

POST OFFICE

The post office is a very important part of the City of Walcott. In about 1960, the post office moved to its present location and has been remodeled twice. The first time, it took over the barbershop located in the front west side of the building. The second remodeling took place in 1999 when it obtained the apartment located on the back west side.

The Postmasters since the beginning have been: F. W. Kefferstein, Henry Sutton, Bernhard Schwarting, Norman Leabo, Alma Camblin, Clarence Knaack, Richard Tank, Lillian Gasseling, Darold Dietz (Acting PM.), Stanley Stender (Acting PM) Robert Staub, Kristine Hutchcroft (OIC), and Sally Turner.

Over the years, Walcott rural routes have served a very large area—from Buffalo to Donahue, including the towns of Maysville and Plainview. Rural carriers delivering the mail included: William J. Fromme, Henry Lendt, Alfred Buchmeyer, Rudolph Blank, Howard Rathmann, Mr. Brown, Henry Garlock, Wayne Tomlinson, Gustav Fick, Ben Martin, Phillip Petersen, Rudolph F. Bluedorn, Richard Tank, Anna Wegener, Robert Schlapkohl, Max Ganzer, and Gail Otto.

The present employees are: Sally Turner, Angela Deters, Ann Kessler, Donald Schumaker, David Rowland, Brett Spengler, and Shelley Lincoln.



Post Office at 117 East Bryant Street. (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

WALCOTT SCHOOL

In 1855, William Walcott donated \$500 for the construction of a school building. In 1955, Walcott and the surrounding area consolidated several one-room schoolhouse districts into the Walcott Community District. In 1965, Walcott, Blue Grass, Buffalo, and Linwood merged with the Davenport School District.

A brick structure was completed in 1956 (West portion of present facility). This structure was added to in 1958, 1961, and 1970. In August 2000, Walcott School started a new face-lift. Funding the two million dollar addition and remodeling project was made possible by the one-cent sales tax increase. There have been many improvements to the school in the last few years. All of these improvements have helped to make our school a bright and modern learning facility.



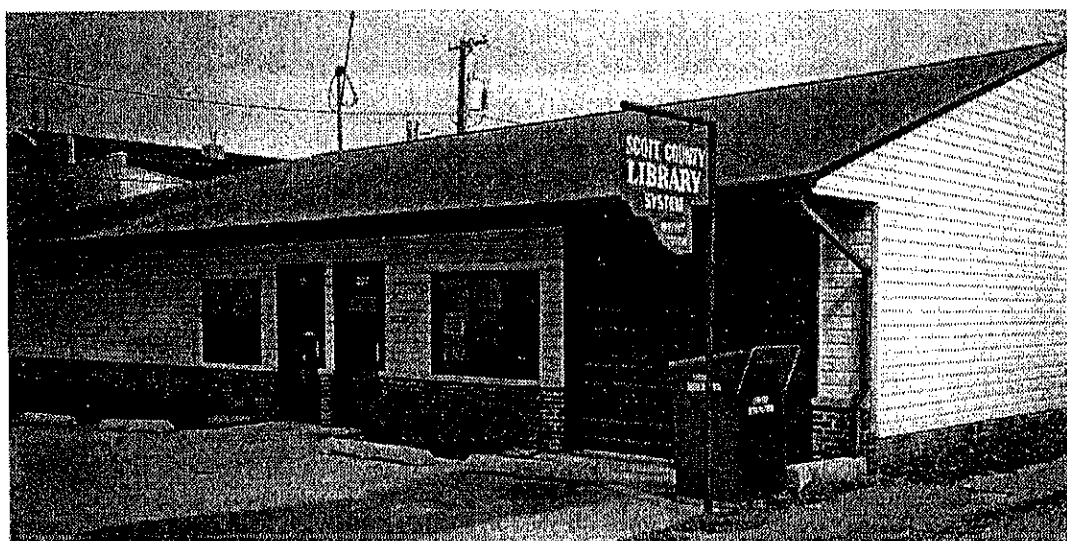
New Entrance to Walcott School. (Submitted by Gerry Meyer)

2003-2004 enrollment:	184 elementary students
	428 intermediate students
	15 elementary teachers
	29 intermediate teachers
	36 support staff
	1 Principal
	1 Associate Principal

Principals since merging with the Davenport School District:

Mr. Emmett C. Dohse	1965-1968
Mr. Roger Berry	1968-1972
Mr. Roby Fretwell	1972
Mr. George Latta	1973-1981
Mr. Dellmer Sly	1981-1989
Mr. Joseph Kussatz	1989-1998
Mrs. Nancy Jacobson	1998-2002
Dr. Erica Goldstone	2002-Present

LIBRARY



Walcott Branch Library at 207 South Main Street. (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

The Walcott Branch of the Scott County Library System was opened in September 1952, in the front section of the Warnecke warehouse on North Main Street. From there it moved to 101 East Durant Street, the east side of Niebuhr's Market, in 1969. In 1983, it was relocated to 221 East Bryant Street, in the Dietz Electrical building. Since 1996, it has been located at 207 South Main Street, across from the bank. The library area was expanded to include a separate room for children's materials in 2002.

The library offers a wide range of services, including a copy machine, fax machine, and Internet access. There

are a wide variety of items available for checkout. They include: videos, DVDs, magazines, books on cassette and CD, music cassettes and CDs, as well as fiction, non-fiction, and reference books for adults and children.

The library is currently open 21 hours per week. Debbie Jacobs has been the librarian since 2001.

THE WALCOTT CEMETERY COMPANY



Walcott Cemetery Gate. (Submitted by Loretta Beitel)

The Walcott Cemetery Company was organized and incorporated prior to March 30, 1882. Records were destroyed by a fire on January 24, 1883. The Memorial Cemetery was plotted out in 1968. In May 1992, the Golinghorst family transferred a parcel of land to the Walcott Cemetery Company. This new addition is to be marked as a part of the Memorial Cemetery. A section was deeded back for the Golinghorst family plot.

In 1954, Louis Maack asked Kenneth Dietz to be Secretary-Treasurer. Some time later, Robert Staub was elected President.

The present officers are:

President	Loretta Beitel
Vice President	Keith Meyer
Secretary	Lois Cox
Treasurer	Richard Golinghorst
Board of Directors	Irma Barber
	Marti Brinning
	Donna Davison
	James Brockmann

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Calvary United Methodist Church continues to thrive in the Walcott community. In 1987, a new Administrative/Educational wing was dedicated. It holds classrooms, a preschool room, and offices. Because the old fellowship hall wasn't large enough to seat everyone, a new Social Hall was built in 1994. It was designed to be a recreational room as well as a room for eating. Basketball is played there and jazzercise classes have been held there, in addition to church meals, funeral luncheons, anniversary receptions, showers, etc. We celebrated our 50th anniversary in 1998.

Now in 2003, with 375 members, a second worship service was added in September. It is a contemporary service that focuses on being less formal and praising God by singing choruses. It is quite popular, especially with the youth.

Meals continue to be served on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the senior citizens of the community. Vacation Bible School is held each summer with an attendance around 100 children. Sunday School is available for all ages including adults. An after-school program called LOGOS meets every Wednesday. Our Christian-based preschool has been meeting since 1981. There are two women's groups, a men's group, and a youth group. As you can see, we are very active.

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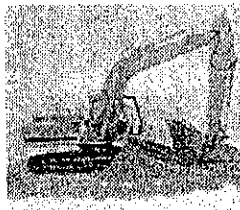
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Calvary United Methodist Church at 100 East James Street. (Submitted by Jo Samuels)

Loren Arp

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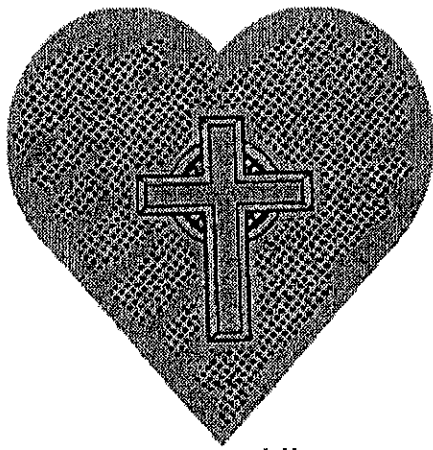
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CALVARY PRE-SCHOOL

Written by Squeak, resident
church mouse

Hi, my name is Squeak, and I have some cool things to tell you about the preschool over at Calvary Church. Well, some things you may already know, especially if you have been around for a long time – 21 years or more. You may have even been one of the students there, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

It all started the spring of 1981 when Char Knutsen was asked by the Christian Education Committee to start a school for the little ones at the church. Now, I can tell you my parents, siblings, and I weren't any too happy. That could mean less chance for us to roam around looking for leftover cookies and such. But nobody asked us, so there they were, that first year 35 little bodies coming on a regular basis. Pastor John Rosenberger was in charge those days and he even had fun seeing the church being used more during the week.

Well things just kept getting bigger. Those first years they used the old nursery, a Sunday school room, and even one half of the hallway!!! I couldn't even squeak past at all during the day 'cause there was so much activity.

Then, when the new education wing was added in 1987, things were a mite easier. They had a beautiful room designed for eighteen children-even its own restroom and refrigerator. More kiddies coming, too. Some years over sixty! You can do the math – more than eight hundred so far. Those days I really had to do my scampering around before daybreak.

And all types of little ones. Most lived here around Walcott, but others came from other towns. Some even had special problems like hearing or vision impaired, amputees, wheelchairs, and speech and chromosome deficiencies—some words I can't even pronounce. Whew, those teachers have had a workout! Some of those little people can even scoot faster than Cousin Eddie. But they just keep on a loving them. You know that's just part of working in a place where Jesus teaches us to love everybody. Even taught me to love Aunt Middy.

Well, got to go now. Parents and kids coming in the door. I'm even seeing second generations so you know my whiskers are turning white.

Love to all,

Squeak



WALCOTT SENIOR CITIZENS

The Walcott Senior Citizens have been meeting for 29 years in the social hall of Calvary United Methodist Church. We meet three days a week for lunch and deliver meals to homes if necessary.

After the meal, the men volunteer to do the dishes. Activities are played and sometimes music is furnished by Anita Sundin, Elmer Best, Laverna Workman, and Lois Jones.

Birthdays and anniversaries are observed on the third Friday of each month. Each January, the ninety-year olds and oldest married couples are honored. This year (2004), the honorees were Peggy Decker, Marguaret Vens, Esther Holdorf, Laurinda Heston, Alvin and Kay Schmidt, Elvin and Florence Jensen, and Willard and Gladys Wells.

Our ninety-year plus members in nursing homes are Clara Mordhorst, Edward Spickerman, Gladys Lage, Ella Holst, Edna Holdorf, Evelyn Shenpolk, Henry Wiemann, and Ella Schlueter.

The group donates two gift certificates as raffle prizes to Walcott Day.

In the summer of 2001, Florence Jensen received the Governor's Volunteer Award.



Elvin Jensen, President; Florence Jensen, Activity Director and Treasurer; Roberta Petersen, Site Manager; and Marie Brus, Supply Purchaser. Absent is Lois Jones, Secretary and Reporter. (Submitted by Florence Jensen)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 548

The American Legion, a veteran's patriotic organization, chartered the Walcott Post 548 in 1921. Along with honorably discharged veterans, we also have social members. Activities include a social supper each month on the first Monday of the month from September through June.

Legion meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month with special meetings in May and December. In May, there is a potluck for dignitaries that are invited from

the Legion's County, District, and Department levels. Past Commanders of our post and Past Auxiliary Presidents are also honored at this time. Santa presents gifts at a December potluck for our families.

There is an honor guard that conducts services at funerals and dedications, marches in parades, and raises flags at local celebrations. We have a service at the Walcott Cemetery on Memorial Day that honors the comrades who have gone before us.

The building addition was started in 1975. An open house and dedication was held on June 25, 1978. The Walcott community and Legionnaires were a big help in donating their time and money to this project. The Legion donates the use of the hall to 4-H clubs, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Walcott Community Club and other organizations as well as for funeral luncheons. The hall can be rented for wedding receptions, birthday celebrations, and other social events.



American Legion Post 548 at 121 West Bryant Street. (Submitted by Lee Muller)

The Legion sponsors the local Cub Scout Pack, a Little League baseball team, and Boy Staters.

Every Friday evening, we host bingo at the Post with the Auxiliary preparing and selling food.

Donations are given to West High School and Durant Schools for their after-prom nights, the fire department, USO, and hospitals and homes for veterans.

At the present time, we have 187 Legionnaires and 30 social members. Officers for the 2003-2004 years are: Ted Stimach, Commander; Ben Beitel and Lee Muller, Vice Commanders; Paul Schinckel, Chaplin; Lionel Hermiston, Sergeant-of-Arms; Myron Lensch, Service Officer; Harvey Schwarz, Historian; and Mike Bobbit, Adjutant.

In 2001, all of our 50-year plus members were Grand Marshals in the Walcott Day parade. This year, the Legion is honoring all of their World War II members at a special program in conjunction with the dedication of the long-awaited World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Harvey Schwarz has held offices at the Unit, County, District and Department levels. Paul Schinckel has held County offices. Walter Reese and Elmer Geigle have held past 2nd District offices in the Iowa American Legion.

THE WALCOTT LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary #548 of Walcott, Iowa was formed on April 24, 1935. The Walcott unit of the Auxiliary was incorporated February 13, 1945. There are 153 members at the present time. The Walcott Auxiliary strives to be a steadfast unit in the community. Exemplifying our preamble that begins, "For God and Country", we are mindful of the service of our veterans and, operating as an auxiliary to the Walcott #548 Legion Post, we work together to achieve worthwhile goals.

Our Legion Post sponsors bingo every Friday evening at the Post home. The Auxiliary prepares and sells food that is served to the patrons. We purchase rag rugs made by the veterans at Marshalltown Veterans Home and then we resell them. These are our two moneymaking projects.

Veterans at the Iowa City VAMC and Marshalltown are remembered with monetary gifts, clothing, toiletry items, cookies, and gifts at Christmas. Local service people are given gifts at Christmas and a needy family in the Walcott area is helped at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Currently, we are providing services to benefit the troops in the Middle East.

The proceeds from Poppy Day are used for the needs of veterans. Currently we are using some of this money as we have adopted two area veterans to be remembered on their birthdays and various holidays. Harold "Tex" Dealey is in a nursing home and Allen "Bud" Puck was in a nursing home and is now deceased.



The officers for the year 2003-2004 are (l-r): Marian Schinckel, Chaplain; Elaine Gustafson, 1st Vice President; Carma Schwarz, President; Shirley Arp, Secretary; Mary Jane Iron, Sgt. At Arms; Betty Geigle, Treasurer. Absent are: Ardy Puck, 2nd Vice President and Lenora Entsminger, Historian. (Submitted by Shirley Arp)

One of our members has volunteered at Iowa Girls State as a counselor for nine years. We join with the Legion in celebrating Memorial Day, Recognition of Past Commanders and Unit President Ceremony, and Christmas. District and Department President's project and scholarships are supported financially. Funeral lunches are served and hospital equipment furnished to persons needing it.

The Walcott School staff is remembered during National Education Week with flowers, apples, and cookies. "Need a Lift" books are placed in local school guidance offices to help college-bound students find available scholarships. We volunteer helping children read at schools. Periodically, pamphlets discouraging smoking and the use of drugs are distributed. Flags are donated to schools and flag etiquette taught to the students.

