policy was discussed. Guidelines for making ice would be a good idea due to the quantity of water it takes and the amount of overtime involved and the question of usage for this much effort exerted. Decision was made that more information was necessary prior to establishing a policy. The design of the ice rink was examined by the engineers and determination was made that the elevations were correct.

Fees for the Village Hall usage were discussed at length with recommendations submitted for rental of the fields and the hall. Damage deposit amounts were also talked about.

### *Engelen Hills*

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for rezoning from agriculture to residential unsewered with low density residence and minor subdivision. The city planner gave an overview of the Engelen Hills Project. Rezoning request was the result of splitting the existing house and some of the acreage on the remainder of the parcel with a purchase agreement on the existing house. Explanation was given for proposed zoning as the result of an assessment process agreement from the Mt Hope Improvement project. The balance of the parcel proposed to be platted as an outlot and rezoned. It would be necessary to resubdivide into lots and blocks.

The council was informed that the Planning Commission reviewed this issue and recommended approval by the city. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution and ordinance approving rezoning from agricultural to Residential Unsewered and Residential Sewered for the property on Mt Hope Road. Motion was made and carried with all ayes to adopt the resolution approving a minor subdivision on approximately fifteen acres for project identified as Engelen Hills.

### *Christy's Bluff Concept Plan*

The concept plan for Christy's Bluff had been previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. Further discussion was requested to move forward and request rezoning for Planned Residential Development. Park dedication payment would be requested because at this time there was not any proposed public park. Completion schedule would revolve around the completion of the Mt Hope Road improvements and construction of Forner Lane. The appearance, cost, trails, sidewalks, surrounding area and association issues, as well as accesses were all reviewed.

### *Hunting*

The council held a public meeting regarding hunting in the city limits and possibly changes requiring shooting permits. The DNR/Fish and Wildlife Service purchased land in the city limits. The city ordinance requires a permit for shooting within the city limits. However, the DNR/Fish and Wildlife do not. The DNR/Fish and Wildlife Service would like allowance of hunting in the refuge within the city limits. The city wants a buffer zone and signage near residential areas. Information would also be required in the newsletter.

The council discussed changing the ordinance allowing the DNR/Fish and Wildlife Service to issue permits and they would also limit the types of weapons allowed. The council could rescind this decision if there were situations deeming it necessary. One suggestion submitted was not requiring permits in the Fish and Wildlife areas, but require permits in areas where hunting would be permitted in the future. There was uncertainty of exact land ownership by the Fish and Wildlife Service being considered in the future. This stipulation could be covered with a cooperative agreement in an ordinance. The staff was directed to draft an ordinance amendment for their review.

### *Health Care Facilities Revenue Note*

The council reviewed a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the issuance of a Health Care Facilities Revenue Note and to authorize the publication of a notice for a hearing involving the Ridgeview Medical Center Project. The representative from the Carver's Bond Council explained the item. Ridgeview Medical Center has launched a project expanding its cardiology services and to provide space for a new women's and children's center, and to modernize its emergency communications facilities. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the issuance of a Health Care Facilities Note and to authorize publication of a hearing for the Ridgeview Medical Center project.

### *Disclaimer*

The 'unapproved' minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purposes of reporting news in the "Villager Tower" and creating the contents of this newsletter for the purpose of informing residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding"

- Albert Einstein



## *Miscellaneous*

The Public Works Director discussed generator issues with the council. The Fire Department was of the opinion that there were not enough funds available for generators and this being a cost-sharing item would be discussed.

The council was also reminded that funds have been put aside in the Capital Improvement Program for a new truck purchase. The council would be discussing details of this issue.

The council discussed changes to the ordinance relating to the liquor license insurance portion. The city has been responsible for increases because of insurance issuances. The council discussed an amendment requiring upon notice of cancellation requiring a provision for a minimum three month policy. The attorney would draft an amendment to the ordinance.

