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Cash and due from Banks .....	\$1,210,012.98	\$113,028.32
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Other Securities .....	1,692,947.31	78,534.81
Loans and Discounts .....	6,675,359.64	318,365.54
Bank Premises & Furniture & Fixtures .....	95,000.00	5,400.00
Other Assets .....	10,369.83	-0-
Total .....	\$14,247,464.08	\$631,865.95

LIABILITIES		
Deposits .....	\$12,490,191.97	\$543,737.24
Unearned Discount .....	65,493.59	288.19
Total .....	\$12,555,685.56	\$544,025.43

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital .....	\$200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus .....	900,000.00	12,500.00
Undivided Profits & Reserves .....	591,778.52	25,340.52
Total .....	\$14,247,464.08	\$631,865.95

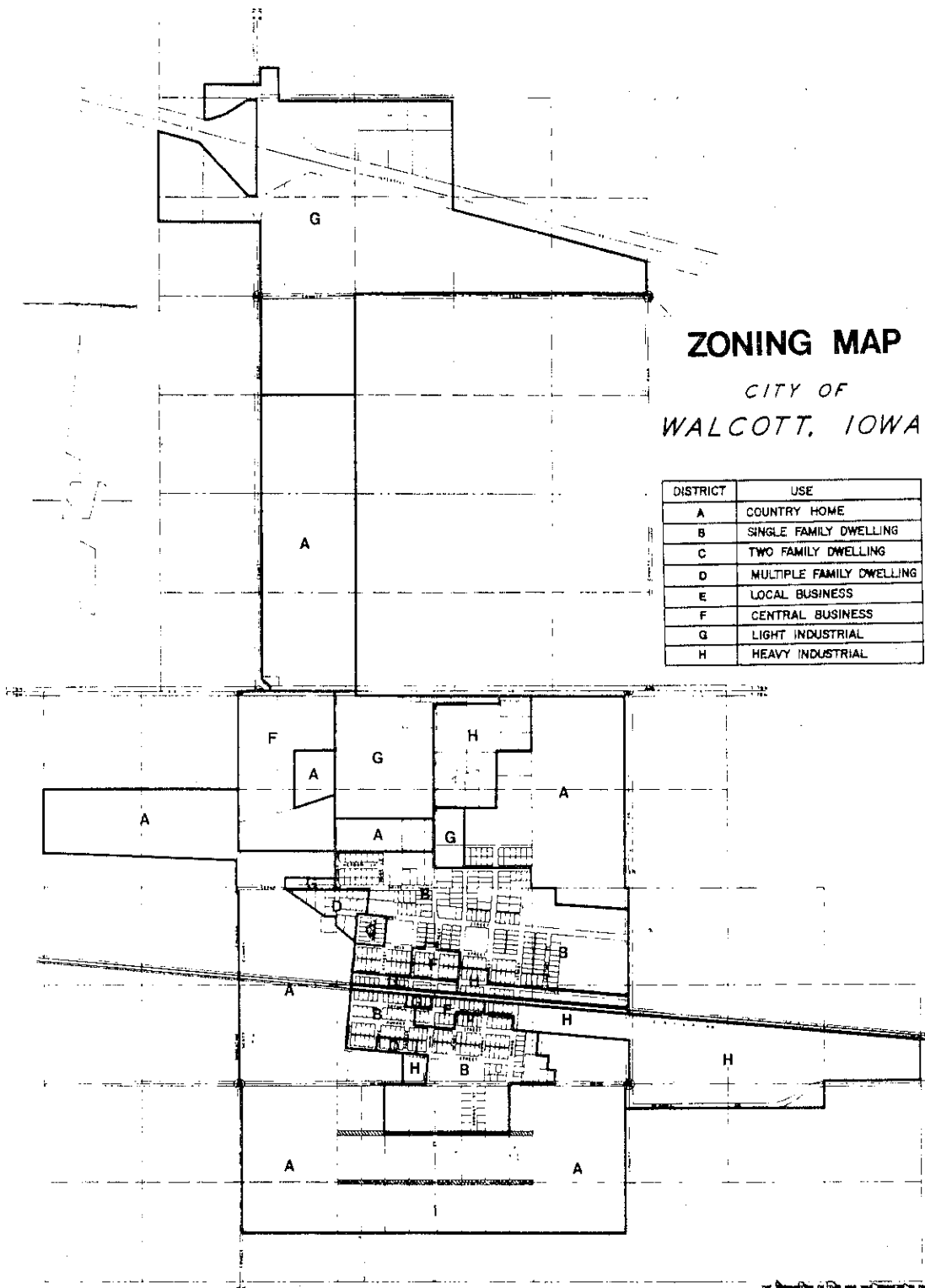
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We are indeed very proud of our forefathers who kept Walcott on the map and are very grateful for those who made Walcott what it is today.

We have advanced as the years passed. Many new industries have located in our city; a new school and many new homes have been built. Our population has increased to 1,200. But none of this could have been achieved without the good groundwork laid by our pioneer members.

We celebrated our Centennial in June of 1954, and Walcott's many organizations are collaborating now to help our nation celebrate its Bicentennial in 1976.

To all the fine organizations which lend strength to our community, to all the committee members who contributed in any way to the Walcott Day Bicentennial, and to the advertisers and friends who have contributed so generously, we say from the bottom of our hearts -- Thank You.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clara Mordhorst".

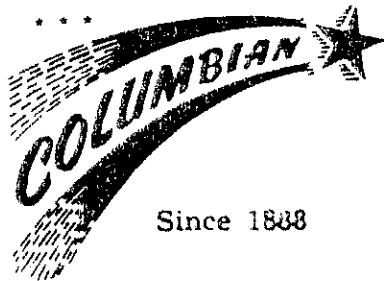
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The Kaskaskias were later driven out of the Quad Cities area by the renegade Mesquaki tribe, in time called the Sac and Fox by the French. This tribe, a splinter group of the Canadian Iroquois, was America's largest Indian nation.

The first settlers -- of German and Scotch-Irish descent -- saw the future site of Walcott as a valley in the headwaters of the Cedar River Mud Creek. The area was a vast level plain extending to the future sites of Blue Grass, Walcott, parts of Davenport and Argo.



**Last of prairie ponds, northwest of Walcott**

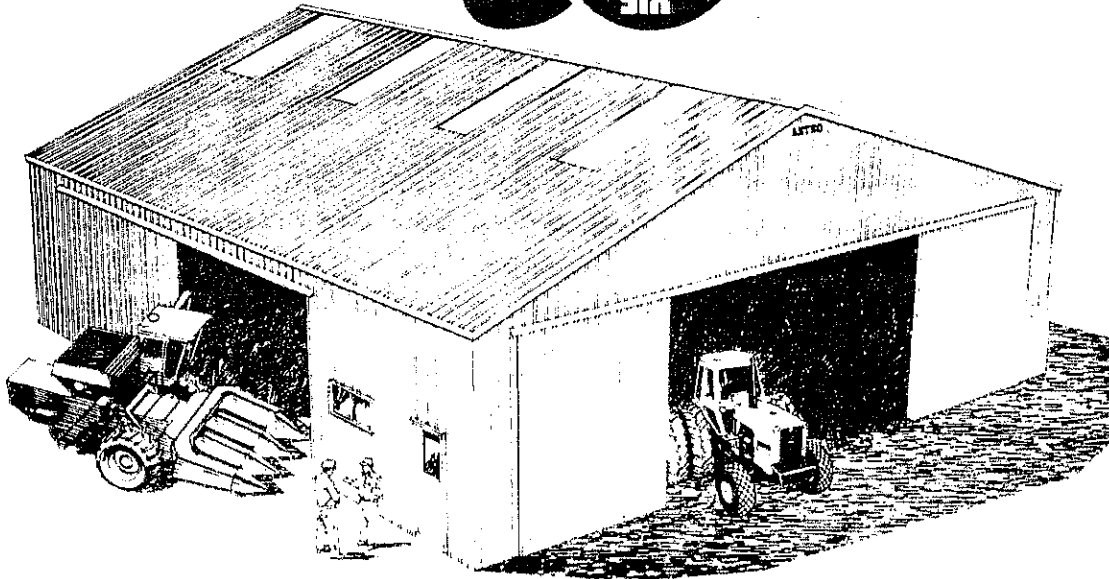
A treeless desolate prairie faced those early settlers, seeking locations for their homes. They encountered a land of tall prairie grass dotted with marshy groves of trees, spared from the terrifying prairie fires by protective ponds.

The pioneers, passing up what was to be some of America's prime agricultural land, preferred to settle in the timber near Maysville, Blue Grass, Buffalo, Allens Grove and Littles Grove. Here they found wood for buildings and rail fences, springs more reliable than hand-dug shallow wells for water, and rivers for transportation of their produce.

The expanse of prairie soil was bypassed for settlement because of the lack of timber, the marshy conditions and the constant fear of prairie fires.

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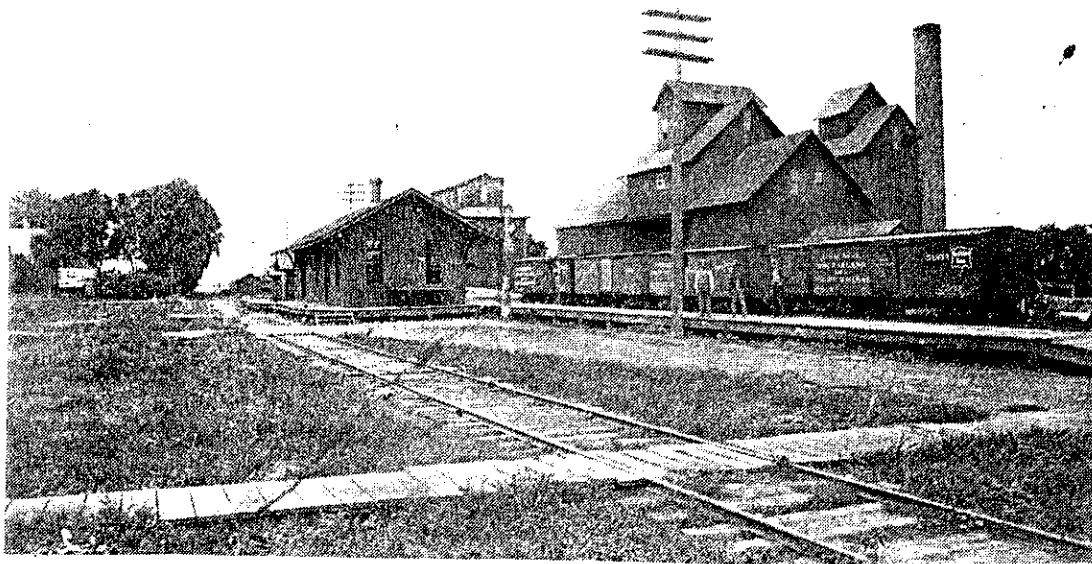
The sale of Iowa land was surely the greatest give-away in American history.

## SALUTE TO RAILROADS

Walcott owed its very existence to the cross-country railroad system. Promoters William Walcott and Ebenezer Cook looked over a large land parcel here in 1854, knowing the railroad was mapped out to pass through the area.

Their financial maneuverings laid the way for the town of Walcott, built along the railroad lines which linked America coast to coast.

The beginnings of the railroad enterprise, as related to Walcott,



**Walcott railroad depot.**

began on Jan. 1, 1853, when the Mississippi and Missouri (M & M) line organized in Iowa. At the same time, construction by the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad joined those two Illinois cities.

A wooden railroad bridge, completed in 1856 near Davenport at the upper end of Arsenal Island, became the first bridge to span the Mississippi River. Laborers on the project earned 75 cents per day.

William B. Ogden, Chicago's first mayor and vice president of the M & M Railroad, soon joined William Walcott and Ebenezer Cook to obtain rights-of-way for railroad construction.

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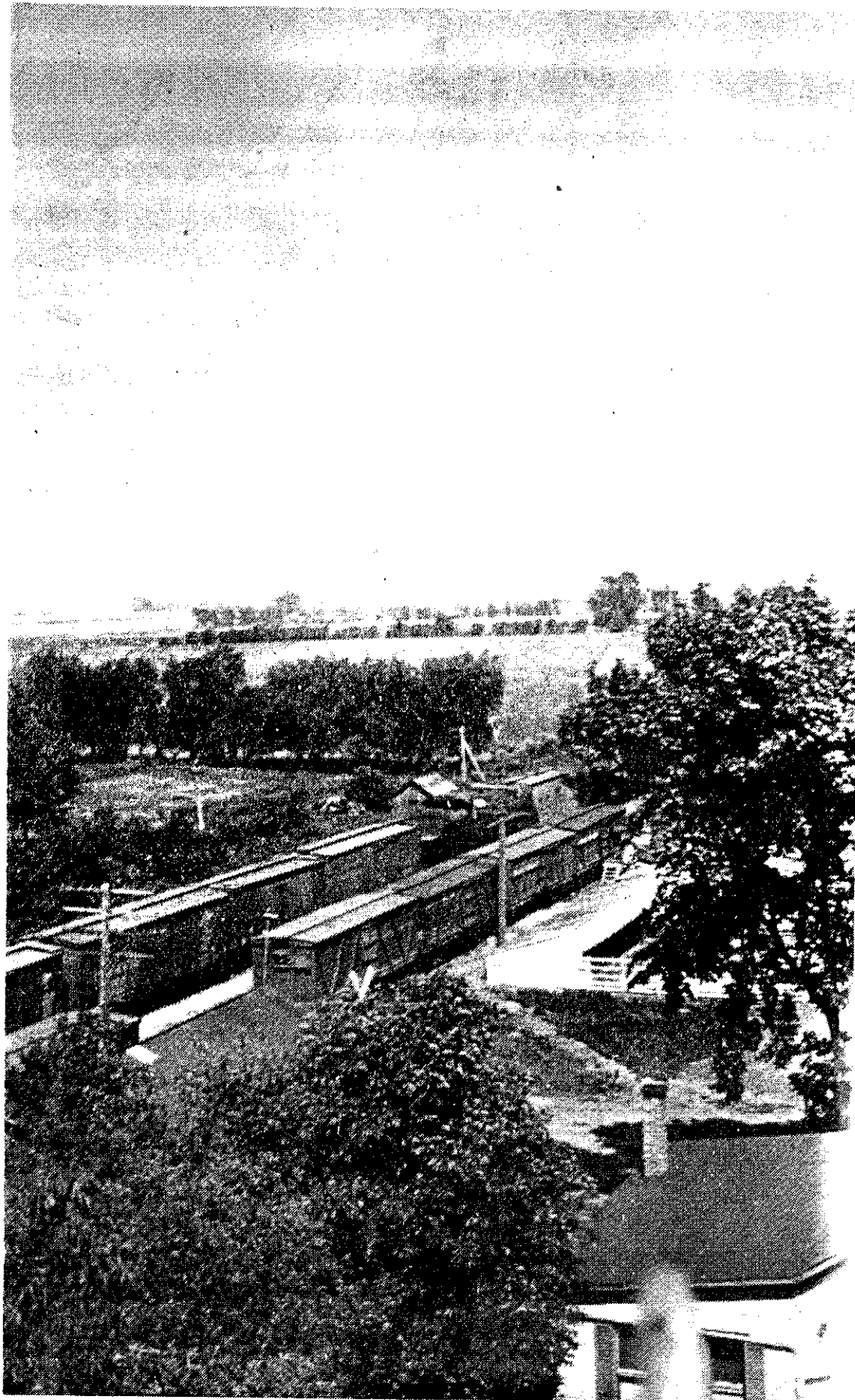
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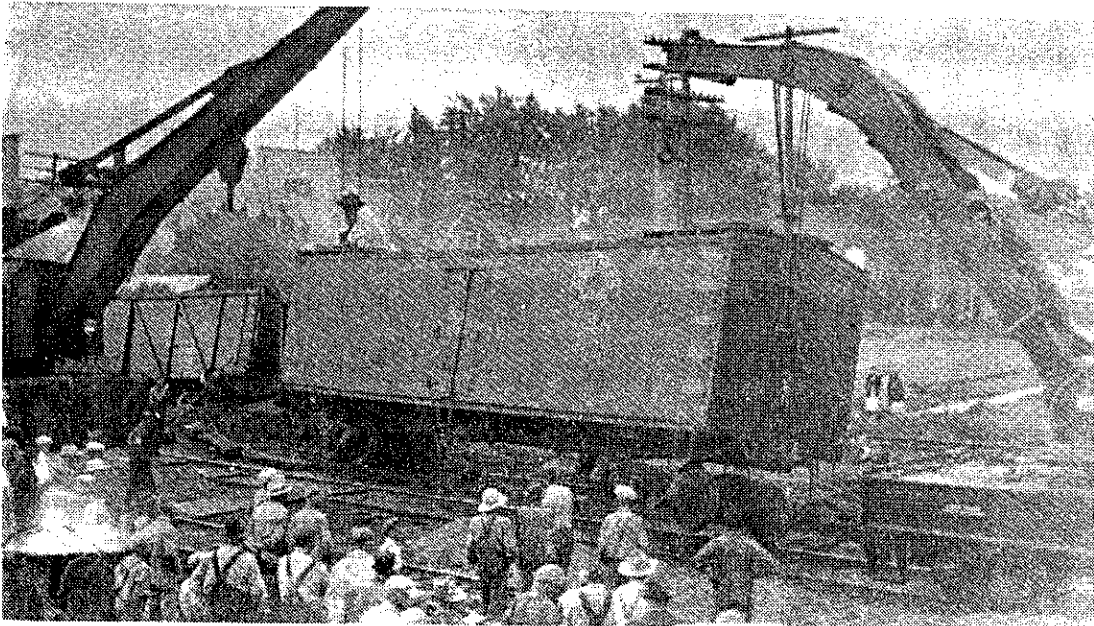
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**Train wreck at Main Street crossing, 1926.**

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Completion of the railroad in Iowa was urgent, because the Union Pacific Railroad's plans to lay tracks from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean hinged on it. Rails and other supplies had to be economically transported across Iowa for the Union Pacific to proceed.

The first passenger train arrived in the fledgling town of Walcott on August 25, 1855, carrying some 500 men and women anxious to buy land at \$1.25 an acre. Following a free lunch, lots in the future town were auctioned off by the financial firm of Cook and Sargent.

In the financial panic of 1857, much of the Walcott land was sold for as low as 75 cents an acre, enabling many German and Scotch-Irish immigrants to settle in the area.

But Walcott thrived because of the railroad. As the first "jerkwater" station west of the Mississippi River, passenger trains stopped here regularly to take on water.

"Jerkwater towns", which in the modern vernacular are ridiculed as insignificant out-of-the-way villages, were vital to early railroad operation. Because the first steam locomotives required water every 12 to 15 miles, towns like Walcott with ready water supplies became regular stops.

As the train pulled up to a water supply, its crew would mount the coal car (or water tender) with leather buckets to be lowered into the water. With an experienced jerk, men pulled up the water-filled buckets to pour into the tender's tank. Thus the name "jerkwater".

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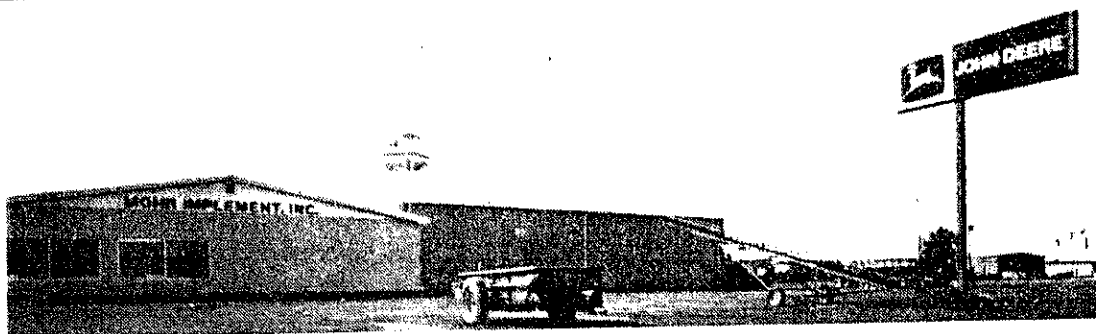
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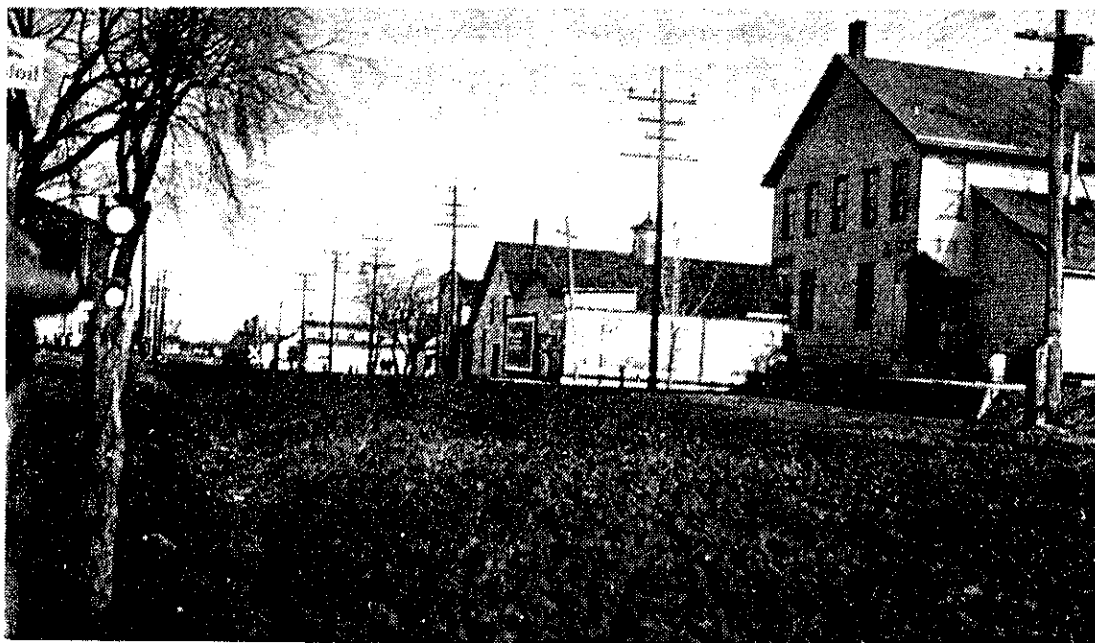
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In Walcott, trains pulled up to a site near the intersection of Bryant and Grove Streets, where a stream once flowed, to take on water.

