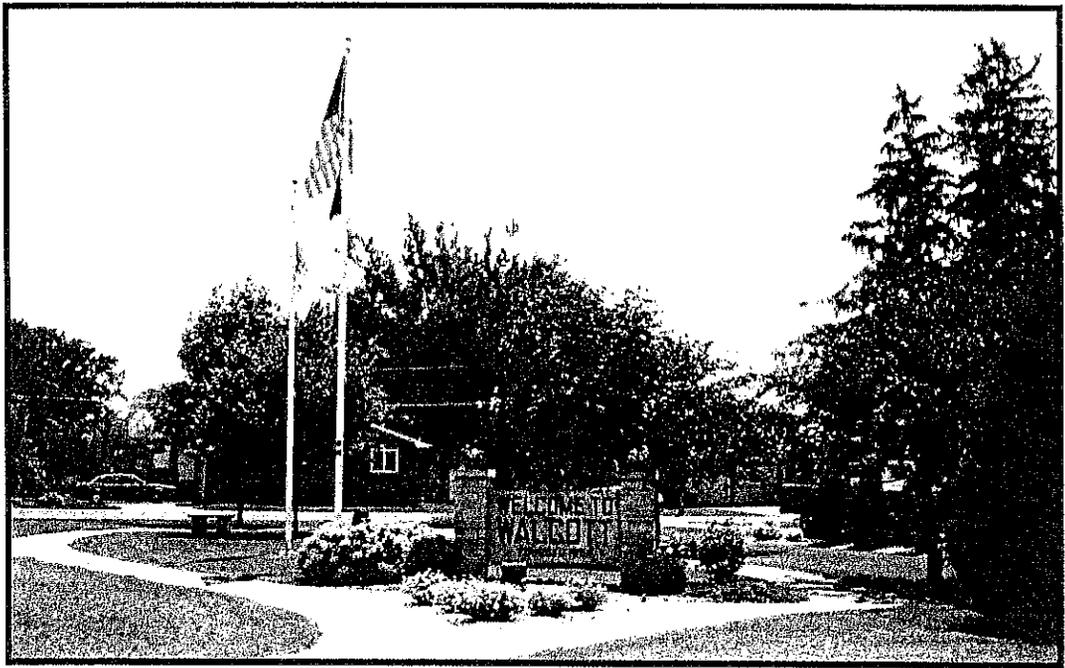


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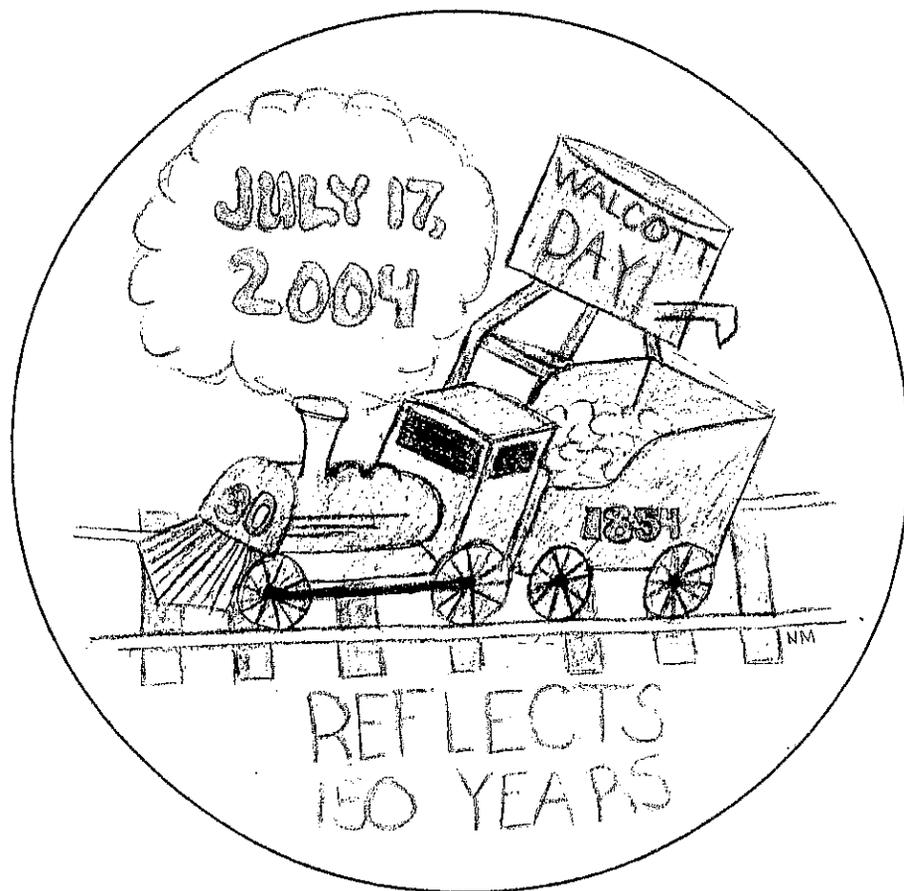


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**2004 Walcott Day Button  
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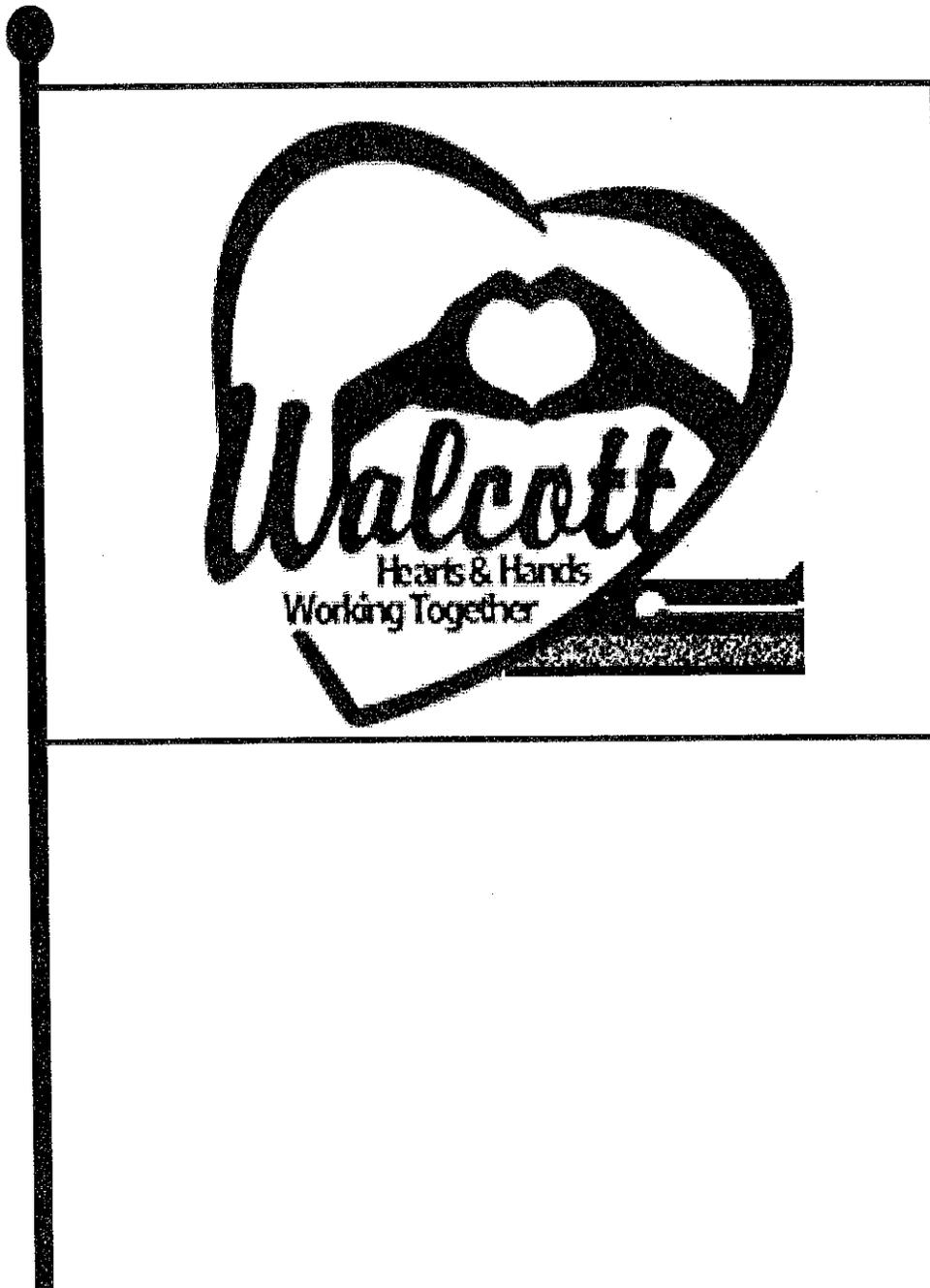
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WALCOTT, IOWA 2003.

## CITY FLAG ADOPTED IN 2004

“Hearts and Hands Working Together” is the theme originated in 1976 by Walcott Day Chairperson Clara Mordhorst. The theme has since been adopted by the City of Walcott as its official motto and can be found at [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com).



### TOWN OF WALCOTT

The undersigned Agents for the proprietors of the land surrounding the first depot established by the Mississippi and the Missouri Railroad Company, 12 miles West from Davenport, have completed the survey of a Town and said Depot under the above the title: and are now prepared to sell lots on advantageous terms. A large Hotel and several dwellings and stores are already in the progress of building, and a rare chance is offered for men of small capital.

COOK & SARGENT

Land Agents

March 25, 1854

### THE TOWN OF WALCOTT (The Davenport Gazette, 25 May 1854)

At the invitation of E.R. DOW, architect, we (Alfred SANDERS, Editor) rode out to the new town of Walcott, situated at the first station of the Mississippi and Missouri railroad, twelve miles from Davenport. On the first of last January, the broad prairie alone constituted the site of the town and the lumber of the several houses that are now erected, were in the log in Moline.

The principal building at Walcott is the hotel, which for architectural beauty cannot be surpassed in this part of the country. It was erected under the superintendence of Mr. DOW and at an expense of about \$5,000. The landlord is Mr. Jacob MYERS, who sets a good table. He has leased the building, and we doubt not, that when the house is thoroughly finished and furnished, as it will be in about a fortnight, it will become a place of resort to pleasure parties, as it is just one and a half hour's drive across the most beautiful country that the eye ever treated upon.

## DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the many people of Walcott. It is intended to serve as a tribute to the people of this town: the forefathers who named and placed Walcott on the map, the citizens and neighbors who put down roots in this town, and the people of today who continue to build and shape our community.

This book will help us remember the people and events that have come to pass as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Walcott. The people of Walcott today have been lucky to have 150 years of great history to build upon. May the people who live in Walcott continue to do so in the years to come.

Thank you to the Walcott Day Committee for getting this project started: Also thank you to the Sesquicentennial Committee and its History Committee for gathering the history and getting this book printed. Thank you to all of the sponsors who helped fund this book. Thank you to everyone who played a role in completing this project. Last, but not least, thank you to the citizens, friends, and neighbors who make Walcott a great community in which to live. In undertaking this task, the "committee" regrets the unintentional omission of any person or event.

Reed Hagen  
Mayor, Walcott

## A LOOK BACK: WALCOTT – THE EARLY YEARS

Walcott originally was a great expanse of open prairie inhabited by Kaskaskie Indians. The Kaskaskie tribe was driven out by the Mesquakie tribe later called Sac and Fox by the French.

Tall prairie grass and marshy groves of trees, spared from prairie fires by protective ponds, greeted the settlers.

The first settlers were of German and Scotch-Irish descent and they viewed the future site of Walcott as a valley in the headwaters of the Cedar River Mud Creek.

Walcott owes its existence to the cross-country railroad. Promoters Wm. Walcott and Ebenezer Cook, knowing the American coast-to-coast railroad was planned to pass through this area, did some financial maneuverings and thus paved the way for the Town of Walcott.

The Mississippi and Missouri (M&M) Railroad line organized in Iowa. The Chicago and Rock Island Railroad joined those two cities in Illinois. A wooden railroad bridge spanning the Mississippi River at the upper end of Arsenal Island, in 1856, then joined these two railroads. Wm. Ogden, Chicago's first mayor and vice president of the M & M Railroad, soon joined Walcott and Cook to obtain right-of-way for railroad construction.

The first passenger train arrived in Walcott on Saturday, August 25, 1855, carrying some five hundred men and women hoping to purchase land for \$1.25 an acre. Choice lots were sold for as much as \$200 to \$250 each, but most went for \$100 to \$150. Some of the out-lots brought only \$50 to \$70. However, in the financial panic of 1857 much of the Walcott land went for as low as 75 cents an acre.

Walcott was the first "jerkwater" town west of the Mississippi River. The early steam locomotives required water every 12-15 miles and Walcott, with its ready water supply, was strategically located and thus became a regular

stop. Later wells with pumps supplied water. As residents came to realize the value of the water they were providing, they started charging for the water.

Wm. Walcott, for whom the town was named, was born August 9, 1794, in Cumberland, Rhode Island. He was associated with the New York mills. Having moved to New York, he supervised the erection of the Utica steam cotton mills. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Whitesboro and the Reformed Church of Utica. As a director of the Chicago Rock Island Railroad and treasurer of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, he had associations that led to the purchase of Walcott land near a proposed train station.

The town was laid out and officially registered April 8, 1854, in the Scott County Courthouse. The town's incorporation came about due to a dispute over where the new school building was to be located. The school board and many residents favored erection of the new building on the public square, being centrally located and being on land already owned. Other townspeople wished to keep the square for public meetings and rallying grounds and started an injunction suit to halt the action proposed by the school board. As the deed to the property was not clear, and with no legal right as a village to proceed against the injunction, the process of incorporation was started.

At that time, the population of Walcott consisted of 354 people, 204 of whom were adults and 150 who were minors. The election of July 7, 1894, resulted in 81 votes cast. Fifty-four of those votes were in favor of incorporation. After the Town was organized under the state's laws, it was authorized to tax the people for public improvements and to maintain law and order as the administration saw fit.

Walcott's town water supply was installed in 1897 to provide inexpensive water service, good drinking water, and fire protection to its citizens.

In the early years of Walcott, a familiar sight was the lamp lighter. Each morning he could be seen with his ladder,

can of kerosene, and bundle of rags cleaning the glass globes of the lanterns, trimming the wick and filling the chamber with kerosene. At dusk, he returned to the streets lighting each lamp. Electricity was brought to Walcott by the Muscatine Lighting Company in the year of 1913. The I and I Railroad fed the current. The power lines continued for many years after the railroad was discontinued and then was replaced with a modern electrical system provided and maintained by Iowa Electric Company of Muscatine.

The rich virgin soil, around the railroad station in the Town of Walcott, was an attraction for those interested in agriculture too. However, there were many difficulties to overcome. One of the first necessities was to build a home. Some of the small homes were built of rock and plastered with lime. Others were built of lumber that was shipped down the Ohio River and then up the Mississippi River. Then there was the problem of water. Wells had to be dug by hand, so they were shallow. That meant they were certain to dry up during severe droughts. With the tall prairie grass covering the countryside, fear of fire was always on their minds. Heating the home required hauling timber or coal all the way from the Buffalo area. To provide food for the family, gardens were planted. The men shot wild fowl and rabbits and soon started to raise their own meat animals. Sickness was also a constant fear. Ague (now known as a type of malaria) or "chills and fever" as it was known, afflicted nearly everyone in the fall of the year. Though it was not considered contagious, and thought to have many causes, it did affect everyone the same way. They became weak and sore and able to do only the most urgent of work. Often entire families were ill at the same time.

Agriculture has always been instrumental in the prosperity of Walcott. Soon grain shipping and purchasing became a basic Walcott business. A series of elevators for storing grain followed. Fires were a factor in the loss of several elevators. At one time potato growing, storing, and sales also were major businesses.