Two members of our unit, Shirley Arp and Carma Schwarz, have held offices in the Unit, County, District and Department levels in the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

On March 28, 1907, The Royal Neighbors of America issued a charter to Fern Camp 3798 with 26 ladies. There are no living charter members. In 2004, there is a membership of 210. The present Oracle is Dorothy Stanger. Dean D. Dye is the current Insurance Field Representative.

Royal Neighbors is a benefit society dedicated to the protection of the American family. The Society is proud of its heritage of fraternalism. The first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. is their meeting at the Walcott Calvary United Methodist Church.

Fern Camp 3798 does a lot of charity work such as raising money for the firemen, donating teddy bears to the pre-school at the church, and raising money at the Walcott Women of Today annual bazaar. The head camp doubles all monies that are raised.



Royal Neighbors present at the 2003 Christmas party. Front Row (l-r): Esther Treimer, Helen Meinert, Eunice Arp, Dorothy Stanger, Ione Paustian, Esther Goodrich, Elaine Erikson. Back Row (l-r): Peggy Decker, Phyllis Dengler, Esther Holdorf, Ora Mae Bolte, Alta Hamann, Iola Roggenkamp, Jackie Schneckloth, Mary Dengler, Eleanor Niemann, Ann Dudgeon, Delmer Dudgeon, Lester Dengler, Elmer Best, Gertrude Best, and Dean Dye. (Submitted by Eunice Arp)

PYTHIAN SISTERS TEMPLE #192

The Walcott Pythian Sisters is a non-sectarian organization dedicated to serve the individual, the community, the state, and the nation. Our mission is to bring together women of diverse backgrounds and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow through the principles of Purity, Love, Equality, and Fidelity.

We have donated to the Cerebral Palsy Fund, Children's Square U.S.A., Camp Courageous, the Ronald McDonald House, Kenderdine Fund, Walcott Forever Green, and the Angel Tree. Our members have served for funeral lunches, visited the sick, sent get-well and greeting cards, made telephone calls, and made donations for funerals and special anniversaries. Homemade bed pads have been

donated to the Visiting Nurse Association. Our fundraiser is a public card party and luncheon in the fall.

In March of 2000, we changed our meeting place from the Calvary United Methodist Church to the American Legion Post #548 building. Ten Sisters from the Durant Temple #178 joined with the Walcott Sisters in 1991 after they had relinquished their charter. Activities include an annual School of Instruction, Mother's Day program, Flag Day, Past Chief's Day and a Christmas party. We also take part in our district convention.

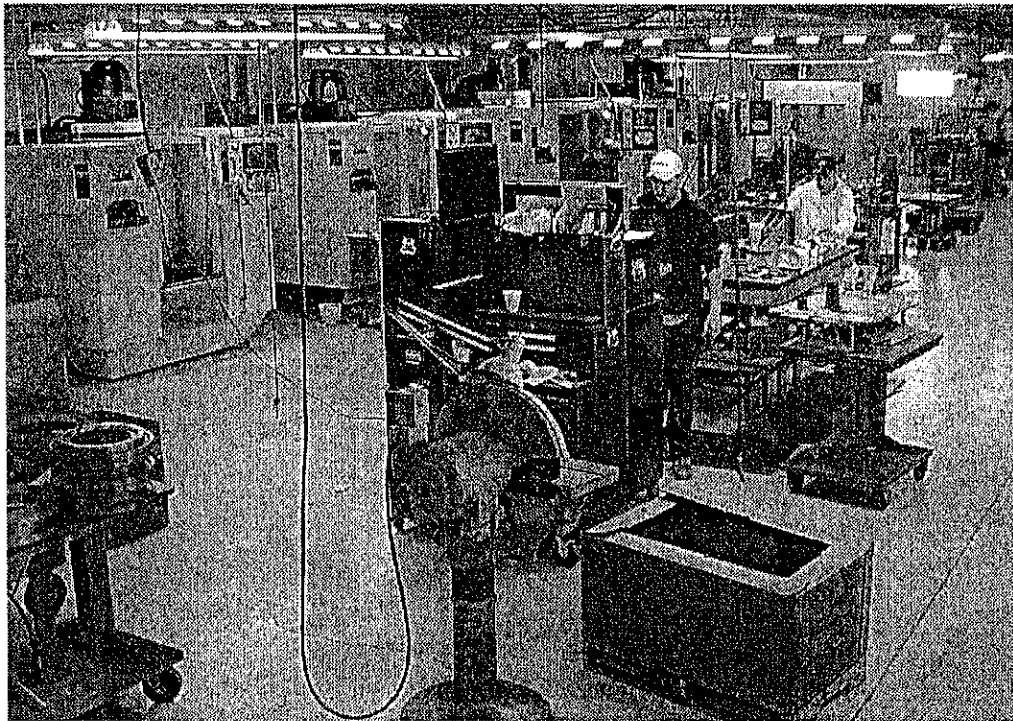
We are proud to have had Marilyn Dengler serve as the Grand Chief of Iowa for the term of 1999-2000. Carma Schwarz is the current Grand Chief of Iowa, having been installed at the Grand Temple session in Des Moines, September 7, 2003.

We have had two Sisters, Evelyn Shenpolk and Edna Tank receive 75-year service pins in 2001. 50-year service pins have been awarded to Erma Dietz, Vera Riessen, Shirley Arp, Alberta Bernick, Valeria Ganzer, Alberta Brockmann, Janice Golinghorst, Esther Holdorf, Marcella Holdorf, Arlene Johansen, Hilda Kummerfeldt, Violet Matzen, Marvella Meyer, Frances Schroeder, and Carma Schwarz since 1976.



Front Row (l-r): Shirley Wulf, Most Excellent Chief; lone Paustian, Grand Junior; Esther Holdorf, Grand Senior; Carma Schwarz, Grand Manager. Back Row (l-r): Linda Paustian, Grand Manager; Elaine Fick, Grand Secretary; Fran Larson, Grand Guard; Violet Matzen, Grand Treasurer; Hilda Kummerfeldt, Installing Officer. (Submitted by Elaine Fick)

MIDFIELD PATTERN CORP.



Midfield Pattern Corp. is a family owned manufacturing business that was started by Dale Worden in 1984. Midfield is presently run by his son Jake, and also employs Dale's grandson, Brian.

Midfield's core business is to make pattern tooling for the foundry industry. The foundries use these patterns to make sand molds in order to produce castings. Midfield also makes prototypes, provides short run machining services, and performs reverse engineering.

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How can you measure such detail? By computer of course! Midfield also has a coordinate measuring machine (known as a CMM), which is used to check the accuracy of the parts. In fact, this machine can be used to measure down to the millionth of an inch.

But as with all technology, it's worthless if you don't have good people to run it. Midfield's dedicated employees all have strong math backgrounds, and the desire to constantly learn new things. Of course, they have to, since the technology involved in pattern making is constantly evolving.

LIONS

The forty plus members of the Walcott Lions Club are part of the one point thirty-five million member International Association of Lions Clubs, one of over forty-six thousand clubs in one hundred ninety-two countries and geographic areas of the world. Our mission statement "TO CREATE AND FOSTER a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation" is displayed as we live our motto "WE SERVE".

The Walcott Lions Club was chartered February 9th, 1973, with twenty-four members. There are seven charter members still serving as of this writing – Karl Arp, Charles Bramstedt, Ted Burson, Leon Downing, Bob Frick, Dennis Puck, and Marvin Puck.

The Walcott Lions serve their community by sponsoring projects to help those who have vision and hearing problems and also by providing eyeglasses and hearing aids for the less fortunate. Eye screenings are provided for local children 6 to 48 months of age at the Calvary United Methodist Church Preschool each year. The Walcott Lions supply the manpower for the Walcott Day parade and bingo. Building ramps for the handicapped and elderly have also been projects of the Walcott Lions. Local high school graduates going on to higher education have been receiving Lion scholarships since 1988. Over the years, the Walcott Lions have been very helpful providing monetary donations to local projects and organizations including the Walcott Fire Department and Durant Ambulance. The Walcott Lions have been serving the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation with monetary donations through the years.

The Walcott Lions have raised approximately two hundred sixty thousand dollars over the years since being chartered. This amount has been donated back to our community in ways mentioned above. Included in this

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amount is fifty-three scholarships awarded in the amount of twenty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars.



Lions Club members in picture: Front Row (l-r): Rudolph Arp III, Past District Governor; Eugene Siebke; Hugo Holst; Bob Frick, Secretary; Leon Downing, Newsletter Editor; Marvin Puck; Glen Moeller; and Randy Siebke. Back Row (l-r): Bob Peters, Lion Tamer; Loren Claussen, Past District Governor; John Warner, President; LaVerne Arp; John Kostichek, 2nd Vice President; Lionel Hermiston; Melvin Illian; Charles Bramstedt, Treasurer; Steve Smith, 3rd Vice President; Dave Johnson; Marlene Arp; Mike Sissel, 1st Vice President; and John Greenwalt, Tail Twister. (Submitted by John Warner)

WALCOTT COMMUNITY CLUB

The Walcott Community Club, organized in 1932 and chartered in 1948, is a paternal organization formed to promote good will and improvements of the community for citizens of Walcott and other surrounding areas.

The Walcott Community Club donates to a wide variety of community projects including scholarships for the children of members who are graduating high school seniors, high school after prom parties, Walcott Day Fund, Boy's State, and many more community functions.

At each December meeting, officers and ten serving board members are elected. The officers include the president, vice president, and treasurer. Their duties include coordinating the monthly events, scheduling sponsorships, and maintaining the organization's finances. The serving board is responsible for setup and serving for the monthly meals, helping in the design and construction of the annual float, working the park shacks during the World Softball Tournament, and helping to promote the organization.

Throughout the year, the Walcott Community Club plans numerous events. Events are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M., with some exceptions. Most of the events are designed as networking and socializing for the men in the community. The women's event in April is for spouses of members and widows of deceased former members. Other activities during the year include a couple's meal and dance in July, a family picnic and games in August, and a family Christmas dance in December. Walcott Community Club generates their revenues by annual membership dues and monthly donations from local businesses. The current annual membership fee is \$ 50.00 and includes all of the listed events. New members are welcome to join at any event throughout the year.

WALCOTT COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS

January	Men's meal (Walcott Coliseum)
February	Men's meal (Walcott Legion)
March	Men's meal (Walcott Legion)
April	Women's meal and games (Walcott Legion)
June	Men's meal (Lampliter)
July	Couples meal (Walcott Legion)
August	Family Picnic (Victory Park)
November	Men's meal (Walcott Coliseum)
December	Men's meal (Walcott Coliseum) (Officers and serving board elections)
December	Family Christmas Dance (Walcott Coliseum)

WALCOTT COMMUNITY CLUB PRESIDENTS FROM 1948 to 2004:

Herbert Bolte	James Geurink	Devon Arp
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Horace Paustian	Robert Staub	Bernard Brus
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Harvey Bluedorn	Harlen Tank	Ernie Meyer
Karl Arp	Wayne Arp	Doug Dietz
Dale Paustian	Walt Pries	Dale Moses
Hugo Stender	Larry Reiling	Russ Geurink
Herb Peterson	Melvin Brus	Mike Holst
William Suhr	Ralph Geest	Roger Friederichs
Clem Meyer	Bob Golinghorst	Ross Paustian
Louis Koch	Ron Meyer	Dean Schemmel
LeRoy Ralfs	Merle Meinert	Chuck Gibbs
Stanley Stender	Robert Westphal	Jim Harmsen
Myron A. Lensch	Tom Peck	Kirk Koberg
Arnold Suhr	Ben Beitel	John Paustian
Hugo Holst	Ken Koberg	Jason Holdorf
Stanley Muller	Larry Koberg	Ken Schwarz

THE WALCOTT WOMEN OF TODAY

The Walcott Women of Today began in 1985 and were previously known as the Walcott Jaycettes. This organization consists of a comrade of women who reside in and around Walcott and have made a commitment to enhance the quality of life within the Walcott Community, support many charities, and are socially responsible for others less fortunate.

Debbie Moeller and Brenda Arp are charter members. There are currently 16 members. A monthly newsletter is given to all members. Anyone female over 18 can and is invited to join.

The only fundraisers for the organization are the Walcott Women of Today Craft Shows and Luncheons held



Front Row (l-r): Sandy Cramm, Secretary; Lisa Hagen; Holly Nietfeldt; Stacey Koberg; Danna Petersen; Janelle Cook. Back Row (l-r): Heidi Halferty; Lisa Mengler, President; Laura Gehlsen, Treasurer; Deb Moeller; Diane McKinley; Stephanie Poggenpohl, Chairman of the Board. Absent are: Deb Nylín, Vice President; Gale Kraft; Brenda Arp; and Michelle McCullough. (Submitted by Lisa Mengler)

in March and November. There are over 100 booths of crafts, food, vendors, etc. The money raised at these two shows is used for a wide range of community projects that the group votes on throughout the year.

The dedication and effort of each member is apparent by the events sponsored by the group. Some of the community events sponsored and organized by the members are as follows: 1: Santa's Breakfast that is held the first Saturday in December. The Weisrocks donate the use of the Coliseum for Santa to come and visit with Walcott's youngsters who enjoy donuts, milk, juice and hot cocoa. 2: Halloween Parade and Supper is held the night of Trick or Treat in Walcott. Walcott's goblins and ghouls start at Victory Park and parade to the school where they are served a hot dog supper by the group. 3: An Easter Egg Hunt that is held at Victory Park around Easter is for children through the fifth grade. 4: The Angel Tree is the group's most heartfelt event. It is with the help of many other groups, businesses, and citizens that this has been so successful. Along with the Walcott Bank, the group sponsors the tree in order to help needy families from our school. The recipients' names are all confidential.

In addition to the major events listed above, the group also supports and donates to: donuts for teachers, welcoming the educators who will be molding our children's future; desserts and food for the Walcott Senior Citizen card games four times a year; Walcott Fire Department, Race for the Cure, Shriner Special Needs Children, After Prom Night at West, and many more.

Walcott Women of Today meets the second Wednesday of the month at Walcott River Valley Elevator. The meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. in the winter and 8:00 P.M. in the summer. If you are interested in improving our community, come to a meeting.

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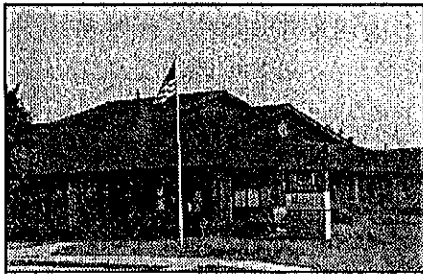
Lambda Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was chartered in 1980 with 22 members. We currently have 19 members of which 9 are original members. Over the past 24 years, Lambda Phi Sorority has supported the Walcott community in many ways. We have donated money to the police department, fire department, and local area schools. We have also helped with fundraisers, needy families, and many more charitable works within and outside of our community. All of our members give of their time whenever needed.

We are not only a giving group, but also a fun-loving group of ladies. We have sponsored dances, parties and other fun activities over the years. We meet twice a month in each other's homes. Our meetings are social, educational and service orientated.

NU ZETA SORORITY

The Walcott chapter of Nu Zeta Sorority originated in February 1990 with 14 charter members. Nu Zeta formed as a "Friendly Venture" chapter from the existing Walcott chapter, Lambda Phi. Both chapters are affiliated with Beta

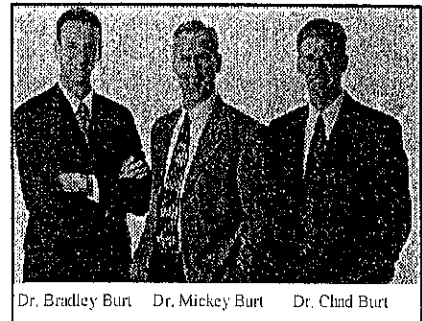
Burt Clinic of Chiropractic



After graduating from Palmer College in September 1973, Dr. Mickey Burt, and his wife Karla, started the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* at 125 E. Bryant Street in Walcott (1 building East of the current Post Office). In the spring of 1981, the practice moved to a newly constructed building at 790 N. Main Street and remains there today.