Later wells with pumps supplied water to the steam locomotives. The earliest Walcott well was located at the northeast corner of Bryant and Downey Streets, and as residents realized the valuable service they provided to the railroad, they attached a price to their water.

John Strohbeen, who built a large steel water tower joining the Coliseum to the north, was the last to supply water to the railroad.

The Rock Island branch line, from Blue Grass to Stockton and points beyond, bypassed Walcott on the southwest at Petersburg. Residents would hire a car for the trip to Petersburg, where they waited under a shelter to catch the train to Sunbury and Bennett.



**South Main Street -- Saloon-hotel built by Ebenezer Cook and Durant brothers, on right.**

This branch was closed in 1925, when the track was removed as far as Stockton.

Originally the railroad from Davenport to Iowa City consisted of one track, now the northern westbound track. The second eastbound track was constructed in 1898. The railroad west of Iowa City is still a single track.

Transportation, of course, improved so that Walcott became less dependent on the railroad. On July 9, 1966, the M & M Railroad, which had brought prosperity to Walcott, was foreclosed. It passed into the hands of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co.

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# A MAN NAMED WALCOTT

William Walcott, who preserved his name on a village in western Scott County by donating \$500 to its first school, was a businessman instrumental in the railroad's progress in the Midwest.

Born August 9, 1794, in Cumberland, Rhode Island, Walcott moved in 1811 to Whitesboro, N. Y., where he was a salesman with the Oneida Manufacturing Society. He was long associated with the New York mills.

In Utica, N. Y., Walcott supervised the erection of the Utica steam cotton mills, of which he served as a director. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Whitesboro and of the Reformed Church of Utica, where he was an elder.

Walcott made his mark as a director of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, and as treasurer of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad. It was through his association with the railroads that Walcott purchased land near a proposed train station, destined to develop into the town that bears his name.

Walcott was also director of the Bank of Utica for more than 30 years. He died on November 8, 1859.

# PROCLAIMING LIBERTY

The symbol of American freedom came to Walcott in 1915, on a flag-decked railroad flat car.

Late on a balmy Sunday morning, Walcott residents flocked to the railroad tracks to catch a glimpse of the Liberty Bell on its return trip to Philadelphia.

The bell had been on display at the Pan Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, honoring the completion of the Panama Canal.

At the close of the gala celebration, the gilded Liberty Bell was anchored to a flat railroad car for its cross-country trip to Philadelphia. The flat sideless car, similar to those used today to transport large farm and industrial machines, was draped with red, white and blue bunting.

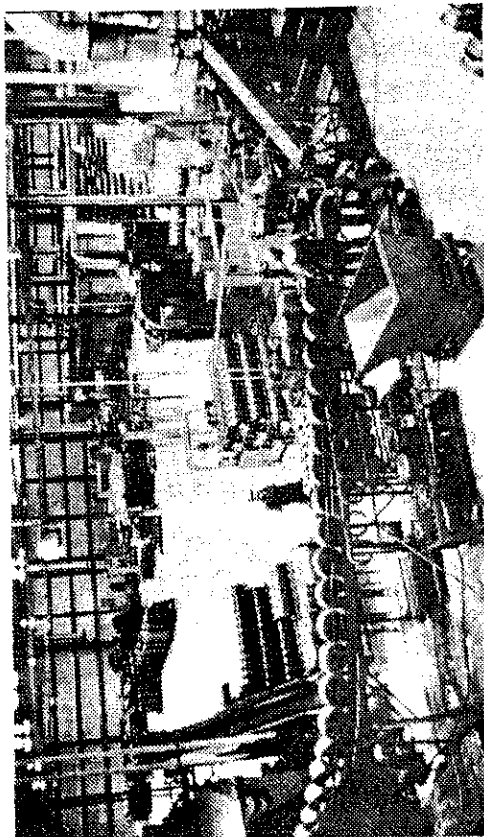
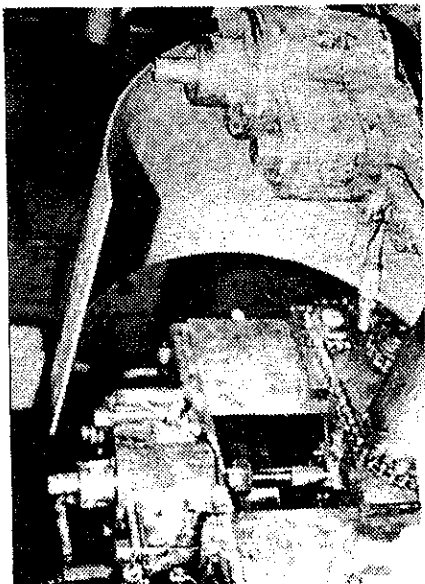
As the train crept along the tracks of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway that fall of 1915, Americans flocked to see the gleaming bell. True to its inscription, the Liberty Bell was "proclaiming liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

As the train bearing the famous bell neared this area, Davenport newspapers announced its estimated arrival. Walcott residents lined the tracks cutting through town to see the bell, which has tolled for

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**Walcott, as seen from grain elevator, before 1915.**

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## FOCUSING ON GRAIN

In the 122 years since its founding, Walcott has relied on farming and its related businesses for prosperity.

The chief crops during Walcott's early history were barley and wheat. In fact, Scott County at one time was ranked third nationally in the production of barley, and the high-quality Walcott barley was in great demand for malting houses and breweries in the pre-prohibition years.

On a typical 160-acre farm, 10 acres of corn were planted with the remainder devoted to small grains. The intensive corn and soybean row crops of today were unheard of.

Because the area's hardworking farmers prospered, grain purchasing and shipping became a fundamental Walcott business.

Beinke built his grain storage building where the lumber yard at 113 S. Main Street now stands. Grain was carried by two men to the building in a three by three foot box. The Beinke building was moved in 1913 to the Philip Petersen pond, at the northeast corner of Memorial and S. Main, where it was used for ice storage.

Beinke briefly entered into partnership with the Stockdale brothers,



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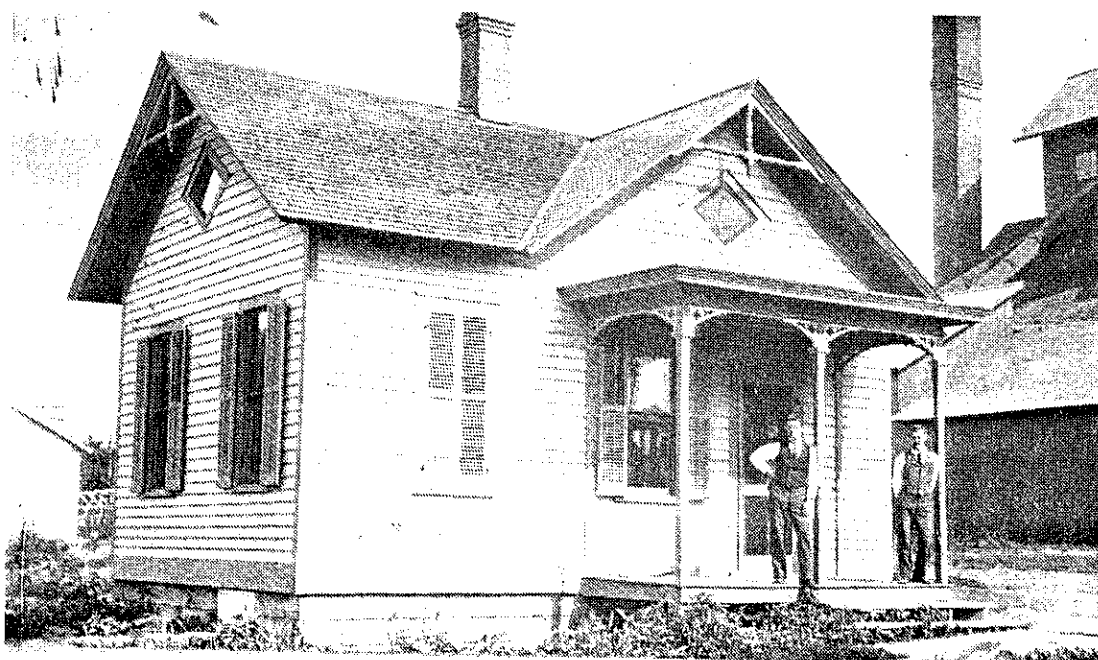
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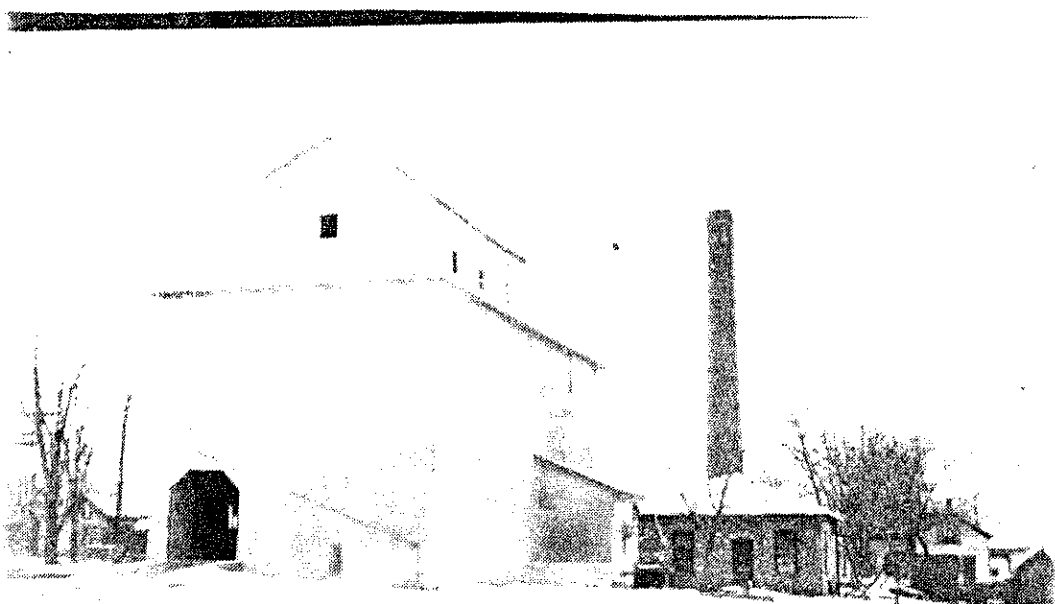
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**Stockdale and Dietz Elevator Office, burned 1897.**



**West Farmers Elevator, with brick steam engine building.**

Alexander and John, whose names were long associated with the Walcott grain business. The Stockdales lived on what is now the Roman Kraft farm before moving into town.

The Stockdales, who organized their grain company even before the railroad came to Walcott, also dealt in lumber, coal and cattle. Grain

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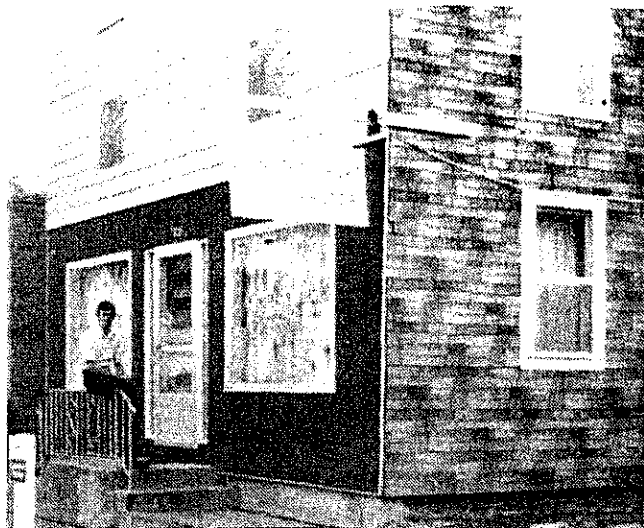
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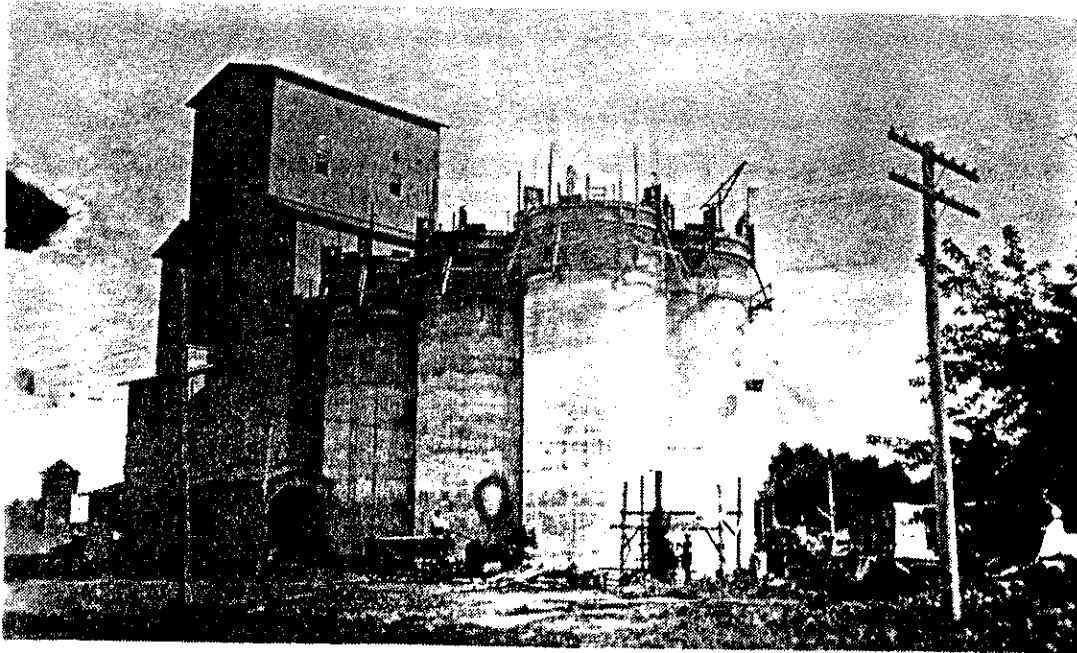
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in those pre-railroad days was transported to the river in large ox-drawn wagons.

Soon after the Civil War, the Stockdales erected an elevator using lumber from the Confederate prison on Arsenal Island. The small building, used as the Stockdale office, is now headquarters for S & S Builders.

Fire destroyed the first Stockdale elevator in 1897, and its replacement burned in 1914. The concrete grain tanks went up in 1919.

Philip Dietz I, a livestock buyer in Walcott, joined the firm in its formative years. Dietz was instrumental in winning the patronage of



**Stockdale and Maack grain storage tanks, under construction, 1919.**

the German farmers, who had come to Walcott between 1848 and 1871 with the wave of German immigrants following the Danish rebellion and Franco-Prussian War.

Stockdale and Dietz owned elevators in Stockton, Wilton, New Liberty and Tipton; Alexander's son Ed Stockdale held interest in elevators at Lake Park, Wallingford, Osgood, Melvin, Cloverdale and Estherville in Iowa, and Ellsworth in Minnesota. Hugh Greig, who was Ed Stockdale's partner from 1914 to 1928, brought several elevator properties into the firm also.

Stockdale and Dietz fed cattle at three locations: 10 acres at the east end of Bryant Street, 20 acres at the southeast corner of Memorial Road and S. Main Street, and on a farm north of Stockton. Broken grain from the Walcott grain cleaning operations was hauled to these three feeding stations as part of the cattle ration.

Louis Maack, who became the Stockdale and Dietz Co. bookkeeper in 1900, formed a partnership with Ed Stockdale until the early 1940's. The partnership dissolved when Maack acquired 100 per cent of the



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View from old water tower.

firm's stock. Maack sold out to Farmers Elevator Co. in 1956.

Bernhard Schwarting also built a grain elevator west of the high elevator on Lincoln and Parker Streets after his flour mill burned.

Today the local grain trade is centered at the Farmers Elevator Co., licensed by the State of Iowa to store 400,000 bushels of corn, 150,000 bushels of soybeans and 20,000 bushels of oats. The firm built a fine new office in the fall of 1975.

## SPUD CROPS

The Walcott spud was a lucrative crop before the turn of the century.

Farmers skilled in potato cultivation used a potato-digging machine for the harvest. A specially-designed storage building was built by John Strohbeen at the northeast corner of Bryant and Parker Streets. The building, now owned by Marvin Puck, was constructed of cement block and tile to provide dead air spaces for proper insulation, protecting the potatoes from freezing.

Potato buyers in the Walcott area were Claus Ruge, Albert Werner, William Schwarting, John Strohbeen and later, Henry Strohbeen. John Strohbeen also operated a potato buying station at Donahue.

Spud-growing on a large scale faded out around 1910.

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# ROLICKING SOCIAL LIFE

Walcott's social life in the early 1900's is a story of rousing dances, the oom-pah-pah of German bands and visiting theatrical troupes.

The railroad workers, hungry for entertainment, warm beds and a stiff drink, sparked the construction of the bar room and living quarters of the old Walcott dance hall at the southeast corner of Main and Bryant Streets in the 1870's.

The popular meeting place, known as Henry Sindt's Dance Hall and later as Dr. Schumacher's Opera House and Dance Hall, was soon joined with a dance hall building. Louis Hinz, Davenport, operated the



**Saloon Dance Hall later known as Opera House.**

business from 1872 to 1875, when he sold it to Henry Sindt, proprietor until 1895.

The dance hall and bar were later operated by Ed Dose, Henry Kroue, John Mass, William Fromme, Charlie Gimm and Chris Boller.

Fred "Jiggers" Thiering, who operated the establishment in 1914, built the Walcott Coliseum the next year where Stockdale and Dietz had their lumber storage. The lumber building looked much like a corn crib, with outer boards spaced for ventilation.

In those days, each saloon was paired with a "driveway" barn, a large barn covering two city lots with a door at either end. When farmers drove to town on business or for a quick drink, they'd guide their horse-drawn wagons into these barns and fasten the halter rope to a ring in the wall. Afterwards, they would head out the back barn door.

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When Dr. Schumacher had purchased the dance hall, he enlarged it by one-third to include an opera house in 1915. The stage, built with an unusually high ceiling and a full basement beneath, was considered by many theatrical professionals to be finest stage between Chicago and Denver.

The stage curtain in itself was a work of art. Purchased for \$1,000, it was embossed in an elaborate riverside evening scene, with a canoe tied along shore and a tent in a timber clearing illuminated by the dim light of a bonfire.

Just north of the dance hall, Dr. Schumacher built a cement block post office, operated through the years by postmasters Alma Camblin, Clarence Knaack, Richard Tank, and Lillian Gasseling. The building was razed when the present post office at 117 E. Bryant was constructed.

Dr. Schumacher, with dreams of screening outdoor motion pictures for Walcott residents, built a ten-foot wooden wall around the site where the old driveway barn had stood. The expansive wall, attached to the Opera House and built with a gate facing Main St. for trucks to enter, was dubbed the Airdome by the good doctor.

Although plans for showing outdoor movies in the Airdome never materialized, Dr. Schumacher did provide motion pictures in the Opera House in 1916 through 1918.

Both home-town and imported talent came to Walcott at about this time. The Opera House and the Coliseum both played host to Walcott troupes, one which staged the show "Deacon Dubbs." One of the vaudeville shows produced by Dr. Schumacher in 1914 at the Castle Hall supposedly starred Tom Mix, Will Rogers and Fred Stone in a display of roping and shooting skills.

An operetta, "The Royal Slave" reached the stage of the Opera House, along with several medicine shows featuring music, vaudeville acts and magic tricks with such colorful names as "Gay's One-Horse Entertainers" and "Dr. Mick's Medicine Show".

But a vaudeville troupe called the Marshall Players from Sabula, Iowa, captured the hearts of Walcott. Each winter the players were booked for a week in the Opera House, and during the summer they'd move outside for a week to a tent in the school park (now Victory Park) for performances of "Peg O' My Heart" and "Ten Nights in a Bar Room".

In the summer of 1912, another traveling troupe arrived by Pullman coach to perform a tent show of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". And much to the delight of local theater-goers, the cast included several bloodhounds enlisted to chase poor Eliza across the ice.

The Tyrolean Singers from Tyrol, Austria, performed in Walcott at this time, as part of a promotional effort by three Durant men -- Thomas Wulf, William Belter Sr. and William Martens.