Hard work and long hours left little time for socializing, but early settlers also were fun loving. A dance hall and opera house were built. Outdoor motion pictures were shown. Dancing was popular and local as well as out of town bands entertained. The waltz, two-step, polka, and square dancing were enjoyed. Community baseball, football, basketball, and softball teams all were a part of Walcott's early years. Trap shooting was enjoyed. At one time a bowling alley was located in the town. Of course with the water in the area, swimming was a favorite summer pastime for some.

A community volunteer fire department was organized in 1897. It consisted of two hand-drawn hose carts; one located on either side of the railroad tracks. The first fire station combined with a city hall was built in 1931.

The first church in the Walcott area, a Presbyterian church, was built in 1860. However, this was outside the incorporated city limits of Walcott. Although many short-term pastors held services over the years, Walcott was known as a community without a church. In 1947, a group of members organized what became the first church in the town. The initial worship service was held on November 1, 1953.

Walcott's first cemetery was on a five-acre tract of land south of town near the Presbyterian Church. Although the records were destroyed by fire, it is known that the first payment, taken from the treasurer's financial report, was made in 1882.

Social, fraternal, and benevolent organizations were a large part of the community. Some of the organizations were organized to help those in need. Others were purely social. As is true today, some of them flourished while others were later disbanded. Ancient Order of United Workman, Turner Society, Horse Protective Association, Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias, Rathbone Sisters (later became Pythian Sisters) and the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary were some of the early organizations. The Walcott Community Club was formed during the depression

in 1932 and was instrumental in developing the "Victory Park".

A community newspaper was once published in Walcott. Published as the "Walcott Community News" from 1933 till 1937, it was no longer available when the publisher left for the service.

Education has always been important to the people of Walcott. The first school was built in 1855. Mr. Walcott donated \$500 for just such a project stipulating the town would be named after him. The original building was a one-room building located on Block 2, Lot 8 and 9 facing Otis Street.

The health of Walcott residents was well protected over the years. The first doctor, Thomas Brynes, had his office and a drug store in his home and was in Walcott until 1896. During World War I, there were four doctors practicing at the same time. Many other physicians followed. At one time a dentist shared his practice with Walcott and Durant, Iowa residents.

Many businesses have located in the Town of Walcott. In the year 1911, Dunn & Co., in the Bankers Journal of New York, declared Walcott the richest town in the U.S.A. considering bank deposits for its population of 300 people. Banks, insurance companies, hotels, restaurants, postal services, telephone operators, meat markets, farm implement dealerships, grain elevators, many gas and oil companies, automobile dealerships and garages, service stations, blacksmiths, flour mills, hardware store, shoe repairs, creameries, carpenters and painting contractors, beauty shops, taverns, bakeries, general stores, barber shops, and lumber yard, wagon makers and of course workers connected with the railroad. All have at some time been in business in Walcott and been important components of her continued growth.

This is a condensed form, compiled by Marcie Siegel and Janet Feuerbach, of the very complete and extensive history written by Rudolph Bluedorn, with the help of other townspeople, for the 1954 Walcott centennial book and the book published in 1976 at the time of our nation's bicentennial.

## CITY OF WALCOTT MAYORS

The first Mayor of Walcott was elected on August 3, 1894.

### Terms

8/03/1894 - ?

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04/1950 – 12/1955

01/1956 – 12/1967

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01/1972 – 01/1977

01/1978 – 12/1981

01/1982 – 06/1998

09/1998 – present

### Name

Louis Bennewitz

William Schwarting

Dr. H. Schumacher

Philip Dietz

Louis Maack

Karl Hinrichs

J. H. Strohbeen

Charles A. Beinke

J. H. Strohbeen

Ernest Werner

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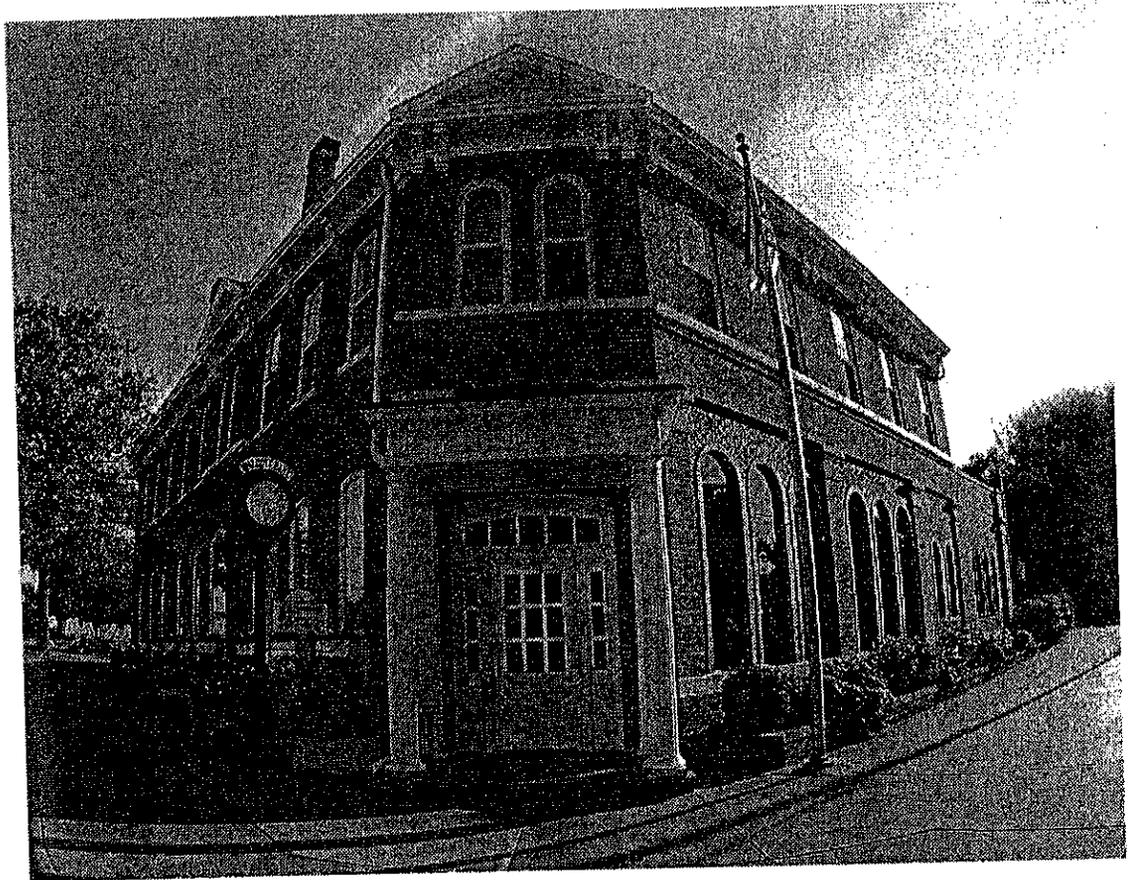
Former council members seated (l-r): Larry Richman, Bill Suhr, Richard Needham, Verlon Keeney, and Ken Dietz, (Treasurer). Standing (l-r): David Proksch, Elmer Hoppman, Erben Dietz, Paul Coe, Burt Davison, Dewayne Rochau, Lee Muller, Don Mordhorst, Vernon Sissel, Ken Wilcke, Keith Meyer, and Harvey Bluedorn.

# Walcott Trust and Savings Bank

Walcott Trust and Savings Bank completed a major remodeling of its building at 101 W. Bryant Street in 1999. The remodeling maintained the original brick exterior look of the circa 1877 building while converting upstairs apartments into offices, a boardroom and conference rooms. The current bank is the result of the merger of two banks that were merged during the Great Depression Walcott Savings Bank and Farmers Savings Bank. Walcott Savings Bank was organized in 1893 and was located on the southeast corner of Bryant and Henry streets. Farmers Savings Bank started in 1904 and was located in the east part of the current bank building. The two banks merged on May 20, 1931 into the current Walcott Trust and Savings Bank.

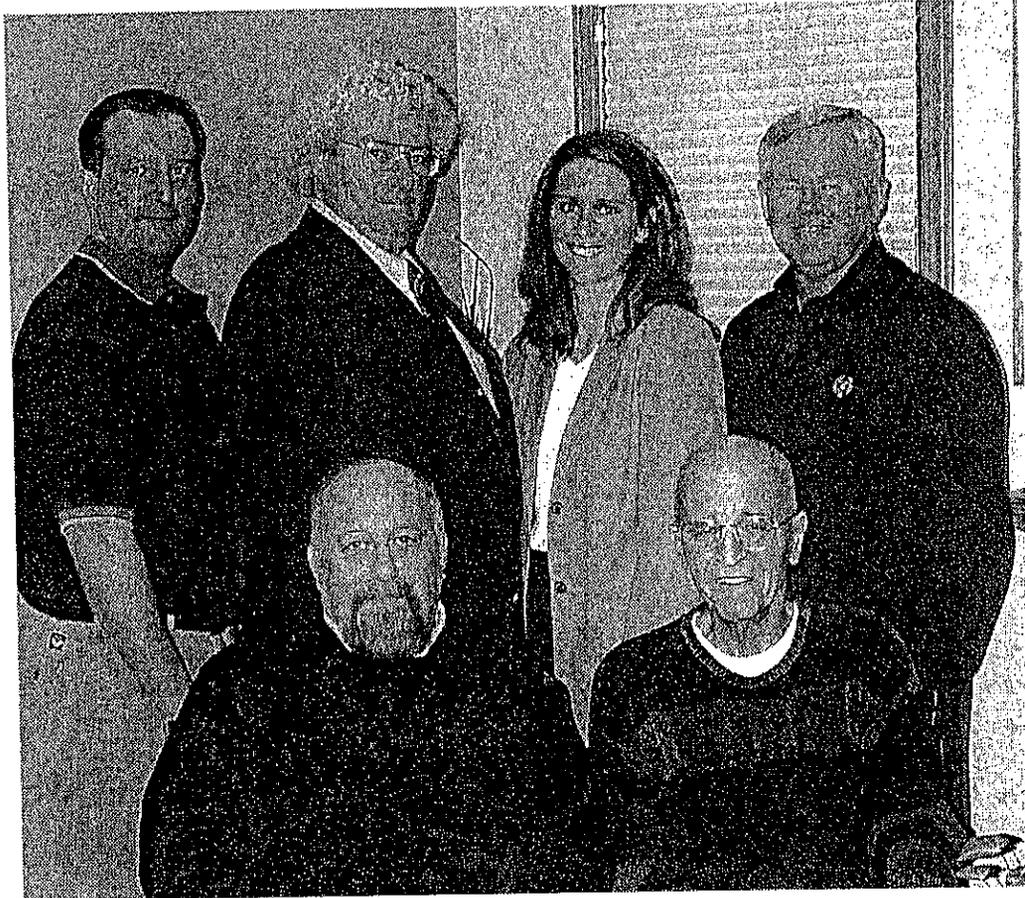
The bank takes great pride in the quality of its directors, officers and employees. Many of the employees and directors have served the bank for numerous years. Some of the directors are children and grandchildren of prior directors. The current Chairman of the Board is Clemens (Clem) A. Werner whose father, Ernest Werner, and grandfather, Albert Werner, were also directors, of the Bank and its predecessors. Clem's son, Clemens (Cal) A. Werner, Jr. is a director and President of the bank. Kent A. Paustian is a current director and his father, Dale H. Paustian, and his grandfather, Horace Paustian, were also directors. Eight of the bank's current employees have worked over 30 years at the bank, two additional employees have worked over 20 years and two additional employees have worked over 10 years.

The current Board of Directors of the Bank is Clemens A. Werner, Clemens A. Werner, Jr., Stanley Goodyear, Leon L. Feuerbach, Eugene Bernick, Kent Paustian, and Susan Daley.



## Walcott Trust and Savings Bank





Mayor & City Council – Seated – Jim Couper & Dan Wieland.  
Standing – Mayor Reed Hagen, Ken Washburn, Kristal Koberg-Schaefer and Gary Holdorf.

## CURRENT CITY COUNCIL

The City of Walcott's governing body has been the City Council since it was incorporated in 1894. It is made up of five Council Members and the Mayor; all elected to four-year, staggered terms. City Hall has been located at 128 West Lincoln Street since the new City Hall / Fire Station / Jail was built in 1931. The current City Hall staff consists of the City Clerk, Lisa Rickertsen-5 yrs., Deputy City Clerk, Jackie Huston-2 yrs., part-time clerical, Ruth Farley-20 yrs., and Building & Zoning Official, Joe Mason-4 yrs. Over the years many citizens have served on the City Council. The longest serving Council Member was Herbert Moeller who served for 24 years. The first female City Clerk was Elaine Riessen-Gustafson appointed in 1960 and the first female City Council Member was Jackie Huston elected in 1984.



City Hall staff – Ruth Farley, Lisa Rickertsen, Joe Mason, and Jackie Huston.

The following is a list of the Council Members that have served since 1909 through the present and their years of service: Claus Petersen-11, Ernest Werner-11, Phil Peterson-3, H. Wichman-1, W. Ruge-1, J. Strohbeen-3, Bernhard Mangels-1, A. Elholm-2, A. Lafrenz-1, William Fromme-1, C. W. Nielson-1, Louis Maack-2, Chris Kettelsen-2, R. O. Bluedorn-6, F. A. Garlock-2, H. W. Lendt-1, W. Kronenberg-4, P. W. Giese-5, Henry Soenke-2, B. W. Behrens-2, Gust Denkmann-4, Adolph Dietz-2, Charles Paustian-6, Henry Hess-2, Ed Stoltenberg-2, A. T Leabo-8, Herb Moeller-24, Herman Koch-8, Adolph Moeller-12, W. F. Wegener-12, L. C. Dietz-8, B. P. Paustian-16, John Shenpolk-12, Karl Warnecke-14, Frank Niebuhr-12, Herb Petersen-11, George Hansen-4, Otto Andresen-4, E. E. Moeller-6, Harvey Bluedorn-4, A. Riessen-6, L. Siebke-6, J. W. Thornton-2, Don Wine-1, David Proksch-10, Elmer Hopphan-10, Lee Muller-4, Don Mordhorst-10, Louis Harksen-2, Robert Niebuhr-4, Vernon Sissel-6, Dewayne Rochau-4, Ken Wilcke-4, Erben Dietz-4, Paul Coe-4, Ray Henning-6, Burt Davison-4, Kenneth Rochau-2, Richard Needham-8, Walt Pries-5, Larry Richman-6, Dana Denklau-8, Verlon Keeney-3, B. Suhr-4, Dale Warnecke-8, Jack Stoeffen-4, Lowell Lund-14, Keith Meyer-6, Gary Smith-12, Jackie Huston-18, Audrey



**Friendly & Caring Staff** – Clockwise: Office manager **Tracy Grunder**; Vet techs **Carrie Morris** and **Mary Speece** (holding **Maverick**); groomer **Char Richard** (holding **Lurch**). Not pictured: Kennel help **Lathan Ehlers** and **Jason Feipel**.



**Dr. Ken “Doc” and Ruth Wilcke.** Son **Rob**, daughter **Monica** and grandkids **Jacob, Chris** and **Brianna** complete the family.



**Berger Family** – Clockwise: **Jim, Sara, Ethan, Carol, Dr. Jim, Mandy.**



**Ken Wilcke DVM**  
**Jim Berger DVM**

951 N. Main  
Walcott, Iowa  
**284-4082**

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30 pm; Sat. 8-12 pm

After graduating from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1960, Dr. Ken Wilcke partnered with “Doc” J. W. Thomson in Walcott. They worked mostly with large animals, but eventually included small animals as well. What started out as a small rural practice, expanded to include a bigger facility and services. Dr. Jim Berger (ISUCVM ‘88) joined Dr. Wilcke in 1991.

Walcott Family Pet Clinic, created in 2001, now deals exclusively with small animals offering a complete line of veterinary care including wellness exams, vaccinations, dentistry, surgery and in-house blood work. They also provide full service grooming and climate controlled boarding services.