In 2000/2001, the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* realized a community need for a medical facility in the town of Walcott, and accepted the responsibility of building an addition on to the chiropractic office, which more than doubled the original size. After this addition was complete, *Trinity Hospitals* leased the space and opened a medical clinic in 2003.

During this time, the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* also expanded by adding two new chiropractic physicians between the years 2001-2002. Dr. Chad Burt joined his father's practice in March 2001 after earning his Bachelor's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees from St. Ambrose University and Palmer College (respectively). A year later, March 2002, Dr. Bradley Burt followed in his brother's and father's footsteps, by joining them in practice after earning his Bachelor's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees from the University of Colorado and Palmer College (respectively).



Throughout the past 30 years the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* has been committed to providing the highest quality chiropractic care possible in a comfortable atmosphere by an accommodating staff. Because of this commitment to excellence, the *Burt Clinic* has led the introduction of chiropractic into mainstream health care.

Today, the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* continues to lead the advancement of health care. By affiliation and referrals to other specialists, patients at the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* receive not only excellent chiropractic care, but also excellent coordination of all types of health care. Services include chiropractic care, physiotherapy, school and work physicals (including D.O.T.), complete x-ray facility, and a new non-surgical disc decompression table for the treatment of disc herniations.

Throughout its existence, the *Burt Clinic of Chiropractic* has received many awards for its leadership in the chiropractic community. The doctors of the *Burt Clinic* have accepted these awards on behalf of their commitment to excellence and unwaivering service to the community.

We are proud to call Walcott our home, and we are excited about the future of this great town.

Sigma Phi International. This national organization was founded in April 1931 in Abilene, Kansas. During the depression era, women felt a need and desire to contribute back to their communities. They became known as women who gathered for life, learning, and friendship.

Walcott Nu Zeta has had as many as 18 members and currently has 16 members. The current President is Linda Petersen.

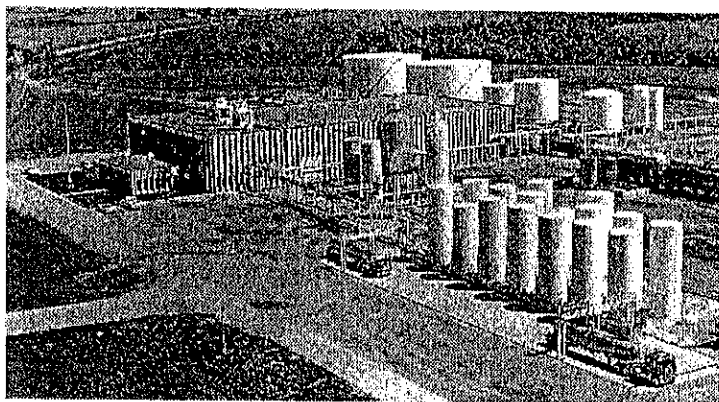
The chapter has conducted many projects in the past through to the present. Most notable, they sponsor the city-wide garage sale annually in May, sponsor 1 to 4 Christmas families every year, and assist with food shack duties at the ballparks in the summer. Donations to local programs have included the Walcott Fire Department, ceiling and floor fans to Walcott School, city park benches, support to local service people, and many other area programs and services benefiting the local community.



(l-r): Lisa Arndt, Nancy Steffen, LouAnn Harmsen, Linda Petersen, Shelli Maher, Sara Dietz, Lisa Hagen, Michelle McCullough, Melinda Westerhof, Lisa Holdorf, Karol Martz, and Kristi Keller. Absent are: Kris Burt, Mary Iossi, Joan Martz, and Lisa Mosier. (Submitted by Sara Dietz)

TWINSTATE

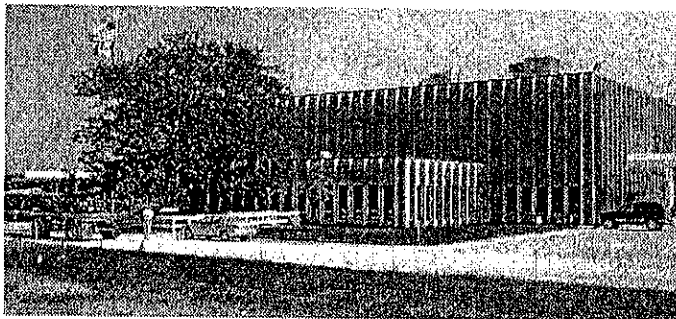
Twin State, Inc, formerly Twin State Engineering & Chemical Company was incorporated in March 1958, by Hovey and Scott Tinsman. We selected Walcott as the place to construct a small plant for the production of liquid fertilizer. The property of three acres between Lincoln Road and the Rock Island rail right of way was purchased from Grover Schneckloth. The location was ideal because of its access to rail, close to U.S. 6, and complete with three-phase power and city water. This was a budding industry where we had the chemical technology for production design but lacked the market knowledge. The community leaders were most supportive of the venture and assisted us in many ways to begin a new business. Mayor Harvey Bluedorn, Erben Dietz, Horace Paustian and John Shenpolk



were key to our becoming acquainted with Walcott and the surrounding area. We were, after all, new to both western Scott County and agriculture.

While the initial property remains as a Liqui Grow retail facility, we outgrew the three

acres and moved the plant to 112 acres two miles west of Durant on U.S. Hwy. 6. Employee numbers grew from two to one hundred and thirty and the market area expanded from western Scott County to an area stretching from the Chicago and Milwaukee suburbs west to Des Moines and from Peoria and the Missouri line north to Rochester, Minn. and Stevens Point, Wisc. Twin State is proud of its Walcott beginning and attribute our growth, in part, to the interest and support of the Walcott community.



WALCOTT FOREVER GREEN

Walcott Forever Green was organized by Mayor Leon Downing in 1992 to help improve the parks, Walcott School grounds, and to promote energy conservation.

We have planted trees and shrubs in all of the parks and at Walcott School. Many trees have been provided to residents and businesses. Maintenance of the plantings on public lands has been done. We have supported three Eagle Scout Projects and provided the funding for those projects at the new water works building and water tower on highway Y-40.

Our funds are provided by grants from MidAmerican Energy and Alliant Energy through the Iowa Trees Forever Program. Donations have been received from individuals as well as community organizations.

Many volunteers have helped plant trees at homes, school, parks, and businesses over the past years. At Walcott School, children assist in tree plantings and celebrate Arbor

Day. Over 600 trees and shrubs have been planted by the committee and residents during the past 12 years.



(Submitted by Walcott Forever Green)

This year, Walcott will have been a Tree City, USA for 10 years. The current members of the board of Walcott Forever Green are Nancy Engler, John Iossi, Eugene Siebke, Marcella Siegel, and Susan Washburn. You may contact any of these board members if you have questions or are interested in joining Walcott Forever Green.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL IN WALCOTT

Walcott has long been the site of fast pitch softball games on hot summer nights. The Tri-County League has been a fixture in Walcott since the early 1950's. Teams from Walcott, Durant, Dixon, Tipton, Eldridge, Blue Grass, and Davenport have participated. Normally games are held Tuesday and Friday nights at both Victory and Wescott Parks.

In 1985, Walcott began hosting the Iowa Area International Softball Congress (ISC) Fastpitch Tournament. 2004 marks the 20th consecutive year for Walcott to host this tournament. Normally 20 to 24 teams participate in this double elimination tournament, with the winner advancing to the World ISC Tournament, held at a site in the U.S. or in Canada.

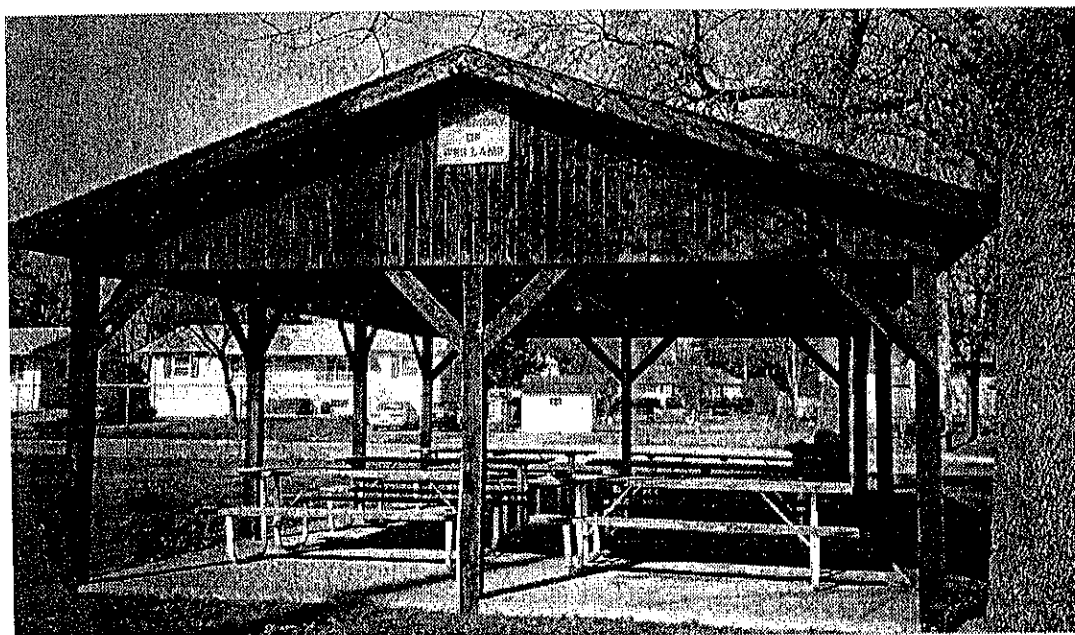
Victory and Wescott Parks have also hosted the North American ISC Age 23 and Under Fastpitch Tournament, in 2001 and 2003. This tournament draws teams from across the U.S. and Canada. The 2001 tournament featured a team from an Indian reservation near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The team enjoyed Walcott. Walcott softball fans were most appreciative of the energy and sportsmanship generated by this Canadian team.

In 2003, the Tri-Cities Builders Council sponsored a fast pitch tournament hosted at Victory and Wescott parks. This invitational tournament draws top quality fast pitch teams from across the country, including past world tournament champions. Plans are to continue this quality tournament in 2004 and beyond.

WES LAMP MEMORIAL SHELTER

On June 24, 1995, during intermission at the Area ISC Fastpitch Softball Tournament, the new shelter at Wescott Park was dedicated. It was built in memory of Wes Lamp, who operated the Lampliter Inn and faithfully supported the softball efforts in Walcott for many years. Wes

was killed in a car accident in February 1995. Bob Madden was recognized as being the "spark plug" for the building project. He was aided with funds and labor provided by many friends and organizations. A plaque was placed at the peak of the shelter-honoring Lamp.



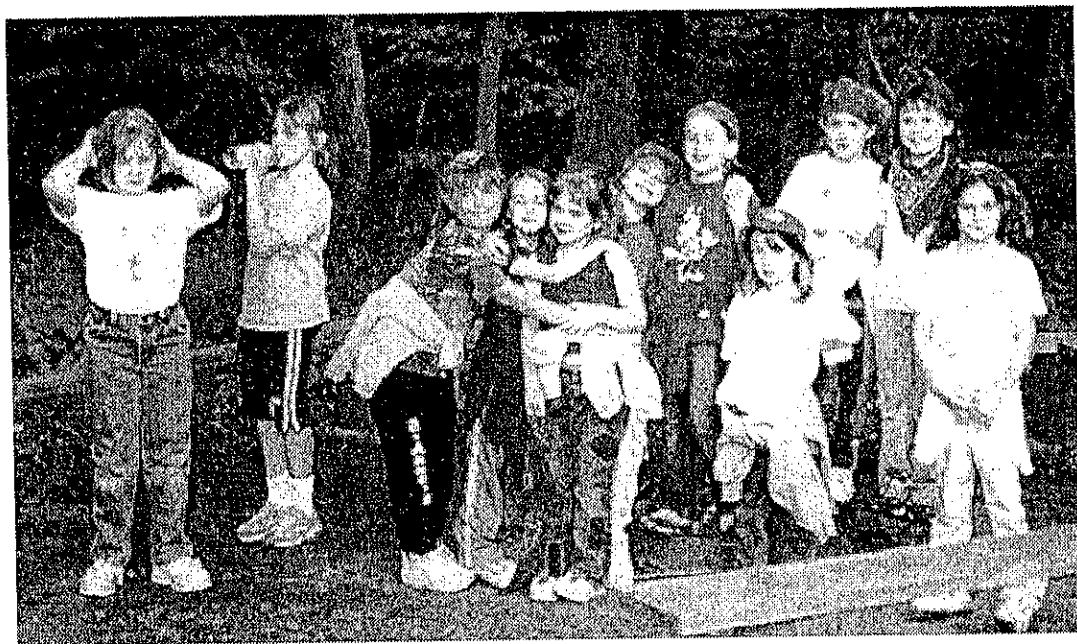
Wes Lamp Shelter (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

GIRL SCOUTS

On October 31, 1860, Juliette Gordon Low was born in Savannah, Georgia. She was nicknamed "Daisy" by her grandfather, and remained "Daisy" to her family and close friends all of her life. In 1886, she married Willy Low and moved to England. There she met Lord and Lady Baden-Powell who had founded the Boy Scouts. She was so impressed by the program, that in 1912, she came back to the United States to start Girl Scouts. On March 12, 1912, she registered 18 girls in the very first troop. From that quiet beginning, Girl Scouting now has millions of members worldwide. Girls from kindergarten through college can be a part of the scouting experience. The girls start out as Daisys in kindergarten. In grades 1 through 3, the girls are called Brownies. In grades 4 through 6, they are a member of a Junior troop. Girls in grades 7 through 9 are called Cadettes



Daisy Troop First Row: Jasmine Jaime, Jacey Jones, Jade Jones, Kathleen Rasdon, Ashton Davis. Back Row: Danielle Petersen, Tannis Breure, Elizabeth Scott, Andrea Figg, and Emma Marten. Absent are Leaders Lynn Figg and Peggy Scott. (Submitted by Lynn Figg)



Brownie Troop 1106 (l-r): Lindsey Figg, Nicole Kraft, Allie Mengler, Victoria Ashby, Chelsea Sehman, Desirae Blake, Samantha Koberg, Raquel Thompson, Courtney Paxton, Emily Hoeper, Hayley Stangl. Absent are Leaders Annette Thompson and Denise Blake. (Submitted by Sally Stangl)



Junior Troop First Row: Savanna Bramstedt, Katie Hoeper, Justine Ashby, and Dannielle Freund. Back Row: Tenley Brockmann; Meghan Hahn; Nancy Engler, Leader; Jessica Denklaus and Brittany Nylin. (Submitted by Nancy Engler).

and grades 10 through 12 are Seniors. College age scouts are known as Campus Scouts. Scouting offers the girls the opportunity to be of service in their community and learn new skills while having fun. Scouting is where "Girls Grow Strong!"

Scouting has been a part of the Walcott community for over 50 years. Currently there are Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette troops in Walcott. The troops still enjoy earning badges as the first scouts did. Badges teach the girls life skills. They also enjoy camping, horseback riding, and performing service projects for the community. The scouts learn songs that become memories for a lifetime. They find that by working together they can accomplish anything and become productive members of their community.