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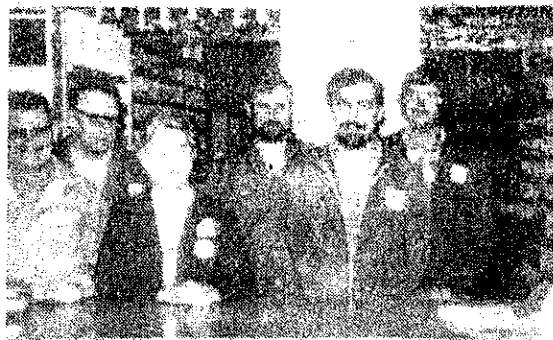
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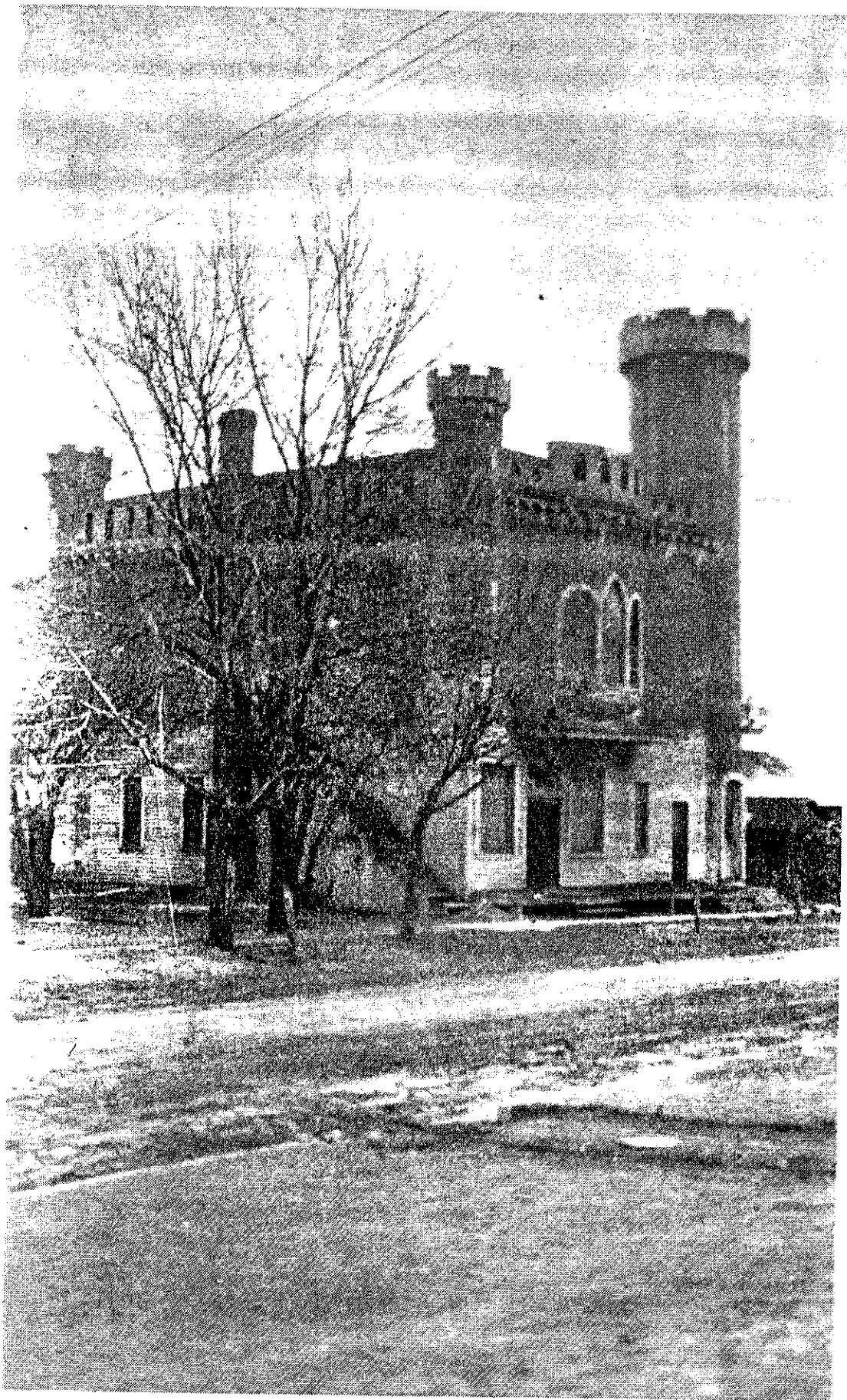


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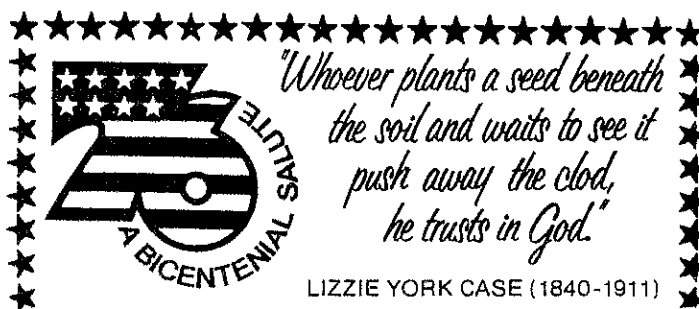
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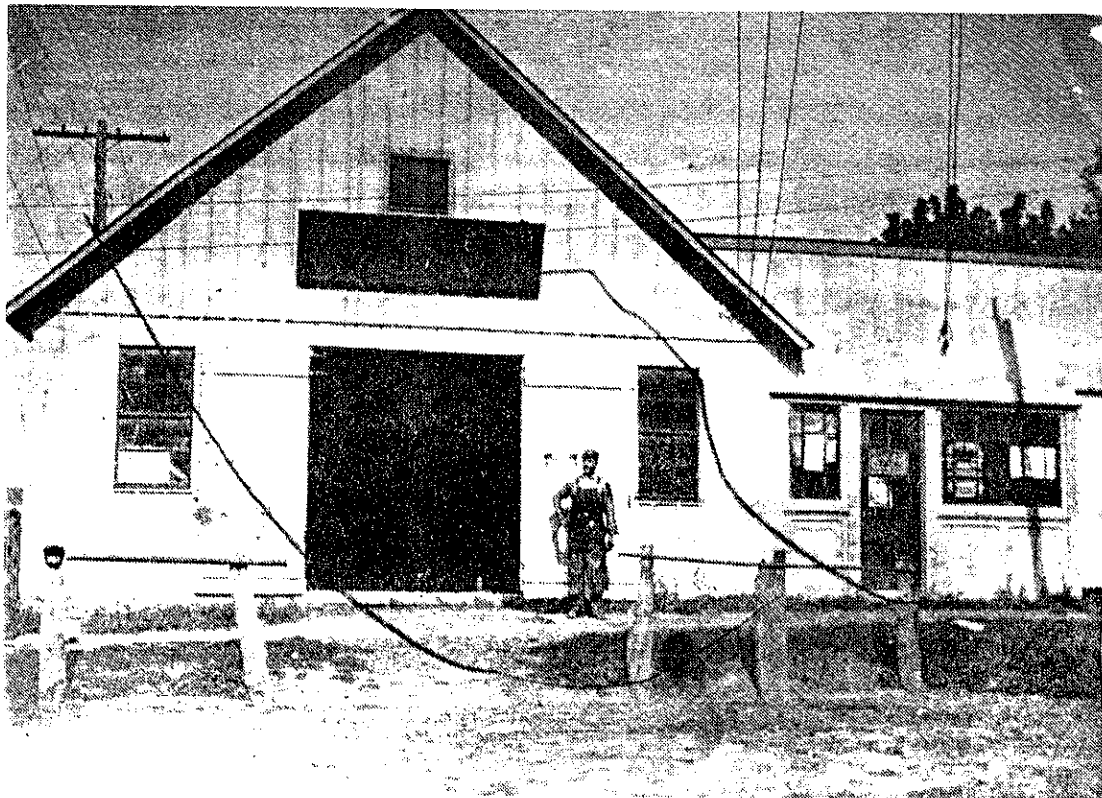
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Dances! At one time, the Walcott area was the hub of community dances with young people traveling from Mechanicsville, West Branch, Gladbrook and Tama County to join in the gaiety. A popular spot was Alex Park east of Wheatland.

The Walcott Band provided spirited music for dances on a platform in the school park, built before the turn of the century.

After World War I, a second platform dance floor was constructed at the park by Henry Beckman, owner of the Coliseum, and Louie Suhl, owner of a Durant dance hall. The music by the Whiz Bangs and Red's Shimmie Jazz Band was surely lively then.



**Rudolph Bluedorn Sr.'s blacksmith shop and garage.**

Beckman, who owned both the Opera House and the Coliseum in the 1930's, purchased the dance floor from the Pleasant Prairie Boosters Club and moved it to Walcott in sections. There, on the south side of the old Opera House, he reconstructed the outdoor dance floor where fun-seekers came to dance and escape the summer heat in those pre-air conditioning days.

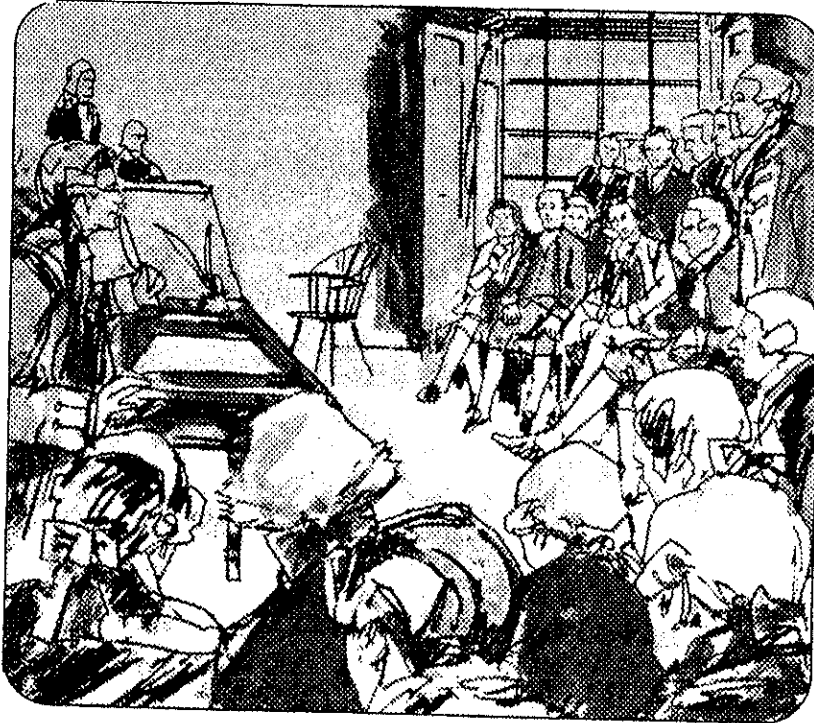
The oom-pah-pah oom-pah-pah of Jacob Strasser's German Band rang through the Walcott streets in 1912 to 1915. The five musicians, armed with cornet, clarinets, alto horn and bass horn, would arrive several times a year in the late afternoon. A tune or two performed in front of a local store would earn enough money from the storekeeper to quench the band members' thirst at the long bar, then the music would begin again.

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were wearing peg-bottom pants and when hobble skirts were the rage for women, who were forbidden to wear hats on the dance floor. The tango was catching on, but it was considered quite indecent for public dances.

A long string of bands played the Opera House, beginning in the late 1800's with Restorf's Band. Later bands to perform were: Walcott Band, Red's Shimmie Jazz Band, Whiz Bangs, Highland Jazzerinos, Doc Wrixon Band, Carlyle Evans Band, Joe Fisher, Les Hartman, Jimmy Chase Orchestra, Ike Miller's Band, Clarence Lafrenz, the Lawrence Welk band from North Dakota, Tiny Hill and his band, Count Bussey, Fez Fritze, Harry Wessel's Hawkeye Entertainers, Six Fat Dutchmen and Arlen Moeller and his orchestra.

During the late 1920's, the Coliseum and Opera House joined in Battles of Music in which both halls were filled to capacity. Walcott was always a popular spot for public dances, especially on Sunday nights before Prohibition.

Arlen Moeller and his orchestra have been entertaining with modern and polka music for 38 years. Moeller, who played briefly with the Al Schneckloth Orchestra, began performing in 1939. A life-long Walcott resident, he married Harriet Bohnsack at age 19, and with his orchestra performed over KSTT radio for two years. Band members are Moeller, Everett Lange, Chester Lupton, Dale Meyers and Larry Rose.

Wilbur Pahl, another popular Walcott musician, has been delighting audiences for years with his band, first called Pahl's Melody Boys and now Freddie's Dutchmen.

As part of a community devoted to fine music, the Walcott Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 312 sponsored a concert band in 1926, including the following members: Norman Leabo, Dick Leabo, John Tank, George Saville, Edward Dietz, Louie Dietz, Louis Koch, Lawrence Dietz, Grover Dietz, Richard Tank, Herbert Bluedorn, Clarence Paustian, Julius Paustian, Roy Christensen, Robert Benniwitz, Otto Baustian, Ben Paustian, Walter Paustian, Rudolph Blan, William Schumaker, Harvey Bluedorn, Dan Thompson, Edgar Bluedorn and John Zimmerman.

The demise of Walcott's Opera House came in 1937 when the building was sold to Roy Lobdell and Harry Snell of Montpelier, Iowa, who tore it down.

But the Coliseum, built in 1915, is still part of the community's social scene. Under the direction of Fred "Jiggers" Thiering, the original owner, Theodore Meinert's construction crew excavated the basement with a two-horse wheel scraper. Dirt was moved to Flagg Street between Main and Parker Streets, and a ditch was rerouted to the south side of Flagg Street.

The Coliseum has been owned over the years by Thiering, Henry Beckman, Louis Koch, Edgar Nagel, Herbert Petersen, the Fisher Brothers (operated by Jack Neary), Ray Rochau, Rudy Litscher, Al Schneckloth and Edwin Doerscher.

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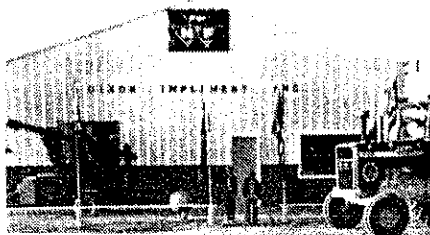
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William Walcott shrewdly donated \$500 in 1855 for the construction of a school building, with the stipulation that the fledgling town along the railroad tracks near Davenport be named after him.

The first school was built on Block 2, Lot 8 and 9, facing Otis Street. Later, an addition was built to handle increasing student enrollment, making the building L-shaped.

Block 2, on Lot 5, facing Henry Street was the site for a second school in 1895. Ninth graders joined the little school in 1921, and when a tenth grade class was added, one teacher was assigned to teach only the older children. A school band became a popular extracurricular activity.



Walcott's first school, 1855. Later used as a Sunday School and Church.

Walcott students completed eleventh and twelfth grade on tuition at Davenport's Central High School. Some students attended all four years of high school in Davenport, if their parents were willing to furnish tuition for the freshman and sophomore years.

The Walcott Community School District brought many one-room schoolhouse districts together and upgraded education when it was formed in 1955. Harvey Bluedorn was president of the first school board when the new building was constructed in northeast Walcott in 1956.

The first directors were John Mahrman, Melvin Riessen, Chester Schnack, Rudolph Arp, Norma Paustian Koch, secretary, and Kenneth Dietz, treasurer.

In Hickory Grove township, the following country schools were

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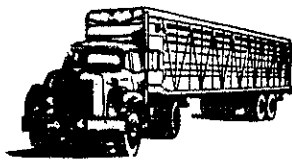
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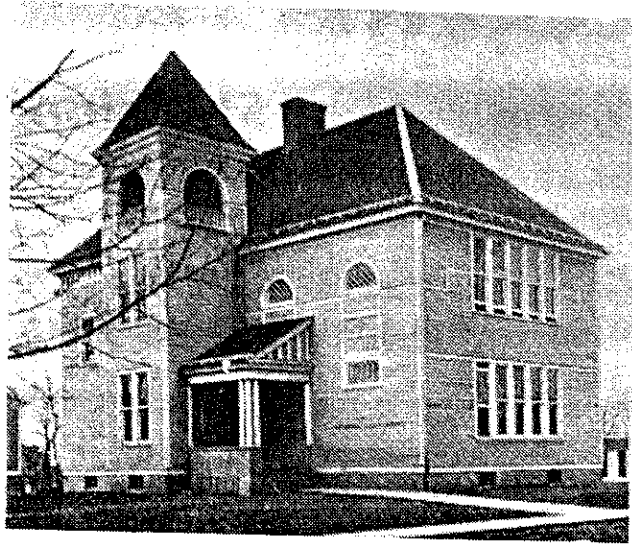
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**Walcott School, torn down in 1957.**

consolidated into the new district: Fairview No. 1, 2 and 3, and Plainview School.

In Blue Grass township, the following schools were brought in: No. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect. 27, SW corner; No. 3, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect. 25, SW corner; No. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect. 15, SW corner; No. 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect 2, SE corner; No. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect. 9, NE corner; No. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sect. 23, NE corner.

In addition, Walcott Independent School District No. 4 and Fulton township school also became part of the larger community district.

The Walcott Community School District was absorbed by the Davenport School District in 1965.

Joseph Steadley was the oldest known teacher to instruct Walcott students in the three "R's". Teaching from 1882 to 1889, some of his pupils were Mrs. Rosa Siebke Bluedorn, Mrs. Dora Schreiber Paormann, Robert Benniwitz, Adolph Moeller and Gustav Fick. A school teacher most of his life, Mr. Steadley died in Colorado at the age of 90.

Loyalty to the Walcott schools has been a characteristic of many Walcott teachers. Miss Bertha Schreiber, a life-long Walcott resident, taught school here for 40 years, 30 in the Walcott town school.

Another life-long resident, Mrs. Elsie Schreiber Rice, was an area teacher 27 years, 22 in the town school. Mrs. Evelyn Paustian Meyer was associated with Scott County schools for 51 years, divided between county schools, the Walcott town schools and the county superintendent's office.

Norma Paustian Koch was an 11-year veteran of local teaching, and Mrs. Alice Rauve McAllister and Mrs. Mardelle Paustian Lamp were also devoted Walcott teachers.

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Walcott gave up two physicians, Dr. McIntyre and Dr. L. E. Schaefer, who were called for medical service in the armed forces during World War I. But Dr. Henry Schumacher remained and Dr. Marble established an office in the old Byrnes-Kegel office and residence.



**Dr. Schumacher's drug store.**

A string of doctors established practice here, and the community was served by four doctors from 1917 to 1923.

Dr. L. V. Schroeder, who set up practice in 1930, erected a new medical clinic at the corner of Main and Durant Streets with Dr. Ahmann in 1954.

Following Dr. Schroeder's death, the clinic was sold to the Northwest Medical Clinic, a corporation with clinics in Davenport, Eldridge and Walcott served by five physicians.

The Northwest Clinic was closed in 1975, when Dr. Y. M. S. Bushan

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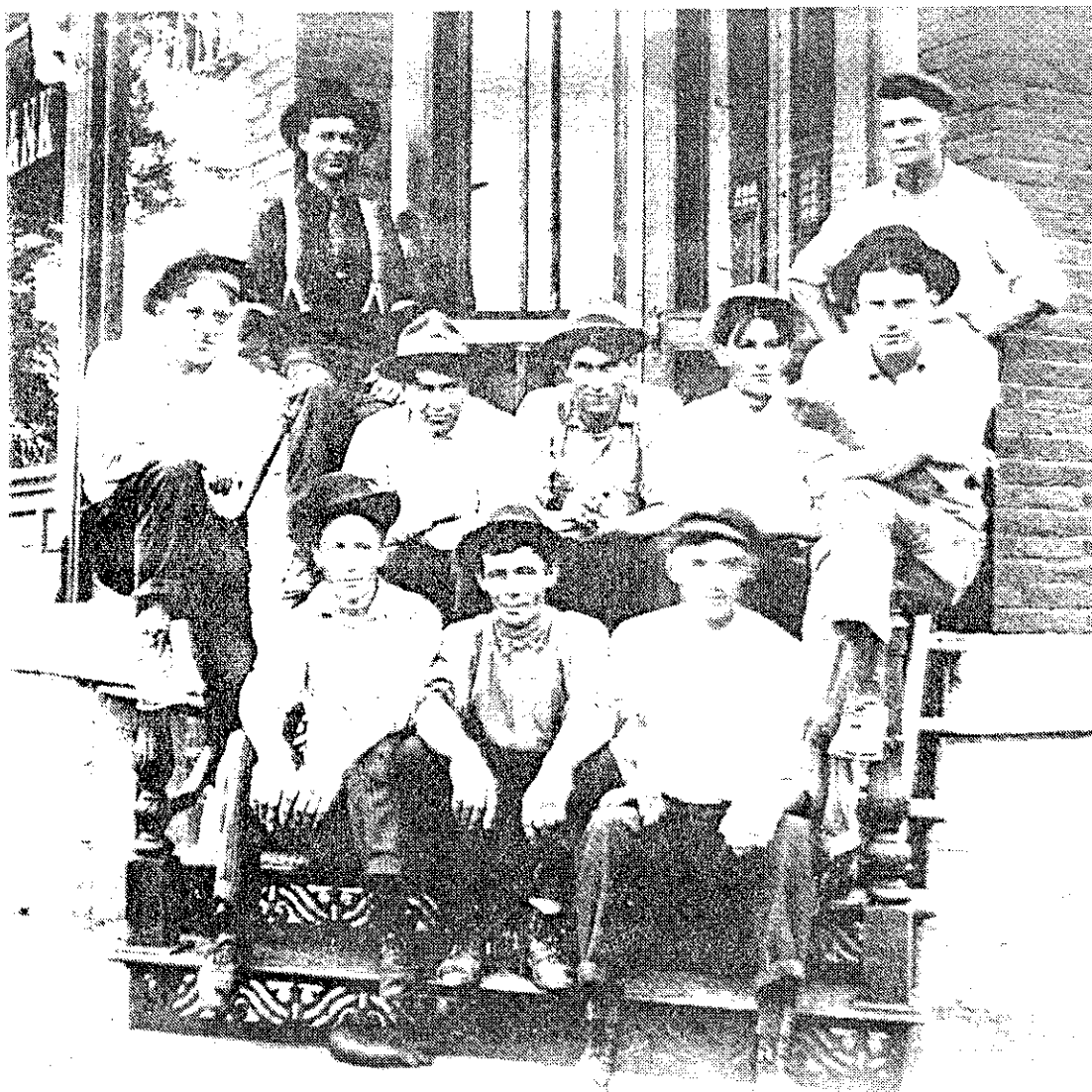
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relocated his medical practice in Davenport. Dr. Hugh C. Furness, D. O. who has practiced in Walcott since Dec. 3, 1962, and Dr. Mickey Burt, Chiropractor, currently serve the community's medical needs.

## FIRE PROTECTION

Community fire protection became a reality when Walcott residents organized the first fire department in 1897. A far-cry from modern blaring red trucks, the department then owned two hand-drawn hose carts, one stationed on each side of the railroad tracks.



## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

That first fire crew included: Chief Chris Ketelsen, Henry Wunder, Johannes Wegener, Philip "Butch" Peterson, John Griebel, Henry Schultz, Herman Steffen, Leo Neubauer, D. Hintze, Gus Blank, Rudolph O. Bluedorn, Otto Kurtz and Servell Emler.

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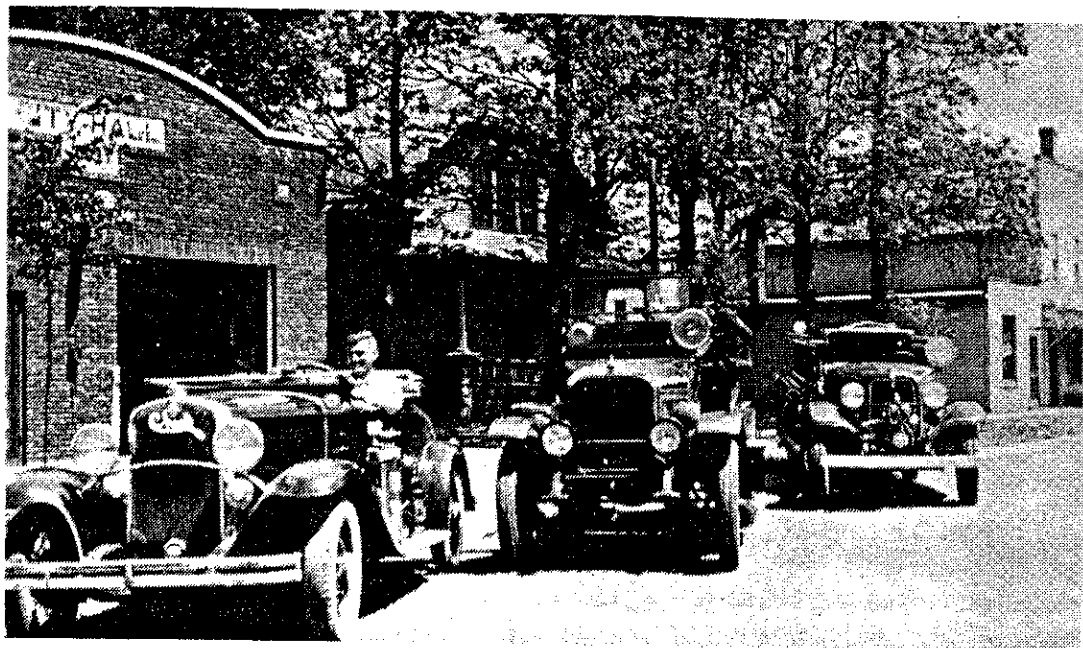
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The department really came of age in 1931, when a new city hall building with a station to house two firetrucks was constructed. Ferdinand Dietz was mayor at the time.

The city of Walcott became part of the Walcott Benefit Fire District in 1970, when three new trucks were acquired to increase fire protection.

At the same time, additions were made to both the fire station and city hall, providing space to house the expanded fire fleet and maintenance equipment.

## ELEVATORS AFIRE

Grain elevators in Walcott have been plagued with fires over the years.

The first Stockdale and Dietz elevator burned on May 14, 1897. With the building went a piece of history -- the elevator had been constructed from lumber salvaged from the prison on Arsenal Island, which had housed Confederate prisoners during the Civil War.

Another fire destroyed the second Stockdale and Dietz elevator in July of 1914.

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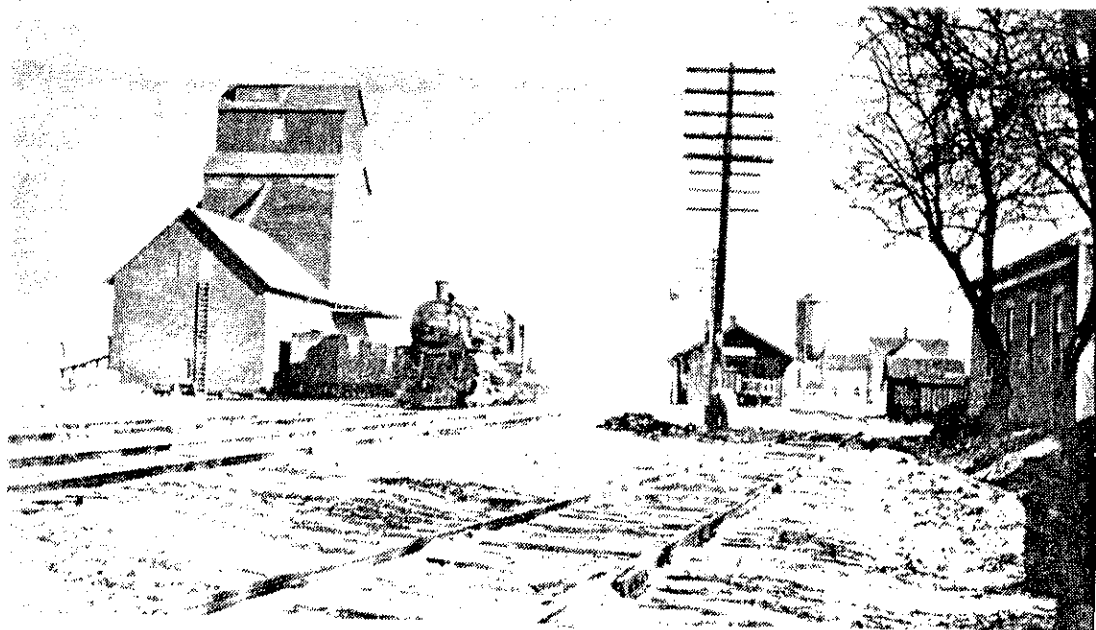


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**Stockdale and Dietz Elevator, burned July, 1914.**

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## TWISTERS AND MUDDY RAIN

Although Walcott could never be the scene of a "disaster" movie, the community has had its share of violent weather.

Before the turn of the century, a local horse had quite a "mare-raising" experience. A cyclone, touching down briefly at the north edge of old Walcott, lifted a grain binder and a very confused horse into the air, setting them down on a roof on the Henry Strohbeen farm, now owned by Melvin Denklau.

In 1928, a twister destroyed a cattle shed on a farm operated by John Tank, at the south end of Main Street. Phillip "Butch" Peterson's ice storage building was demolished in the same storm.

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## BASEBALL MEMORIES

Walcott baseball is highlighted by a 19-inning game and a memorable day of white umbrellas.

For a special contest against the Geneseo, Ill. baseball team in 1915, Walcott merchants sold white sun umbrellas for the local fans. Dozens of unfolded parasols, shading the ladies, created quite a spectacle.



Walcott baseball team, 1919.

A train on the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific line backed into town to transport the Walcott baseball team and 150 loyal supporters to Geneseo for the ballgame.

In Geneseo, a spirited Walcott Band followed by cheering Walcott fans paraded through the streets until a Geneseo official gently informed the crowd that a town ordinance prohibited parades on Sunday.

Despite the fever pitch in the stands, Walcott lost 9-0. Tom Benschoff made a valiant attempt on the mound for Walcott.

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baseball team in 1914. The "Boston Bloomers", attired in red uniforms, arrived by pullman coach to challenge the Walcott men, but Walcott maintained its reputation by winning, 9-0.

Perhaps the longest game in the annals of Walcott baseball was played on July 11, 1917. Walcott met New Liberty in a game that ended in 19 innings as the sun dipped out of sight.

A pitchers' battle was waged between Walcott's slow ball left-hander Albert (Dick) Leabo and Steve Schroeder, from Dixon, for New Liberty. The final score: 2-1 for Walcott.

In 1924, Walcott, Dixon, Big Rock and New Liberty organized the short-lived West Scott County Baseball League. Walcott proved its superiority by winning all 18 games played during the league's one-year existence.

At the season's end, a field day at Walcott pitted the stars of the Dixon, Big Rock and New Liberty teams against the Walcott champs. A parade of ballplayers and bands preceded Walcott's victory that day.

## OFF KILTER

Parts of Walcott do not lie "square" with the world, because the town was originally designed to parallel the railroad tracks, the residents' life-line for supplies.

The railroad and Walcott lots were drawn five degrees off the north-south township section lines.

To "straighten out" matters, Walcott officials in 1967 eliminated a sharp turn on South Main Street between Flagg Street and Memorial Road by relocating the segment 80 feet to the west.

A jog still exists on North Main Street at its intersection with James Street, due to the original town layout.

## OF ROADS, STREETS

Because Walcott was linked so closely with the railroad in its earliest days, many of its streets were named in honor of railroad officials and employees.

**Durant Street** -- A town, a street and a building were the namesakes of Dr. Thomas C. Durant and his brother Charles. Thomas Durant was a co-builder of the Mississippi and Missouri (M & M) Railroad, a director of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad in Illinois, and vice president of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Durant brothers were associated with a building designed to wine, dine and house the railroad workers, built on the present site of Niebuhr Meat Market and the county library substation. It had been constructed by the M & M Railroad and Ebenezer Cook.

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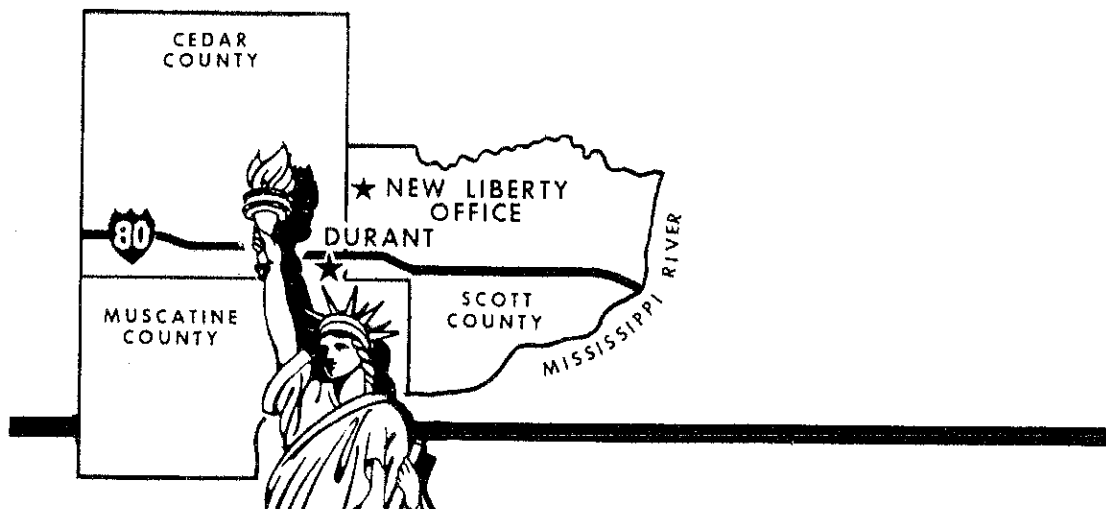
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Walcott's Durant Street and the town of Durant assumed the name of the two brothers.

**Downey Street** -- Mr. Downey was an official of the M & M Railroad.

**Flagg Street** -- A. C. Flagg was treasurer of two railroads -- the Chicago and Rock Island and the M & M -- which later merged.

**Henry Street** -- John Henry was associated with the M & M Railroad and was later named its secretary.

**Parker Street** -- Hilton Parker was vice-president of the Rock Island Railroad.

Lincoln Street is thought to be named for Abraham Lincoln, who before he gained stature as the country's president was attorney for the Government Bridge Co. And of course, every small town has its Main Street.

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**East Durant St., Neibuhr Meat Market on right.**

Walcott in 1976 is surrounded by an excellent network of highways: Interstate, state and secondary. But it was not always so.

The early roads were little better than trails, with no road signs or maintenance for the dirt stretches. In the days before demountable wheel rims, an unfortunate traveler with a flat tire had to patch it and inflate it with a hand pump before he could be on his way.

The first road in the area, from Probst to Walcott and Fulton (now Stockton), was opened in 1839. The Walcott-Blue Grass road was established in 1852, and five years later the Walcott-Plainview-Dixon road was opened. In Dixon, a street is named for William Walcott.

Locust Street Road was established by the territorial legislature in 1851.

The Emigrants Trail or Tipton Road, this area's route to Cedar County, was opened in 1860. This slanting road led west from the Walcott-Maysville road, past the Earl Peters farm, Lamps Pond and

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the southeast corner of the Albert Soenke farm and joined the slanting road northwest of the I-80 truckports.

U. S. 6, originally known as the River Road, was created in 1859. This thoroughfare was paved from Walcott to Davenport in 1922 by Central Engineering, Davenport. Dry cement and sand were hauled with six Model TT Ford trucks, equipped with Warford sliding gear transmissions. Local men who hauled materials to the site were Clarence Knaack, John Eckstein, Edward Garlock, Earl Bartmess, Herbert Bluedorn, Rudolph Bluedorn Jr. and Elmer Wiese.

U. S. 6 was paved from the Davenport city limits to the Plainview Road, and then in 1928 the Walcott-Durant stretch was paved.

The Walcott-Probstei Road was first considered for the Highway 6 paving project. But public opposition and a dangerous railroad crossing caused rerouting to the highway's present location.

Residents of Walcott and those living  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles on each side of U. S. 6 were assessed for the paving. Scott County built the highway to the Plainview Road, but when the State of Iowa assumed control of the highway, it completed the project.

## WATER AND SEWER STRIDES

The contract for Walcott's original sewer system was let to J. J. Donegan of Shenandoah, Iowa, on Sept. 20, 1913, for \$9,684.15. The sewer outlet contract was let to M. Ischirgi and Son of Cedar Rapids.

Extensions and gaps were completed on N. Downey Street and S.



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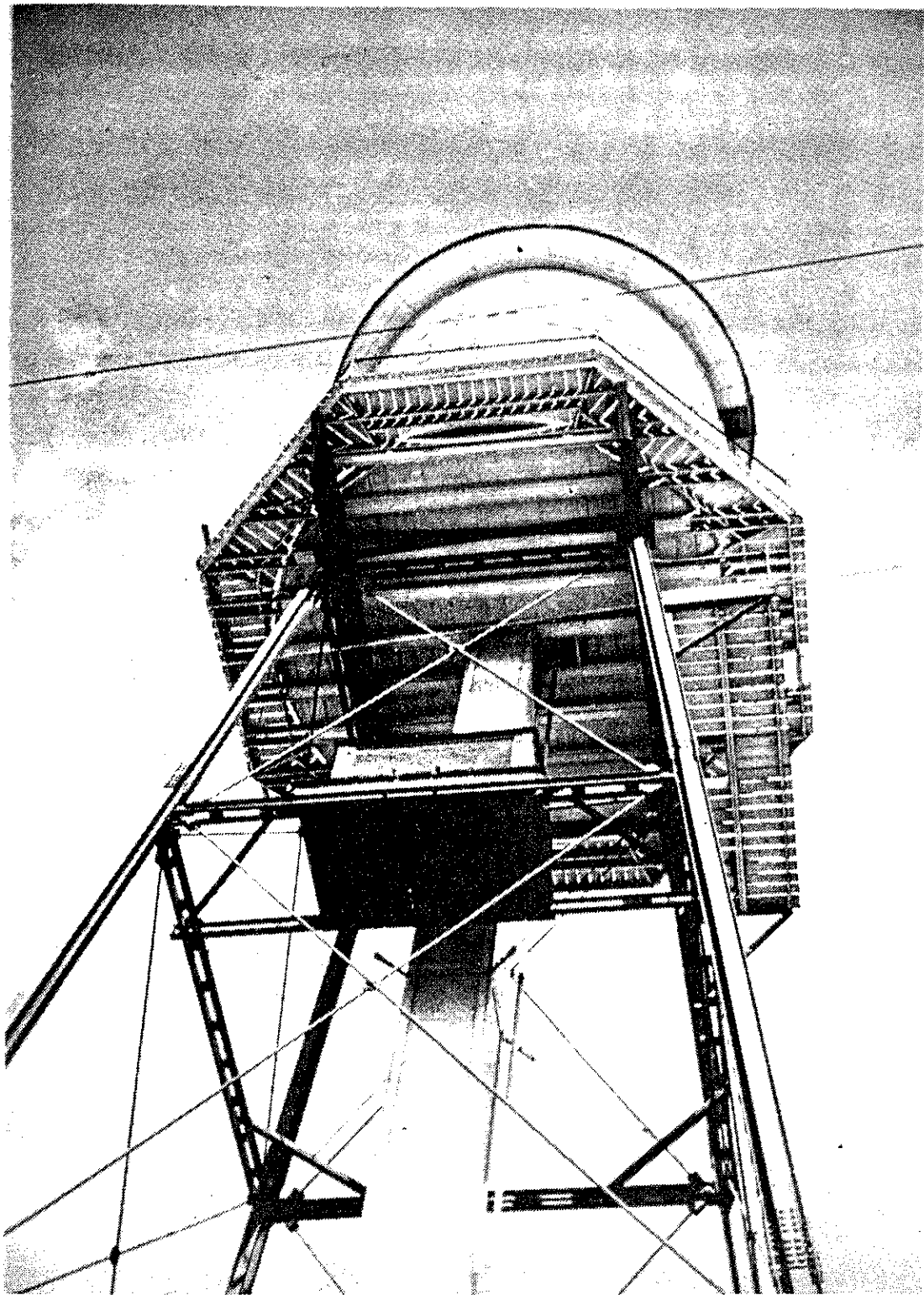
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Damage from soil conditions necessitated the replacement of the sewer line from Main St. west to Rowe St. on Bryan St. Contents of this new sewer line were routed to flow in an easterly direction.

Lagoons for the sanitation system were installed under bond in the late 1960's during the administration of mayor Mike Proksch. Three cells were added to the lagoon system in 1975, to accommodate the new French and Hecht plant.

Walcott was the first rural Scott County community to build a water system and water tower in 1897, on Henry Street midway between Durant and Flagg Streets. Travel space was designated around the tower.



**John Brockman (left) accepts a water pollution control award in 1975 for Walcott's lagoon system.**

The 1897 well, at a depth of 115 feet, apparently was drilled through a small vein of coal. The second well, still in use and connected to the pumping station, was drilled by Edwards Well Drillers of West Branch.

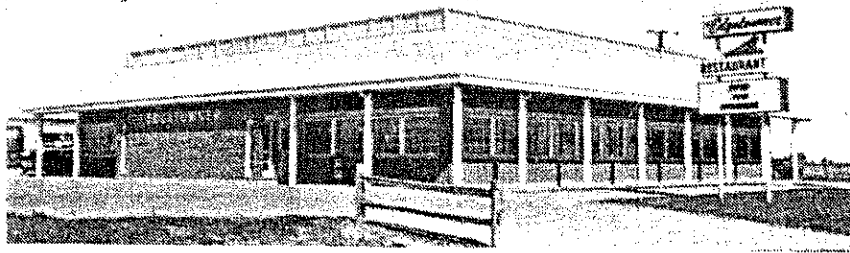
A deposit of limestone chips slowed the drilling of Walcott's third well in 1967 by Thorp Well Drillers of Des Moines. This 115-foot-deep well is also still in use.

Because the tower's old water storage tank had deteriorated, it had to be replaced in 1967 while Harvey Bluedorn was mayor. At the same

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time, the jog in South Main Street south of Flagg Street was straightened out by moving the street 80 feet west.

That same year, the sewage and lagoon system was established, and in 1975 three lagoon cells were added to the system.

Natural gas service came to Walcott October 7, 1963.

## ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Two electrical transmission lines on steel towers, although directly to the south of Walcott, are not the community's source of electricity.

The south line, in operation by Sept. 27, 1947, extends from Davenport to Des Moines. Its extension, established by early 1948, carries 161,000 volts of electricity as far as Kansas City, Mo.

The nuclear-generated north line, completed in 1972, carries 345,000 volts of power from Davenport to Chicago, Iowa City, Minneapolis and St. Louis.

Although Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co., which owns the two transmission lines, provides no electricity for Walcott, it does furnish the community's natural gas.

Walcott's electricity is furnished by Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. headquartered in Cedar Rapids, with installation and repair service from a branch office in Muscatine.

Muscatine Lighting Co., which provided the first electrical power to Walcott, was later merged with Iowa Electric.

## WALCOTT BANKING

The Walcott Savings Bank was organized in 1894 with Henry H. Sindt as president, Louis Hinz, vice president, and Henry Kohl, cashier. Directors were Philip Dietz I, Henry Goering, Henry Sindt, Hans Soenke, Bernhard Schwarting, Louis Hinz, Henry Stoltenberg, Fred Heinz and Claus Stoltenberg.

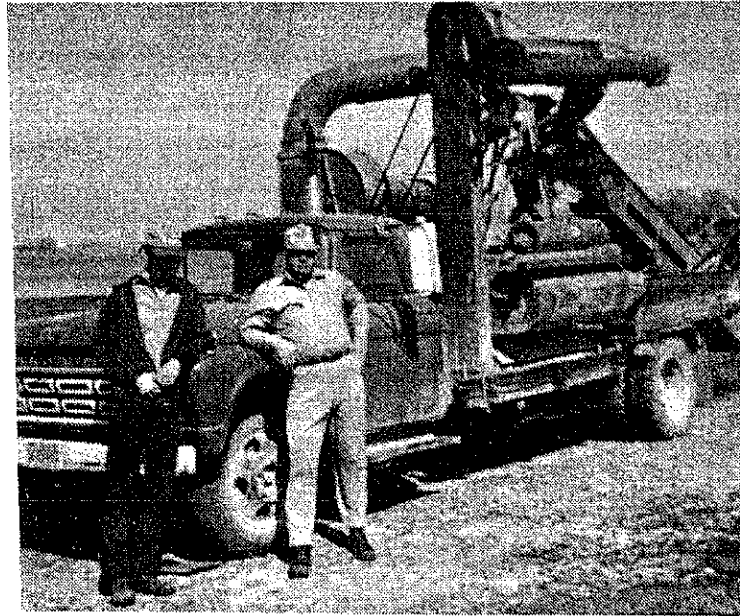
The old Walcott Bank building, constructed in 1893, is now the Colby Studio.

On April 1, 1904, the Farmers Savings Bank began business in the Schwarting Building, later remodeled for the current home of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank.