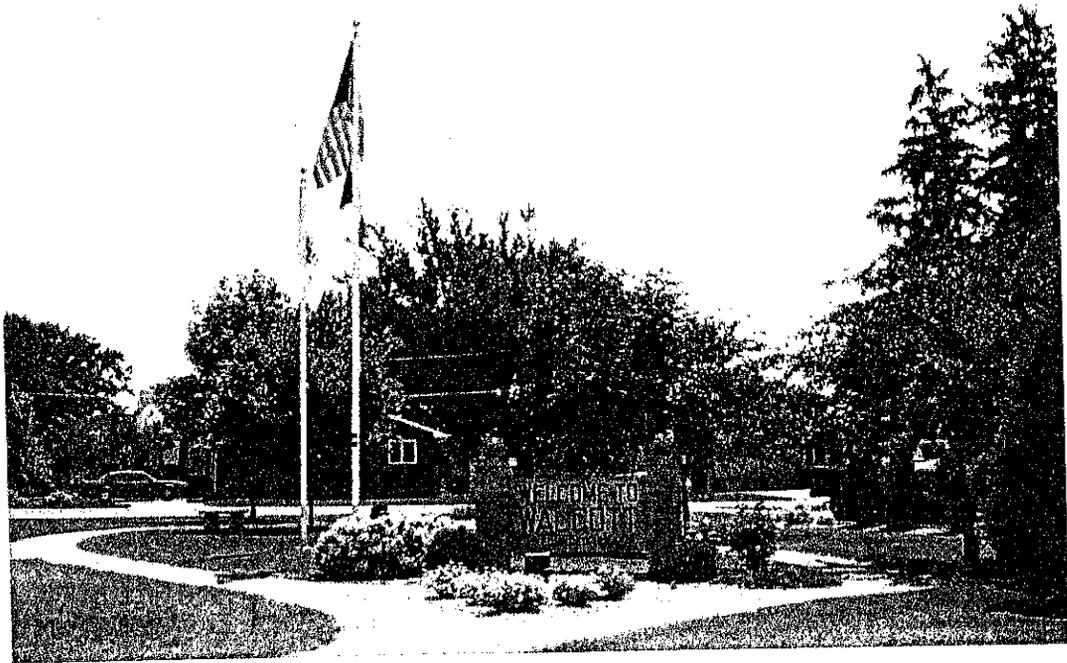
Now semi-retired, “Doc” Wilcke no longer cares for farm animals due to health restrictions, but his heart is still in the rural area. He, however, does enjoy dealing with clients and their compassion for their pets, with the clinic name reflecting the human-pet bond.

In 1999, Dr. Wilcke received the Stange Award which “recognizes individuals for outstanding professional achievements that advance the veterinary medical profession.” In October 2003, the Wilcke Learning Center at ISUCVM was dedicated to Doc and Ruth Wilcke.

Hinds-4, Gerald Scott-1, Steve Klehn-4, Danny Holmes-4, Brent Arp-4, Jo Samuels-1, Larry Smith-4, Mickey Burt-6, Sandra Liebke-4, Alan Mengler-1, Sally Roach-1, Kristal Koberg-Schaefer-6, Ken Washburn-6, Walt Reese-1, Gary Holdorf-4, Dan Wieland-3, Jim Couper-2.

The Walcott City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. The duties of the council are administrative, executive, and legislative. Some of the functions of the council include levying taxes for the purpose of raising revenue of the City, adopting a budget, appointing Board and Commission members, approving licenses and zoning, and acting as a policy-making body for the City.

# WELCOME PARK



In 1992, plans were drawn for a Welcome Park, which is located at the corner of North Main Street and Cedar Lane Drive. The plans included a brick walkway, trees, shrubs, benches, etc. Due to the interest and generosity of Walcott organizations, Welcome Park soon took on a personality of its own. In 1992, the Walcott Day Committee ordered the

large "Welcome to Walcott" sign. Several groups and individuals have planted flowers and trees; donated benches, light poles, etc.; many dedicated to the memory of a loved one. In 1993, Hugo and Elizabeth Holst donated a large flagpole and Walcott American Legion donated the American and Iowa flags. A brick memorial walkway was completed in July 1997. Jim and Mary Lincoln plant an area of wildflowers and Melanie Hayes and many volunteers have planted



Welcome Sign  
(Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

perennial gardens. The Walcott Day Committee decorates Welcome Park for the Christmas season. The park presents a friendly welcome to people entering our town.

## **WALCOTT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The risk of devastating fires prompted thirteen citizens to form the first Fire Department in 1897. The department is currently staffed by twenty-eight members, who include: Chief, Tim Iossi; First Assistant Chief, Joe Hahn; Second Assistant Chief, Bart Lund; Secretary/Treasurer, Lisa Rickertsen; Safety Officer, Lon Warnecke; EMS Coordinator, Linda Lund. Other members are: Kenny Adomat, Ben Beitel, John Brockmann, Mel Brus, Jim Crow, Kevin Davidson, Don Dietz, John Gabor, Josh Geigle, Stan Giese, Reed Hagen, Dave Huntley, Tammy Lane, Brian Mengler, John Platt, Roger Siebke, Curt Stange, Matt Stolley, Howard Talbot, and Bob Taylor. Phil Roberts and Leon Downing are members of the auxiliary support unit that was established in 2002.

The department responds to a variety of calls: fire, emergency medical, rescue, vehicle accidents, and hazardous material incidents. The annual number of calls ranges from 210 to 250 per year. The volume of calls would have been unimaginable to those founding members in 1897, when hand-drawn hose carts provided protection; one stationed on each side of the railroad tracks.

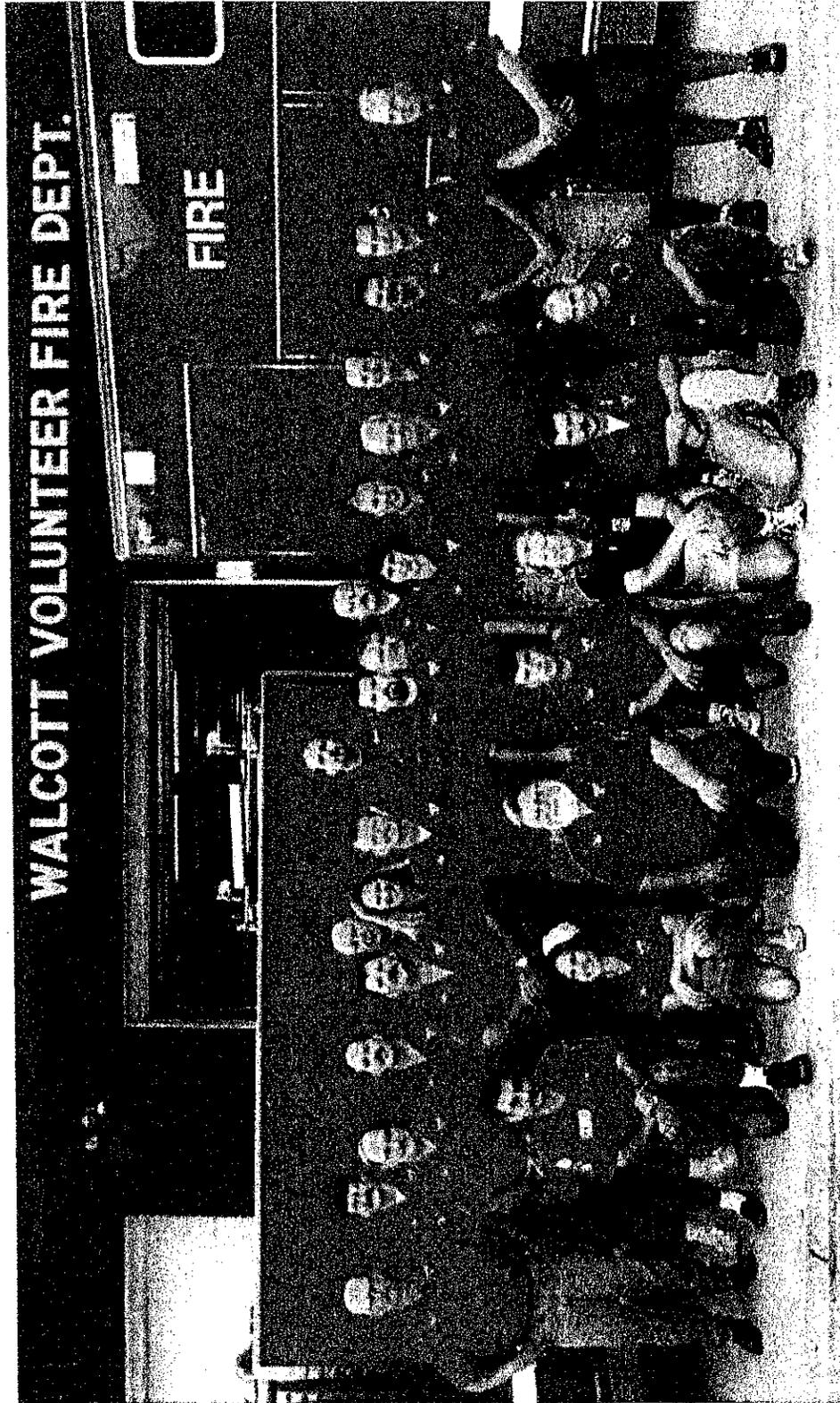
In 1924, the department members volunteered to give up their salary for two years to purchase rubber coats and boots. These were purchased for a total of less than \$80. In 1934, the Fire Department purchased their first "pumper" at a cost of \$2,158. In 1949, another pumper was purchased for \$10,000. The 1949 truck had a combination high and low pressure pump, with a capacity of 500 gallons a minute at low pressure, and 750 gallons a minute at high pressure. Funds for the purchase were raised by selling memberships to farmers in the area surrounding Walcott. The Fire

Department still has the 1949 truck and plans on restoring it in the near future. Currently, the Fire Department provides protection for the City of Walcott and its surrounding Fire District with six vehicles: two pumpers, one tanker, a small pumper, and two rescue vehicles. The most recent truck addition arrived in September of 2003, at a cost of \$285,559. This two-person cab, four-wheel drive, mid-mount pumper replaced a 33 year-old pumper. The new truck can transport 1000 gallons of water, and pump at 1000 gallons per minute.

In August 1997, the Fire Department celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Centennial Celebration, advertised as "A hot time planned in Walcott", took place inside the Walcott Coliseum and the street in front of it. The day was kicked-off with a flag raising ceremony in honor of deceased firefighters. Other activities included an antique fire truck display, current apparatus display, fire and safety vendors' displays, fire safety house demonstration, Jaws of Life demonstration, steak dinner, cake-decorating contest and auction, and a dance. The proceeds of the celebration went towards the debt on the new rescue truck purchased in 1997 at a cost of \$147,437.

The current members of the Walcott Community Volunteer Fire Department continue on their mission: To provide protection to life and property for our community and its surrounding area. We will gain knowledge through continuing education and training. We will be there for others in their time of need!

# WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.



Front Row: Craig Housley (retired), Tammy Lane, Phil Roberts, Bart Lund, Jennifer Davidson (former auxiliary member), Joe Hahn, and Josh Geigle. Middle Row: Don Dietz, Jim Crow, Curt Stange, Brian Mengler, David Huntley, Linda Lund, Ben Beitel, Reed Hagen, and Kenny Adomat. Back Row: Matt Stolley, Lon Warnecke, Stan Giese, Lisa Rickertsen, Bob Taylor, John Platt, Kevin Davidson, Tim Iossi, Roger Siebke, and Howard Talbot. Absent: John Brockmann, Mel Brus, John Gabor, and Leon Downing. (Submitted by Lisa Rickertsen)

The following is a list of the Fire Chiefs that have served since 1910 through the present and their term of service:

Term	Name
01/1910 – 12/1914	Chris Ketelson
01/1915 – 12/1916	Henry Schuldt
01/1917 – 09/1920	Chris Ketelson
10/1920 – 05/1921	Harry Wilson
06/1921 – 04/1923	Harold M. Moeller
05/1923 – 07/1925	Gus Blank
08/1925 – 01/1935	John Jensen
01/1935 - ?	Herbert Moeller
? - 01/1946	Henry Frisch
02/1946 – 06/1947	Herb Petersen
07/1947 – 01/1955	Lester Lund
02/1955 – 01/1956	D.A. Brown
02/1956 – 01/1957	Ed Houghton
02/1957 – 01/1958	Ray Niebuhr
02/1958 – 01/1965	James Colby Jr.
02/1965 – 01/1966	Erben Dietz
02/1966 – 01/1969	Arlan Moeller
02/1969 – 01/1972	Keith Meyer
02/1972 – 09/1983	John Brockmann
10/1983 – 12/1996	Lowell Lund
01/1997 – 06/2000	Brian Wells
07/2000 – present	Tim Iossi

## FIRE SWEEPS THE LUMBER YARD

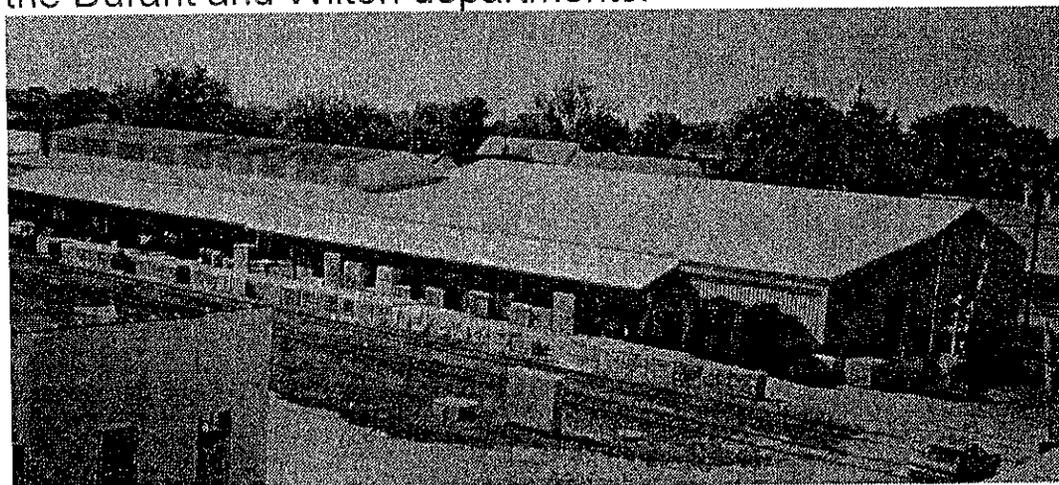
It may have been the biggest fire in the history of rural Scott County. It was the only time in at least 25 years, perhaps ever, that 100 percent of the fire departments in Scott County, plus two from outside the county, a total of 18, were summoned to a single fire.

One and a half million gallons of water were used and damages were estimated at three million dollars.

The 96-year-old Hawkeye Building Distributor's lumber yard (formerly H. H. Schneckloth Lumber Company), 113 Main Street, erupted in flames about 2:20 P.M. Saturday, July 6, 1996 devastating an entire city block including the Walcott Floral Shop, located in the lumber yard. Also lost in the blaze was the former Dietz Ford Building, 140 East Lincoln, which served as Hawkeye's office.

Fortunately, no one was injured and thanks to an all-out effort by fire fighters and townsfolk, most surrounding structures were spared.

On Walcott Day, July 20, 1996, a special ceremony was added to the activities honoring those who helped. Each fire department was introduced and individually recognized. Those departments from Scott County were Blue Grass, Bettendorf, Buffalo, Davenport, Dixon, Donahue, Eldridge, LeClaire, Long Grove, Maysville, McCausland, New Liberty, Pleasant Valley, Princeton, Riverdale and from Cedar County the Durant and Wilton departments.