Brownie Troop 1186: 1st Row: Alyssa Nosa, Bailee Fulton, Elizabeth McGraw, Meghan Allen, Abbie Pike, Catherine Thomas, Taylor Richlen, Maryssa Thorndyke. 2nd Row: Jamey Sawvell, Jennifer Nosa, Katie Moore, Kaylee Denklauf, Brittany Meyer, Jamie Peterson, Kelsey Leighton, Becca Sandry, Kathy Allen. Leaders: Kathy Allen, Jennifer Nosa and Jamey Sawvell. (Submitted by Jennifer Nosa).

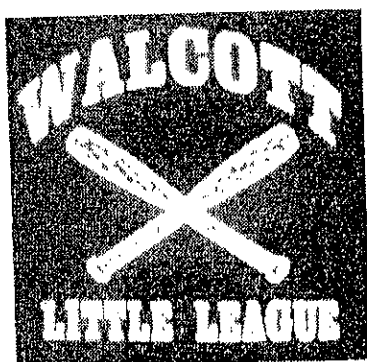


Cadette Troop First Row: Breanna McKown, Brianna Moeller, Amanda Sands, and Kelsy Fedorchak. Back Row: Megan Smith; Brittany Fleetwood; Vera Prisacari; Virginia Fedorchak, Leader; and Larkin Sheeder. Absent are: Jesyka Bramstedt, Hannah Jacobs, Kayla Kaufman, and Samantha Lugo. (Submitted by Nancy Engler).

CUB SCOUTS

"I, (your name), promise to do my best to do my duty..."

by themselves, these are simple words, but together they hold great power. The promise every Scout makes forms the foundation for an adult of integrity and character and that is just what we are striving for in Pack 31. Our charter organization is the American Legion Post #548. Under the leadership of Cubmaster Joe Monaghan and dedicated staff at each level of scouting, we are molding and educating tomorrow's leaders with virtues of being "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." Currently there are 21 scouts enrolled in the pack: 1 Tiger, 8 Wolves, 3 Bears, 6 Webelos I, and 3 Webelos II Scouts. Highlights in our year include our Blue and Gold Banquet held in February, the Pinewood Derby in March, Day Camp in the summer, and overnight camping in the spring and fall. The scouts are active in the community as well by participating in "scouting" for food to stock the food pantries, marching in the Memorial Day Service Parade to the cemetery, beautifying street corners in the summer by planting flowers in planters, walking in the Walcott Day parade and raising the American flag at noon in Victory Park.



LITTLE LEAGUE

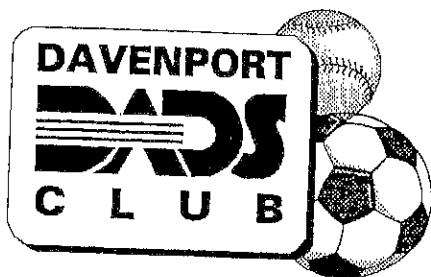
Walcott Little League is proud to instill in its players the Little League Pledge "I trust in God, I love my country and respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win, but win or lose, I will always do my best." Our managers and coaches try to let the children know, that although competition is always going to be there and there will always be a better team, baseball is only a game and

games are supposed to be fun. We strive to build teamwork and spirit and develop each player's self-esteem.

Walcott Little League is a part of the Southwest League, which is comprised of teams from Walcott, Durant, Blue Grass, and Buffalo. Walcott Little League is for children ages five to twelve. Tee Ball is for five and six-year-old children. Coach Pitch Minors is for seven and eight-year-olds. Nine and ten year-old children play Minors. The Majors is for eleven and twelve-year-olds.

Our Tee Ballers play around eight games in a season and are managed by Jamie Poggenpohl. The Coach Pitch Minors are managed by Matt McCullough and play about twelve games in a season. Joe Monaghan manages the Minor team that plays around twenty games in a season. The Majors also play around twenty games in a season and are managed by Mike Halferty. Both the Majors and Minor teams have tournaments after the regular season to try to advance in the league standings.

Walcott Little League is made up of a lot of people who work together to give the youth of Walcott a great league to be a part of. It is headed by President Mike Halferty and he is supported by Treasurer Joe Monaghan, Uniform Managers Donna Claussen and Andrea Louton, Equipment Manager Brian Mengler, Southwest Representative Matt McCullough, WUF Representative Lisa Mengler, and all the parents and families that help with coverage of the food shacks at the parks.



DADS CLUB

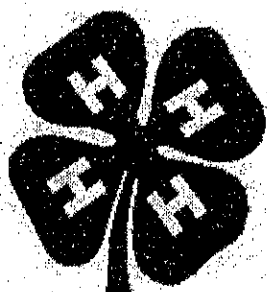
DAVENPORT ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL SPORTS

DADS Club has its beginnings in Davenport in 1949 with the ultimate vision and mission to develop and deliver quality youth sports programs through the involvement of local schools and volunteers dedicated to building character through participation in a fun, family environment based on the DADS Club philosophy....

"We will make our game fun for our players, not a glory for ourselves. We will, by our actions and attitudes, practice true sportsmanship, remembering that, by example, we are teaching the young players to win with humility and lose gracefully. We will strive to teach the skills of the game with patience and understanding. We will praise when deserved and encourage, not condemn, when a mistake is made. We will remember that the feelings and welfare of our players are far more important than the outcome of any game."

DADS Club softball first came to Walcott approximately 30 years ago. In the fall of 1983, DADS Club added a recreational soccer league. Soccer quickly became a success bringing even more students and parents into the DADS Club program and philosophy. These two co-ed sports have been and continue to be very active programs in Walcott with the dedication of the parents who volunteer their time to coach and encourage its youth.

Boys and girls who wish to take part in the DADS Club program must be enrolled in and actively attending any school currently in the Greater Associated DADS Club area. This includes: Davenport, Walcott, Buffalo, Blue Grass, Durant, North Scott, Bettendorf, and areas by their schools (others on a request and approval basis). Age eligibility is Pre-School 4 and 5 year-olds through Senior High. Interested players may contact their respective schools for more information.



4-H Pledge

My HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community, my country,
and my world.

4-H IN BLUE GRASS TOWNSHIP

4-H continues to be a strong and active organization in Scott County. The Blue Grass Township, which most of Walcott is in, currently has 5 active traditional 4-H clubs (members range

in grades 4-12) and 1 Clover Kids club (members range in Grades K-3).

The Iowa State University Extension, which supports the 4-H youth program, just celebrated 100 years of existence in 2003. 4-H has evolved from agricultural clubs for young boys and girls in the rural areas. Girls' clubs mainly concentrated on projects in sewing, cooking and home improvements; while the boys clubs were mainly livestock and agricultural clubs.

The image may look a little different today as active members sport white t-shirts with the green four-leaf clover emblem, but the basic principles remain much the same. Club members now can participate in many different project areas such as Animal Science, Child Development, Photography, Engineering and Computer projects. Girls no longer are required to be members of a boys club to exhibit livestock projects. The Clover Kids program is a brand new extension of the traditional 4-H clubs. In the past 5 years, Clover Kids programs have formed that focus on smaller, fun hands-on activities for youth in grades K-3 compared to the emphasis on traditional projects for the older youth.

Today's clubs include not only rural youth, but also urban and inner-city youth. The clubs have in the past, and still today, depend upon volunteer leaders to help the members achieve their goals. The leaders also mentor the youth in life skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork and important involvement in community service.

The first club meeting for the Blue Grass Sunshine Workers was held July 7, 1920. The charter members include Minnie Kistenmacher, President; Lydia Thomas, Secretary; Leilla Wulf, Treasurer; Martha Thomas; Esther Garlock; Daisy Brafford; Stella Thomas; Hilda Ruge; Martha Kistenmacher; Zella Schuett; and Lida Garlock. The club's leader was Flora Kistenmacher.

Blue Grass Township continues to have a strong 4-H membership and the current clubs and their leaders are listed below:

Blue Grass Sunshine Workers Jr. — Sandy Brus and Peggy

Scott: 12 members

Blue Grass Sunshine Workers Int. – Barb Harre and Joan Martz: 20 members

Blue Grass Sunshine Workers Sr. – Diana Bangert: 8 Members

Blue Grass Jr. Farmers – Russ Geurink: 31 members

Blue Grass Sr. Farmers – Wayne Bangert, Jr.: 12 members

Walcott Clover Kids – Norma Holdorf: 9 members

Congratulations Blue Grass 4-H as you march forward into the 21st century; we can only hope 4-H continues for another 100 years.

A LETTER FROM A 4-H CLUB MEMBER

4-H is a group of boys and girls from 4-12 who work together on projects and community events. The Blue Grass Jr. Farmers is a group of boys grades 4-8 from the towns of Walcott, Durant, Blue Grass & Buffalo. The group meets once a month. Officers consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Photographer. Every meeting begins with roll call of each member and the treasurer's report. Old and new business is discussed with a small meal prepared at the end of the meeting. 4-H'ers work throughout the year to prepare for county and state fairs. Projects include animals, flowers, vegetables, building out of wood or recycled items, etc. We compete for ribbons and trophies. 4-H'ers show responsibility, patience and hardworking skills. 4-H is a wonderful opportunity for young people to meet new people, face challenges and have a lot of fun.

Cody Halferty, age 11

TRI-COUNTY EAGLES 4-H

The Tri-County Eagles started out with 9 members in September of 1999. By the end of August 2000, we had 18 members in our club and we are still growing. At one time, there were at least 40 members in the club.

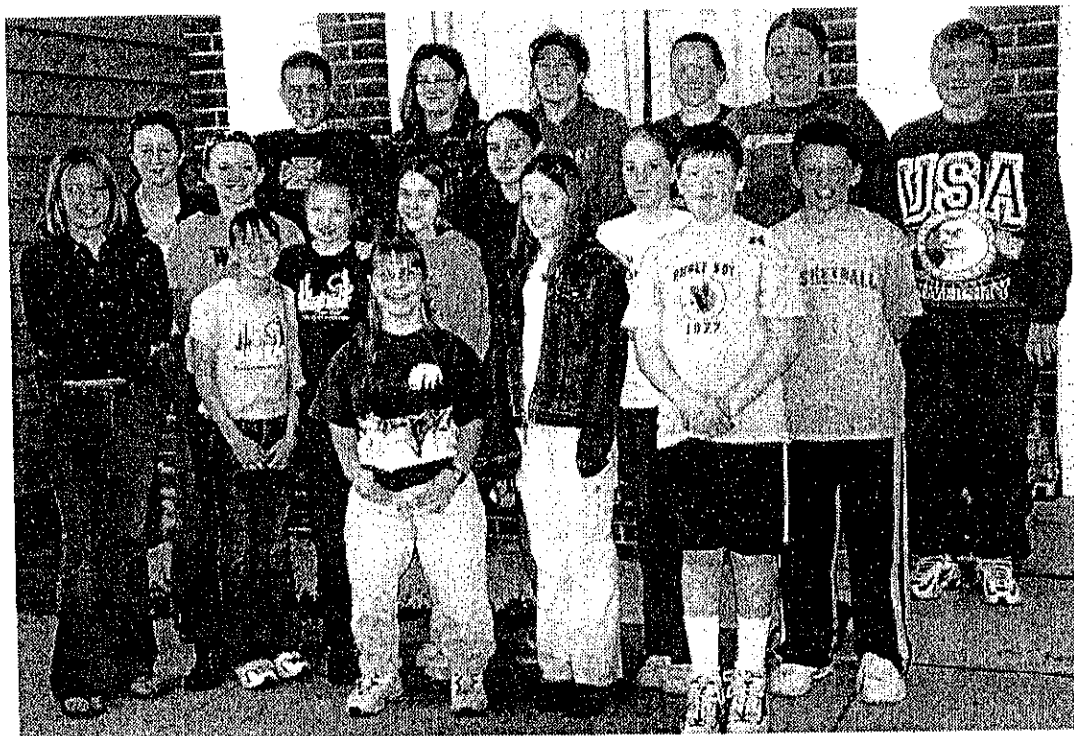
Bentley

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HOMES

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302 West Fifth Street
Wilton, Iowa 52778
563-732-2272



Front Row (l-r): Amy Hering, Ashley Kuehn, Danica Holst, Bryanne Duckett, Caitlin Kuehn, Sherry Farless, Emily Madsen, Kourtney Lillienthal, Gretchen Lillienthal, Brook Holst, Dusty Hering, Garret Porstmann. Back Row (l-r): Tony Silva, Alyssa Beitel, Kaylee Keppy, Jessica Roesger, Kiley Spengler, Nick Roesger. Absent are: Katelyn Lillienthal, Riley and Shelby Paustian. Learders are Julie Kuehn, Jeantee Keppy and Denise Roesger.

Our club has done many citizenship projects like: serve dinner for a farm sale, raked leaves for the Community Center and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Durant, delivered meals to the elderly for Meals on Wheels, helped with a Halloween party for handicapped kids, donated books to Wilton Food Pantry, donated school supplies to Iraq kids, and collected around 300 books for the Fiji Island children.

The club has done fund-raisers like selling candles and poinsettias at Christmas. We also ran a can drive and had bake sales. To reward ourselves, we have gone skiing, had a wiener roast and got lost at a corn maze, went horseback riding, canoeing and swimming at Camp Abe Lincoln.

ADDITIONAL AREA 4-H CLUBS

New Liberty Bell Ringers
Fulton Industrial 4-H
Junior Hawkeyes BWB
Hickory Grove Jr. Farmers
Hickory Grove Blue Bells Jr.
Hickory Grove Blue Bells Int.
Hickory Grove Blue Bells Sr.

WALCOTT RED HAT NEIGHBORS

In the summer of 2003, a Red Hat Society was formed by several Walcott ladies. The first luncheon was held at the Walcott Coliseum. The "Red Hat Neighbors" gather once a month for lunch and socializing. Some activities for 2003 included a float in the Walcott Day parade, touring the Isabel Bloom studio, donating to the Angel Tree, and also the Senior's Tree.



Red Hat Neighbors at Mrs. McGregor's Cottage. Front Row (l-r): Gerry Meyer, Donna Davison, Marlene Westphal, and Mary Lincoln. Second Row (l-r): Lois Moldenshardt, Loretta Beitel, Pat St. John, and Joan Sothmann. Third Row (l-r): Mary Ann Muller, Ruby Claussen, Jean Schlapkohl, and Phyllis Arp. Back Row (l-r): Janet Brockmann, Leah Rae Reiling, and Darlene Hamann. Absent are: Imogene Petersen, Janet Feuerbach, Shirley Mericle, Barb Hagen, Shirley Schneckloth, and Janice Weisrock. (Submitted by Leah Rae Reiling)

RED HAT SWEET ELITES

The "Sweet Elites" Chapter of the Red Hat Society, Walcott, Iowa, was chartered February 8, 2003. We are a "no rules dis-organization". Shirley Arp is our "Queen Mother". The Red Hat Society was founded as a result of a few women deciding to greet middle age (50) with humor and enthusiasm. The Red Hat Society now consists of over 15,000 chapters worldwide.