At the time of Farmers Savings Bank's organization, D. H. Snoke was president, Dr. Ernest T. Kegel, vice president, and Charles F. Emler, cashier. Directors were William Meyer, Frederick Rock Sr., William F. Ruge, Henry Stender, George Mumm, and C. A. F. Koeppe.

The two banks consolidated in May, 1931, and conducted business at the Farmers Savings Bank building. Officers of the reorganized bank were John Strohbeen, president; Philip Dietz II, vice president; John Stouffer, vice president; Arnold Sindt, cashier; Robert Benniwitz, assistant cashier.

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Directors at that time were John Strohbeen, Philip Dietz II, John Stouffer, Arnold Sindt, Harry Brockman, Gus Hamann, Henry Soenke, Ernest Werner and William Goering.



**Original Walcott Savings Bank, on left. Robert Benniwitz, assistant cashier, with dog.**

Now, in 1976, Clemens A. Werner Sr. is president of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank. Arnold Sindt is chairman of the board, and Kenneth Dietz serves as executive vice president. Vice presidents are Leon L. Feuerbach and Ardyth M. Christensen. Directors include Harvey Goering, Eugene Bernick, Dale Paustian, Clemens Werner Jr., Kenneth Dietz, Leon Feuerbach, Arnold Sindt and Clemens Werner Sr. Jean M. Whitmer is cashier, assisted by Lois Cox, Loretta Beitel and Yvonne Ralfs, and bank teller is Donna Davison.

## ANNEXATION

Walcott has grown from the original town, platted in 1854 by Sargent and Cook, along the railroad tracks.

In November, 1962, the property from Cedar Street north to Highway 6 was annexed. At the same time, the community absorbed the area from Memorial Road south to the end of S. Main Street (even with the northern Muscatine County line) and east to the Walcott-Blue Grass Road.

City officials annexed two valuable sites in 1973: the 80-acre site of the French and Hecht manufacturing facility and 320 acres up to and including the Interstate 80 truckports.

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The City of Walcott was awarded \$10,000 by the state highway department to pave the 200 feet of N. Main Street directly south of Highway 6. The state later relinquished control of Main Street between Flagg Street and Highway 6.

## TAX BOON

The greatest boon to Walcott's tax base has been the acquisition of the 4.5-acre French and Hecht manufacturing plant, an agreement sealed in 1973.

The plant has proven to be a good neighbor, adding \$40,000 in property taxes to the city's \$69,000 tax base. And Walcott has returned the gesture by providing sewer and water lines to the 80-acre site on the city's eastern border.



## FRENCH AND HECHT DEDICATION

With Iowa Governor Robert Ray (left), Walcott Mayor Keith Meyer (second from right) and F. and H. Officials.

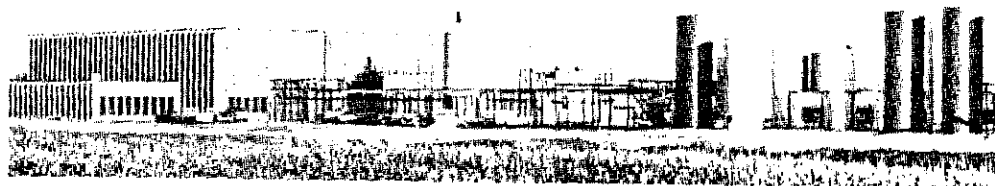
French and Hecht, one of the major suppliers of wheels, rims, hubs and spindles and complete wheel packages for the agricultural, industrial and construction industries, carefully surveyed sites in the Quad Cities area for its \$5 million facility.

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Sewer and water main lines were built to the French and Hecht site in 1968. The sewer line, which runs from the sewage lagoons on the west side of town to the plant, was financed through \$10,000 in sewer revenue bonds.

Sewer bonds totalling \$450,000 were also issued for a line to the Interstate 80 truckports, where Walcott has annexed 320 acres.

Sewer assessment bonds valued at \$15,000 have also been issued for lines east of Main Street and north of the old town proper to Highway 6, which will be paid off by property owners benefitting from improved service.

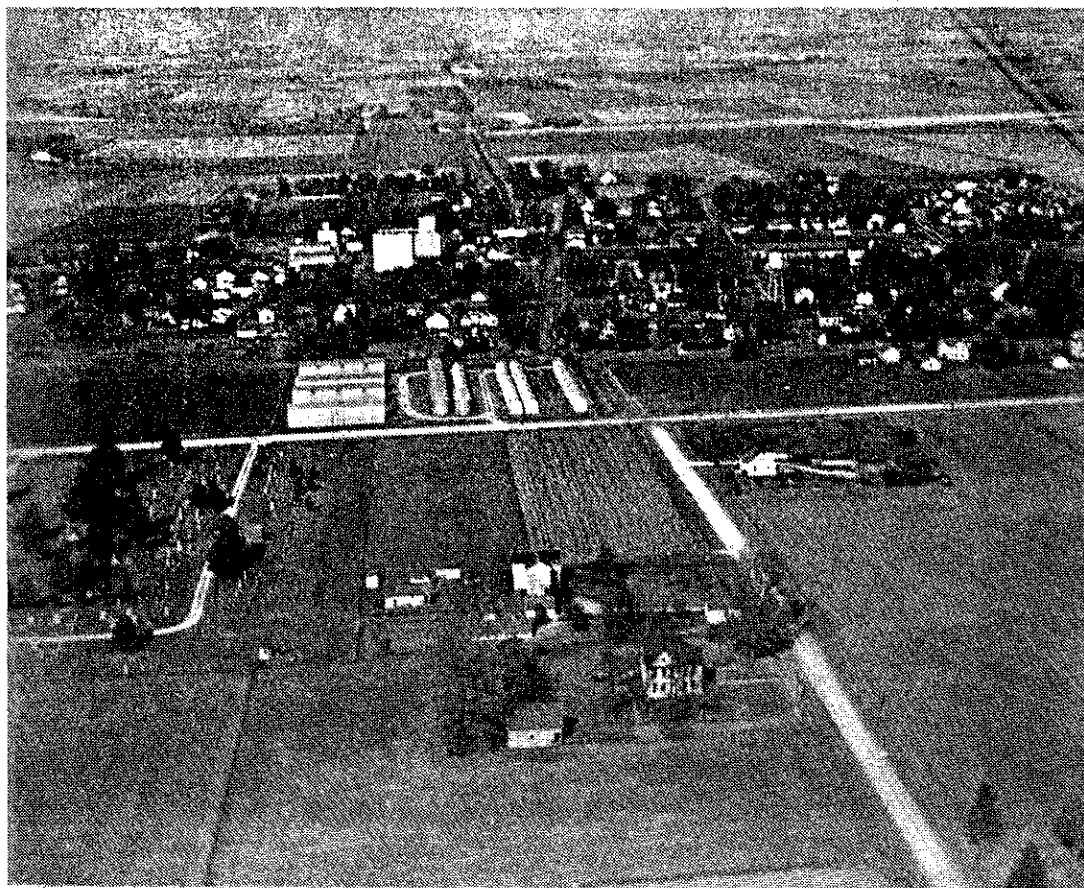
The city government, headed by mayor Keith Meyer, at the time of these progressive strides included councilmen Dick Needham, Walter Priess, Dana Denklau, Larry Richman and Burton Davison.

Mrs. Jeanne Hensen has been Walcotts' city clerk for 15 years.

## BUSINESS GROWTH

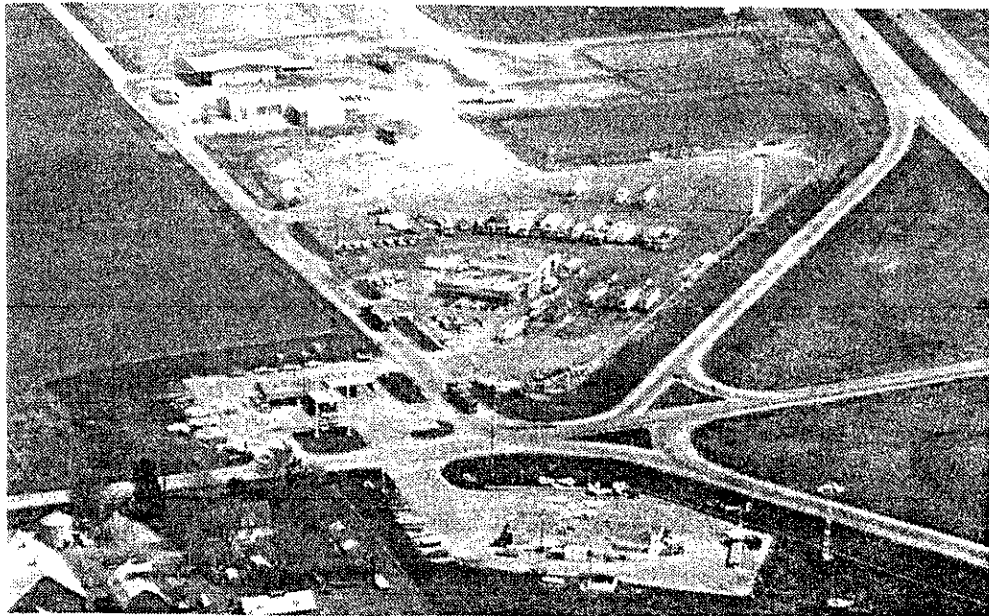
In the past 22 years, since Walcott celebrated its Centennial in 1954, the following buildings have contributed to community growth:

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Aerial view of Walcott from the south.

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French and Hecht Plant

Farmers Elevator Office

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Ammoco Fertilizer Plant

Farm Service Office

Alvin Arp Machinery Building

Schneckloth Lumber Co. Cement Plant

Joe Prochaska Business

Twin State Fertilizer Plant

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Farmers Elevator Petroleum Storage Building

## HISTORIC TIDBITS

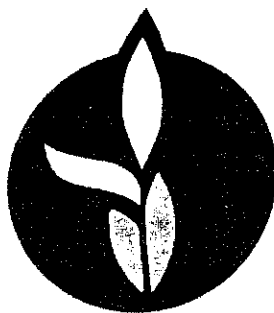
+ Eggert Puck, the first settler in the Puck family line near Walcott, worked for Buffalo Bill Cody's father Isaac Cody at LeClaire.

+ Victor E. Bluedorn published a community newspaper before he was called into the Armed Services. The paper, which folded several months after Bluedorn left, was known as the Walcott Community News from Oct. 18, 1933, to April 30, 1937. Until Sept. 10, 1937, it was published as the Walcott News and it then became the Scott County Tribune until Oct. 2, 1942.

+ Many Walcott residents moved to other parts of Iowa or to Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas. The heaviest movement was to northwest Iowa in such communities as Lake Park, Harris, Rock Rapids, Spirit Lake, Hartley, Holstein, Schleswig, Reinbeck, Keystone, Gladbrook and Everly.

+ Walcott in 1911 was declared the richest town in the U. S. A., considering bank deposits for its population of 300, by Dunn & Co. in the Bankers' Journal of New York.

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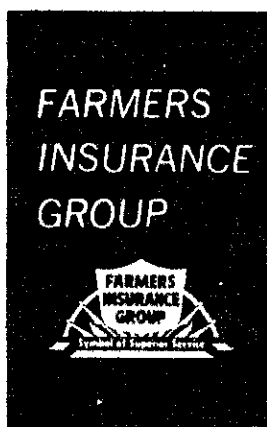
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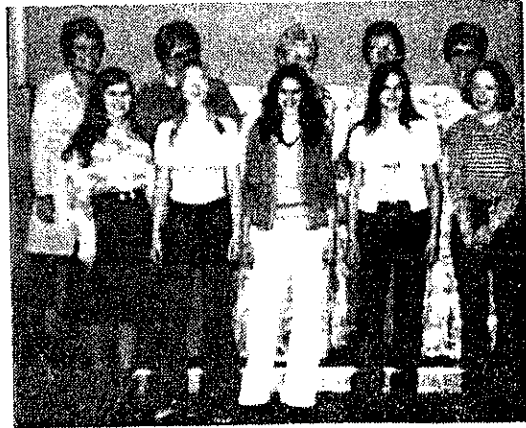
+ Henry Strohbeen established a tennis court in Walcott in 1916 at Flagg and Parker Streets. Even though it was available to the public at no cost, it received little use.



**Presentation of Walcott Bicentennial flag, 1975.**

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rudolph Bluedorn is largely responsible for compiling Walcott's history, first in 1954 for the community's Centennial celebration and again in 1976 in honor of the national Bicentennial.

This book contains much of the history not included in the 1954 Centennial book.

Thanks go to Harvey Bluedorn and Mrs. Norma Paustian Koch for information concerning consolidation of country schools and merger with the Davenport School District. Credit is given to Mrs. Jeanne Mordhorst Hensen, city clerk, and Harvey Bluedorn, former mayor, for helping organize data on community government.

Arnold Sindt, chairman of the board of Walcott Trust and Savings Bank, provided information for bank history. And J. M. Stockdale is thanked for furnishing information on the grain business in northwest Iowa.

## WALCOTT DAY COMMITTEE



Officers of the 1976 Walcott Day committee are pictured (left to right) Rudolph Bluedorn, historian; Clara Mordhorst, general chairman; Richard Tank, secretary; Loretta Beitel, treasurer; and Mary Hahn, editor of the Walcott book.

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The officers and committee members of the Walcott Day Bicentennial were chosen at a meeting held in September, 1975. Monthly meetings have been held since that time, including special meetings.

All of the local fraternal, civic and service organizations are taking an active part in planning for the July 10th event, with members from the various groups attending the monthly meetings.

All of the net proceeds from the Walcott-Day program and events will be kept in a fund for the improvement of the Walcott community. A decision will be made by all of the organizations involved as to what specific projects will be planned and completed, at a later date.

This is a joint community venture and the cooperation of all residents of the Walcott area is appreciated.



Walcott Day queen candidates, 1975.

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And that was going some.

They put the "Lid on" later  
For just a day or two,  
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'twill just take up your time,  
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Will relieve you of your dime.

Take a look at the garage,  
It's not so very far,  
Colby will give you a spin  
Just offer him a cigar.

Make a trip to the jeweler  
Let it be real soon,  
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You may win a "Spoon"

Don't overlook the castle,  
The observatory next door,  
The doctor back in his den,  
Still making plans for more.

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Don't look for the animals,  
They appear only, when dark.

Get a glimpse of the school house,  
Erected some time ago,  
That's where the guys got wise,  
That's how they made the "dough".

Now should you have a chance,  
To take a nice "joy ride"  
Make the trip to Walcott,  
Be sure and get a guide.

Take the river to river road,  
At Billy Fromme's stop,  
Be sure and get a "hand out"  
Perhaps a bottle of pop.

Too bad you missed the bird shoot,  
It comes but once a year,  
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Walk to the cemetery,  
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## BROWNIES

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Pictured are leaders for Troop 1104 (left to right) Doneta Schaeffer, Jean Puck and Sandra Lund.

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First graders in troop 1104 have learned about the American flag, the history of Girl Scouting, other countries, firebuilding, cooking, making old-fashioned items and building bird feeders. The girls have also visited historic sites and Cook's Home for the Elderly.

The three community Brownie troops gave an Iowa flag purchased by Walcott Legion Post No. 548, to the Walcott School. With the help of the Walcott School Student Council, the girls are now helping to obtain a flag pole.

Brownies will be busy with flower gardens this summer. "Thank you for letting us be part of your town!"

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS WALCOTT LODGE NO. 312

The Lodge was organized by the group of men on November 14, 1901, and a charter was issued on October 9, 1902.

The following are listed on the charter:

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W. F. Sticher  
C. T. Rathmann  
Henry Meinert  
Henry Stoltenberg  
Ernest Werner  
W. J. Ladehoff  
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F. A. Garlock  
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Henry Bitz  
Ferd Mangels  
George Meuman  
H. M. Wulf  
Leonard Schlapkohl  
Herman Koch

The Pythian Order was founded on the principles of friendship, charity, and benevolence. The first meetings were held upstairs in the Leabo barber shop. Later, Dr. H. Schumacher built a Castle where the Lodge held their meetings before moving to the K. of P. Hall on Main Street. When this hall was torn down in January 1969, meetings are now held in room at the Walcott Coliseum.

The officers for the present term are:

C. C. Lawrence Meinert  
V. C. Wesley R. Tank  
Prelate: Gilbert Hensen  
Sec'y: Richard P. Tank  
Treas: Henry A. Schlapkohl

Fin. Sec'y. Elmer F. Soenke  
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Mrs. Carl Iverson  
Mrs. B. Hoepner  
Alma Werner  
Tillie Strueben, (Nielsen)  
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Mrs. M. Rathmann  
Mary Leabo  
Mrs. W. Fromme  
Mrs. Louise Fromme

The name of the order was changed to Pythian Sisters and a new charter was issued on August 9, 1905.

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meeting place was moved to that building. When this hall was torn down in January 1969, the order moved their meeting place to Fellowship Hall in the Walcott Calvary United Methodist Church building, where they are meeting at the present time.

The cardinal principles of the order are purity, love, equality and fidelity.

The present officers are as follows:

Janice Moeller, Past Chief

Edna I. Tank, Most Excellent Chief

Clara Mordhorst, Excellent Senior

Bernetta Puck, Excellent Junior

Ione Paustian, Manager

Esther Holdorf, Secretary

Viola Arp, Treasurer

Evelyn Wadsworth, Protector

Linda Paustian, Guard

Mrs. Tillie Nielsen is the only living charter member of the order.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

The Walcott Senior Citizens Group was organized in the fall of 1974. All citizens over 60 were invited to attend. We elected officers as follows: Clara Mordhorst, president; Alice Feuerbach, vice president;



Officers: Maxine Warnecke, site manager; Daisy Otto, secy-treas; Clara Mordhorst, president.

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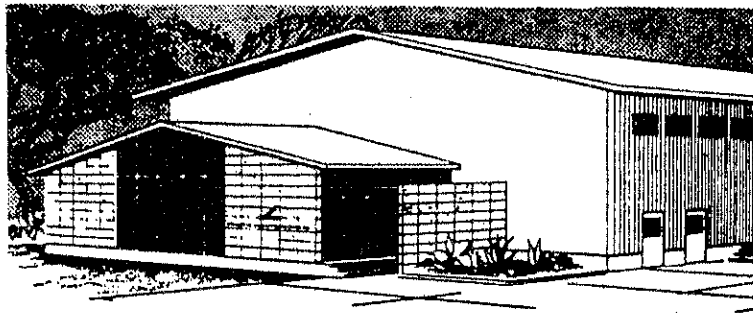
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Our membership is over 100 and we usually have an average of 40 - 50 - 60 at our meals.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Fern Camp No. 3798, Royal Neighbors of America was organized



Pictured are the present officers: Front row: Helen Meinert, Receiver; Eunice Arp, Recorder; Malinda Thoeming, Oracle; Zella Steffen, Past Oracle; Elsie Geurink, Vice-Oracle; Second row: Ora Mae Bolte, Ass't Marshal; Mary Schaeffer, Faith; Velma Meyer, Outer Sentinel; Viola Korthaus, Endurance; Irene Schwarz, Marshal; Standing: Evelyn Bein, Unselfishness; Martha Brus, Courage; Esther Treimer, Chancellor; Ruth Evans, Captain; Mabel Kardel, Inner Sentinel; Ethel Wirtz, Manager; Elvera Bolte, Flag Bearer; and Adeline Knaack, Musician. Absent were Elsie Werthman, Manager; Elizabeth Brus, Manager; and Ione Paustian, Modesty.

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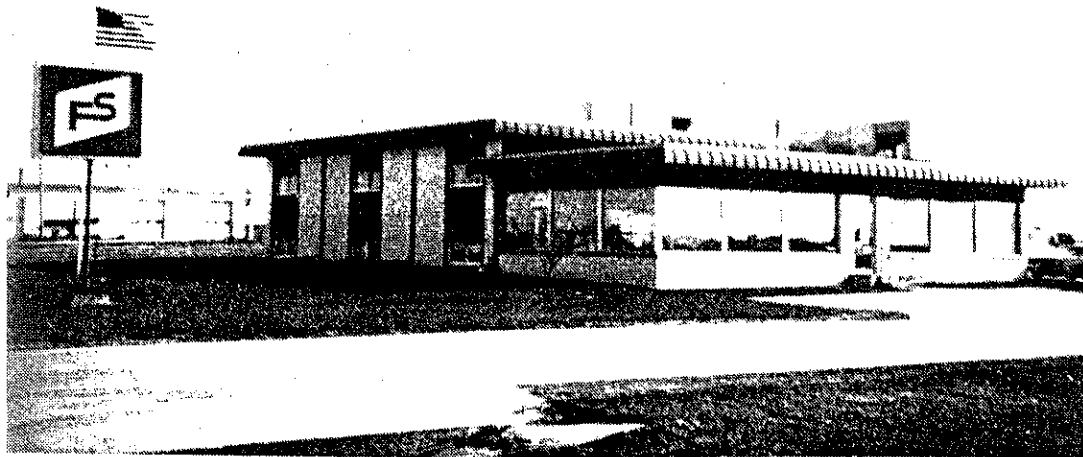


April 10, 1907 with 26 charter members. Eibe Emler was the first Oracle.

In 1976 we have a membership of 145 with Malinda Thoeming serving as Oracle. Two living charter members are Alma Schwarting Camblin and her sister Linda Schwarting Duve. There are 19 living Past Oracles.

Royal Neighbors is a fraternal benefit society dedicated to the protection of the American family. The Society is proud of its heritage of fraternalism. For years the Lodge met in the Knights of Pythias Hall but today the monthly meetings are held in Fellowship Hall of the Walcott Calvary United Methodist Church.

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S-M Service Company main office located at Walcott. The building was completed in 1968.