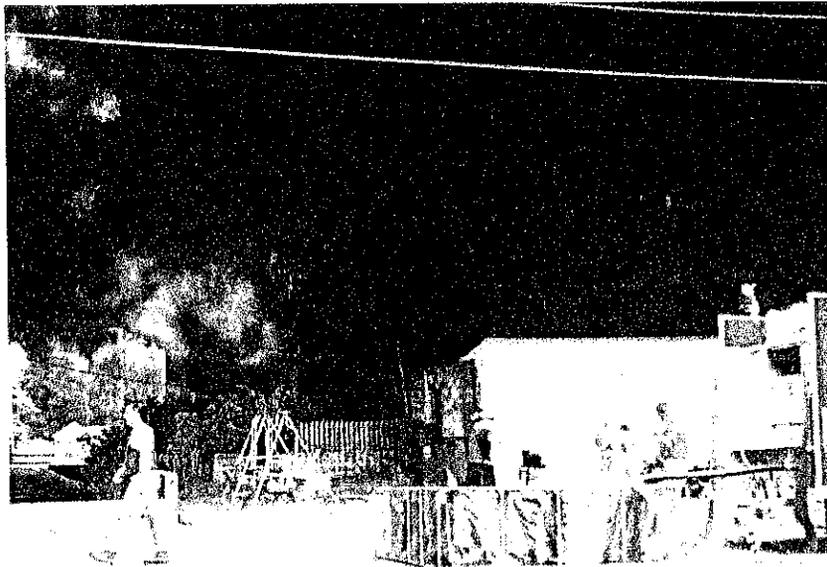
Lumberyard before the fire. (Submitted by Keith Meyer)



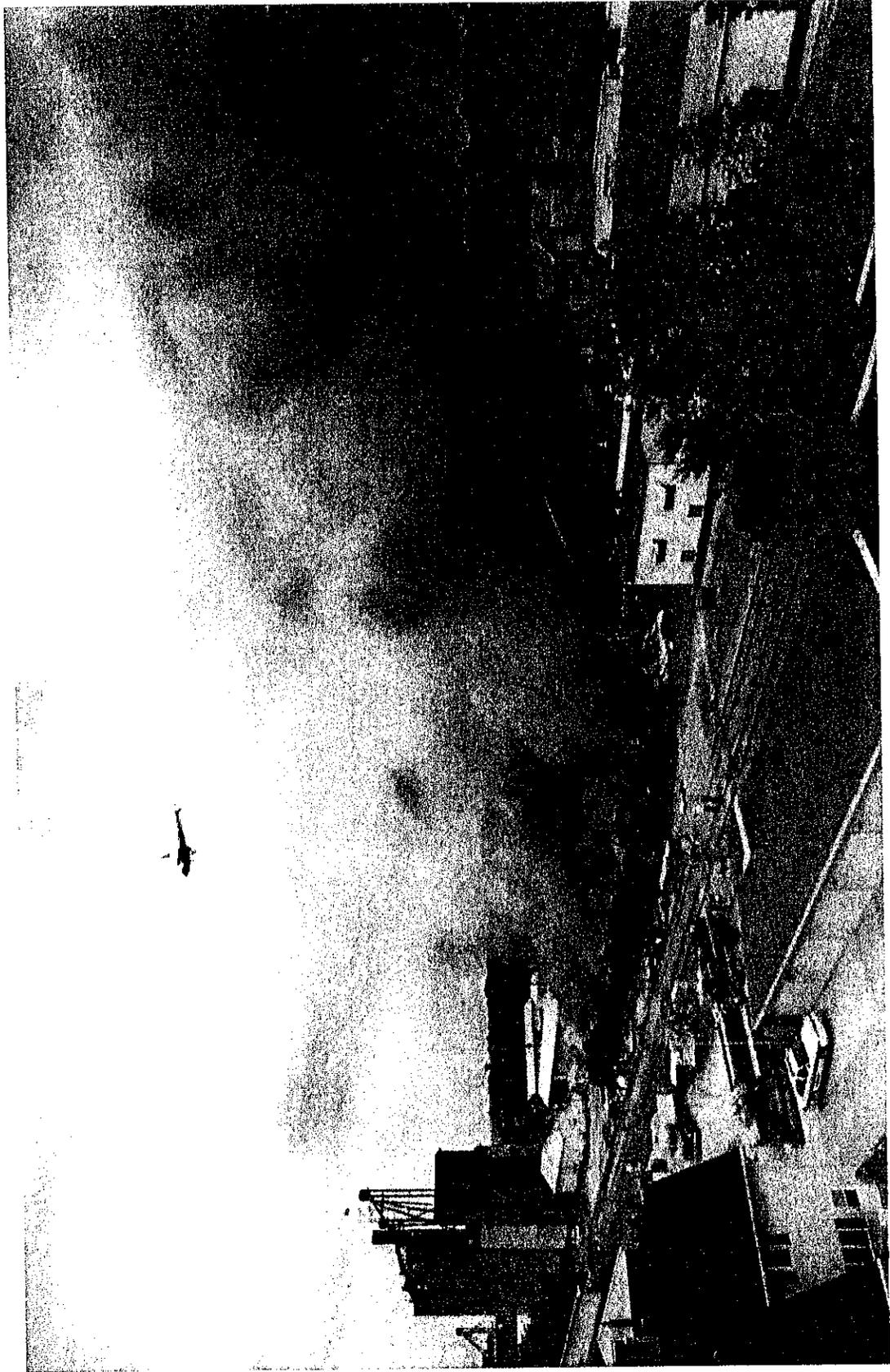
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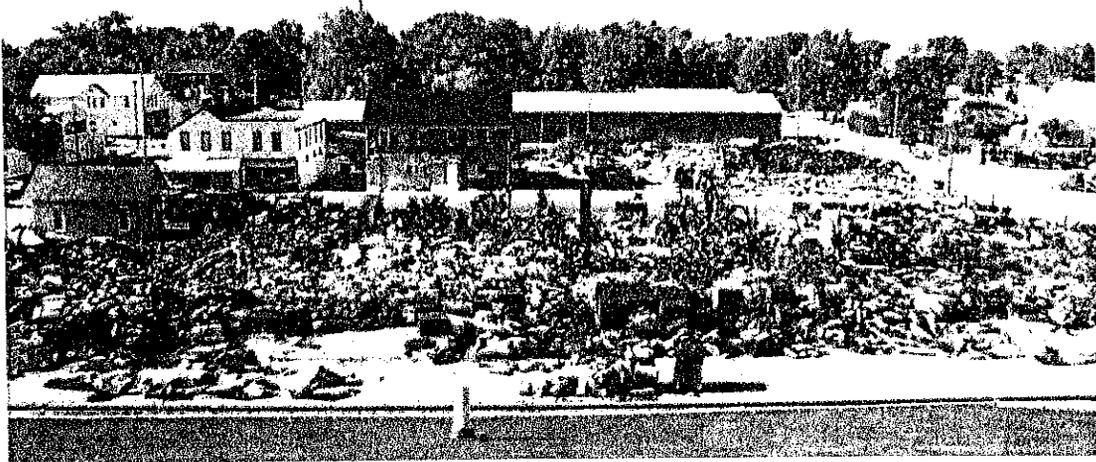
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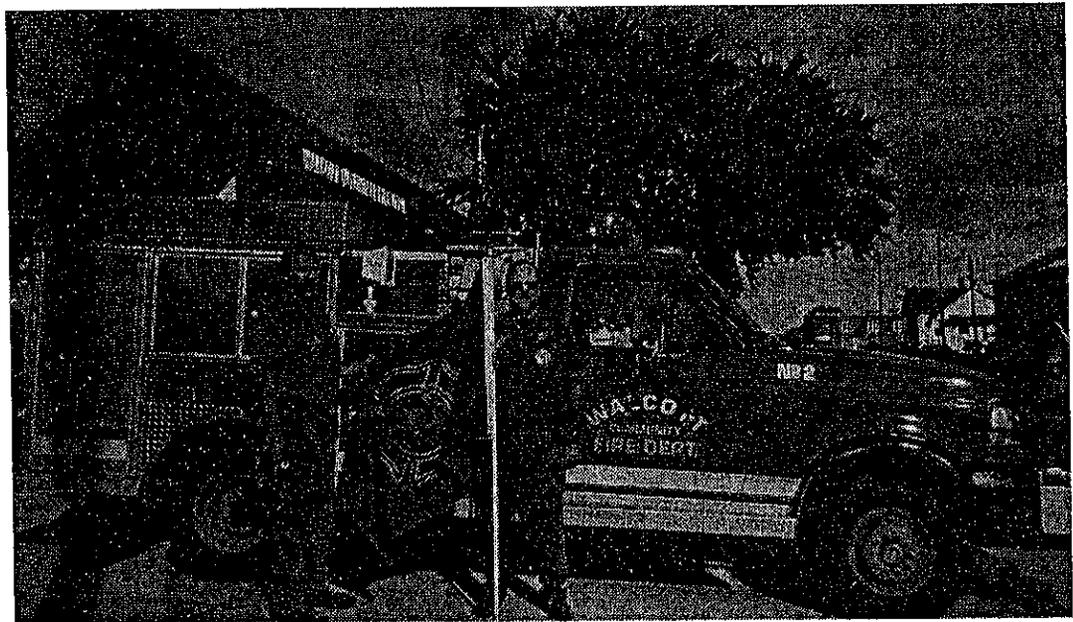


The remains of the lumberyard after the devastating fire.  
(Submitted by Keith Meyer)

## 9-11 CIRCLE OF UNITY

On September 11, 2002, area fire departments, medical and law enforcement agencies participated in a procession to show unity among those who protect and serve. It was also a tribute to those who gave their lives on 9-11-01. The procession began at the Walcott Fire Station at 5 P.M. and grew as each town joined in, waving flags and showing support. The residents of Walcott and scores of others greeted the 27-vehicle procession at the Walcott Fire Station where it concluded with food and friendship.

This was an awesome and heartwarming event showing pride for our towns and our country.



Lon Warnecke and Jim Crow (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

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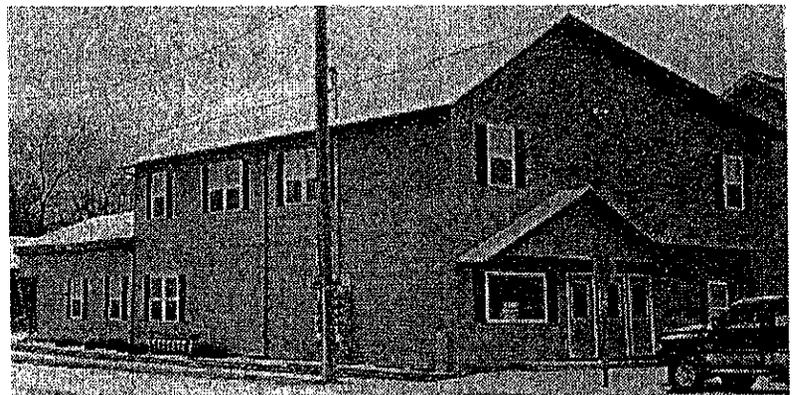
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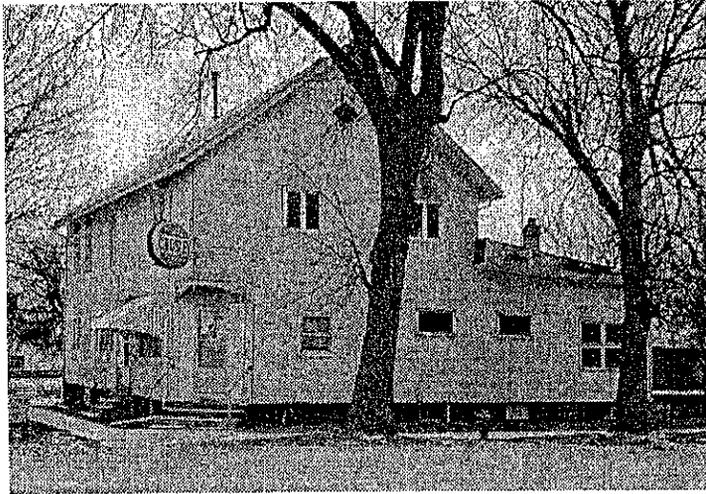


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Ross Paustian ..... 1978-Present

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Hired man on left holding horses, Charles in rear holding horses, Lizzie Dietz Paustian holding Elsie, Horace Paustian standing by Lizzie, Grandma Roehs Paustian flanked by Christina and Ag.

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## WALCOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT

In Walcott's early days, a town Marshal provided law enforcement for the citizens. Over the years, many have served the community as Marshals and later as Police Chief and officers. Current Police Chief, David Kopatich, was sworn in January 1997, making him the first full-time police chief in Walcott since the 1970's. The current department also employs two other full-time officers; James Vaughan-2 yrs. and Jeffery Blake-1 yr., and two part-time officers; Robert Mackie-12 yrs. and Kevin Takacs-3 yrs.

The duties of the police department include: patrol, traffic enforcement, apprehension of criminals, and the investigation of crimes and accidents that occur within the city. The officers respond to over 2,000 calls for service every year in and around Walcott, including the I-80 interchange area, where the department interacts with visitors from around the globe. Quite a change from 1910 when Walcott's first speed limit was instituted – 10 MPH!

The department currently has two fully marked police squads: a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2004 Dodge Intrepid. In addition to regular duties, the squads are used to transport prisoners to the Scott County Jail when someone is arrested. Walcott used its own jail until the 1950's. It was a metal bar jail cell built in 1931 in City Hall and was needed to replace the old jail cell that was not fireproof!

As always, the Walcott Police Department remains committed to providing a safe environment for all Walcott citizens and visitors.



In the summer of 1969, Bob Ellsworth and Denny Puck broke ground for B & D Automotive Service on a 3 1/2 acre tract located at 1114 N. Main Street. Bob and Denny had been previously employed by Dietz Sales & Service of Walcott and later by Schwind-Boeker in Davenport. Before establishing B & D Automotive, Denny was employed by Scott Community College to develop the Automotive Technology program, which he taught for 2 years. He remains a member of the Advisory Committee today.

In addition to the automotive service, in 1970 Bob & Denny began operating B & D Skelly Service, later B & D Getty, and then B & D Texaco, offering a full service gasoline station, car wash, and 2 bays for general car maintenance and tire sales. Gary Jepsen managed the station for many years. In 1994, Bob and Denny sold the gas station business.

In 1972, they diversified with the purchase of a backhoe and trencher, which Bob operated. Their services included new home excavation, new septic and water installation, municipal sewer installation & repair, and farm water & drainage tile repair. One of the early projects was the installation of water and sewer mains in the Hickory Hills subdivisions by Blue Grass. After graduation, Bob's son Dale began learning the trade, and in the spring of 2002, Bob retired and Dale purchased B & D Excavating.

B & D Automotive Service has changed in many ways since its beginning in 1969. The building size has increased with two additions, the first in 1970 and the last in 1984. The building now includes 7 bays, a large parts inventory area, and the business office. Denny manages the operations to assure that a complete up-to-date offering of automotive repair and maintenance service is provided with the customer's needs in mind. All of the technicians are graduates of Scott Community College and they continue to update their skills utilizing a variety of seminars and training sessions offered by automotive manufacturers and vendors. Areas of expertise include fuel injection, drive-ability diagnosis, electronic repair, brake repair & maintenance, and front-end alignment. Currently, there are four technicians: Michael McKinney, Harvey Ellsworth, Jerry Badtram, and Michael Greve. Karen Puck and Colleen Doolittle conduct the business administration.