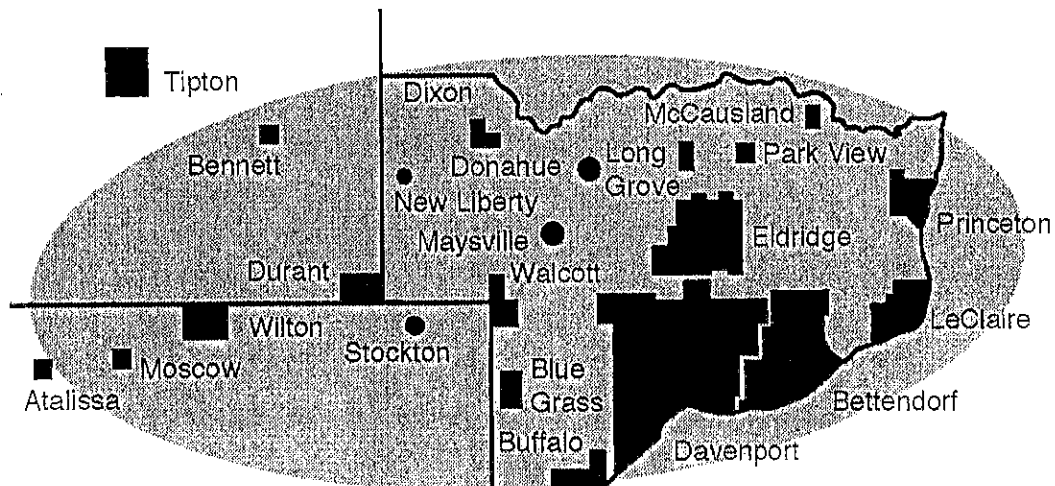
We believe silliness is the comedy relief of life, and, since we are all in it together, we might as well join red-gloved hands and go for the gusto together. Underneath the frivolity, we share a bond of affection ready to face wherever life takes us next. To be a red hatter you should wear a red hat and a clashing purple ensemble at get-togethers to keep up the spirit and purpose of the "dis-organization", and of course, you must be over 50.



Red Hat Sweet Elites attending a Miss Iowa "Meet the Contestants" party. Front Row (l-r): Linette Johnston, Mary Schroeder, and Nadine Golvinghorst. Back Row (l-r): Shirley Arp, Pat Doerscher, Barb Paustian, Ruth Jurgens, and Flossie Koberg. Absent are: Gerry Meyer and Ruby Claussen. (Submitted by Shirley Arp)

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THE WERNER FAMILY INTEREST IN WALCOTT'S BANKS

Submitted by Clem Werner and Stan Goodyear

The Werner family has invested in Walcott's banks for four generations. Albert Werner was born in Pommern, Germany in 1853, came to America in 1873 and started on the road to success in Walcott as a blacksmith. From that beginning he owned a blacksmith and wagon shop, plumbing and heating business, Ford and John Deere agency (for over 50 years). He was a director of the Walcott Savings Bank from its founding till its merger with the Farmers Savings Bank in May 1931 during the Depression.

Ernest Werner was born in Walcott on January 27, 1878, the son of Albert and Anna (Moeller) Werner. He was active in all of the business activities and was a founder and president of Farmers Savings Bank until its merger with Walcott Savings Bank in 1931.

In May 1931, Walcott Trust and Savings Bank was formed with Ernest Werner as Chairman, J. H. Strohbeen as President, P. A. Dietz as Vice President, Arnold Sindt as Cashier and Horace Paustian, Albert Illian, Harry Brockmann, Gus Hamann, H. P. Soenke, J. H. Stouffer, and Will T. Goering, who with the officers, were the Board of Directors. The bank occupied the first floor in the east half of the present bank building. Otto Andresen then occupied the first floor in the west half where he had his Walcott Grocery Store.

The only Walcott merchants who purchased stock were Ernest Werner, Phil A. Dietz, J. H. Strohbeen, J. H. Stouffer, and Arnold Sindt with the balance of 516 shares largely held by farmers. Eighty shares were held in trust to be sold later.

In 1949, control of the bank was acquired by the Werner family. After the sale, Ernest Werner was Chairman, Arnold Sindt was President, Clem Werner, son of Ernest and Anna (Riessen) Werner, was Vice President and Kenneth Dietz was Cashier. In addition to the foregoing, the Board of



Clem and Cal Werner. (Submitted by Cal Werner)

D i r e c t o r s consisted of Horace Paustian, Albert Illian, Harry Brockmann, Gus Hamann and Harvey Goering, all farmers. At that time, the bank had two tellers, Ardyth Christensen and Alice "Noogie" Ruwe (McAllister).

As the banking business grew, it b e c a m e necessary to take

over the west half of the building, the Walcott Store. So in 1965, the interior of the building was completely made over. The partition and bearing wall between the bank and store was replaced with a huge I beam which supported the second floor and which opened up the bank for efficient use of the space. In addition, a drive-up was constructed on the west side of the building and a lighted parking lot was erected across the street. In 1974 Cal Werner, son of Clem and Jane (Ellithorp) Werner became affiliated with the bank. In 1985, further reworking was done and the bank added about 15 feet to the westerly side of the building, which was used for offices in the front and needed space for the recordkeeping in the rear. Also, the drive-up was now located at the rear, south side, of the building.

In 1998 and 1999, the bank was extensively renovated. The upstairs apartments were removed and instead a boardroom, needed office space and conference rooms were created. An elevator was installed and a beautiful stairway from the lobby was erected. The entire downstairs

space was rearranged and attractively redecorated to serve its customers in this great 100-year-old building.

From its humble beginning as a bank in 1931, when it had two employees, Ardyth Christensen and Alice Ruwe, the bank has grown as of February 1, 2004 to have 26 employees (including 10 part time employees). Employees are dedicated to serving bank customers in a friendly and confidential manner. In addition, bank employees are involved in many community organizations.

During this entire banking experience of 100 years, the Werner family of Albert, Ernest, Clem and Cal have been directors and from the days of Ernest Werner have been officers of the bank.

HISTORY OF ONE OLD BUILDING

Submitted by Bill and Marian Storjohann



General Store of W.F. Ruge at 132 - 134 North Main Street. (Submitted by Bill Storjohann)

Ebenezer Cook bought the land located at lot #1, block 7 in the town of Walcott from the State of Iowa March 23, 1854. Bernard Schwarting and wife later obtained the land (year not known). The property was bought from Schwarting by Claus Ruge on February 15, 1866.

Henry and Bertha Schreiber sold to Claus Ruge, lot #2 of block 7 on January 30, 1874 to enlarge the property.

Claus Ruge built the building at 132-134 N. Main Street, Walcott, IA before 1894. It was used as a theater according to the Scott County Atlas of 1894. Claus Ruge's occupation was a shoemaker and could have used the building for that purpose as well as living quarters. Claus Ruge's son, William Friederich, and son-in-law, Adolph Schroeder, ran the general store in this building according to the 1905 Scott County Atlas. Ruge died March 8, 1913. After his death the building was bequeathed to his wife, Elsabe and children.

Elsabe and daughter, Anna Ruge Schroeder, husband Adolph, and William Frederick, wife Agnes all sold the building to daughter/sister, Katharine Margaretha Ruge Kruse and husband Chas. J. in February 1916. In November 1920, the Kruse family sold the building to Fred W. and Anna Blank (wife).

The building was occupied and rented from Fred W. Blank by Henry and Tillie Ruwe as a general merchandise store. Marvella Ruwe Meyer's father Hugo worked in the store with Ella Bockmann. When the Ruwe store closed, a movie theater was operated at that location. The projectors were run by Rudolph and Albert Blank. Tillie Ruwe (mother of Bernice Sothmann, LaMoyne Ruwe, Alice McAllister, Elta Corradin and Lindy Ruwe) played a player piano in the movie theater.

Marian Blank Jebens' father was Rudolph and her uncle was Fred. She remembers going to the movies there and sitting in seats that folded up. She also has player piano rolls from the theater and glass slides that were used to advertise during intermission.

Fred Blank sold the building to Edward and Helene Riech on March 3, 1926 for \$3,500. The building then became a bakery, known as the Walcott Bakery. Arnold Gilbert used a panel truck to deliver baked goods to the area people.

Edward Riech sent for nephew Alfred Riech from Germany to be an apprentice in the bakery. Alfred found out he was allergic to flour so had to quit.

Many people today remember the delicious bakery goods they got there. Baker Riech had grapevines along the back of the property and also made wine.

Riech sold the building to Alfred H. and Fred G. Bopp on July 6, 1944. Alfred Bopp died June 16, 1950 and bequeathed the building to Fred. The Bopps used the building as a tavern. They had a shuffleboard table along the south wall of the barroom. There was a room in back of the barroom that was used for parties.

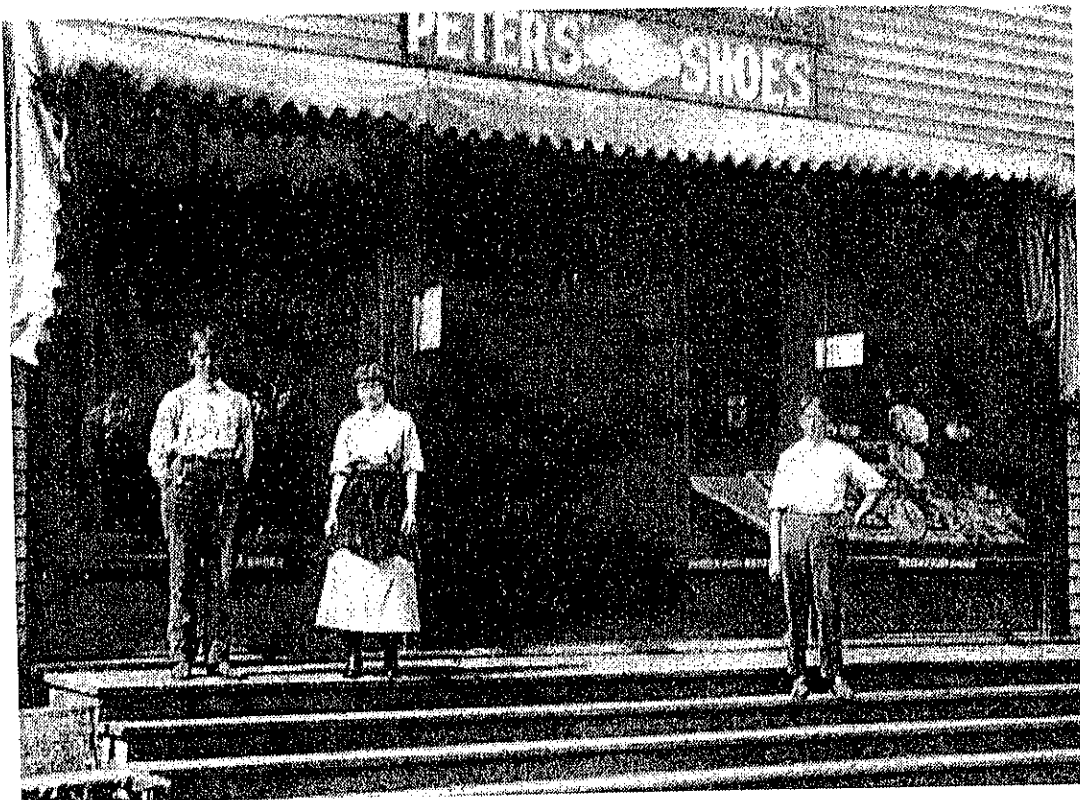
On January 2, 1952 Fred G. Bopp sold the building to Julius and Elsie Werthmann. They continued the building as a tavern for about 3 years and also lived there. Julius then converted the tavern to a Hubbard Feed Sales business.

Julius and Elsie Werthmann sold the building to Keith J. and Sandra Lee Meyer and William D. and Marian Storjohann on December 10, 1959.

Meyer and Storjohann Builders remodeled the space upstairs into another apartment and both couples lived in the building. They used the rest of the building for their business of carpentry and the showroom was used as a linoleum shop. On August 4, 1961, Keith and Sandy sold their half of the property to William D. and Marian Storjohann and the Storjohanns continued their linoleum business from that location. A third apartment was added in the back room in 1962.

The showroom was converted into a doctor's office and on December 3, 1962, Dr. Hugh Furness opened his practice at that location. He practiced there until his death about 1983. The space was later converted into a fourth apartment.

March 1, 1994 Bill and Marian Storjohann sold the building to Joe C. and Patricia J. Judge. The building is currently used as an apartment building.



Henry Ruwe, Ella Bockmann and Hugo Ruwe in front of store. (Submitted by Bill Storjohann)



Hugo Ruwe and Ella Bockmann in the store. (Submitted by Bill Storjohann)

RECENT CITY CLERKS WHO SERVED

Jeanne Hensen served Walcott as City Clerk for 19 years retiring in 1978. Four of the Mayors whom she served under were Harvey Bluedorn, David "Mike" Proksch, Keith Meyer and Eugene Gradin. A surprise farewell party on Sunday, February 4, 1978 was attended by many friends and fellow workers.



Jeanne Hensen
(North Scott Press Photo)



Betty Paustian
(North Scott Press Photo)

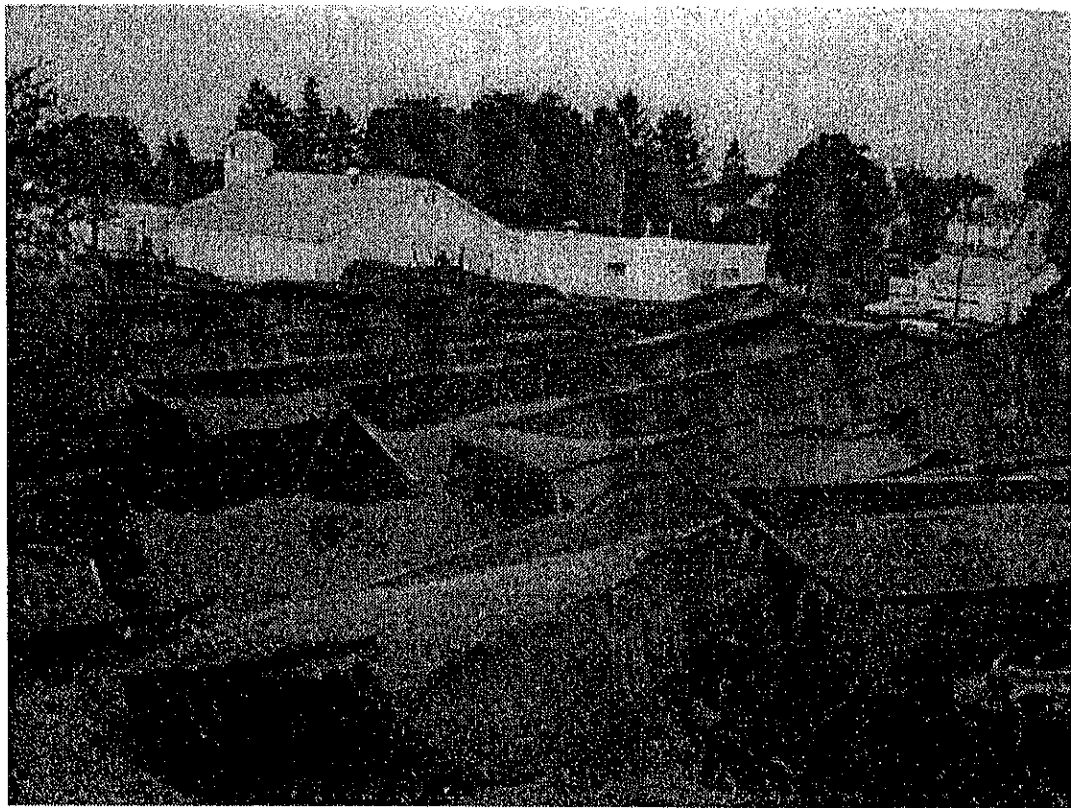
Betty Paustian served Walcott as City Clerk for 16 years, retiring in 1994. When she accepted the position, she was "City Hall". Her various duties included taking minutes at meetings, accounts payable, receivable and utility billing. A "BE BACK SOON" sign was posted when she had to go to the post office or bank. Betty said she enjoyed working with people in the community including long-time Mayor Leon Downing. To quote Betty: "I think Walcott is probably one of the best towns to live in. We've got some terrific people here"

In her retirement, she stated she was looking forward to traveling, ballroom dancing, and playing sheephead (cards). Betty has four grown children and so does her husband Delmar.