The council reviewed the issue of certification of the levee. The administrator pointed out that individuals expressed desire to have the levee certified. The engineer submitted an estimated cost for construction of a certified levee. Suggestion was submitted to form a committee. The staff could be directed to seek procedures necessary to certify the levee. The administrator pointed out that a lot of consultant time would be required, request was made that the engineer submit an estimate.

The city planner presented an overview on future development, which she perceived would occur in upcoming years. The city attorney reviewed potential problems and strategies. One council member introduced their opinion that more than one Strategic Planning Session per quarter would be necessary. The administrator stated that these meetings be considered on a Monday evening. Further discussions would be held.

## *Clean Up Day*

The council discussed Clean-up day alternatives. The programs can become very expensive. The city administrator talked with a couple of cities. The city receives a grant from the county every year. Curbside pick-up can become costly depending on the types of items picked up. Curbside pick up of appliances should be disallowed. Yard waste could be taken to a separate site. Quotes would be required from three haulers within the city. The council approved ideas discussed and directed the administrator to put together proposals.

## *Certified Local Government*

The council was told of the Heritage Preservation Commission's expressed interest in applying for the Certified Local Government grant for 2007 to update the design guidelines for the Carver Historic District. The city would be required to match grant funds in labor and in cash. The application was rough draft. It was perceived that the Heritage Preservation Commission would be able to use the guidelines to help advise property owners during alterations or renovations. Motion was made and carried with all ayes that the city contribute and authorize the Heritage Preservation Commission to apply for the grant.

## *South West Metro Transit*

The council held a strategic planning session. A South West Metro Transit representative gave a presentation on the system. Background and present operations of the service were explained to the group. Carver will be part of this plan in the future, but funding is in the future. The staff will continue to pursue this item.

## *Minimum Maintenance Code*

The council reviewed a minimum maintenance code which would allow the city to intervene when a building is in disrepair or vacant with the right to enforce minimum upkeep and maintenance. Repairs and the like could also be assessed back to the owner through taxes. The building inspector explained his procedures in these types of situations. The council discussed financial cost and issues when doing repairs and assessing versus condemnation. The council was reminded that funds are available for historic building owners through the Preserve America program.

## *Bridge Repairs*

The engineer prepared a memo for the strategic meeting describing bridges requiring major repairs and options for payment. Suggestion was submitted to deposit money into the capital improvement program annually for these necessary repairs. The council discussed the necessity for immediate repairs on the Fourth Street Bridge prior to installation of the interceptor since it may be one of the major accesses to and from the downtown area. These necessary repairs were discussed.

## *Metropolitan Council Environmental Services*

The engineer updated the council on where the Metropolitan Council was with reviewing the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services internally and issues associated with transference of the new system to the city. The engineer also pointed out several improvement projects that would not be funded by the Metropolitan Council and that the city may want to consider having done. Street widths and parking in the downtown area, and a sidewalk or trail along Main Street West were talked about. The group looked at the placement of curb and gutter in streets adjacent to interceptor work.

## *Blood Mobile*

Are you aware that by giving blood you could save someone's life? Interested in giving BLOOD? You will have that chance in April. The Blood Mobile will be in Carver on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch for times and places in the usual places to be posted. Or you can give Joan Rein a call or even the City of Carver may be able to give you more information. Be sure to come and donate.

## *Fire Department*

The Carver Fire Department would like to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone who came out and attended on such a cold day for their support for Jerry Dauwalter. The turnout was excellent! The fellas' wish to relay that they really appreciate all of the support. THANKS!

## *Tentative Agenda*

City of Carver Council  
Monday Evening 6:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approve Agenda
- 4) Petitions and Requests
- 5) Consent Agenda
- 6) Municipal Utilities Report
- 7) Building Inspector Report
- 8) City Planner Report
- 9) City Engineer Report
- 10) City Attorney Report
- 11) Administrator Report
- 12) Liaison Reports
- 13) Other Business
- 14) Adjourn

## *Carver's Women's Business Group*

The Carver's Women's Business Group presented the Park and Recreation Board with a donation from the Carver Village Christmas event. The women requested that the donation be used for beautification at the Depot Park. Question was asked if the women's group was aware that the city did not want any improvements to the park until the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services line was completed. The time schedule was discussed by the members and the statement was made that the project was to begin in the fall of 2008 and completion in 2009. Once the board agrees on the design improvements for the park improvements then notice should be sent to the other organizations involved. Thanks are to be extended to the women's group, along with updates on plans.