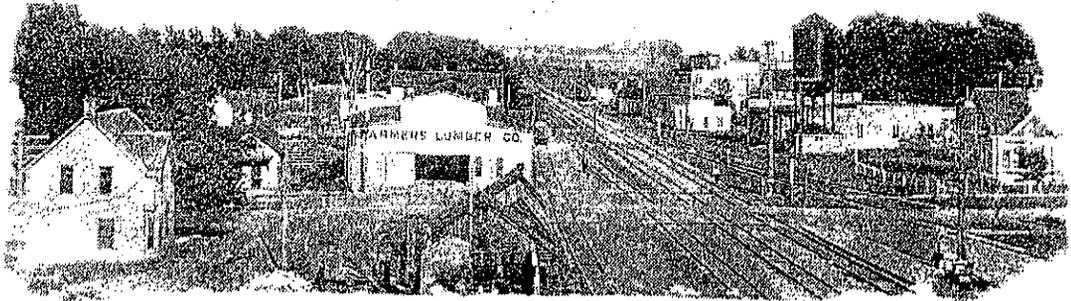
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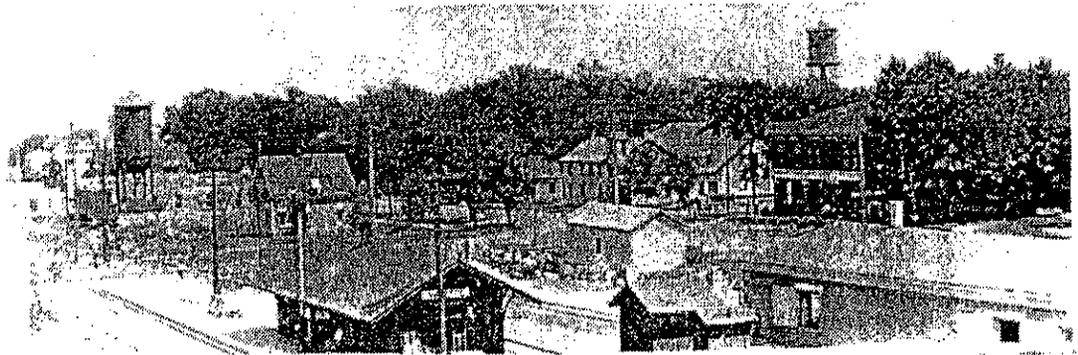
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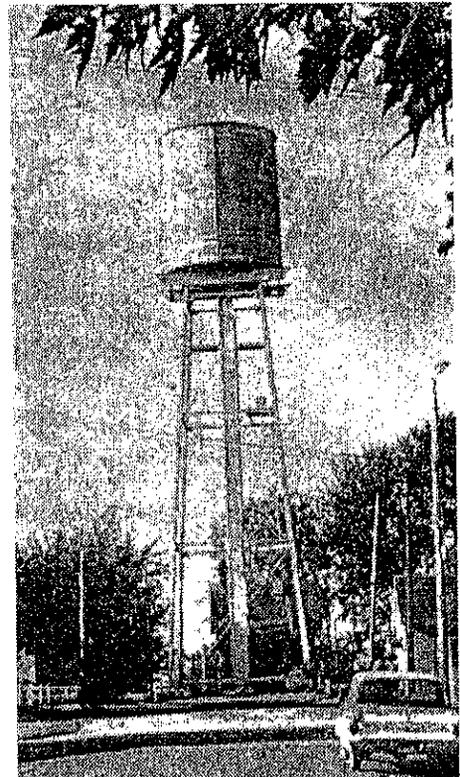
## WALCOTT'S WATER SYSTEM



Walcott's first well was located behind the Walcott Coliseum. It was located there to refill steam engines. This was also the site of Walcott's first water tower. Unfortunately there is no additional history available.



1898 Walcott completed its first water system to supply Walcott's citizens with safe drinking water and fire protection for the community. The second well, (115' deep) and tower was located on Henry Street, between Durant Street and Flagg Street. The tower being constructed of wood was 80 foot high to the top of the 20 foot tank. It's capacity was about 40,000 gallons. The roof was a cone shape. As the system aged, the City Council decided to replace the roof with a flat roof for easier maintenance.



My name is Mary Golinghorst and I have been an Independent Longaberger Basket Consultant for nine years now. My husband, Richard, and I have farmed in the Walcott area for over 30 years. We have four adult children, and while they were young I was fortunate enough to be a stay at home mom.

We had many fun and busy years with the kids' activities and farm work. I truly cherish those years.

I was introduced to Longaberger when I was invited to a home show almost 20 years ago. That is when it all started and since then, I have been a "basket case." I instantly fell in love with the quality

handcrafted products. Of course, I hosted a show and collected for about 12 years. I began selling the Longaberger baskets in 1995, deciding it was time to do something for myself. It has been a rewarding nine years and I have met wonderful people.

The Longaberger company has changed over the years from consisting of "just baskets" to include:

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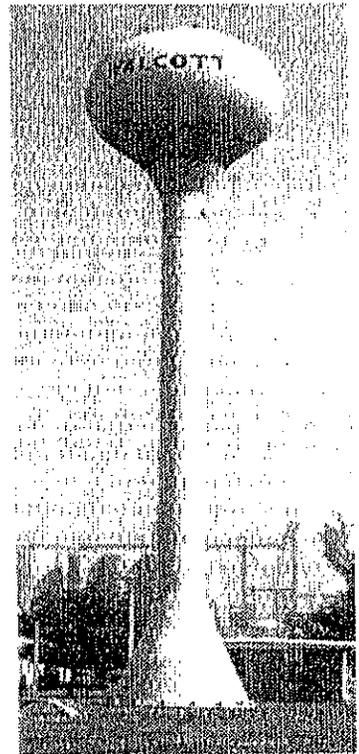
We have a wonderful line of products to decorate your home or give as gifts. My family will always be most important in my life, but Longaberger is my second love.

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On the left is Bev Keppy, my Branch Advisor, and me (Mary Golinghorst) on the right.

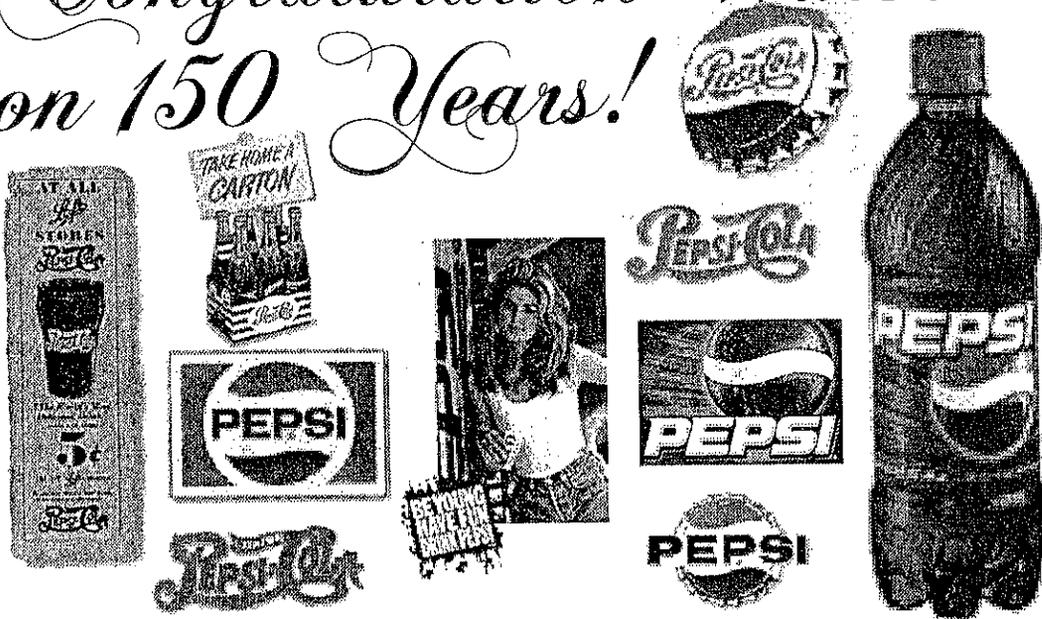
In 1967 because of growth in the community the system needed to be updated. A new well (#3) was drilled and a new treatment plant and tower was constructed. The tower is a steel sphere, with a capacity of 75,000 gallons. Later a chlorination system and standby power generator were added.



As the City continued to grow and the Interstate 80 area began to develop, the demand for water and fire protection increased. In 1995, two new wells (#4) & (#5) were drilled and a state of the art water treatment facility was built. At the same time a new water tower was constructed with the capacity of 500,000 gallons. This plant was put



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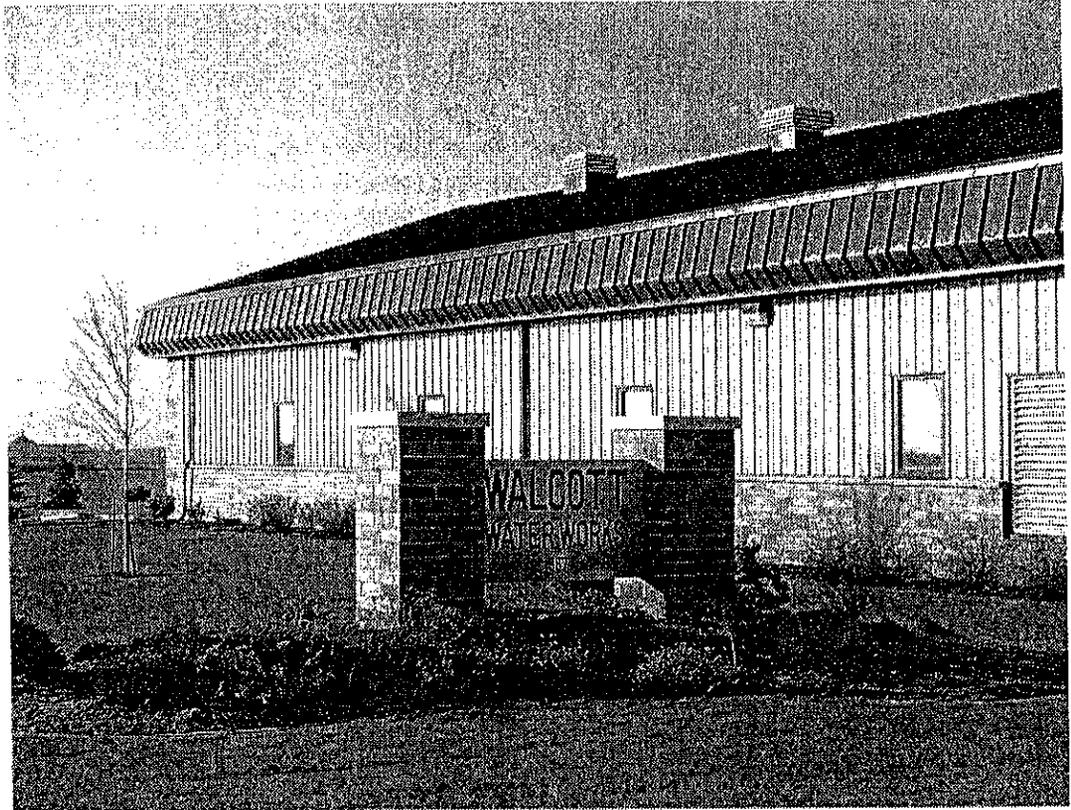
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into service in October of 1997. At the same time, a new 12" water main was installed between the new water treatment facility and the previous plant, and a 16" water main was run north to supply the Interstate I-80 area, with many businesses using the service. The capacity of this plant is 1000 gpm. (gallons per minute).



## WALCOTT SEWER SYSTEM

Walcott's first sewer disposal system was installed in 1914 under the administration of Mayor Louis Maack, and an ordinance requiring all buildings to be connected to the sewage system. Some work on the sewer system was done during the Depression Era by the WPA (Work Progress Administration). A septic tank was used at that time for treatment of the sewage. With growth came expansion and a new treatment system called "Lagoons" went into the process to treat the sewage.



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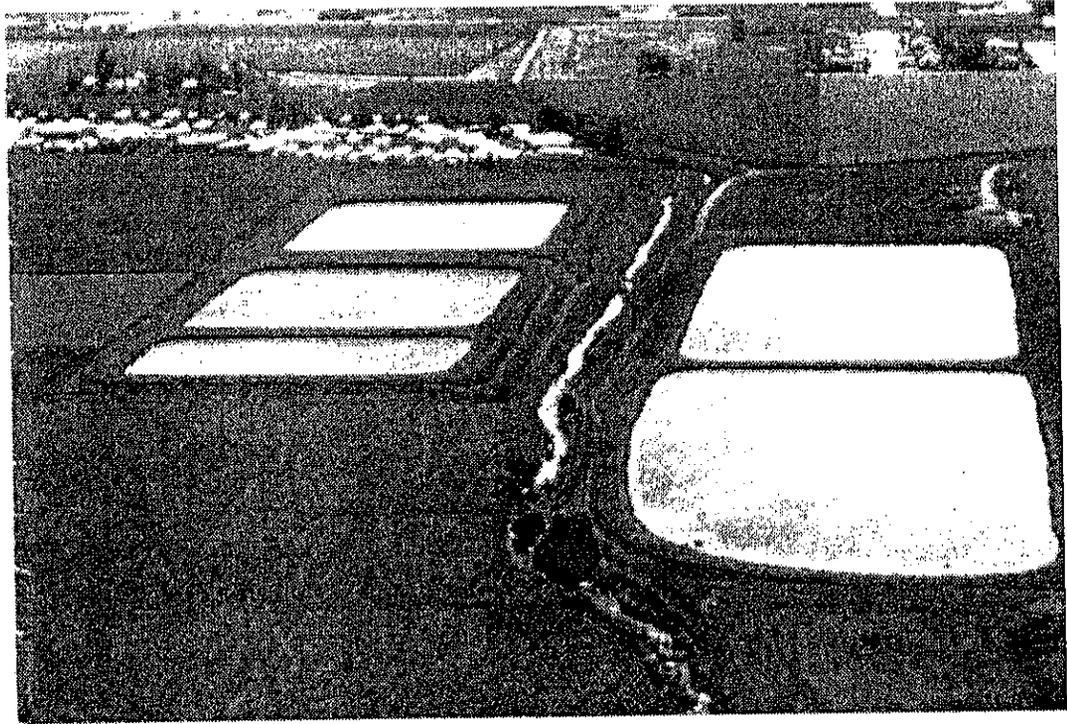
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In the late 60's, two lagoons were built with a third being added at a later date. In 1973 a sewer line was run to French-Hecht plant on Hwy Y40 and Memorial Rd.

With the continued growth of the Interstate 80 area the property owners petitioned the City to be able to get on the City sewer system and as a result a three-cell lagoon was built for the North Branch sewer district.