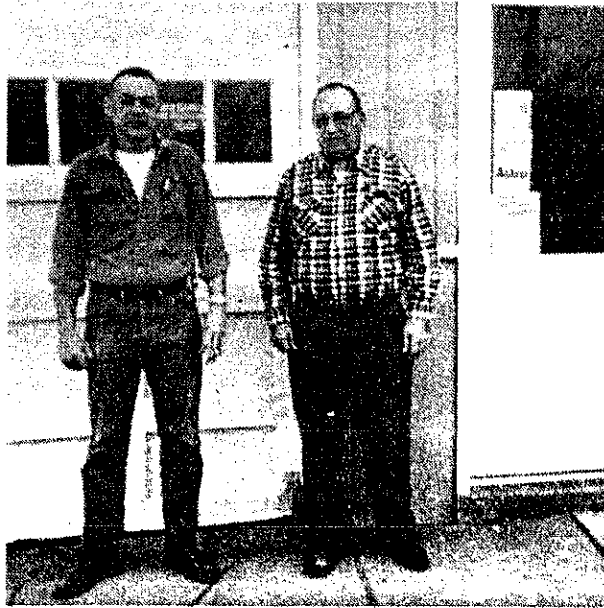
S-M Service Company was incorporated in the State of Iowa on April 8, 1933. At that time it was called the Scott Farm Bureau Service Company. The company operates on a cooperative basis, functioning as a purchasing cooperative, selling farm production supplies and services to farmer patrons in the local trade area. S-M is affiliated with Farm Bureau.

Originally S-M Service Company was a petroleum company and later supplied patrons with fertilizer, feed, seed, LP Gas, grain, farm automation equipment, chemicals, tires, and appliances.

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Leo Meyer - President	Ted Essig - Director
Karl Arp - Past President	Bill Koepke - Director
<b>Standing Left to Right:</b>	Ike Koch - Tail Twister
Chuck Bramstedt - 2nd Vice President	Marvin Puck - Lion Tamer
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On February 13, 1973, a group of Walcott businessmen met to form a Lions Club in town. During the meeting these officers were elected: Leon Downing, president; Karl Arp, 1st vice president; Bob Ruser, 2nd vice president; Ted Burson, 3rd vice president; Bob Frick, secretary; John Miller, treasurer; Ike Koch, tail twister; Marvin Puck, Lion tamer; Bill Sandknop, Roby Fretwell, Denny Puck and Jim Puck, directors.

The meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month beginning with a 7 p.m. dinner at the Walcott Coliseum.

April 7, 1973, the Lions of the State of Iowa got the Walcott Lions off on the right foot with a Charter night with 220 attending from 16 southeastern Iowa Lions Clubs.

In September 1973 Monday night Bingo started. Bingo runs from September to June each year.

During 1974 the new Walcott Lions sponsored a new Lions Club in Blue Grass.

March 18, 1975 we held our first Annual Fish Fry Stag.

"Tennis anyone" -- without the Lions this project would not have come about. Our committee got the town to donate the ground to put the three courts on. With the help of the community this project is all but done.

"We Serve" is the Lions motto. To this we serve to better our community with labor and money where needed. Also our responsibility to the blind.

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Lions International Foundation .....	69
Walcott Youth Baseball .....	225
Iowa Lion Cornea Center .....	525
Care .....	117

## HISTORY OF THE CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WALCOTT

In 1945 the Rev. Cleon Ferguson, pastor at Peace Evangelical United Brethren Church at Wilton started a Sunday School in the Walcott Public School building.

In June, 1947, the first group of people were baptized, and nine people were received as members of the church. These were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paustian, Mrs. D. C. Camblin, Mrs. John Robertson and Barbara Paustian.

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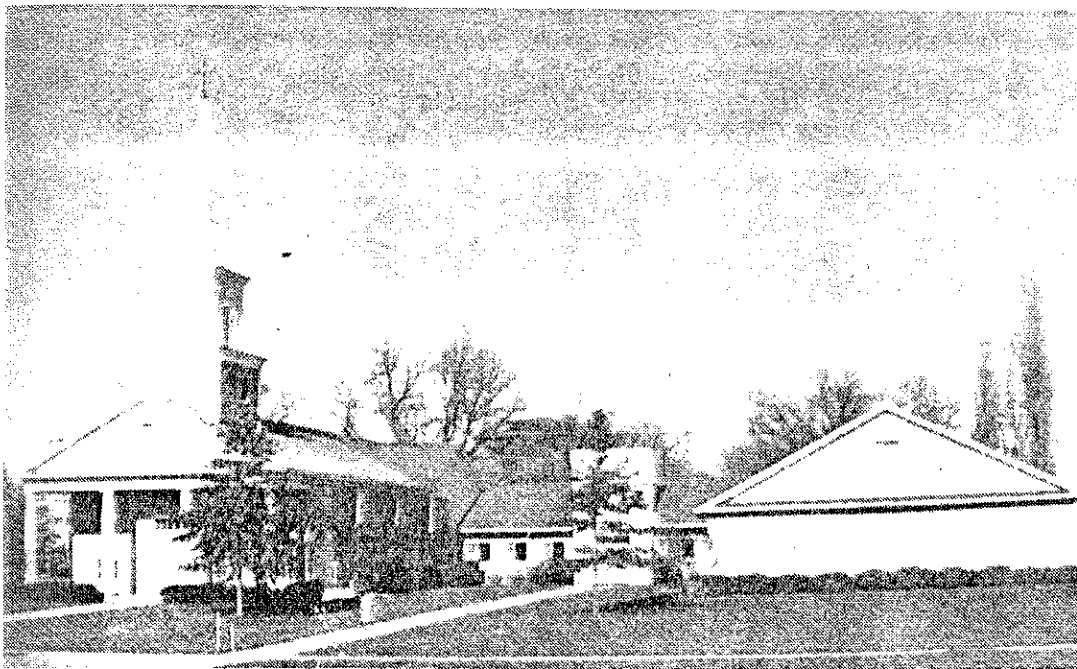
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incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa and according to the Discipline of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The congregation continued to meet in the school building until 1951 when the Caroline Bruggmann home was purchased for use of the church.

Ground was broken for the church building on November 18, 1952, and a mild winter permitted work to proceed almost each working day all winter. The church was opened to worship with a wedding on August 15, 1953.

On November 1, 1953, the church was dedicated in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the purpose of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and servicing the citizens of the community.

On November 12, 1961, a Ground Breaking Ceremony was held for a new addition. The new sanctuary was dedicated on September 16, 1962.



In April, 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church joined to form the United Methodist Church.

The ministers who have served Calvary Church are:

- 1947 - Rev. C. M. Ferguson
- 1955 - Rev. P. F. McKinley
- 1959 - Rev. R. L. Miller
- 1960 - Rev. D. G. Varce
- 1965 - Rev. C. W. Ellerbeck
- 1971 - Rev. Dr. Deane Chapman
- 1973 - Rev. Peter Siemens

Calvary Church is in the community to serve the community. John Wesley taught that Christian commitment must be demonstrated in meeting people's needs. Our Lord Jesus not only taught people about a caring heavenly Father Who waited for our reconciliation with Him, but He also demonstrated His own and His Father's concern by meeting people's needs. So, we sponsor two Brownie troops and Boy Scout

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Our Sunday school provides Bible study for every age level from adults through beginners with a nursery provided during Sunday school and church. Adults choose elective studies biblically supported. Women's Bible studies and Lenten studies are offered as requested. Morning Worship is at 10:30 each Sunday.

Musicals for young people, handbell ringing and choirs provide opportunities for participation and enjoyment.

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In 1944 the Walcott Legion Post No. 548 bought a 13 room house from the Ed Stoltenberg estate. The first floor was for the Legion, the second floor for the Auxiliary and the clubroom in the basement.

The Walcott Unit of the Auxiliary was incorporated February 13, 1945. The Walcott Legion Post dedicated their newly purchased and redecorated home on July 4, 1945.

Every year the Auxiliary sells over a thousand poppies on Memorial Day, sends a girl to Girl's State, cooperates on community projects, donates flags and magazines to Walcott School, takes part in the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at the Walcott Cemetery, donates to all worthy organizations such as Cancer, Heart, Easter Seals, Christmas Seals, March of Dimes, etc. Hospital equipment is available to anyone in the community free of charge. We have a junior auxiliary which makes favors for the Quad-City Children's Center and other assigned homes. We especially send money and items of need to our veterans at the hospital at Iowa City and at Marshalltown.

The officers for the year 1976 are as follows: Mrs. Lorraine Swanson, President; Mrs. Norma Reese, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Sharon Kundel, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Bernice Schnack, Secretary-Treasurer.

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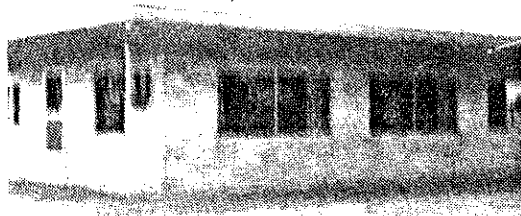
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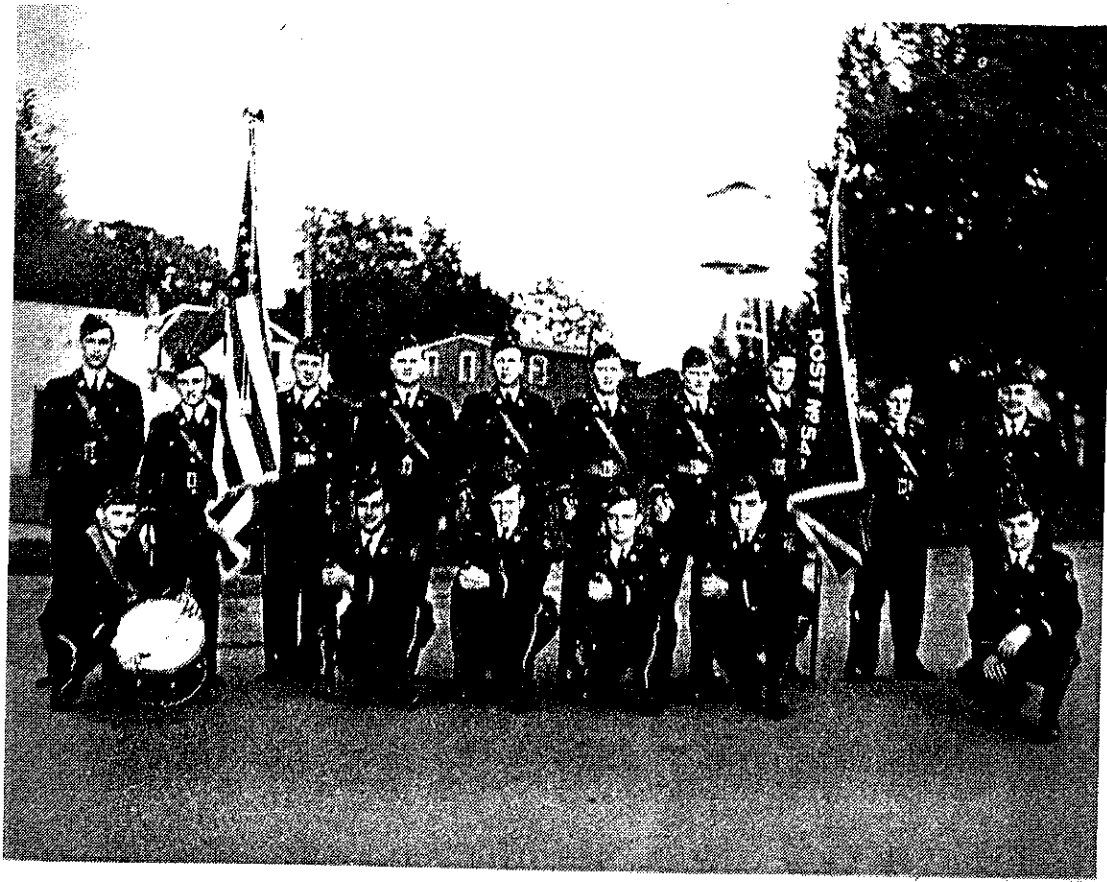


WALCOTT POST 548

# *The American Legion*

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The American Legion Post 548 was formed and chartered first on Jan. 18, 1921, with the following names.



On October 17, 1947, an Honor Guard was formed with the following members: Chaplain, Harry Banze; Drummer, Kenneth Dietz; Color Bearers, Ted Brus, Wm. Thiering, Delmer Roehs, and J. R. Bowrey. Guard Captain, Don Knaack. Rifle Squad, Elmer Hoppfan, Phil Dietz, Eugene Bernick, Ed Muhs, Bob Nissen, Lloyd Riessen, Warren Riessen and Louis Harksen.

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Photo of Original Legion Honor Guard, 1947.



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On February 24, 1940, Walcott Legion Post filed and received its permanent charter. At this time it had a total of 116 members.

The present home was purchased in 1942 and remodeled to the present home in 1948. The post was incorporated in 1942.

## WALCOTT JAYCEE-ETTES

Walcott Jaycee-Ettes were chartered in September, 1974, with 11 charter members. Our goals since have been to help the people of Walcott, from the children to our senior citizens.

Projects such as films, story hour, Halloween parade, Bazaar, favors for senior citizens, helping with Walcott Days, and assisting our Jaycee's, have kept us busy.

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Current officers are: President, Paddy Druhl; Vice President, Debbie Moeller; Secretary, Joan Peck; Treasurer, Willie Gradin; State Director, Elaine Adams.



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The first officers were: Philip Dietz, president; Henry Soenke, secretary; and Arnold Sindt, treasurer.

The membership has grown to 450 members.

The present officers and directors are as shown with picture.



Front row, left to right: Ralph Geest, vice president; Bob Bolinghorst, secretary; Melvin Brus, president; and Ronnie Meyer, treasurer. Back row: Directors: Allyn Kraft, John Hermiston, Dick Frick, Ray Russell and Merle Mienert.

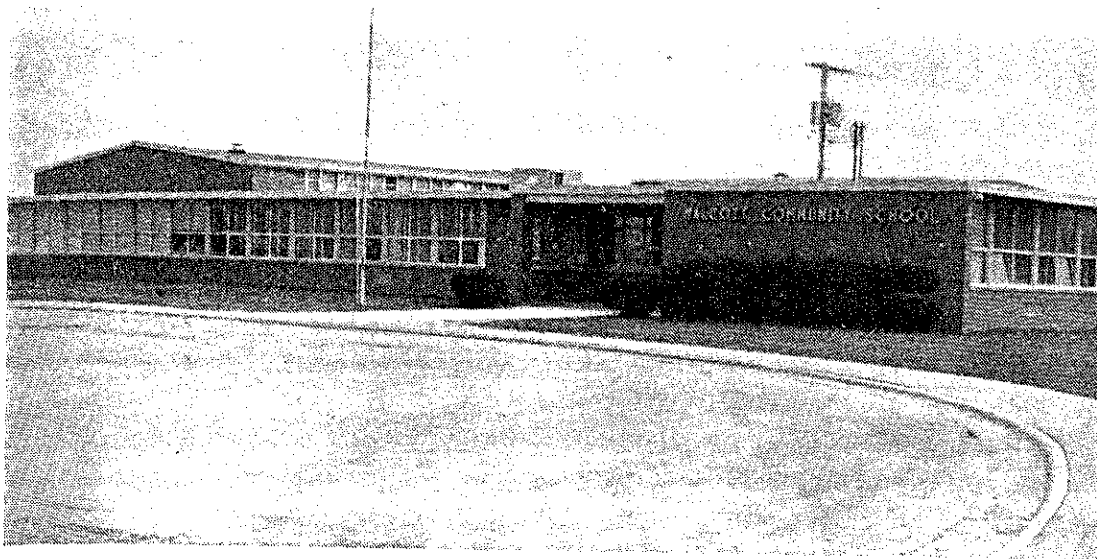
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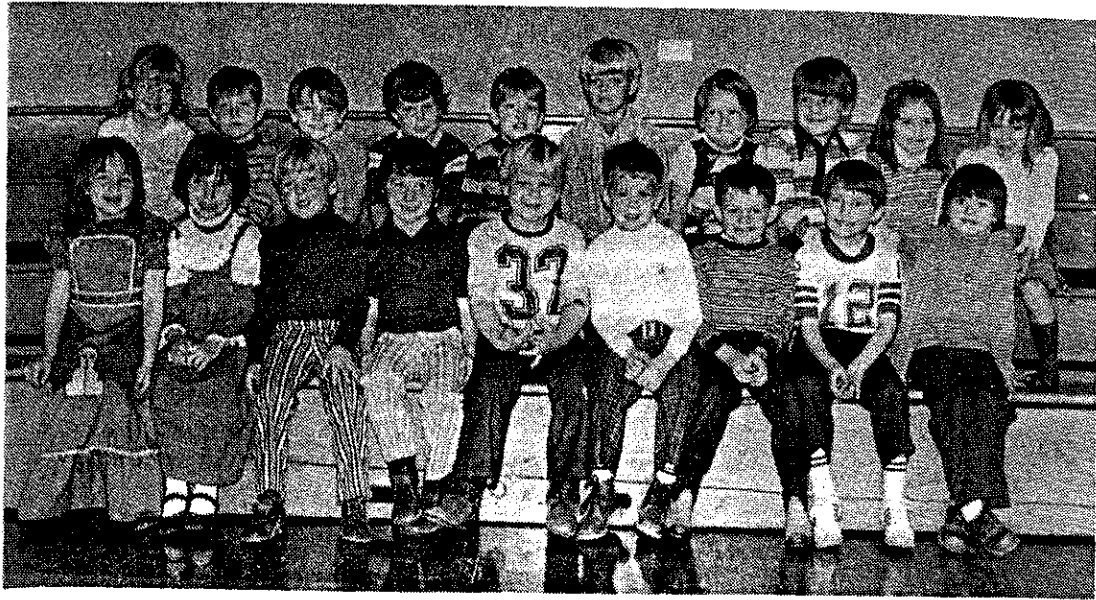
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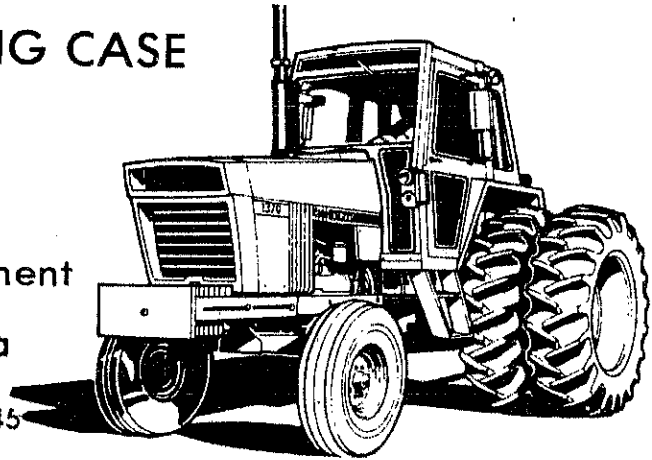
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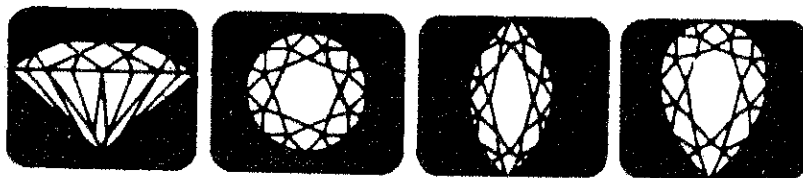
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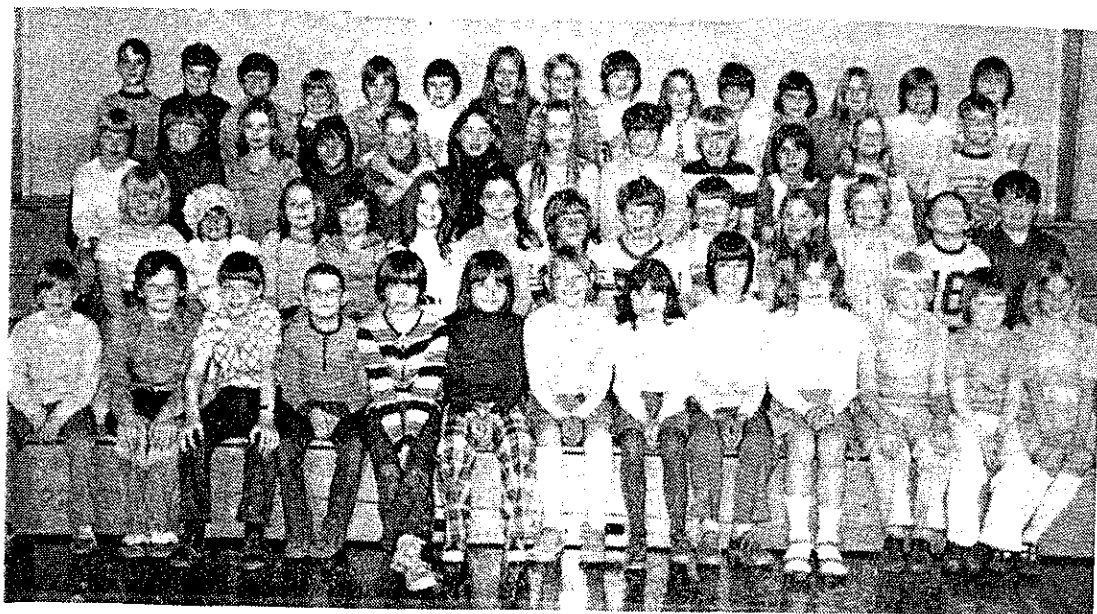