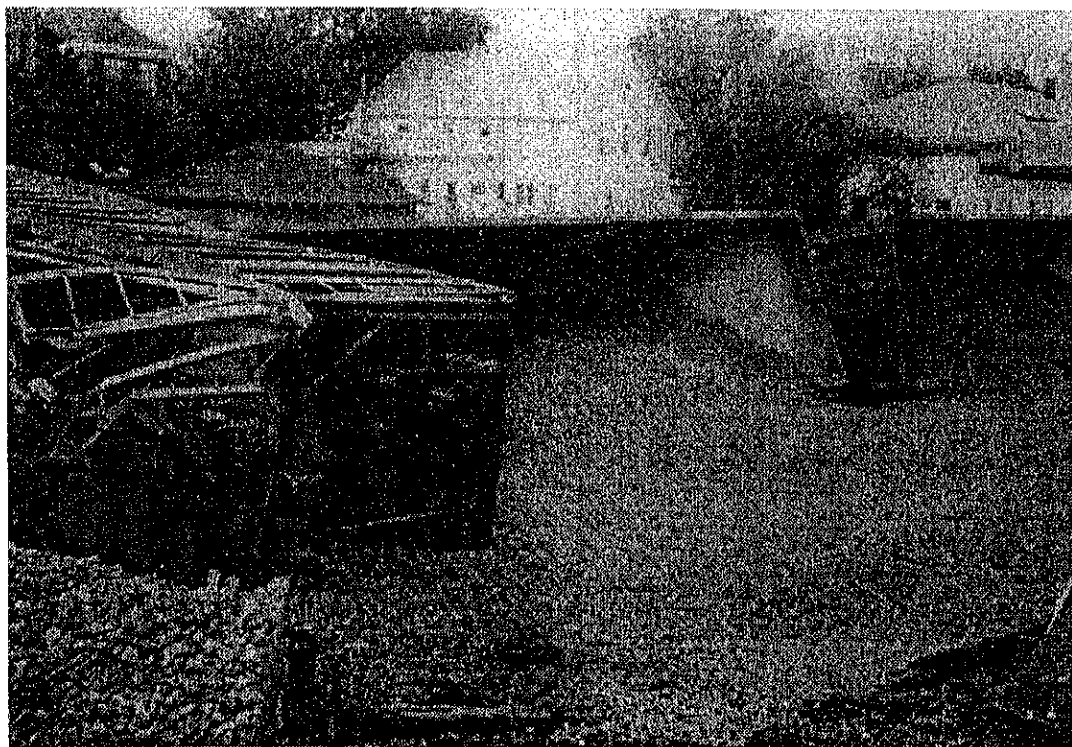
A TRAIN DERAILMENT

In 1978, a Rock Island Lines train derailed 20 to 25 cars. The cars were loaded with sand and stone. One car smashed into the side of Central Petroleum Company warehouse, breaking an oil line from a large storage tank. The break reportedly left four inches of oil on the floor.

The Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad went bankrupt and at the present time Iowa Interstate Railroad owns the single track, leasing it to other railroads. There are maybe three trains a day; going at a very reasonable speed compared with the many of 25 years ago at 75 plus miles per hour.



1978 Train Derailment. (Submitted by Keith Meyer)



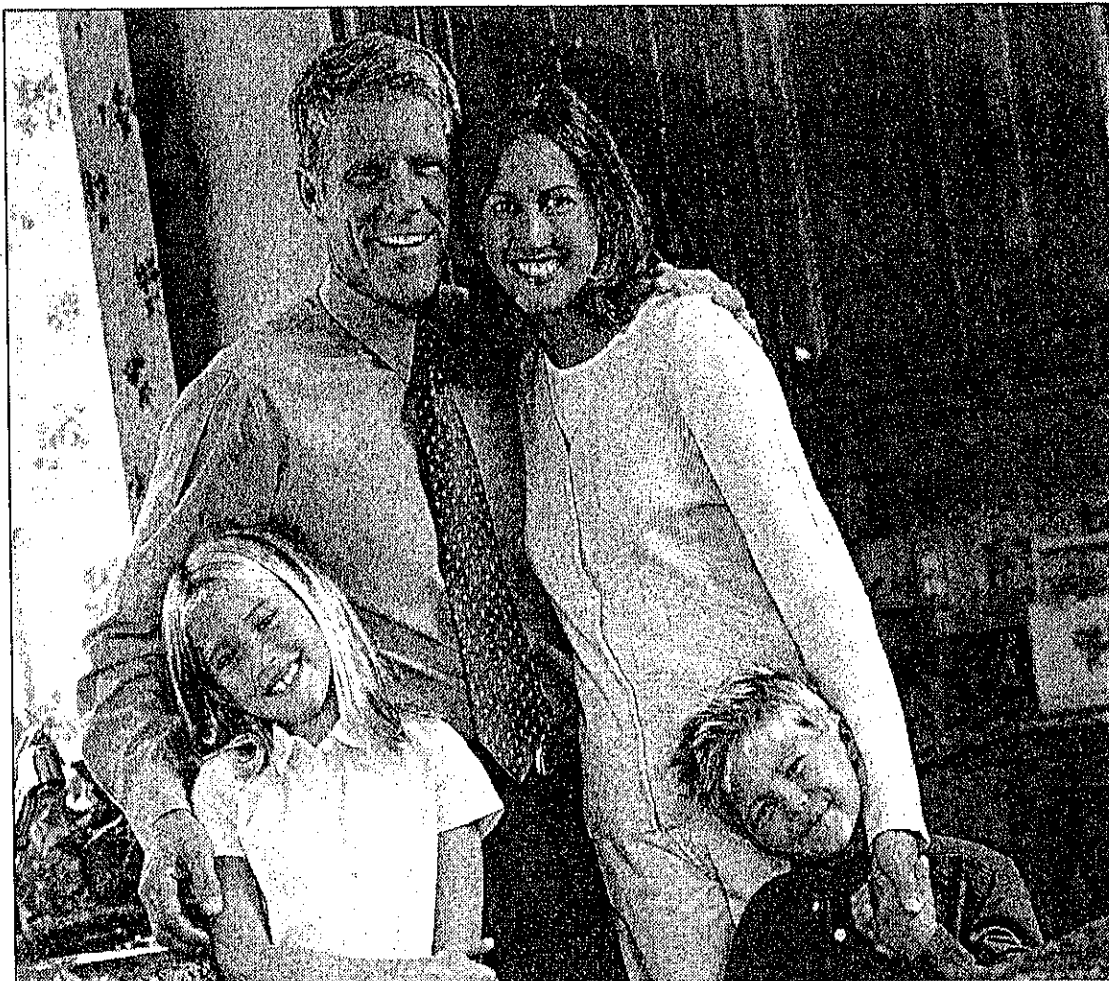
1978 Train Derailment. (Submitted by Keith Meyer)

THE BIG SNOW



Mitchell Knutson delivering papers by sled on North Henry Street. (Submitted by Marcella Siegel)

When it was over, the snowstorms of December 1, 1978, January 1 and 13, 1979 left us with a ground cover of at least 28 inches! For the rural resident, the storms brought isolation. Farmers often drove tractors into town to help with the digging out. January was not only the



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snowiest month ever, but also the coldest; the average temperature being 6.3 degrees for that month. Wherever you lived, in the city or country, the winter of '79 was a constant pain and problem!

THE DELUGE OF 1990

Nearly 10 inches of rain was dumped on the Walcott area on Saturday, June 16, 1990. As a result of a flooded creek, some downtown businesses suffered considerable damage and seventeen mobile homes were swamped. Walcott firefighters had to travel by boat from trailer to trailer to rescue residents.

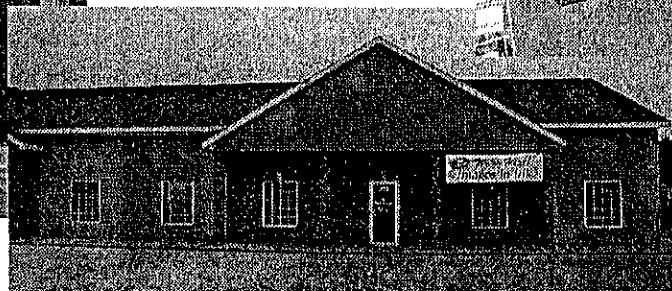
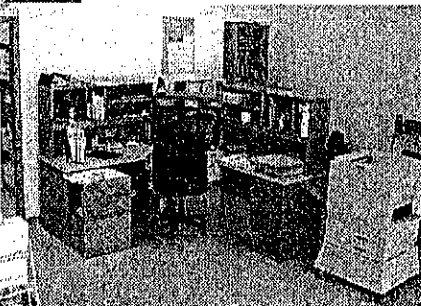
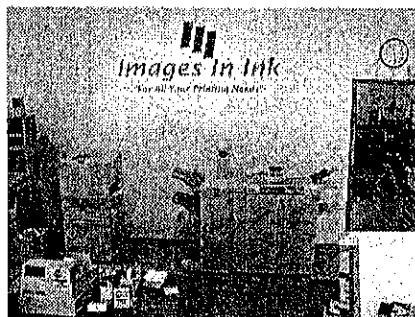
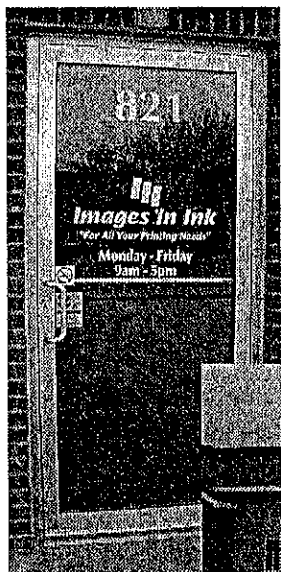


North Main Street June 16, 1990 (Submitted by Janet Brockmann)

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AND SOME GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END... THE WALCOTT STORE 1875 - 2001

The town of Walcott was served by at least one grocery store for 126 of its 150 years. Louie Hintz erected a building at the Northeast corner of Main and Lincoln as a grocery store in 1875. Karl Warnecke purchased the business in 1938 from the Walcott Co-op. Karl and Verna's sons, Al, Deane, and Dale worked at the store in their younger years.

Al and Billie Warnecke bought the Walcott General Store when Karl passed away in 1962. Among the many employees, their children, Marti, Lynda, Karla, Sandy, Brenda, Lon, Jon, and Sara, and several of the 24 grandchildren worked at the store at one time or another while growing up. Customers, welcomed by name, shopped in the store packed wall to wall with groceries, house wares,



Marti Brinning and Billie Warnecke. (Submitted by Marti Brinning)

gifts, hardware, and clothing. Not many changes were made to the business over the years as Al tried to keep it unique – an old country store. Billie and daughters, Marti Brinning and Sara Dietz, continued the business following Al's death in September 1993.

The store survived many devastating events including the flash floods in June 1990 and the Hawkeye Building Fire in July 1996. The Warneckes closed its doors in the fall of 2001 and sold the building to Keith Meyer and daughter, Jodee, who renovated it into an apartment complex.

ANDRESEN'S GENERAL STORE 1920 – 1969

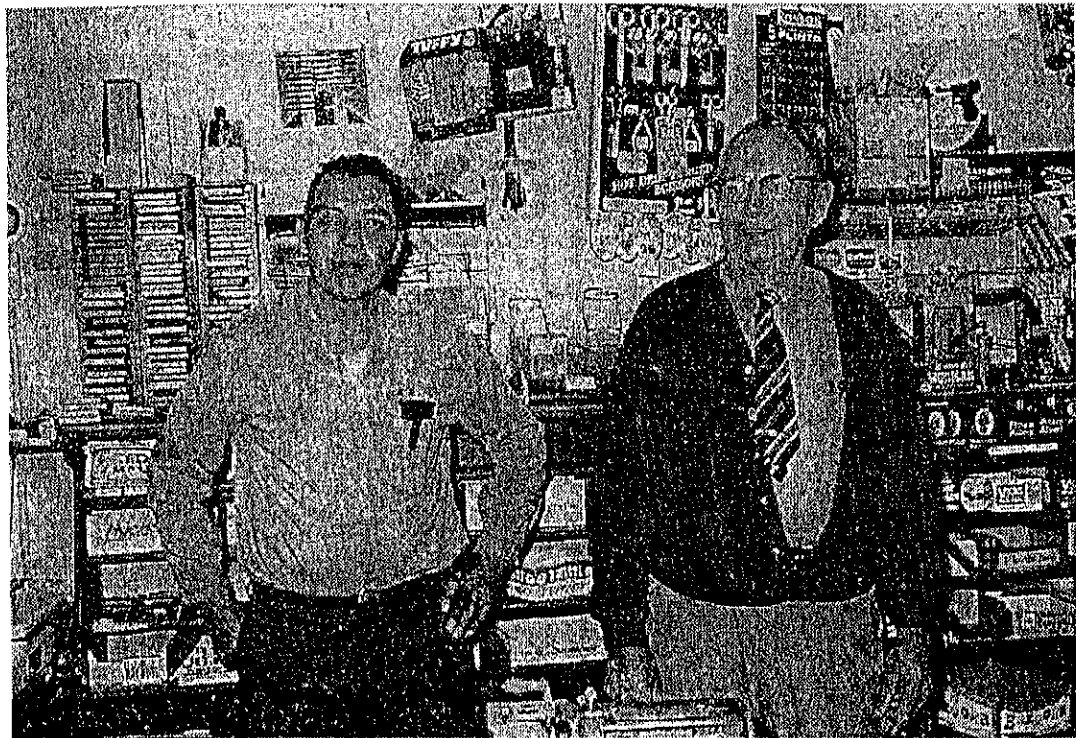
Otto and Mary Andresen located in Walcott in 1920. Otto and Hugo Meyer opened a grocery and general store on the west side of the Walcott bank building on Main and Bryant Streets.



Andresen's Store as part of Bank Building. (Durant News Photo)

They sold groceries, clothing apparel, sundries and Maytag appliances. Once a year special was when they received and distributed a train carload of Acme pig meal.

Otto's son, Wallace "Wally" joined him in operating the store in 1946. The store closed in 1969, due to the expansion of the bank.