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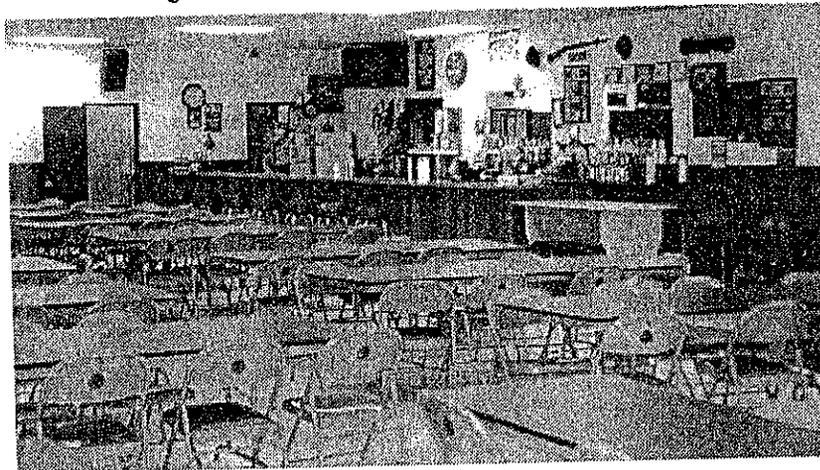
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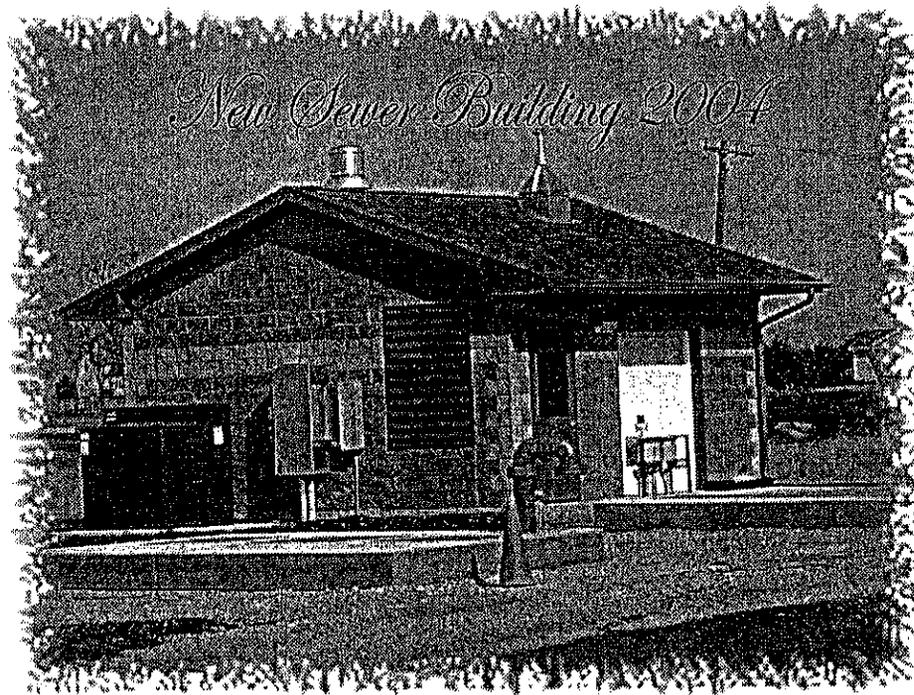


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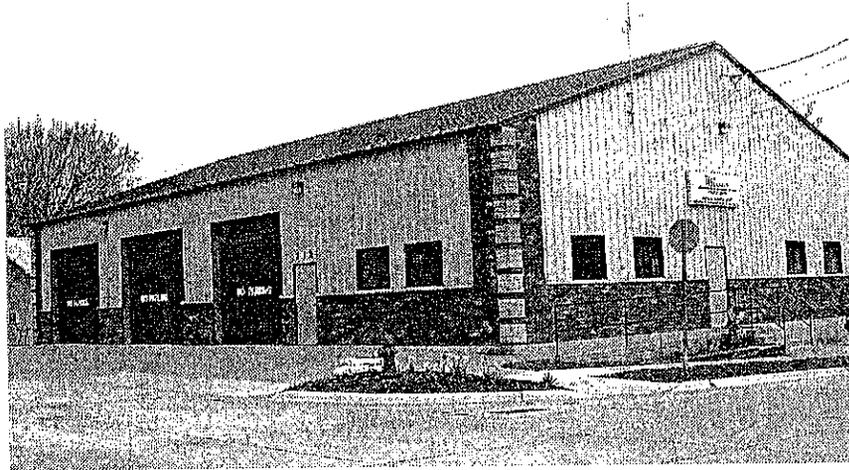
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The 1990's brought about an aeration system addition to the North and South Lagoon systems to give them added capacity.



The year 2003 started an upgrading of our sewer system, with the start of a new pumping station to replace the current 3 aging stations that we have. This project was completed and put on-line in December 2003. The next step for the City is to proceed with upgrading the treatment system. This will be coming in the very near future.

# WALCOTT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

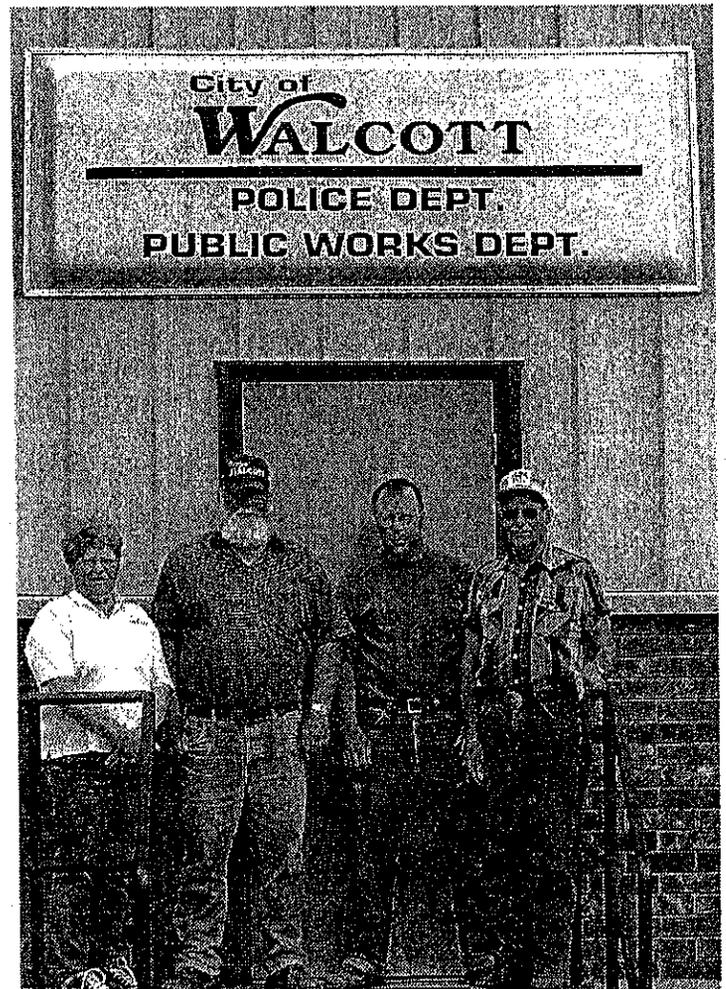


*New Public Works Building - 1998*

The Public Works Staff includes Public Works Director, John Brockmann, Scott Brockmann, Jody Siebel, Ben Beitel, and Bob Ellsworth. John started working for the City of Walcott in 1967 and Scott in 1982. Ben Beitel has also worked for the Public Works Dept. for approximately 32 years and Jody joined the staff in 1996. The combined years of service for the Public Works Department equal 99 years.



John and Scott are State Certified License Water and Wastewater treatment and Water Distribution operators and Jody holds a State Certification License in Water Treatment and Distribution. Ben and Bob are heavy equipment operators.



Jody Siebel  
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(22 yrs.)  
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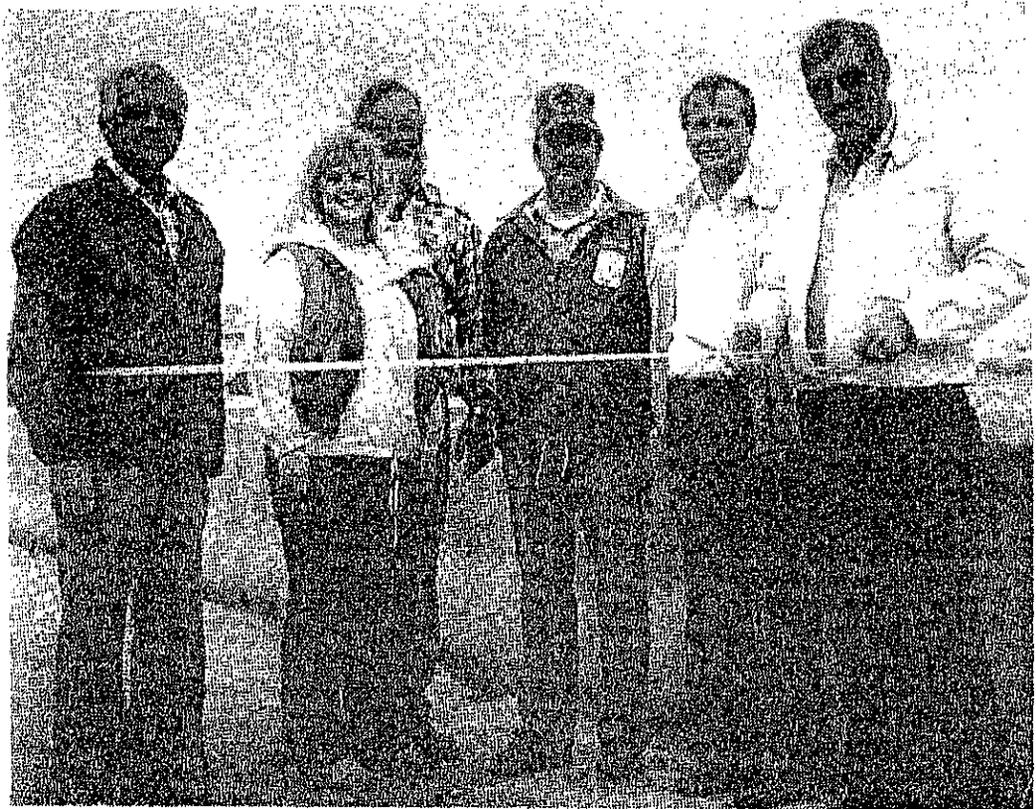
## WALCOTT STREETS DEPARTMENT

When the City of Walcott was first settled, streets were dirt. After many years of growing, we are on a continuous path to upgrade and improve the streets in our community.

For many years, the City has worked with crews to keep our tar and chipped streets in desirable condition. We were later able to proceed with a yearly paving program.

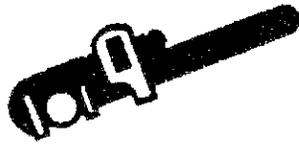
In 1983, the City bought the William Paustian property at the corner of Main Street and Cedar Lane Drive. The home on this property was in the needed street-right-of-way. Since then we have paved one or two blocks each year on Main Street.

In 1984, a new bridge was installed on Main Street to replace an aging structure. This was the start of the "Main Street Improvement Projects".



At the bridge opening from left are: Dale Warnecke, City Council Member; Jackie Huston, City Council Member; John Brockmann, Public Works Director; Lowell Lund, City Council Member and Fire Chief; Myron Scheibe, Engineer for the bridge; and Leon Downing, Mayor. (North Scott Press Photo)

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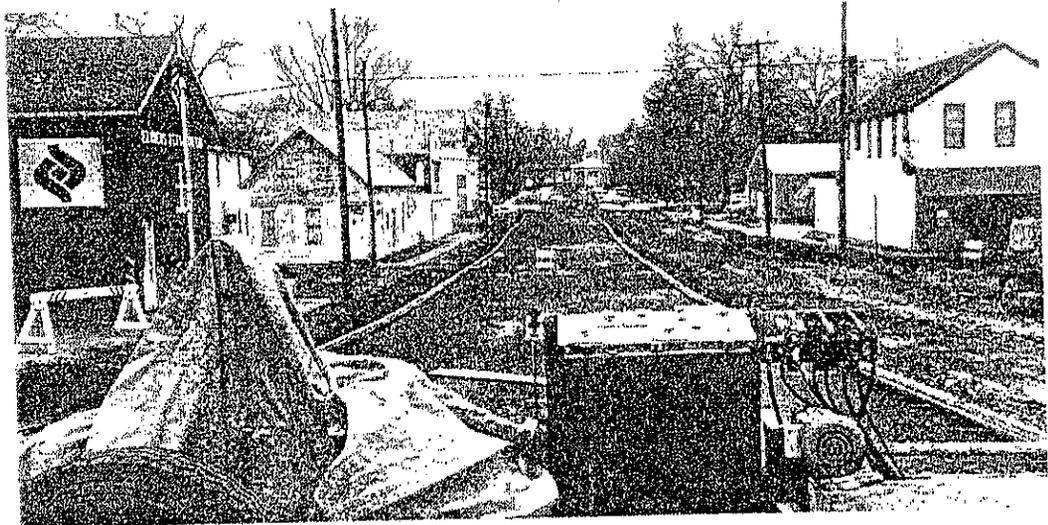
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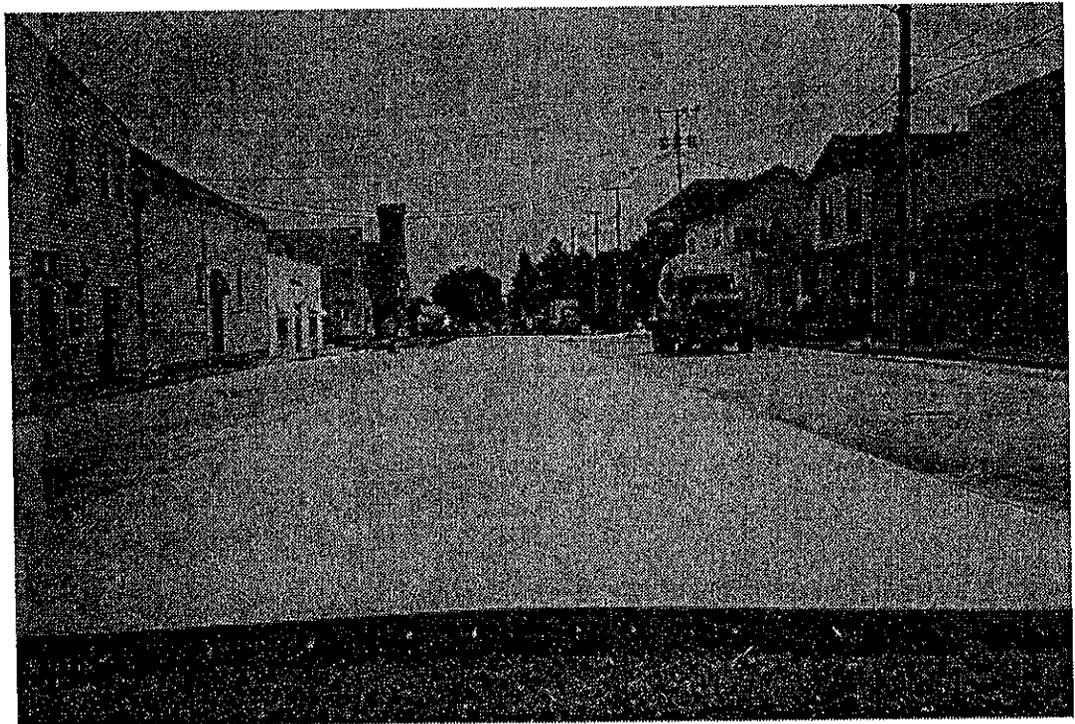
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Main Street under construction. (North Scott Press Photo)

In 1991, curb/gutter and new street construction of concrete was done on West Durant Street from Main Street to Powers Street. A total of three blocks of new concrete was put in.

In 1993, concrete paving was done on East Bryant Street from Main Street to Henry Street.



East Bryant Street completed in 1993. (North Scott Press Photo)

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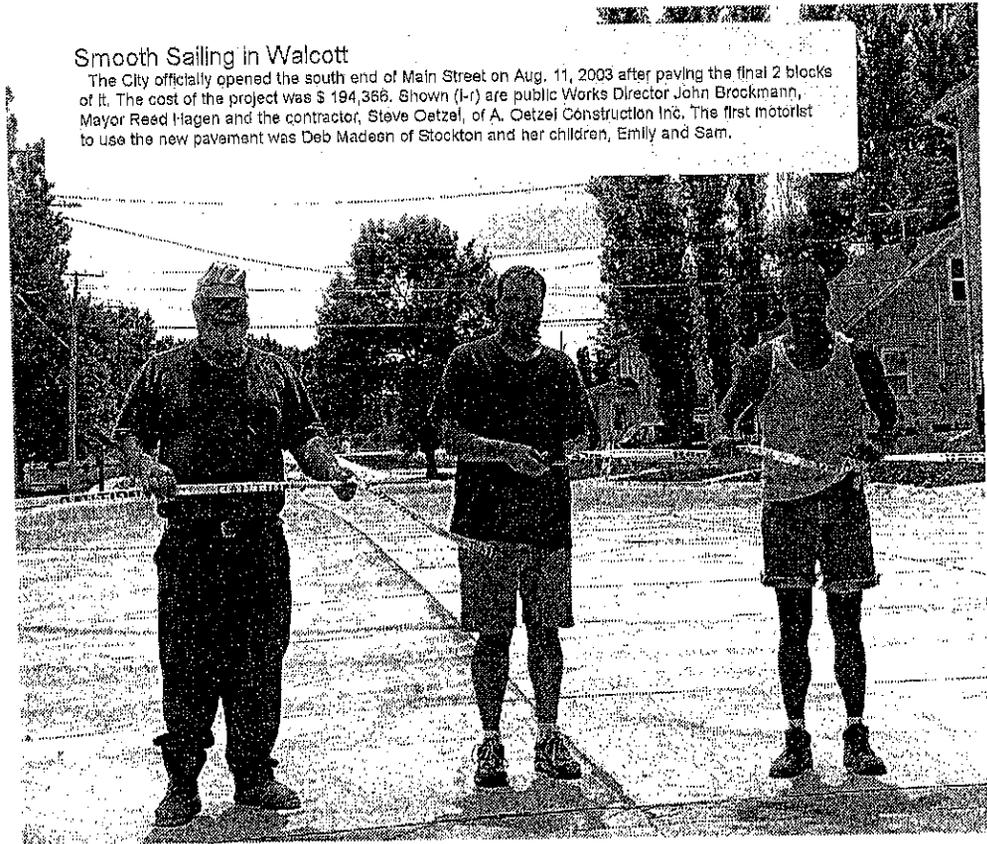
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In 1995, our progress continued when new concrete was installed on East James Street from Grove Street intersection to the Walcott Elementary School. The most recent completion to the updates on James Street were finished in 2002. The last three blocks of East James Street from the beginning of the school property to highway Y-40 were finished with new curbing and concrete street.