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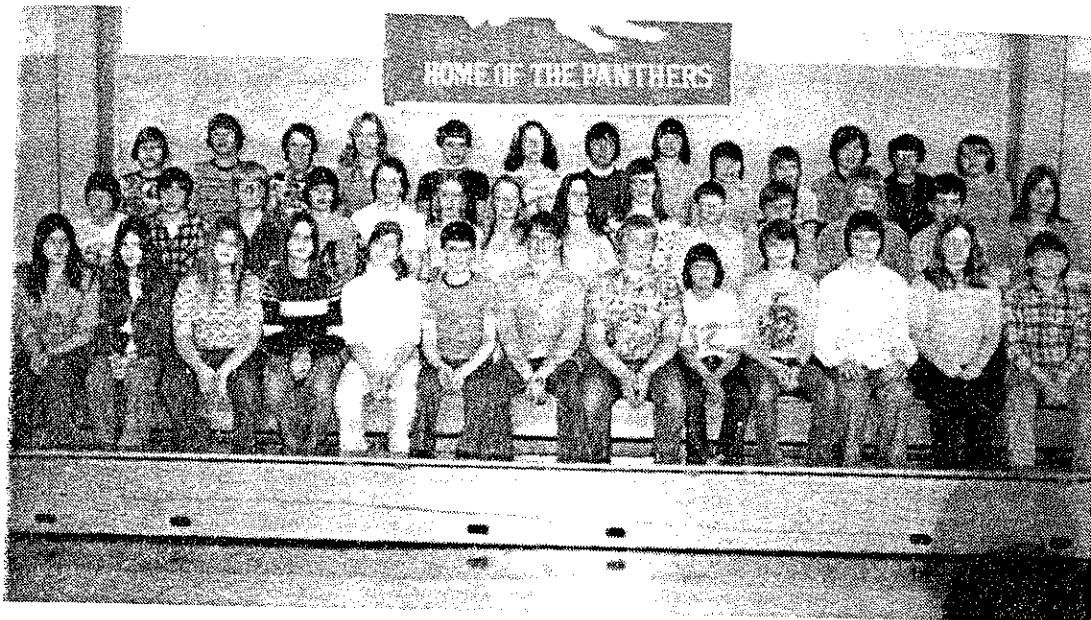
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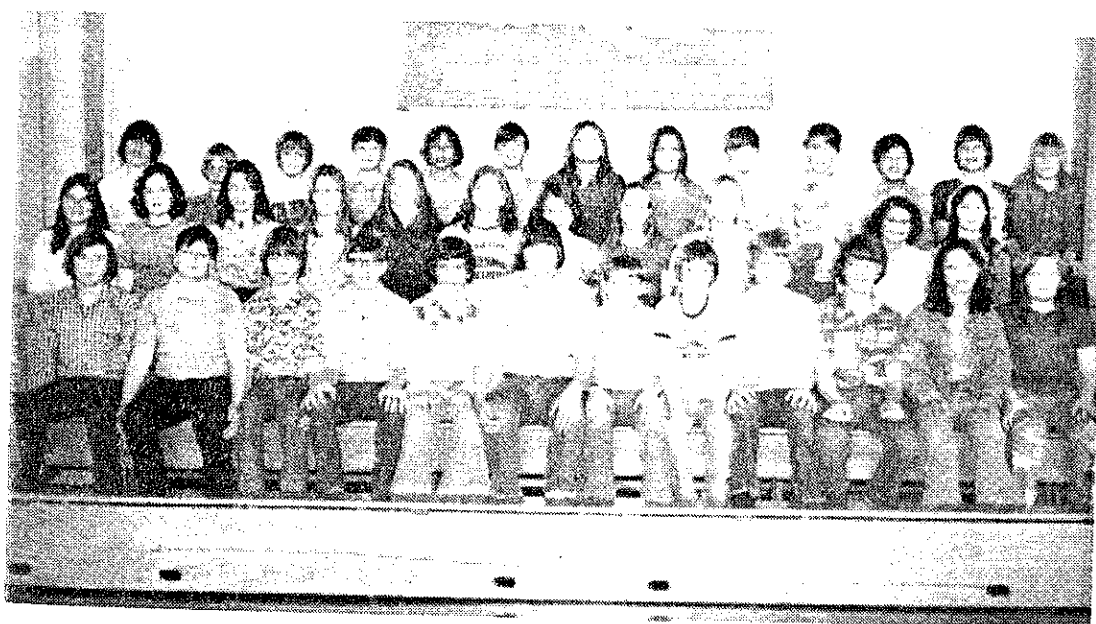
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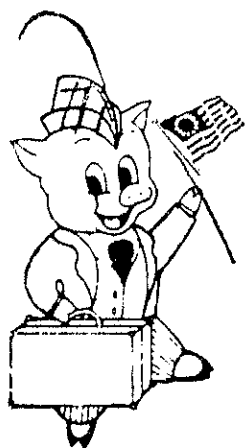
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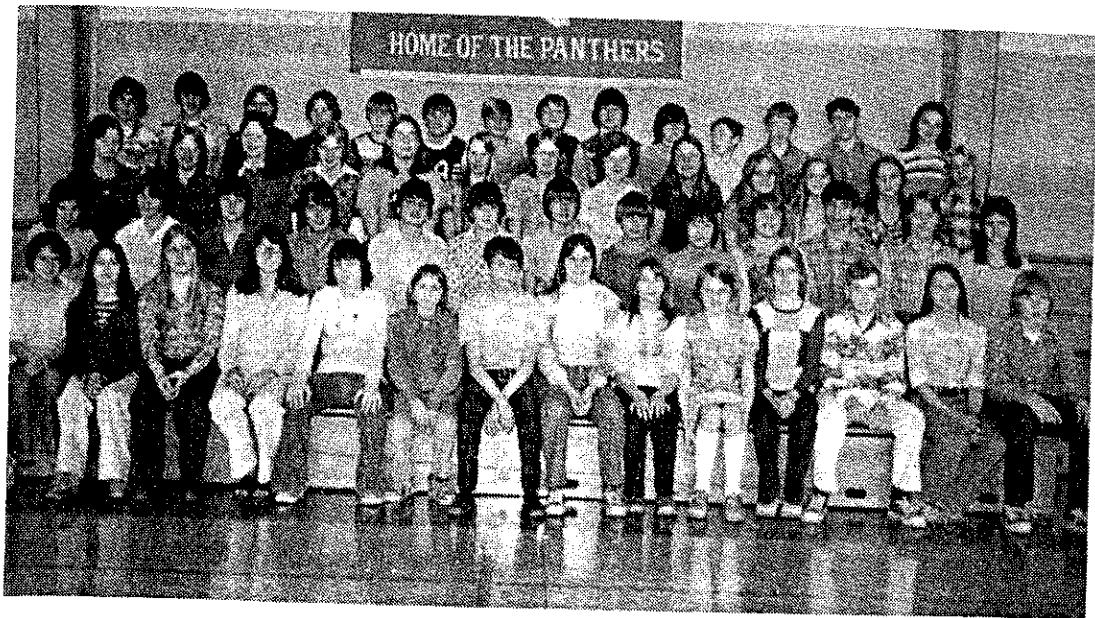


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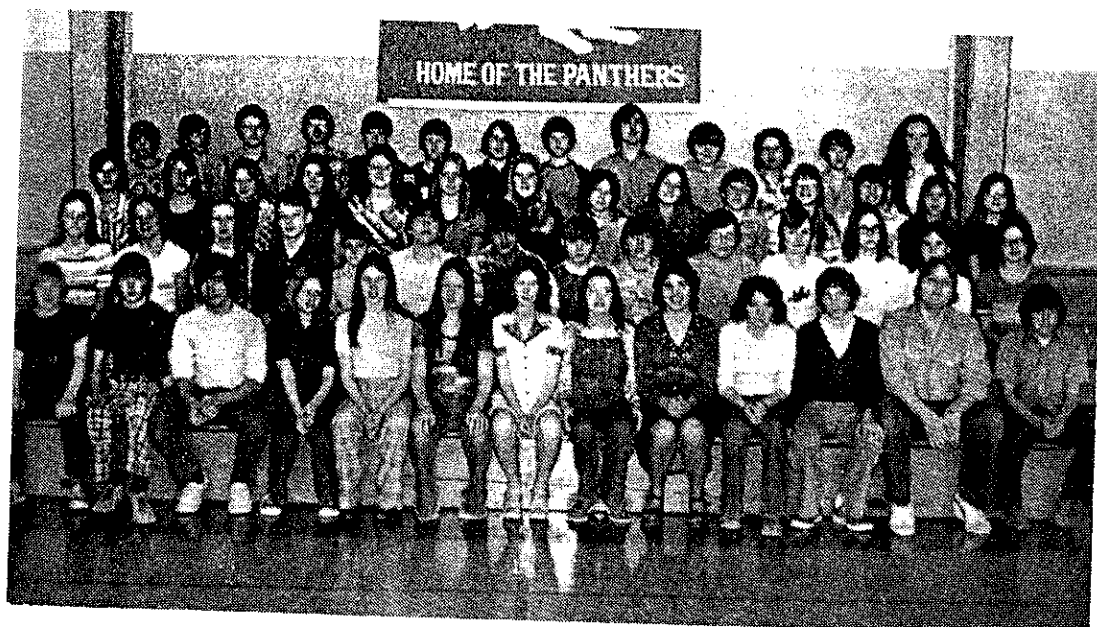
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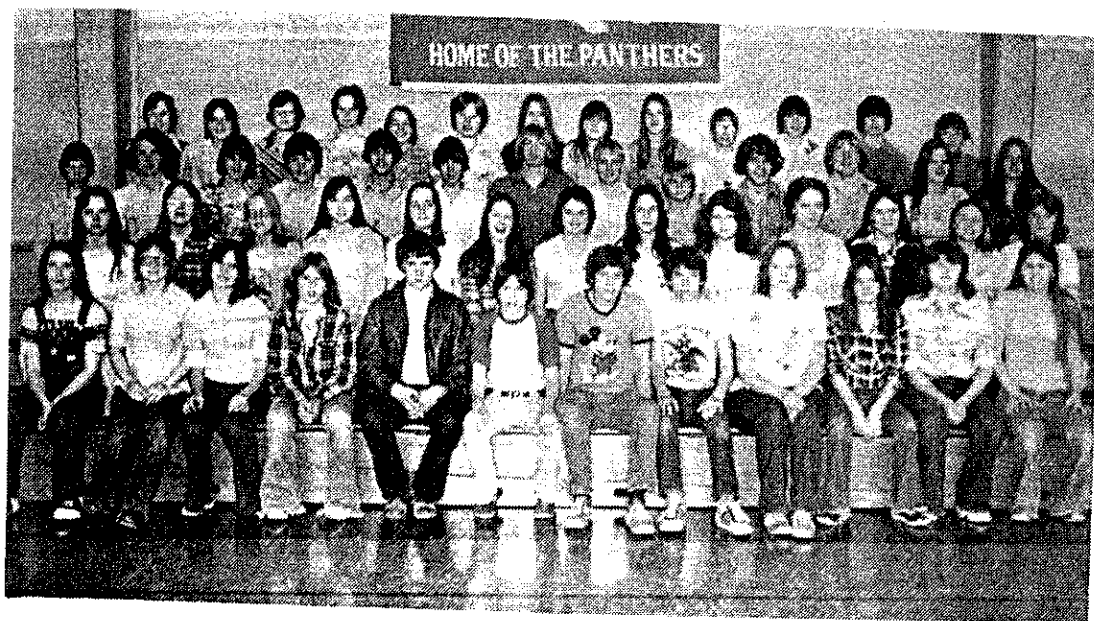
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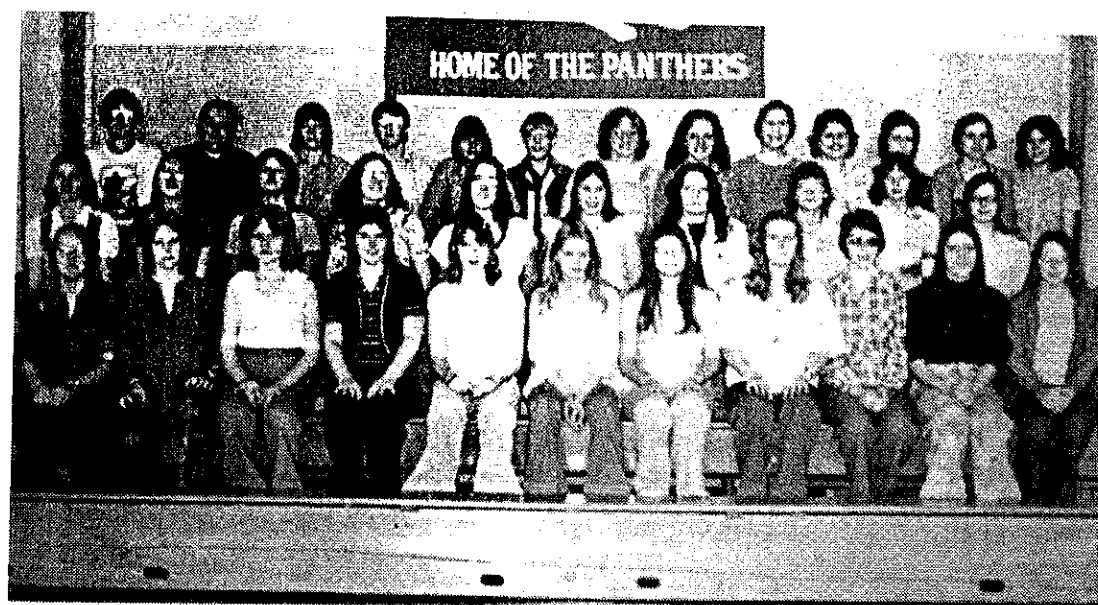
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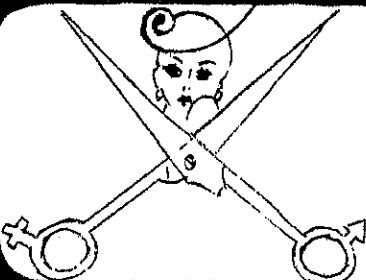




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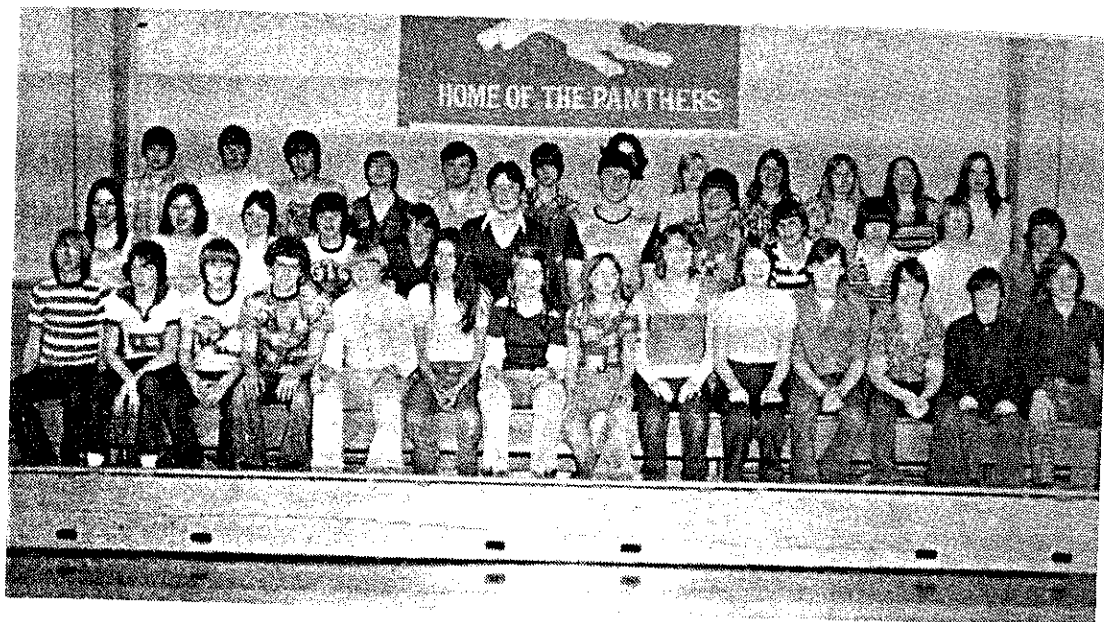
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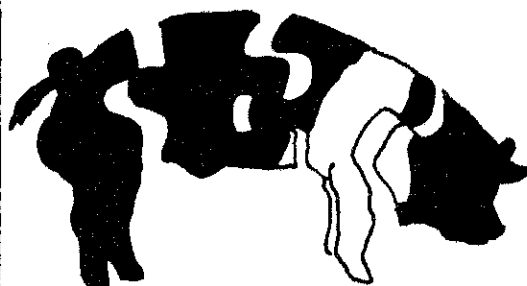


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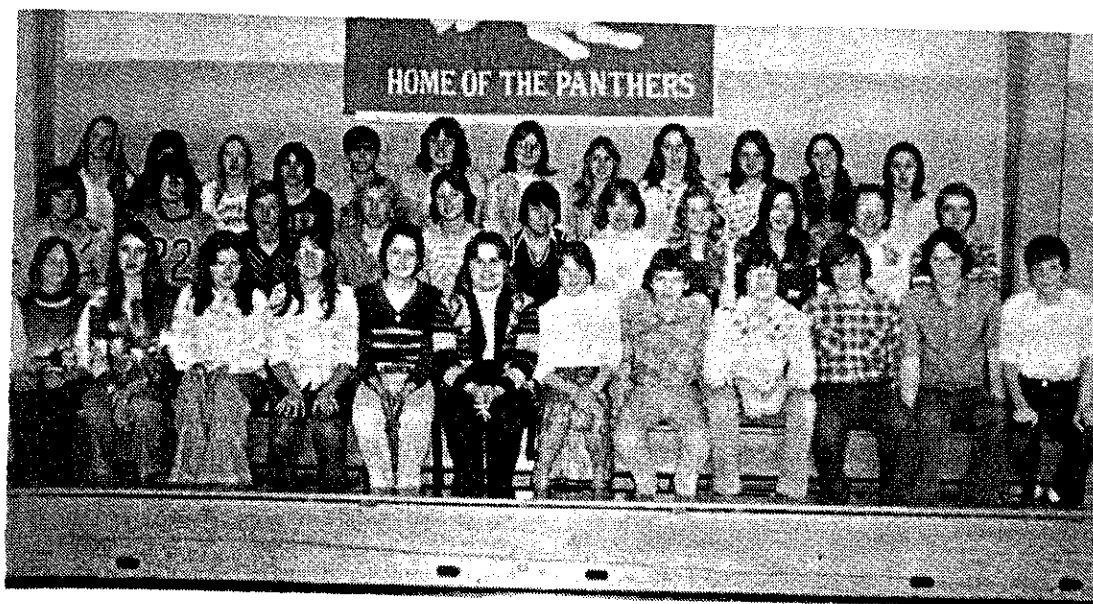


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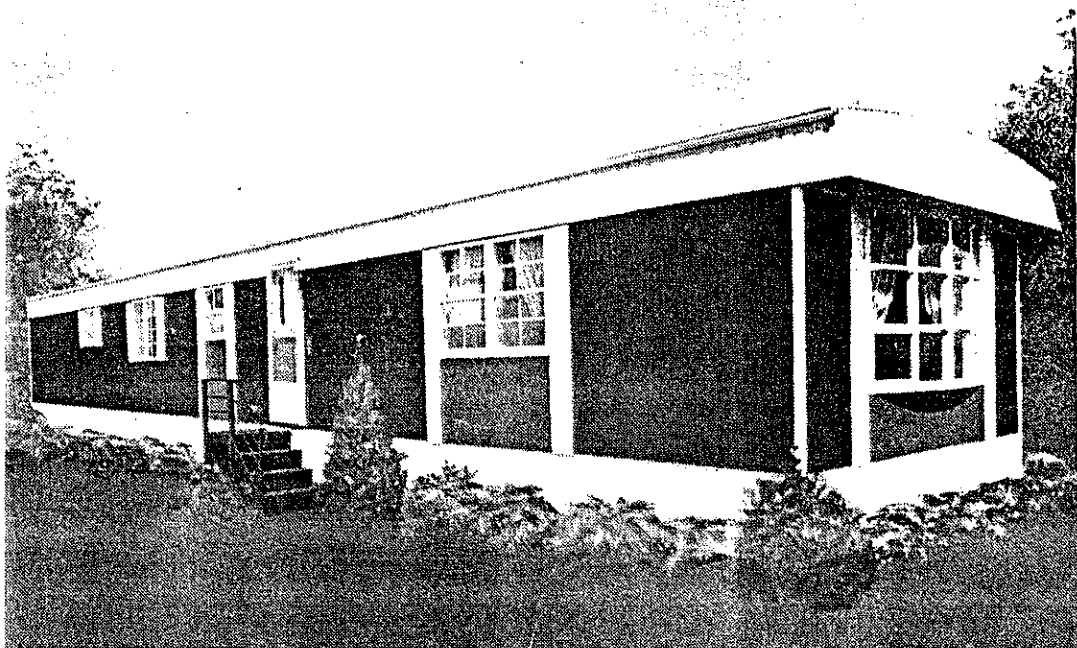