## *Black Sox*

The Carver Black Sox manager explained to the Park and Recreation Board some field improvements that would be beneficial. The installation of a Wind Screen along the back of the baseball field. The board was asked to recommend approval for the city to purchase a wind screen and baseball field improvement at the Community Park. Question was asked what the next step would be if the city did not approve the purchase of this type of upgrade. The team would be willing to install the wind screen. The pros and cons were further discussed. The board was reluctant to make any recommendation due to budgeting and costs. The question was asked if the Black Sox raised the money if approval would be granted. The board was also told that the school district donates funds annually to Park and Recreation field improvements. The Carver Youth Baseball/Softball Association stated willingness to also donate toward field improvements. The Board members would support approval for the Black Sox to purchase and install the wind screen for the Community Park at field #2.

## *Carver Lions*

The Carver Lions are busy planning their Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM to begin serving. They will serve until 1 PM at the Village Hall. Don't miss their wonderful breakfast. Get your meal ticket in advance for \$5. At the door, it will cost you \$6, like the money isn't put to good use huh? The wee ones eat free, remember. So see you all there!



## *Carver Fire Department Highlights*

### *and Community Calendar*

*March 2007*

- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Drill Night
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Birthday Cindy!  
Happy Birthday Sunny!
- March 5<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting  
Happy Birthday Karen!  
WorkShop Day – District #112
- March 6<sup>th</sup> - Carver's Women's Business Group  
East Union Parent Conferences
- March 8<sup>th</sup> - East Union Parent Conferences
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Sandy!
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Andrea!
- March 14<sup>th</sup> - SteamBoat Days Meeting  
Carver Card Group ( 1PM – 4 PM )
- March 18<sup>th</sup> - Lions Pancake Breakfast
- March 19<sup>th</sup> - Drill Night  
Council Meeting
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Senior Dance 1PM – 4 PM – Village Hall  
Heritage Preservation Commission
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - WorkShop Day – District #112
- March 24<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Keith!
- March 25<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Bette!
- March 26<sup>th</sup> - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting  
Through 30<sup>th</sup> - Mid-winter Break ( District #112 )  
Happy Birthday James!  
Happy Birthday Beth!
- March 27<sup>th</sup> - Planning Commission Meeting
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Fire Department Meeting Night
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Paul!

## *RiverSide Park*

Property owner information for Riverside Park was briefly discussed by the council. The city does not own all of the property in the park. Property owners need to be contacted to inquire about acquisition by the city.

The Park and Recreation Board discussed three parcels in RiverSide Park that are not owned by the city. Several years ago letters were sent to property owners expressing interest in acquiring these properties. The owners were not interested in forfeiting their property. The board members were told that another letter could be sent, but it must be understood that the city has no intention of monetarily compensating for these parcels. The properties would be required to be donated. The board decided to include in the letter the design improvement processes of their intent to heighten the aesthetics of the park. The board realizes that if forfeiture of these parcels is not to occur then redesign of the camp area will have to be done.

## *City Trails*

The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the Snake Road trail improvements. The members were advised that one proposed development in the area was not going to occur. A plan for the area would be required to be devised. A suggestion was submitted to create a Task Force to research and draft improvements.

The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the proposed trail along County Road #147. This trail goes beyond city limits. Carver County was responsible for this portion, however, funds are no longer available for completion. The members were asked if this was an issue that they would consider taking on, bearing in mind that citizens would question that decision constructing a trail beyond city limits. This trail may appear in the updated Comprehensive Plan.