#### Smooth Sailing in Walcott

The City officially opened the south end of Main Street on Aug. 11, 2003 after paving the final 2 blocks of it. The cost of the project was \$ 194,366. Shown (l-r) are public Works Director John Brockmann, Mayor Reed Hagen and the contractor, Steve Oetzel, of A. Oetzel Construction Inc. The first motorist to use the new pavement was Deb Madson of Stockton and her children, Emily and Sam.



Opening Main Street are: John Brockmann, Public Works Director, Reed Hagen, Mayor; and Steve Oetzel, Contractor. (North Scott Press Photo)

In 2003, we drove the "Golden Spike" when Main Street was completely finished. From the intersection of Main Street and Durant Street, we continued south to Memorial Road to complete the "Main Street Improvement Project".

## WALCOTT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

In 1976, Michael Druhl, Paul Boyle, Hugo Holst, Dale Askew, and Don Denklau were the first members of the Park Advisory Agency, currently called the Parks and Recreation Board. The board advises the City Council on the needed facilities to provide open space such as parks, playgrounds, and community facilities for other forms of recreation.



The City currently has four parks for the enjoyment of the general public. Victory Park is located on the corner of East James Street and North Henry Street. Some of the amenities include a basketball court, a softball/baseball diamond, playground equipment, shuffleboard court and restrooms. There are also two picnic shelters available for company picnics, family gatherings, birthday parties, or any special occasion. Wescott Park is located on the corner of West James Street and North Parker Street. Some of the amenities include a softball/baseball diamond, playground equipment, restrooms, and two picnic shelters. Southwest of Wescott Park is a pitching machine and two tennis courts. The planning of Welcome Park began in the fall of 1992 and is located on North Main Street and Cedar Lane Drive. This is a welcome center for the City with a brick paved memorial sidewalk. There are perennial gardens surrounding the park,

a wildflower garden just north of the park, and plans are in progress for construction of a memorial gazebo. Watertower Park is located at the corner of South Main Street and Memorial Drive. Playground equipment, a soccer field, and a portable toilet facility are available.



Current members of the board are Mike Engler, Virgil Lund, Chairman; Greg Riessen, Vice-Chairman; Larry Reiling, and Glenn Moeller; and Lisa Rickertsen, Secretary (absent). (Submitted by Lisa Rickertsen)



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## PLANNING AND ZONING

The Walcott Planning and Zoning Commission was established in 1963. It is their responsibility to promote orderly growth and appropriate land uses within the city. They make recommendations to the City Council for approval of new subdivisions, rezoning, and zoning regulations. The Zoning Board of Adjustments was established in 1977 and has the ability to grant exceptions to the zoning sections of the City Code. They meet only when a variance has been requested. The current members of the ZBA are Brent Arp, Chairman, Mary Pat Allmandinger, Mike Clayton, Jason Holdorf, and Scott Mosier.



Members of P & Z are: Seated: Jocelyn Dietz (19 yrs. member, 7 yrs. Secretary), Steve Smith, Chairman, (20 yrs.), Julie Scott (4 yrs.). Standing: Mike Sissel (4 yrs.), Tom Newcomb (2 yrs.), Larry Snyder (2 yrs.), John Kostichek (4 yrs.). Absent from photo: Jackie Huston, Secretary (2 yrs.) (Submitted by Jackie Huston)

## KIDS FIRST

When Kevin and Jody Moeller and some friends decided Victory Park needed some new playground equipment, they founded Kids First to raise the necessary funds. The group held a Halloween Fright Night, raffle, and a bake sale to attract funds and patrons. A Kids First account was opened at Walcott Trust and Savings Bank. Various charitable organizations, businesses, governmental agencies, and countless special individuals donated gifts to the fund. The playground equipment was dedicated June 4, 1995.



Playground equipment at Victory Park. (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

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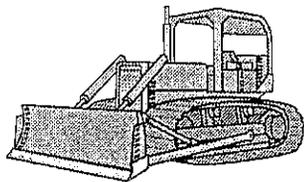
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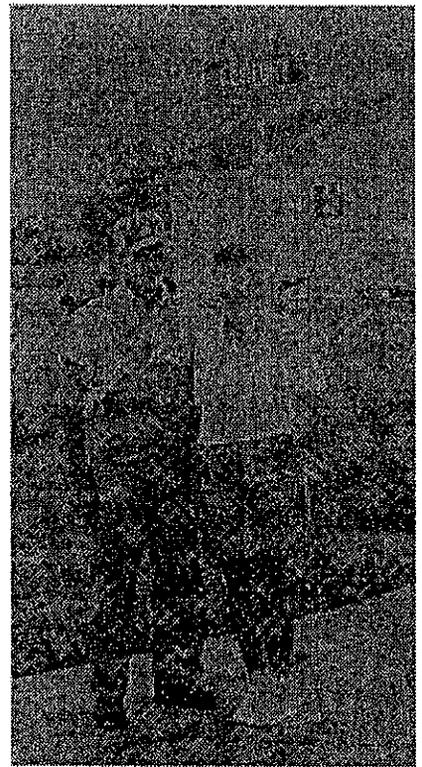
Walcott welcomed senior housing in 1986 when Jerry Stierwalt built a 6-unit complex at Flagg and Rowe Streets.



Stierwalt Apartments (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

Martz Addition: Warren and Darlene Martz developed a new 16-lot subdivision in June 1995. It is located northwest of the Walcott School on East James Street and features large, level lots, paved streets, underground city utilities and decorative street lighting.

Westbrook is located on the northwest edge of Walcott. In 1995, MG Investment, LC, with owners Bob and Marcia Golinghorst and Keith Meyer, purchased the area from Art and Hermina Puck. Half of the property has been platted for 29 single-family homes. Westbrook offers lots with underground city utilities, paved streets and decorative street lighting.



Warren and Darlene Martz  
(North Scott Press Photo)

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Entrance to Westbrook addition (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

## WALCOTT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Walcott Economic Development Committee was formed in 1996 by then Mayor Leon Downing in response to the fire that destroyed the Hawkeye Building Distributors office and warehouse. The destruction of Hawkeye's buildings resulted in their moving to another city and the loss of several jobs within the community. Since that time, the committee has had a role in several matters relating to the economic development of the community including: the 1998 revision of the Community Builder Plan and Scott County Housing Study, a property tax rebate program to encourage building in the City's TIF district, the acquisition of the Hawkeye Building Distributors' former warehouse land by the City, a survey of landowners around Walcott for future annexation and development, the development of the City's website, the addition of a medical clinic, and a feasibility study for a future grocery store. During its existence, the committee has met with businesses that could potentially locate in Walcott and coordinated information from the City

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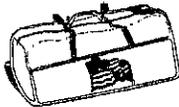
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## **WALCOTT CHAMBER**

Walcott Chamber of Commerce was started in the year 2000 with a group of business people from Walcott who wanted a way to help promote the businesses in our community. The board of directors consists of 5 members and there are approximately 50 business members. Our membership runs from January to January.

In our 3 years of existence, we have had many accomplishments: the Walcott Newsletter, Welcome Baskets for new residents of our community, Business Expo, monetary donations to the Fire Department, Angel Tree, Ed Brus Memorial, Santa Breakfast and many more.

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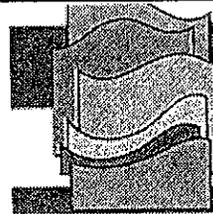
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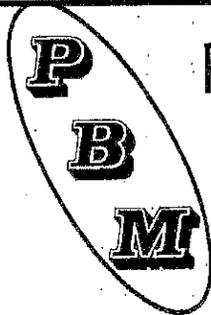
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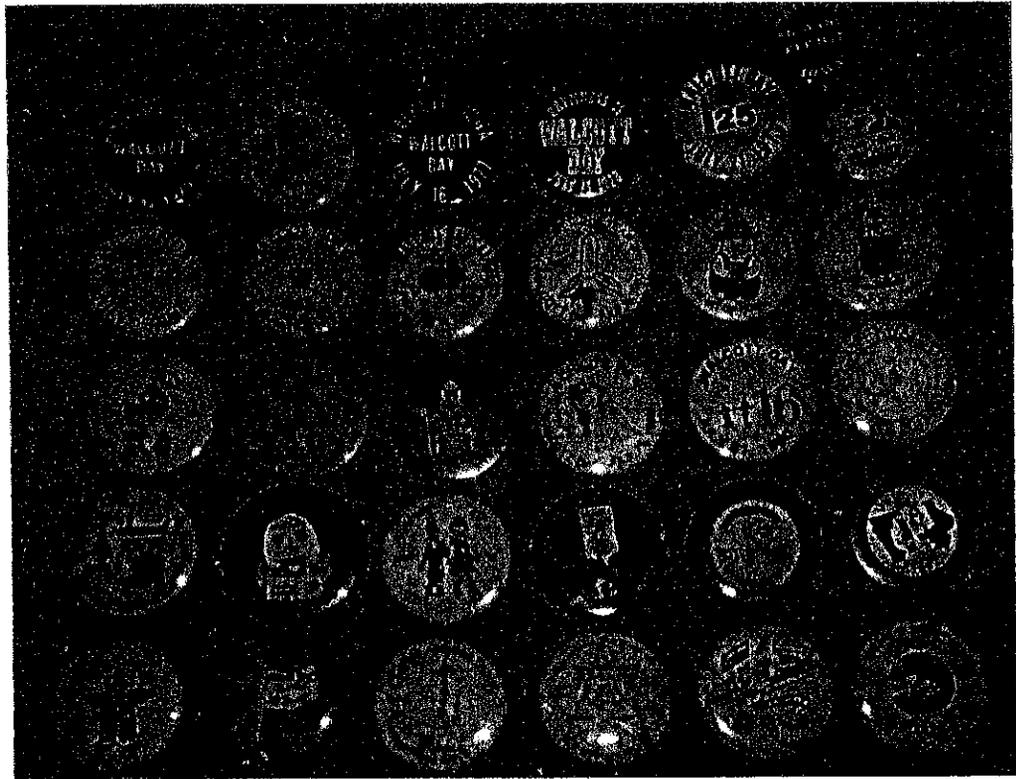
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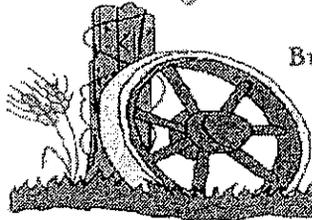
This button collection is from Tim Meyer and this year's button, pictured on page 1, was designed by Nicole Meyer. (Submitted by Gerry Meyer)

The celebration entitled Walcott Day originated when a group of Walcott businessmen decided to have an Appreciation Day for their customers. Sandwiches and drinks were provided and a lot of people took part. So many enjoyed the day that the group decided to have it again in 1975, but organized by electing officers to manage the planning of the event. The purpose of banding together was to work for improvements for the City of Walcott and have fun doing it. Every organization in town is entitled to have a representative at the meetings.

Since 1976, a theme has been chosen for the celebration. That year was the Bicentennial Celebration for the U.S.A. The theme sets the tone for the day, providing ideas for the button design and parade. A parade marshal or marshals is selected every year. A queen is also selected each year. The queen candidates sell buttons and raffle tickets ahead of time and also do interviews and prepare

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essays on a chosen topic. Walcott Day Queens from 1975-2003 include: Mary Harmsen, Kris Levetzow, Nancy Wadsworth, Roxanne Staub, Shelley Arp, Jodee Meyer, Sara Warnecke, Beth Huesmann, Paula Arp, Kathy Willis, Kristal Koberg, Amy Lund, Jill Hudson, Candace Stender, Debra Potter, Justine Kelding, Kim Koberg, Sara Mills, Tracy Seibel, Melissa Peck, Amanda Buesing, Rhonda Wells, Jill Garvin, Alice Allmandinger, Katy Byington, Bridget VanDenBerghe, Callie Thrapp, Sara Sorensen, and Donielle McCleery. In 2003 in addition to a Walcott Day Queen, a Walcott Day Princess was chosen. The princess candidates were also responsible for selling buttons and tickets, as well as doing interviews and drawings. The very first Walcott Day Princess was Bailey Kraft. 2003 was a record year for button and ticket sales.

The day's events have featured a great variety of entertainment. Yearly regulars include the parade, flag raising, arts and crafts, pie contest and auction, button design, bingo, horseshoe, pedal tractor pull, teen dance, queen and princess contest, kids games, and Ronald McDonald. Other entertainments have included donkey ballgame, hoop fest, car show, water fights, sumo wrestling, water balloon toss and pinewood derby.

Various singing groups and bands offer daytime and evening fun. A variety of food and drink is available all day.

Since 1993, a Community Service Award has been given to a person or persons willing to contribute their time to promote good will and improvements for citizens of the Walcott area. Those chosen for this honorable award have been:

1993	Ben & Loretta Beitel
1994	Mary Lincoln & Larry Koberg
1995	Nancy Engler & Keith Meyer
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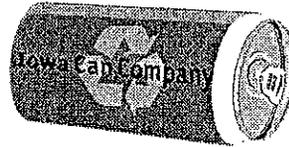
- 2001 Kelly Krummel & Glenn Moeller
- 2002 Carol Coe, Carol Snay & Brian Ganzer
- 2003 Bernice Koberg & Jim Lincoln

In the year 2002, the pie contest set records. A total of 50 pies were auctioned for a total of \$6,752.50. Unbelievable! Walcott has a lot of dedicated and very good pie bakers!

The chairpersons for Walcott Day have been elected from assorted occupations; from farmers to bank and insurance employees, to salespersons, carpenters and homemakers. The list includes: Tom Campbell, Clara Mordhorst, Walt Pries, Keith Meyer, Larry Koberg, Nancy Engler, Kenneth Puck, Loretta Beitel, Todd Meyer, Ruth Hamann, Kevin Coughlin, Dick Hagen, Don Knutsen, Mary Lincoln, Brent Arp, Kristal Koberg-Schaeffer, Dave and Sue Huntley, Bernice Koberg, and Janet Brockmann.