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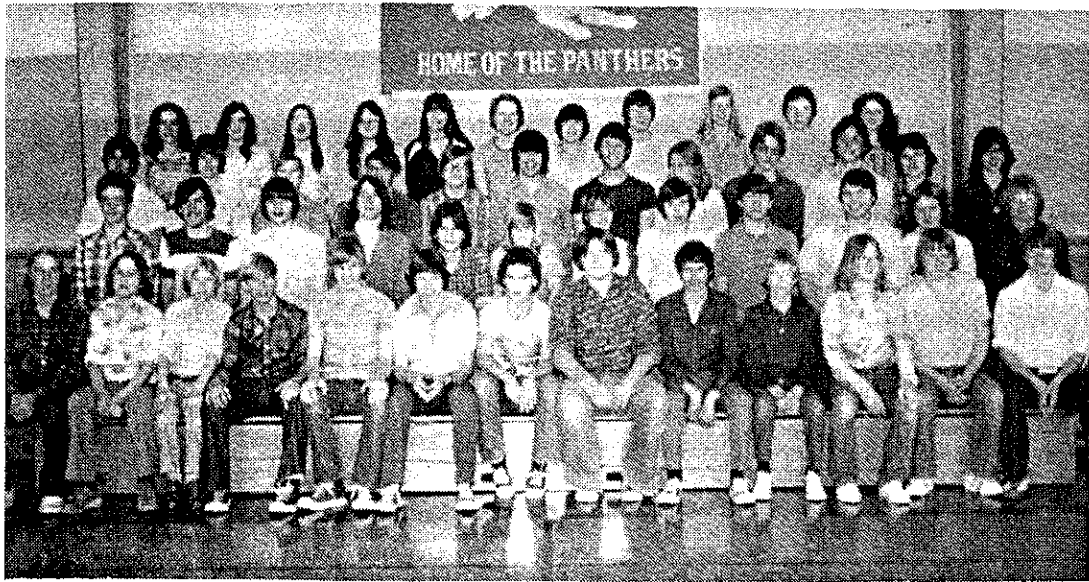
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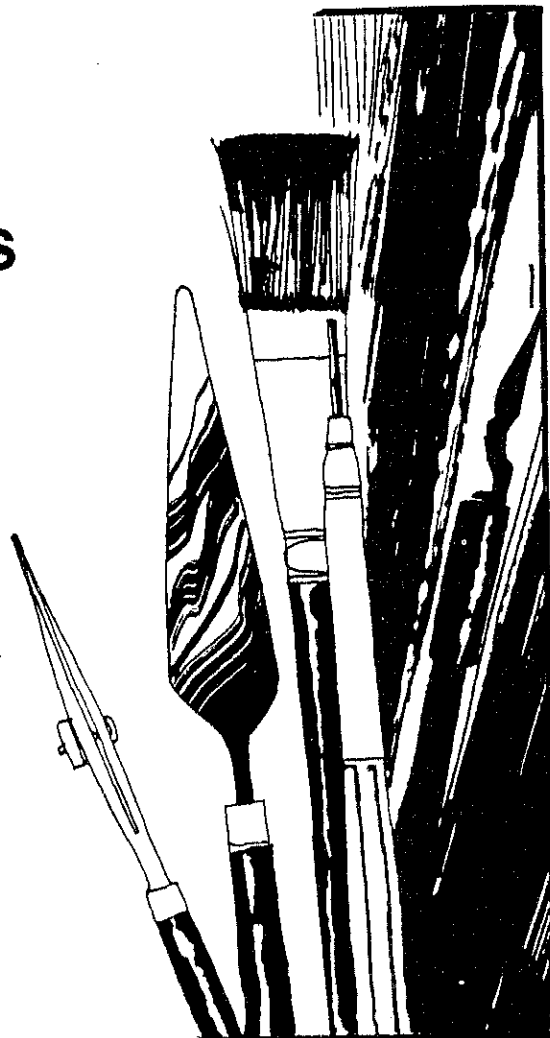


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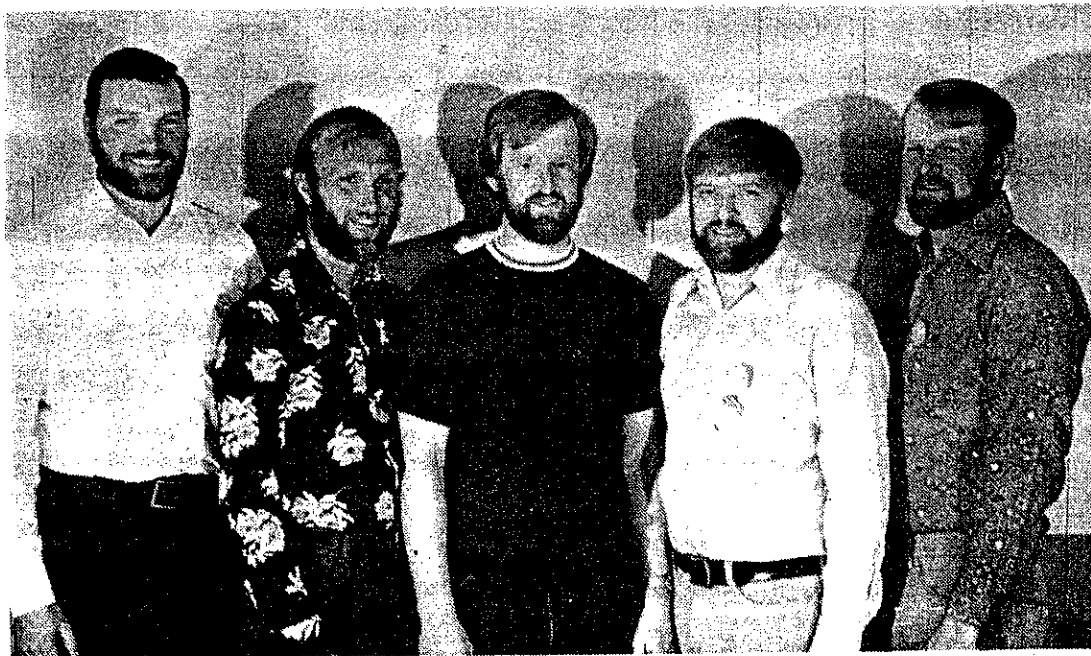


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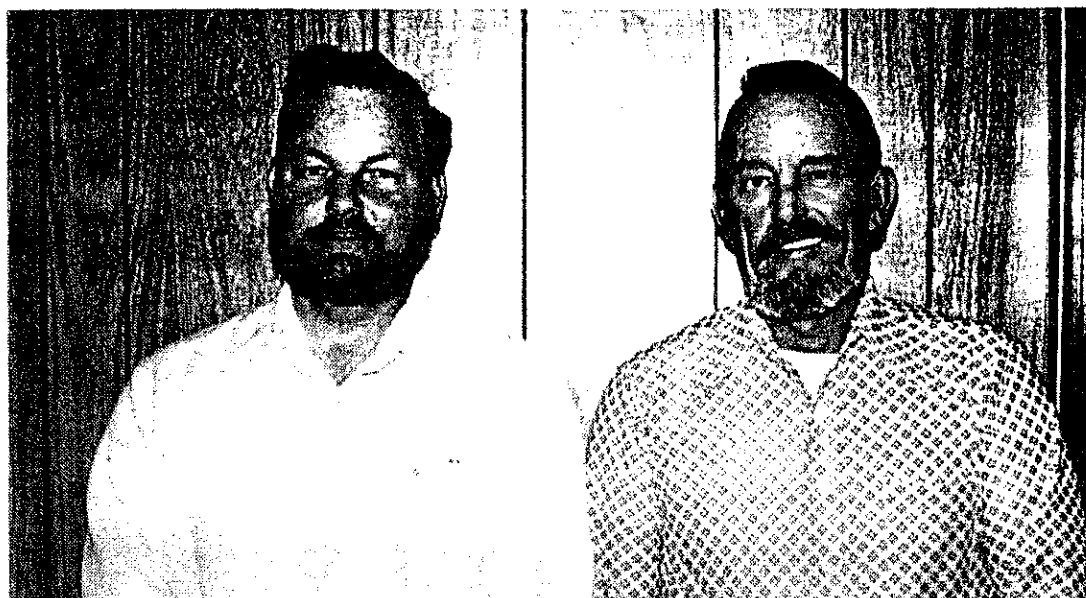
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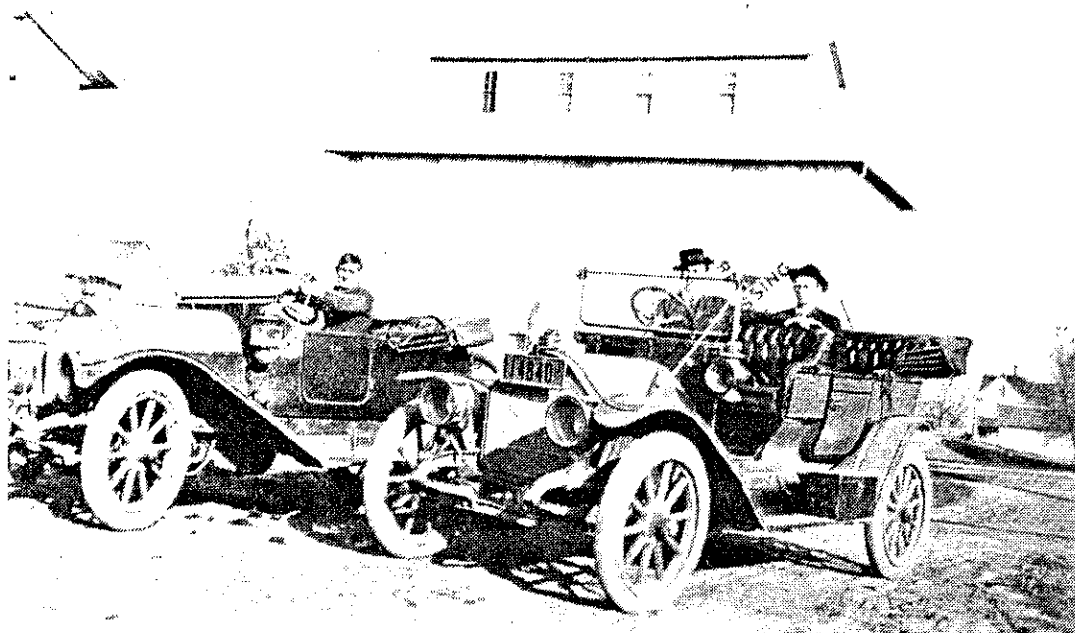


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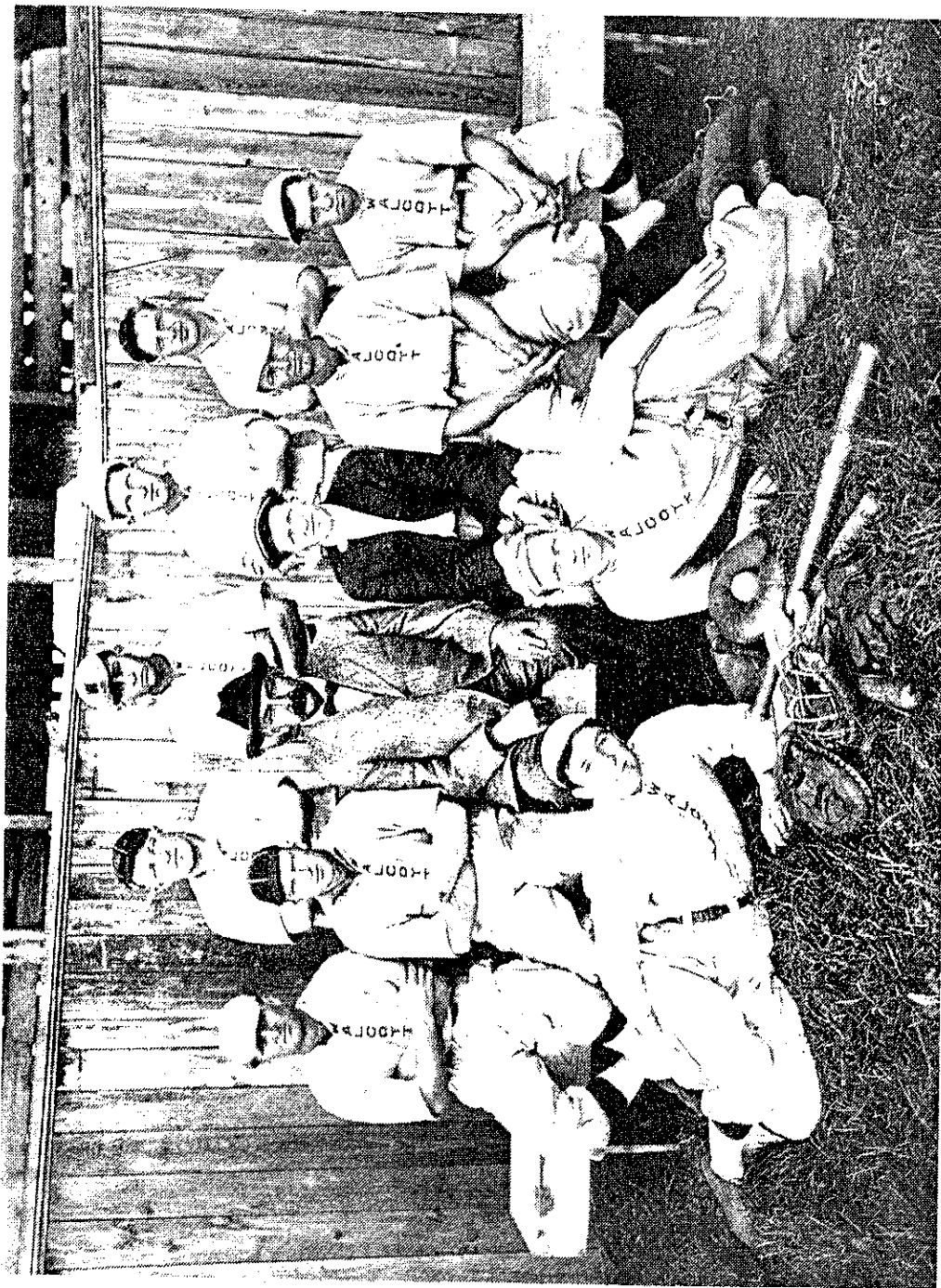


Colby roadster, 1913, (l-r) Dan Johansen, Herman Wulf and Gus Siebke.

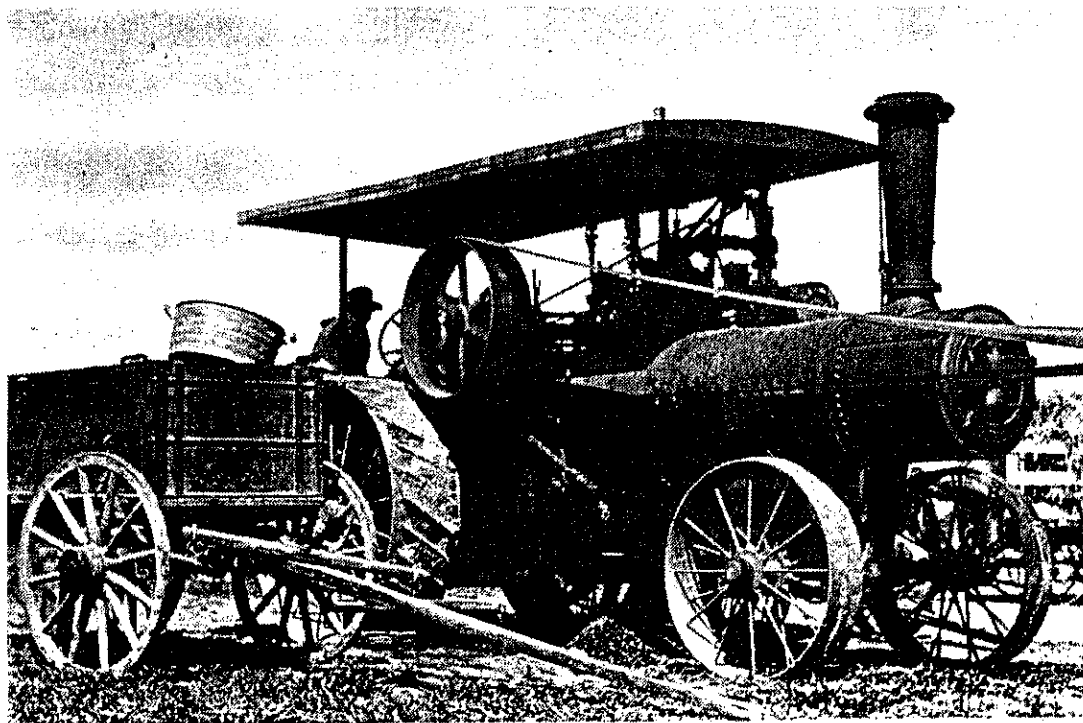




Walcott Group participating in the STATE OF SCOTT celebration at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in 1946.



Walcott baseball team 1914.



**Brockman threshing engine.**

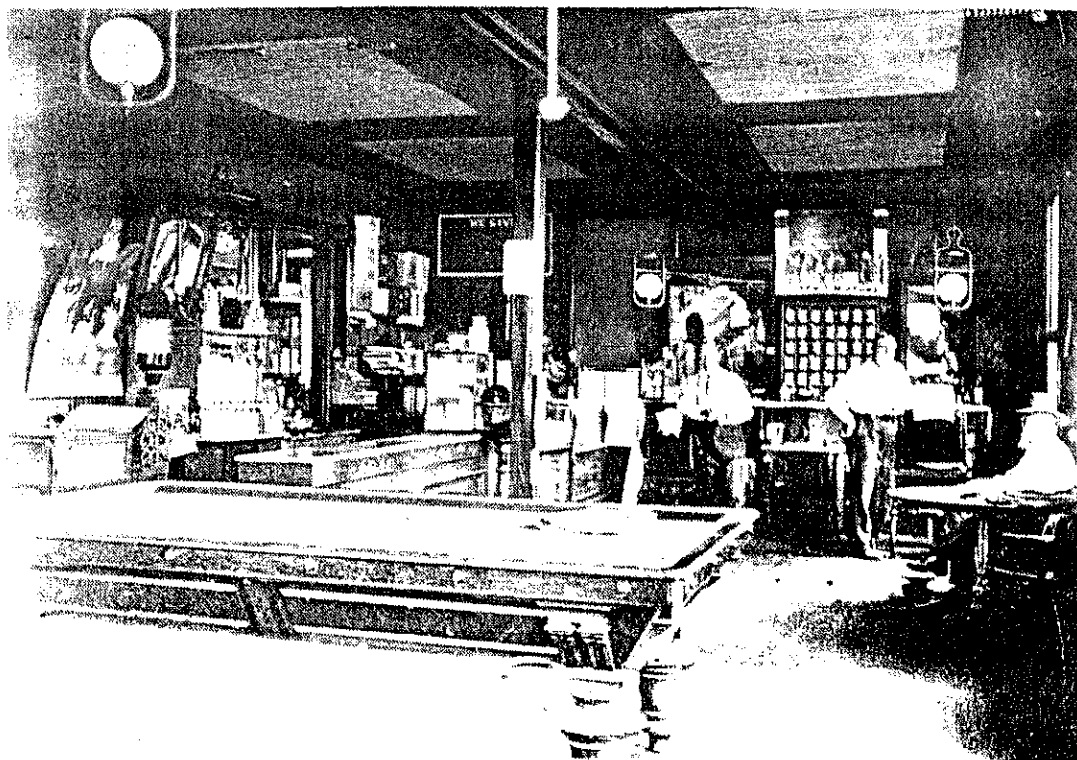


**Threshing on Harry Brockman farm.**





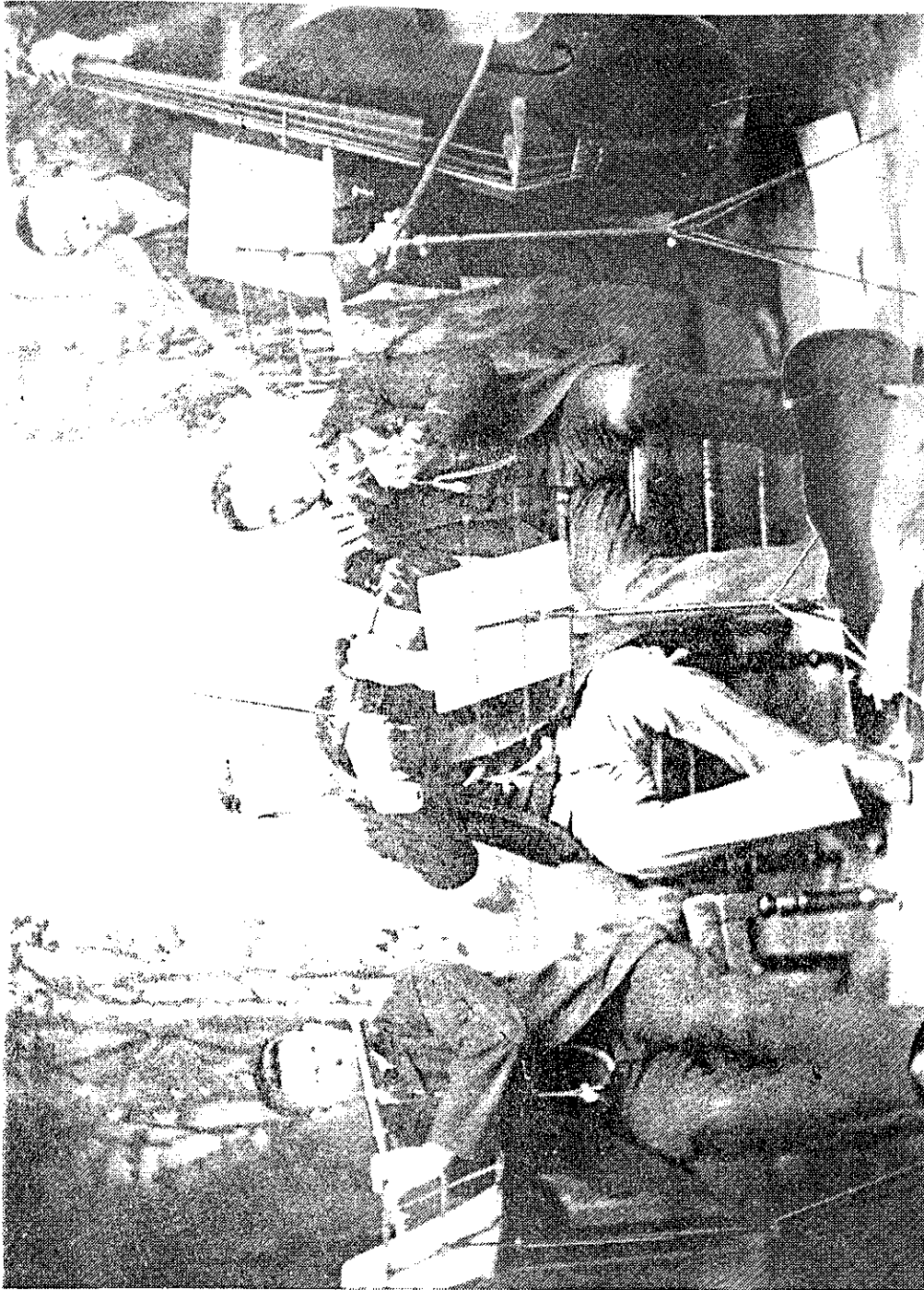
Walcott's float in "State of Scott" parade, 1946.



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