## *Skate Board Park*

Question had been posed to the Park and Recreation Board members regarding the status of a Skate Board Park. A committee had been formed and a recommendation had been submitted for a location, which was the area where the small ice rink now stands. The council expressed preference for half of the hockey rink as the site, along with adding equipment as the interest level increases. Additionally, the council preferred a permanent location. The board discussed this issue to great length. The final decision reached was that the best option was to get the related firms to come and analyze the site for options that will work best for the site.

## *Heritage Preservation Commission Vacancy*

The City of Carver Heritage Preservation Commission has openings for a regular Commissioner and alternate Commissioner. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; term is for 3 years; must be a resident of Carver. The Heritage Preservation Commission is an advisory group to the City Council. Members' goals include having an interest in the restoration and future development of the historic and aesthetic elements of the City. The "alternate" may participate as a commissioner, but with voting privileges only when a regular commissioner is absent. We would prefer to fill the positions as soon as possible. Mail/drop off applications: City Hall, HPC, PO Box 147, Carver, MN 55315, questions please call Mark Pistulka at 952.448.5353.

## *Sponsored Events*

Are you aware that in the City of Carver there are sponsored events happening? The Athletic Director, Cassie Finkel has been busy putting together city sponsored events for residents and a flyer to inform everyone of what is happening in your community. Due to the length, I am unable to publish the complete flyer with all the events. I will, however, as editor, I will attempt to put them on the community events calendar for everyone. One of the upcoming events is the Senior Dance in the afternoon at the Village Hall on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 PM with the "Big Fat Dutchman", Gary Martens providing the musical entertainment. The fee to participate is \$5.00.

## *Community Youth Baseball and Softball Association*

Submitted by Jane Thon

I want to Thank all of you who have used the On-line Registration process.

An important date: Open Registration (for those without internet access) and if you have any questions: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Payment is due by March 5, 2007 and a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed at that time. Please mail a copy of your confirmation notice and your check to: CCYBSA, 316 Broadway North, PO Box #147, Carver MN 55315. Also, if you have any corrections to your information you filled in please 'reply' to the e-mail noting your changes.

## *Adult Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball / Kickball*

Submitted by Jane Thon

I have been asked to offer an Adult (participants must have graduated from High School) Co-Ed slow pitch softball/kickball program for this summer. Our Objective is to provide Carver residents with a night of fun playing ball. We will play one night a week. The night that most have requested is Tuesday night and we will play at the Carver Community/Lions fields. Which fields will depend on the scheduling of the CCYBSA youth group needs. Tentative dates will be June and July starting June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Teams will be formed from the registrations we get. We will provide softballs and bats/kickball and a t-shirt for each team member. Cost will be \$25.00. If you need a player for a night get your friend. Simple rules: alternate batting of men and ladies, No Stealing, Umpire will be by selection by the teams on game night.

How to Register:

- 1) Carver.govoffice.com
- 2) We have added the selection to the current registration form for CCYBSA, called So-Ed Softball
- 3) For the grade put in Co-Ed

Any questions can be directed to Kerry Petersen at

Kmpeterson2@comcast.net or Jane Thon at jcthon@gmail.com.

## *Did You Know....*

...that in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Carver there were no less than seven hotels in town: The Luksenburg (ca 1852, location uncertain), The Temperance Hotel (1856, South Broadway), Carver House, later called the Planter's Hotel (ca 1861, Broadway at East Third Street), Basler House (ca 1870, Broadway & Main), the Mercantile Hotel (burned 1886, location unknown), the Minneapolis Hotel (ca 1870, East Fourth Street between Oak and Lim Streets), the Neunsinger, also called the Central Hotel (1897, Broadway at West Fourth Street on the present city hall site). Of these seven, the only one standing is the Temperance Hotel.



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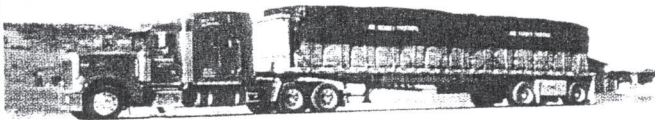
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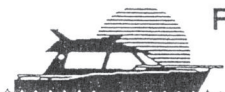
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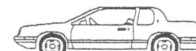
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