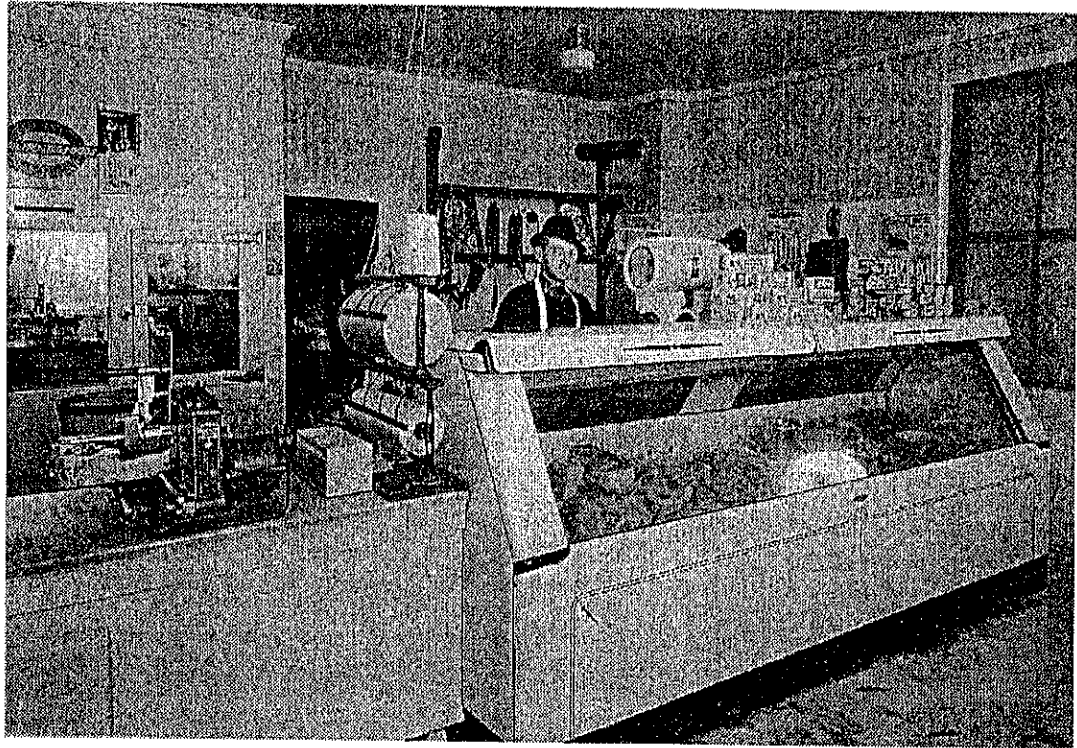
Wally and Otto Andresen in their store. (Durant News Photo)

NIEBUHR'S MEAT MARKET 1925 –1995

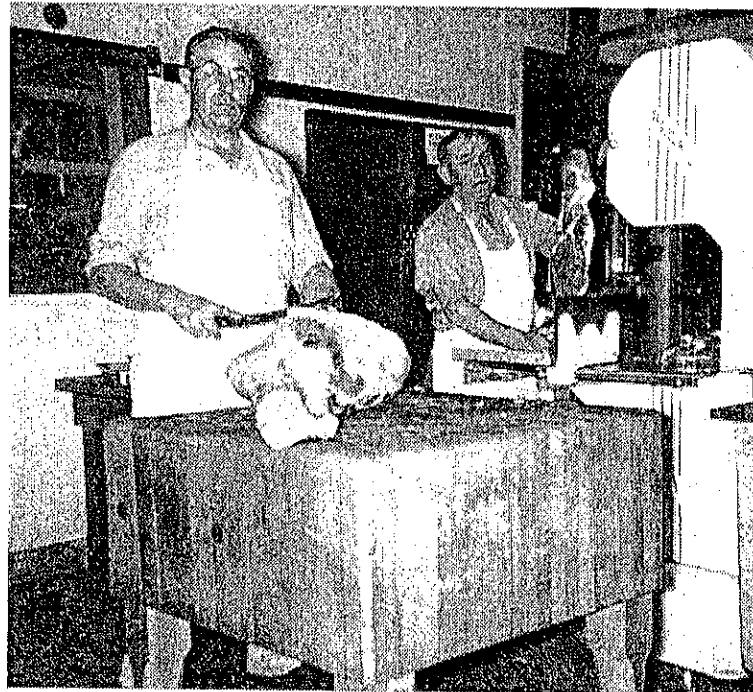
Frank and Hazel Niebuhr established Niebuhr's Meat Market in 1925. They opened a retail meat counter where Central Petroleum Co. sits today. In 1927, they purchased The Zoeller Hotel at the corner of Main and Durant Street. Frank "Franz" operated this meat market, did custom slaughtering, and established a country meat route from this location.

The Amana frozen food locker plant was added in 1936. It was in the 1940's that the wood building was razed and replaced with the brick structure that stands today.

Robert and Stanley Niebuhr (sons) operated the business in 1962 to 1967. Their partnership dissolved in 1967 and then Stanley and Patricia assumed ownership. The couple operated Niebuhr's Inc. and Niebuhr's Sausage Co. until it closed in 1995. In 1997, Walcott Trust and Savings Bank purchased the building.

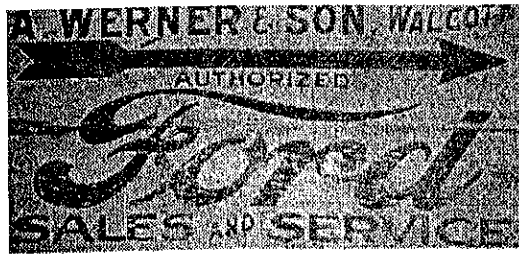


Oliver Kurtz about 1940 in meat market. (Submitted by Alice Riessen)



Frank and Henry Niebuhr inside meat market. (Submitted by Alice Riessen)

DIETZ SALES AND SERVICE 1937 – 1983



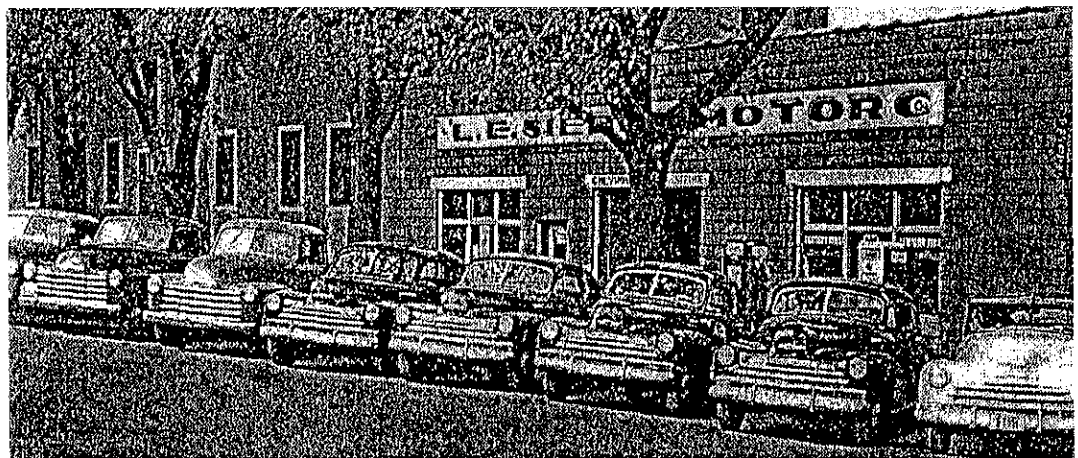
Sign of the early Ford Sales and Service. (Submitted by Loretta Beitel)

Steven's Ford and later Walcott Ford until 1990. Hawkeye Lumber then purchased the building for offices and storage. The building was destroyed by fire on July 6, 1996.

This structure at 140 East Lincoln was built by A. E. Werner in 1914. The business began selling Ford automobiles in 1916. Erben Dietz bought the business in 1937 and owned it until 1983. It then became Ted

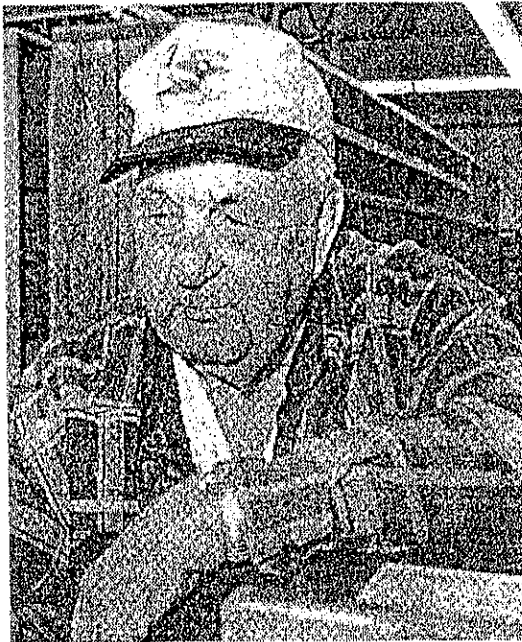
SIEBKE MOTOR CO. 1946 –1994

This structure at 138 East Bryant was built in 1914 and was used to assemble the Coby car. The building was later bought by Henry Eichner who sold Buick, Dodge, Essex, Desoto, and Chevrolet cars. Lester Siebke started employment there in 1936 and in 1946 Lester bought the business. 1992 was the last year for his Chevrolet dealership and in 1994, the business closed. A Walcott citizen now owns the building.



1947 Chevrolets in front of garage. (Submitted by Roger Siebke)

LUND IMPLEMENT 1946 –1999



Lester Lund (North Scott Press Photo)

Lester Lund was working for John Deere in Lyons, which is the north part of Clinton, IA. George Hanson was a farmer. The two of them started Lund and Hanson Implement Company in 1946. Lester bought out George a few years later. The building at 137 North Main Street that originally housed his office and retail store was replaced in 1980 by a new building until Lester's retirement in 1999.

Lund Implement was primarily a John Deere dealership. One year it was number one in selling different kinds of machinery.

Lester remembers when the creek that runs alongside his property flooded in 1990 and also "the big fire" at Hawkeye Distributing that threatened two pole buildings. Scores of volunteers shuttled items out of them to a safe location.

This property was sold to Iowa Can Company.

MEYER AND STORJOHANN BUILDERS 1958 –1961

Agreement was made between Keith J. Meyer and William "Bill" D. Storjohann on May 3, 1958 for a partnership to be known as Meyer and Storjohann Builders, Walcott, IA of 132 – 134 N. Main Street on lots 1 and 2 of Block 7. Keith and Bill, with helpers, agreed to remodel and build houses

and barn buildings, install cabinets, linoleum, carpet, tile and counter tops, and do painting and roofing.

Work was done in a 25-mile radius of Walcott. Cabinet shop was in the basement of the building; linoleum shop was on the main floor.

On April 1, 1961, Keith and Bill agreed to dissolve Meyer and Storjohann Builders with a handshake, each going his own way. Keith stayed in construction and Bill went into farming in 1963. The building is now an apartment complex.



Keith J. Meyer and Bill D. Storjohann in 1958. (Submitted by Bill Storjohann)

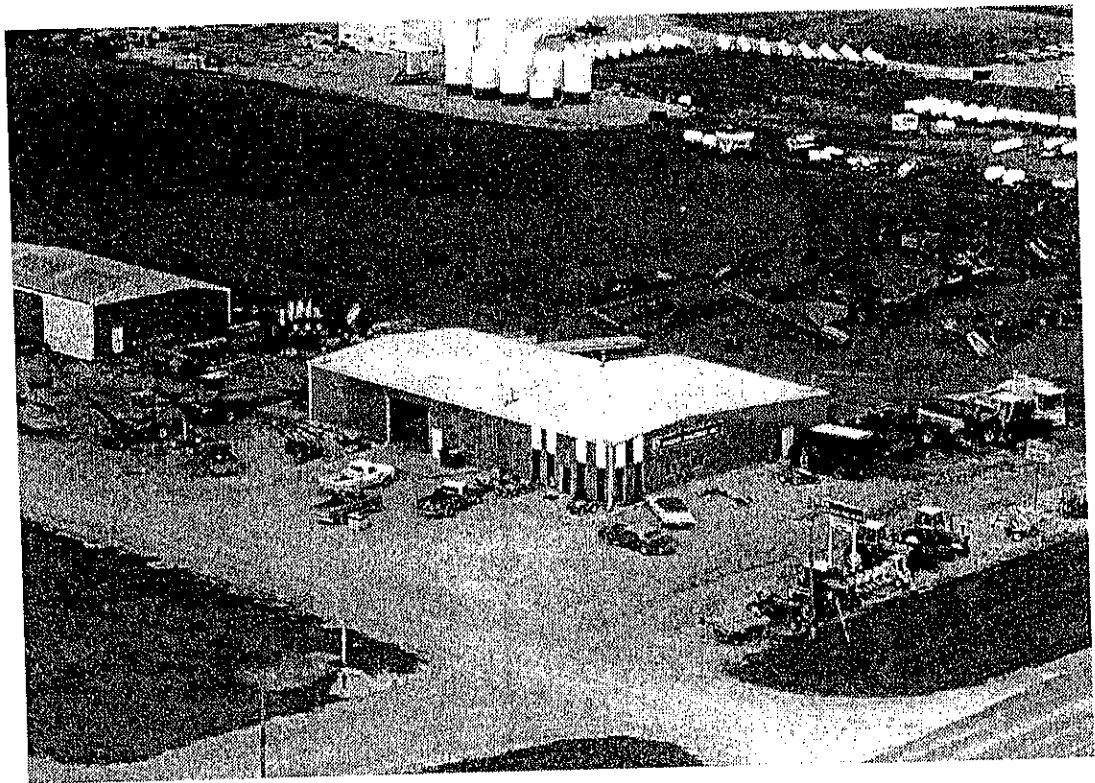


Leo Meyer, friend and Herman Meyer, Keith's father. (Submitted by Bill Storjohann)

HENNING IMPLEMENT COMPANY 1960 - 1984

The structure at 116 North Main Street was built by Herman Schreiber and was used to repair cars. After that, Walt Nieman (Walcott Produce Co.) moved into the site. Winter Farm Equipment later occupied the facility until 1960 when Ray Henning bought it. After 13 years at this site, Henning moved his business into a new building and location on Highway 6. This building is now Precision Bend and Machine.

Henning's dealership included Allis Chalmers, New Holland, New Idea, and Kewanee. The Henning's retired and the business closed in 1984.



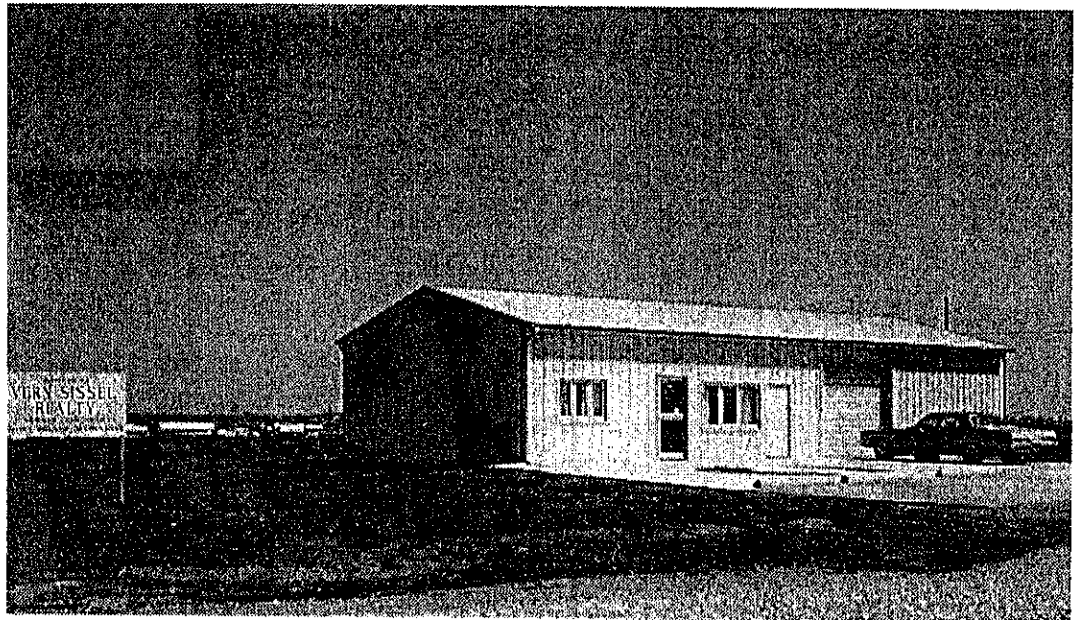
Henning Implement at 223 East Walcott Road. (Submitted by Gary Henning)

VERN SISSEL REALTY 1965-1979

After several years of building new homes in the Walcott area, Vernon Sissel sold S & S Builders to join the real estate profession. He and his wife, Dorothy, began as salesmen for Cusack & Staack Realty in Davenport. By 1965, Vern had earned his Broker's license so he and Dorothy opened Vern Sissel Realty in Walcott at their home. In 1972, they purchased a portion of the Carl Raddi farm on the north edge of town and began construction of a real estate office at 811 North Main Street. Vern, Dorothy, and Karen Puck, their daughter, operated the office until Vern's death in 1979.