Seated (l-r): Keith Meyer, Clara Mordhorst, Mary Lincoln, and Nancy Engler. Standing (l-r): Larry Koberg, Ruth Hamann, Todd Meyer, Walt Pries, and Dick Hagen. (Submitted by Keith Meyer)



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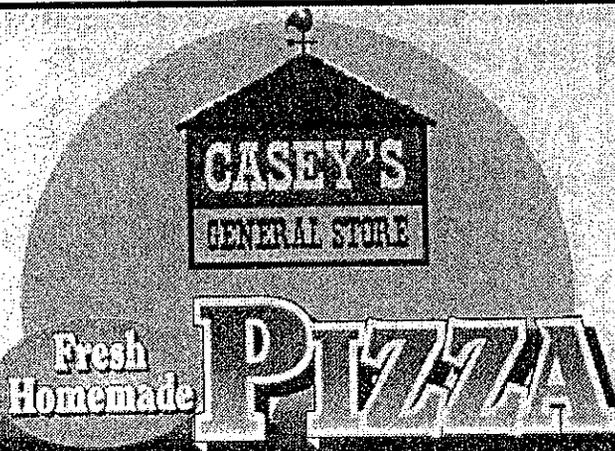
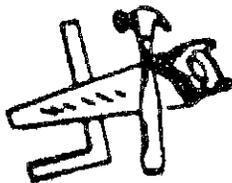
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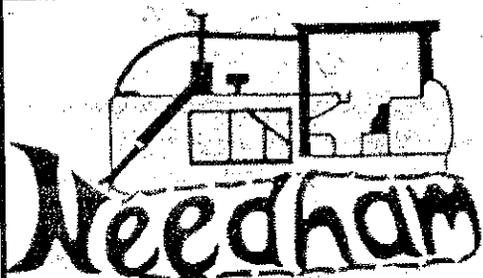
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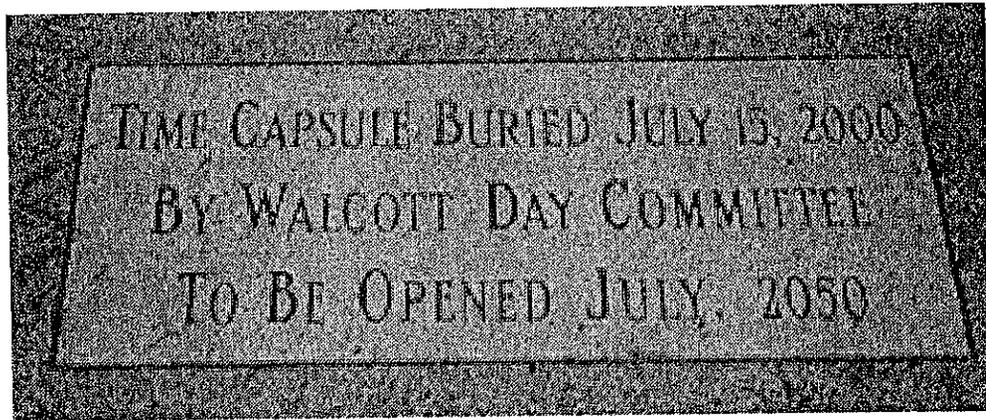
Seated (l-r): Janet Brockmann, Sue Huntley, Bernice Koberg, and Loretta Beitel. Standing (l-r): Brent Arp, Kenneth Puck, and Dave Huntley. (Submitted by Gerry Meyer)

Walcott has benefited greatly from Walcott Day. Improvements have been made to ball diamonds, park shelters, Welcome Park, food shacks, playground equipment, bleachers and picnic tables. Donations have been welcomed by the Walcott Fire Department, Walcott Lions, Durant Ambulance, Durant School Track Fund, Walcott School, Walcott Library, Ronald McDonald House, Angel Tree, Walcott Forever Green, and Little League. Walcott Day provides Christmas lights and banners for the streets and puts up flags for holidays.

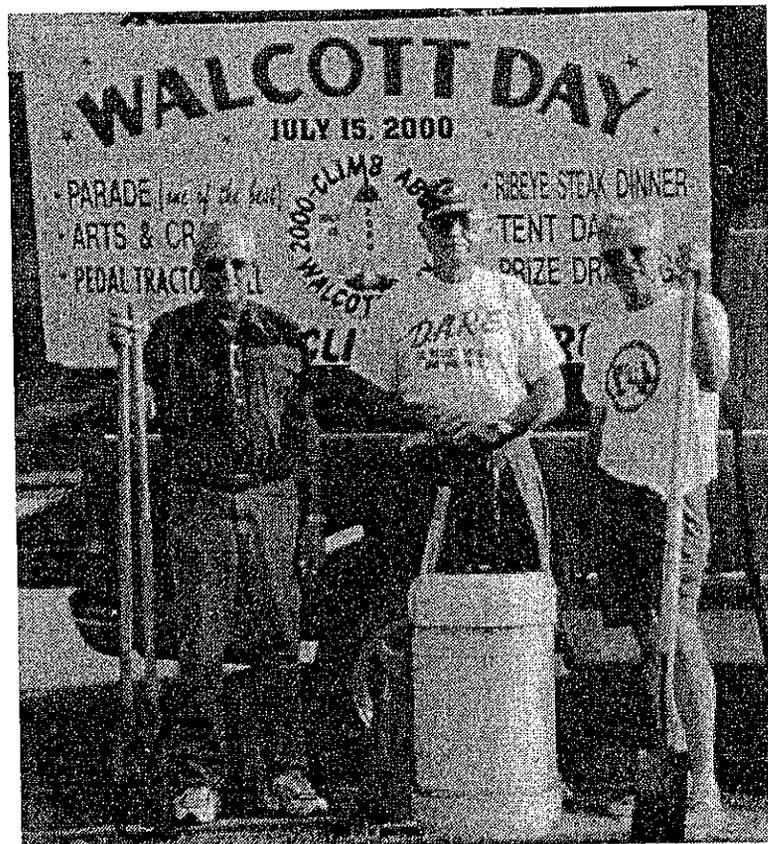


Many thousands of dollars have been applied to the improvements and beautification of the City of Walcott. Walcott Day is justly proud of their achievements.

The esteemed founder of Walcott – William (Willie) Walcott; alias Dick Hagen is in attendance every year on Walcott Day.



In the year 2000, the Walcott Day Committee, with the help of local business owners and organizations, contributed memorabilia and information for a time capsule that was buried in Victory Park. About 50 businesses and organizations contributed to a stone marker at the site of the time capsule, which is scheduled to be opened in July of 2050. Walter Reese was the chairman of the project.

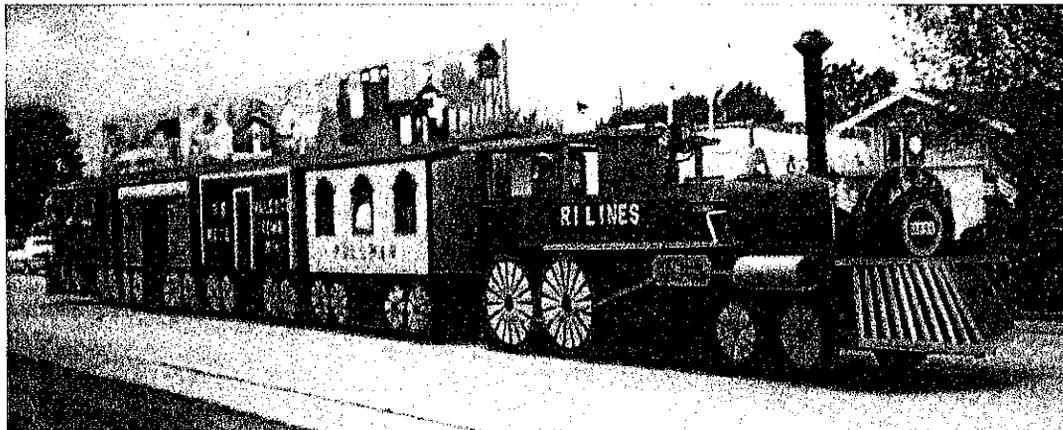


Ben Beitel, Walter Reese, and Keith Meyer preparing to bury the capsule. (Submitted Keith Meyer)



Walcott Day Committee 2000, Victory Park Time Capsule Location. Front row: Mary Lincoln, Eugene Siebke, Ruth Siebke, Ruth Hamann, Mayor Reed Hagen, Keith Meyer, Maria Green, Kassie Krummel, Brenda Arp, Dick Hagen, Kristal Schaefer, and Ben Beitel. Back row: Ron Buikema, Arlene Johansen, Water Reese, Loretta Beitel, Janet Brockmann, Nancy Engler, Dianne Hausch, Ardel Moeller, Larry Koberg, Bernice Koberg, Carol Snay, Glenn Moeller, Brent Arp, Carol Coe Lamp, Kelly Krummel, Jim Harmsen, and Mike Engler. (Submitted by Carol Snay)

## WALCOTT'S HISTORICAL TRAIN



(Submitted by Elizabeth Holst)

This train commemorating the history of Walcott was an entry in the Sesquicentennial Salute Parade in Davenport, Iowa, on May 25, 1996, celebrating Iowa's 150 years of statehood. Local clubs and individuals donated many hours and funds in developing the "Walcott Train", which was 80 feet long. The float consisted of a locomotive mounted on a pickup truck, a Pullman car, mail car, livestock car and caboose. Painted murals depicting some of Walcott's landmark buildings were mounted atop the train. The train was in several area parades throughout the summer including the Walcott Day Parade on July 20, 1996. Walcott received the Community Award from the Sesquicentennial Parade.



(Submitted by Elizabeth Holst)

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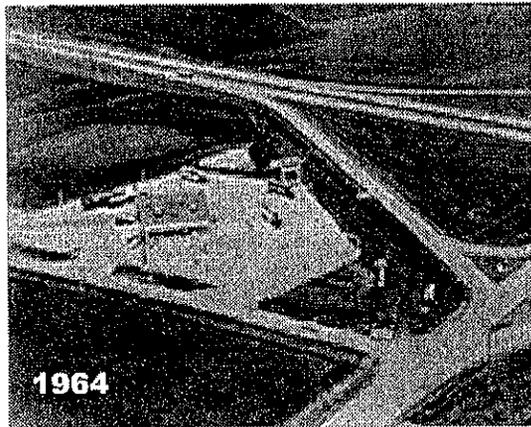


The 2004 Officers are: Front Row (l-r): Marcella Siegel, Recording Secretary; Grace Dietz, Corresponding Secretary; and Marion Spenger, Treasurer. Back Row (l-r): Wm. Storjohann, First Vice-President; Lee Muller, President; G. Dean Rohweder, Second Vice-President. (Submitted by Jean Mumm)

The American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) was established January 8, 1989 at the Lamp Memorial Building in Durant, Iowa when over 150 individuals were interested in preserving and promoting their heritage in Schleswig-Holstein. Our hope is to encourage cultural exchange, studies of the language and dialects – also hold conferences, seminars, lectures and other programs. The membership extends worldwide.

Our genealogist offers family research assistance to members and has created “Trees and Twigs” (Pedigree Chart) published in the ASHHS’s bi-monthly “Newsletter”. An ASHHS Endowment Fund was established to assist in research and promotion of our heritage.

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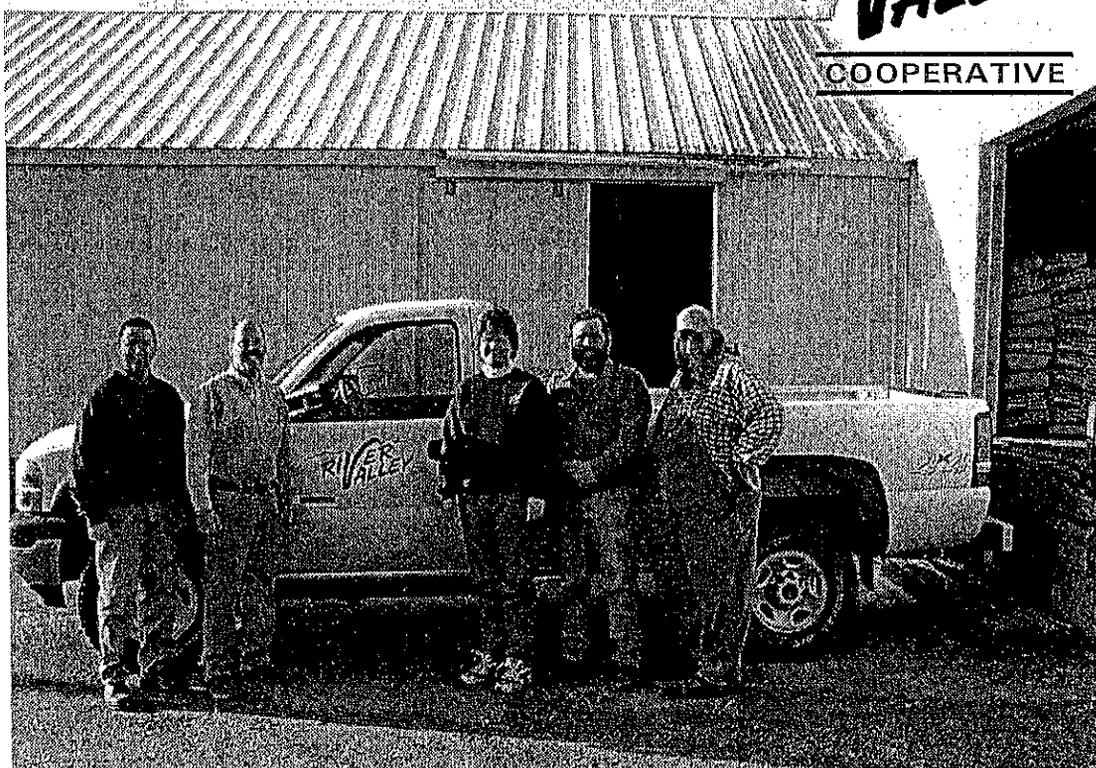
ASHHS is assisting with the 2004 Walcott Sesquicentennial Celebration as well as working on the 2005 Platt (Low-German) Conference to be held in Walcott.

For more information check our Web Site – [www.ASHHS.org](http://www.ASHHS.org) or our offices in the Walcott American Legion.

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In 1996, our company merged with two surrounding local cooperatives and our name became what we are known as today: River Valley Cooperative. As agriculture evolved over the years so has our company. However, as in 1905, our goals remain the same today: River Valley Cooperative strives to provide competitive products and personalized services to increase the efficiency and productivity of our member-owners.

Today we have 16 locations in eastern Iowa with 2,815 Class A & B members who own stock in our company. Our four core areas of business are Grain, Feed, Agronomy, and Energy. Our Walcott location currently has five full-time employees: Lon Warnecke, Angie (Golinghorst) Ehlers, Scott Mosier (Agronomist), Louie Allers (LP delivery), and Danny Winkelman (Fuel Delivery).



Left to Right: Scott Mosier, Lon Warnecke, Angie (Golinghorst) Ehlers, Danny Winkelman, and Louie Allers.

## SISTER CITY



The seeds for the sister city relationship were sown by retired Walcott farmer Glenn Sievers, who stopped in Bredenbek while touring Germany with his wife in 1995. A descendent of Schleswig-Holstein immigrants, he struck up a conversation in Low German with an innkeeper, who gave him a calendar of historic town scenes as a gift. Back in Walcott, Glenn wrote to Bredenbek officials and kept in contact with the Mayor Hans-Werner Hamann. Soon they

were discussing a sister city relationship. On July 19, 1997 (Walcott Day), representatives of Walcott and Bredenbek forged a bond they said could serve as a model for future German-American relations. Walcott Mayor Leon Downing and Bredenbek Mayor Hans-Werner Hamann signed a resolution making their communities sister cities. Fifteen Bredenbek residents attended this ceremony. Celebrity guest, Eric Braeden, actor on "The Young and The Restless", and native of Bredenbek, also attended the ceremony.

In May 2001, Marko and Diana Schiefelbein, who live near Bredenbek, visited Walcott. Diana, who works in city government in Kiel, Germany, experienced training in our Walcott City Hall. Lisa Rickertsen spent time showing Diana how our city functions. John Brockmann gave Diana and her husband a tour of the water plant and Public Works Department.

The latest sister city exchange was a tour in June 2002, when 28 people traveled to Bredenbek. The Walcott area visitors received a grand welcome complete with skits and musical numbers.



Reed Hagen, Hans-Werner Hamann, Leon Downing (submitted by Lee Muller)

*CONGRATULATIONS to 150-year-old City of Walcott from your Sister City Bredenbek.*

*We are very proud to be your Sister City. Bredenbek is the first and only municipality member of the American/Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society (ASHHS) located in Walcott.*

*Historically, Bredenbek is mentioned for the first time in a document dated 1278. Since disbanding of the manor districts in 1928, Bredenbek has been an independent community. So at the same time, Bredenbek is older and younger than Walcott.*

*We wish all the people of Walcott a very nice, happy, and wonderful celebration on Walcott Day. We hope someday you will also celebrate your 725<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in this period of time we will continue the friendship that we have now.*

*On behalf of the City Council of Bredenbek and all the people of Bredenbek,*

*Hans-Werner Hamann, Burgomeister (Mayor)*