As Walcott expanded, the area around Vern Sissel Realty was further developed. Vernon Street is named in remembrance of Vern Sissel.

The building is now occupied by Thoma Ranch USA1 Motors.



Vern Sissel Realty. (Submitted by Karen Puck)

FRENCH AND HECHT DIVISION OF KELSEY-HAYES COMPANY 1973-2003

French and Hecht and the City of Walcott became partners in 1973 when Walcott was the chosen site for their \$5 million 200,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility to be built as an expansion of its Davenport plant. The new facility would create 100 new jobs in the next 2 to 3 years in the areas of rim and wheel manufacturing assembly, welding, and painting. These new jobs would be in addition to the 340 existing jobs currently held by French and Hecht employees in the Davenport plant.

When French and Hecht made known the criteria for a new site...to stay in the Quad Cities area, have easy access to railroad and highway connections...the Walcott mayor and council members thought this was an opportunity worth pursuing with Walcott's close proximity to the Quad Cities, to I-80 and I-280, and the Rock Island Railroad's main line running through the City of Walcott.

Thus began the steps and procedures to coordinate the efforts to bring French and Hecht to Walcott. There were many hurdles to overcome...finding a viable site, rezoning, land acquisition, annexation, sewer and water expansions, financing of the project, and the approval of the citizens of Walcott.

When a viable site was found, property owners Herb Bolte and Leo and Elaine Meyer agreed to the option to buy the 80 acres, which is the current site of the plant. Thus, the land was annexed to the City of Walcott. The City of Walcott offered to install water, as well as a large sewer line from the lagoons to the project site. A percentage of taxes received from French and Hecht would be used to retire the bonds that were used for these projects; tax dollars were not used.

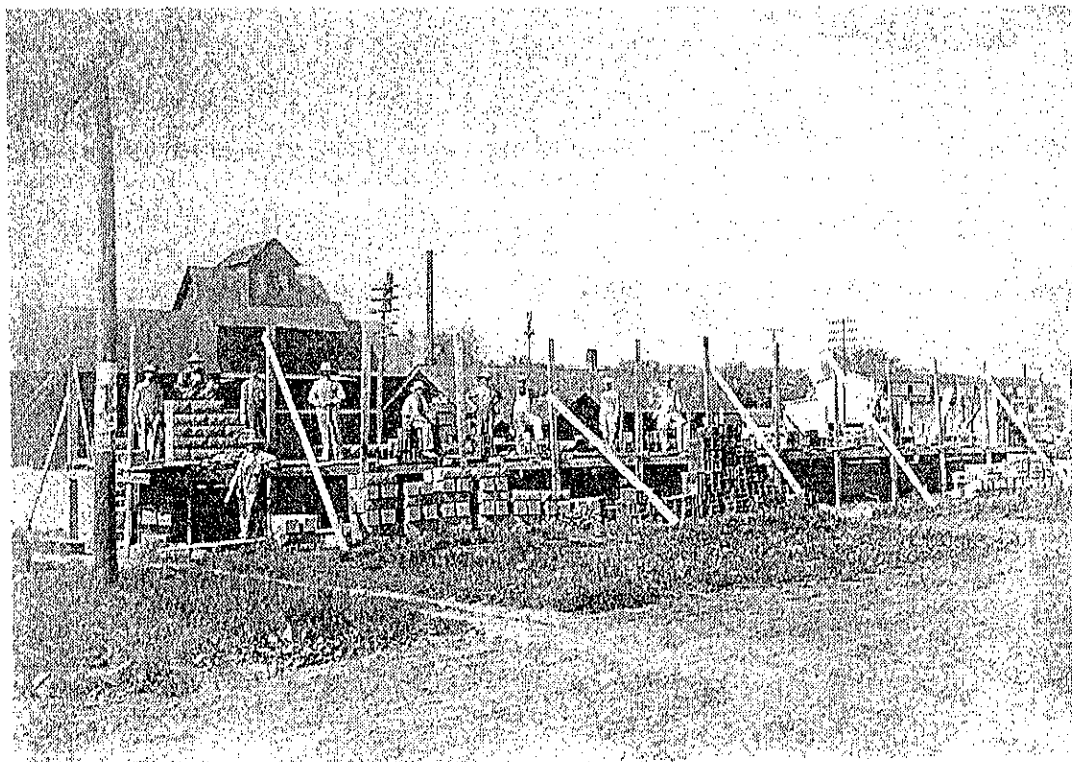
In announcing their intent to locate in Walcott, company officials were quick to note the cooperation and progressive attitude of the Walcott mayor and council and

expressed optimism that their plant facility would provide additional revenue and ordered growth. The City of Walcott agreeing to enter into the bond agreement to help its own development was another reason French and Hecht decided to locate in Walcott.

\$4.7 million Industrial Revenue Bonds that were signed on May 9, 1973 funded the project. It was one of the largest new plant construction industrial revenue bonds in the area's history. Payment of the bonds was made to First Trust and Savings Bank, Davenport, trustees for Walcott. Goldman Saks Co. was the underwriter. French and Hecht would retire the bonds in 20 years, principal and interest, at no cost to Walcott taxpayers.

French and Hecht opened their Walcott Plant in 1974 as the largest industry in the town. When the facility closed and moved its operation to Quincy, IL in December 2003, it was in the name of Titan Wheel.

PUCK BODY SHOP 1975 –1996



Construction of the building. (Submitted by Ardy Puck)

This structure at 120 W. Bryant was built in 1909 by John Strohbeen. It was a cement block building used for storing potatoes and was a buying station for several Walcott potato buyers. Henry Schulz made all the blocks by hand for this building. Later it became a storage facility for Andresen's General Store. Mid-States Bandag operated a small recapping tire business there and Lujack's also used it.

The Marvin Puck family started a body shop business in this building in 1975 and that continued until 1996. Robert Taylor then moved into the facility and in 2001 purchased the building. It is still owned by him and is still a body shop.

WALCOTT FAMILY CLINIC 1978 – 1998



Lynn and Dr. Michael deBlois. (Submitted by Lynn deBlois)

After 20 years of service at the Walcott Family Clinic, Dr. Michael deBlois was forced to close his practice due to a serious illness. Members of the community weren't about to let Dr. deBlois hang up his stethoscope without giving him a few well-deserved accolades. An "Appreciation Reception" was held at the Walcott Legion.

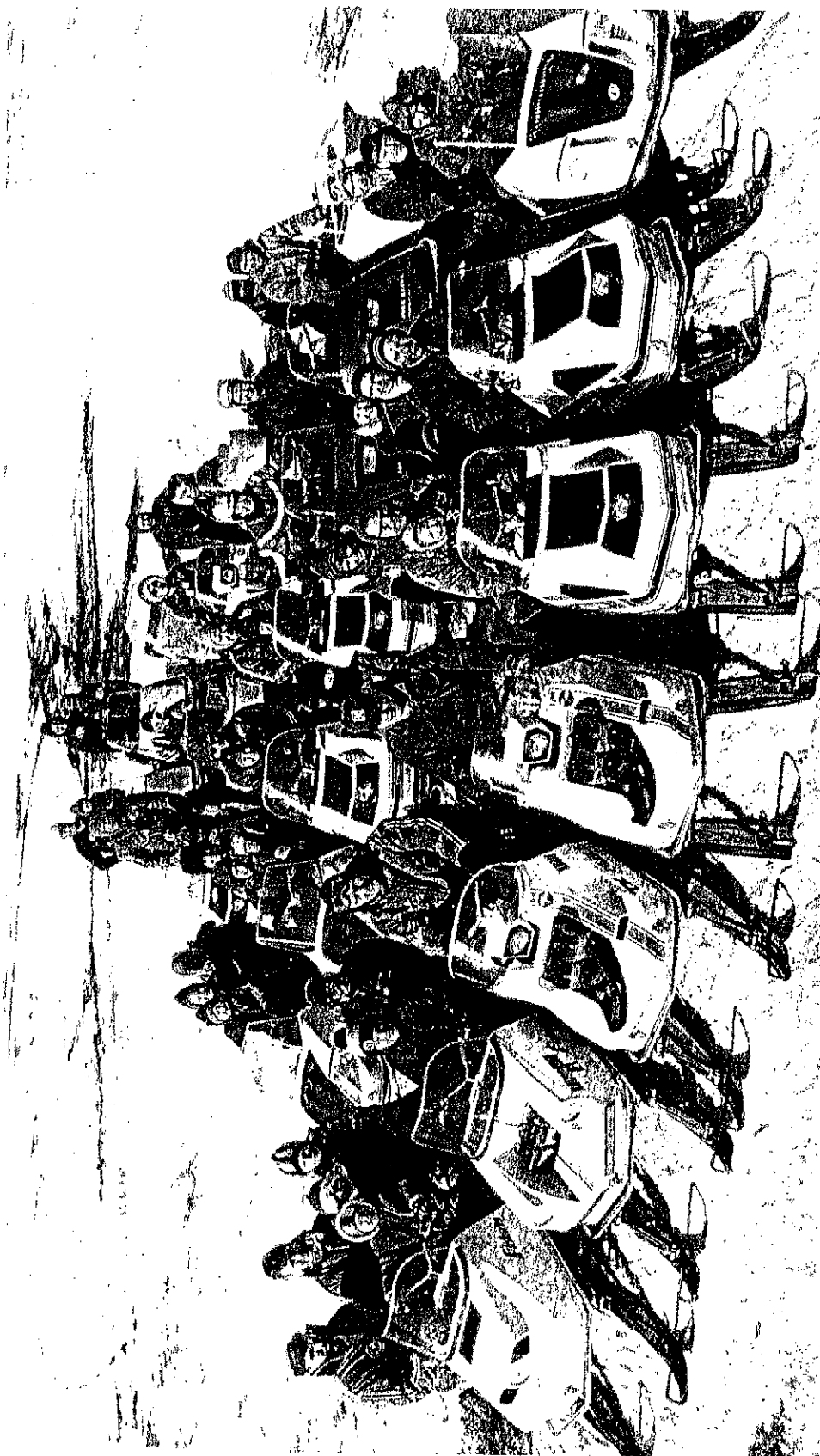
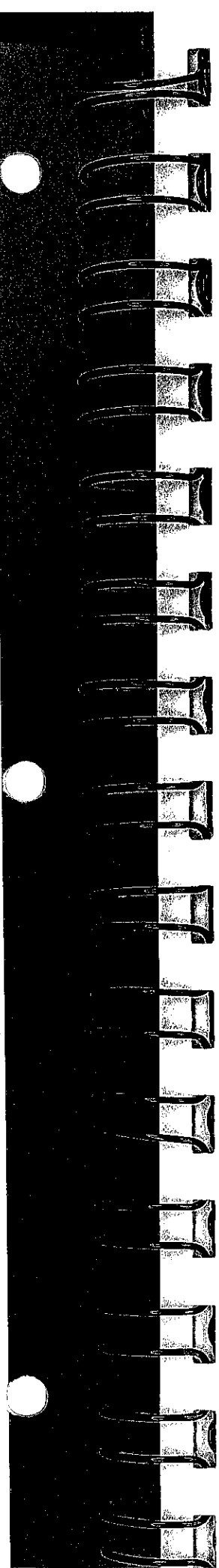
In the beginning, he carried on the time-honored tradition of making house calls – a service no longer heard of. He would go into the community and rural areas checking on elderly and homebound patients who couldn't make it to the office. As a family practitioner and surgeon Dr. deBlois had an opportunity to participate in almost every facet of patient care. He was very caring and always had time for every one of his patients.

Dr. deBlois took over the building which Dr. Schroeder had his practice in years before at 106 East Durant St. It is now occupied by Walcott Veterinary Clinic and Iowa Steak Co.

DRIFTBUSTER'S SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Vern Sissel called a meeting at his home on October 4, 1970 to form a club for all interested snowmobile owners. An ordinance was drawn up and presented to the Walcott City Council on Monday, October 5, 1970. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sissel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lamp, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warnecke attended the meeting with the proposed ordinance.

The name selected for the club was "Driftbusters". The club went on many local rides, several out of town events, had wiener roasts, annual steak fries, participated in local parades and held safety classes for kids and adults. In 1986, Thanksgiving weekend, a huge snowstorm closed I-80. The snowmobile club played a huge part in rescuing motorists from their vehicles. With "standing room only" at the I-80 Truckstop, Calvary United Methodist Church was opened to as many as 285 people. Local snowmobile dealers were Lund Implement (John Deere) and John Brockmann (Polaris). There are several families in the Walcott area who still enjoy riding their snowmobiles.



Included in picture are: Marvin, Dorine, Billy, Kelly, Patty and Dennis Buhman, Melvin, Betty, Sheri, Karen, and Nancy Brus, Keith, Sandy, Jodee, and Jay Meyer, John, Janet, and Bart Brockmann, Alvin and Mardelle Lamp, Dennis, Lisa and Brent Puck, Charles Brockmann, Stan Giese, Bob, Barb, and Julie Sailing, Al, Billie, Sandy, Lon, and Sara Warnecke, Wayne and Tim Arp, Barb Brockmann, Vern and Dorothy Sissel, and Dwight and Shirley Mericle. (Submitted by Keith Meyer)

THE WALCOTT JAYCEES

The Walcott Jaycees was a community action organization for young adults between the ages of 21 - 39. They were formed in 1974. Their purpose was to provide members with opportunities to develop leadership and personal skills through community service projects. Development in the areas of management, membership, the community and the individual were addressed.

Although the Jaycees originally was an organization for men, women were later invited to become members. There were over fifty members at one time. Eventually, most of the women left the group and formed the Walcott Women of Today that is still active today.

Projects the organization participated in were Walcott Day, youth camp, a family picnic, glow sticks and haunted house visitations for Halloween, a float for parades, a family sledding social, senior citizens' holiday dinner, the annual awards banquet, personal growth programs, and an Easter egg hunt. During the Christmas holiday, they held a party for children, delivered food baskets, and helped a needy family. State, regional, and national meetings were attended. They helped support sporting events such as Run, Punt, and Pass and Hit, Run, and Throw competitions for children as well as the Slow Pitch Tournament for adults.

At the time, the Walcott Jaycees were members of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Walcott organization disbanded in 1999.

We, the Sesquicentennial History Committee, wish to thank all the people and organizations that have contributed to this book. We appreciate the businesses that have submitted and paid for advertising. Also, a special thank you to all who have contributed in some way with photos or memorabilia for our historical display. From the bottom of our hearts – Thank you!



Seated l-r: Janet Brockmann, Gerry Meyer, Keith Meyer, Carol Snay.
Standing l-r: Loretta Beitel, Arlene Johansen, Marcie Siegel, Janet Feuerbach. Absent was Patricia Niebuhr.

