

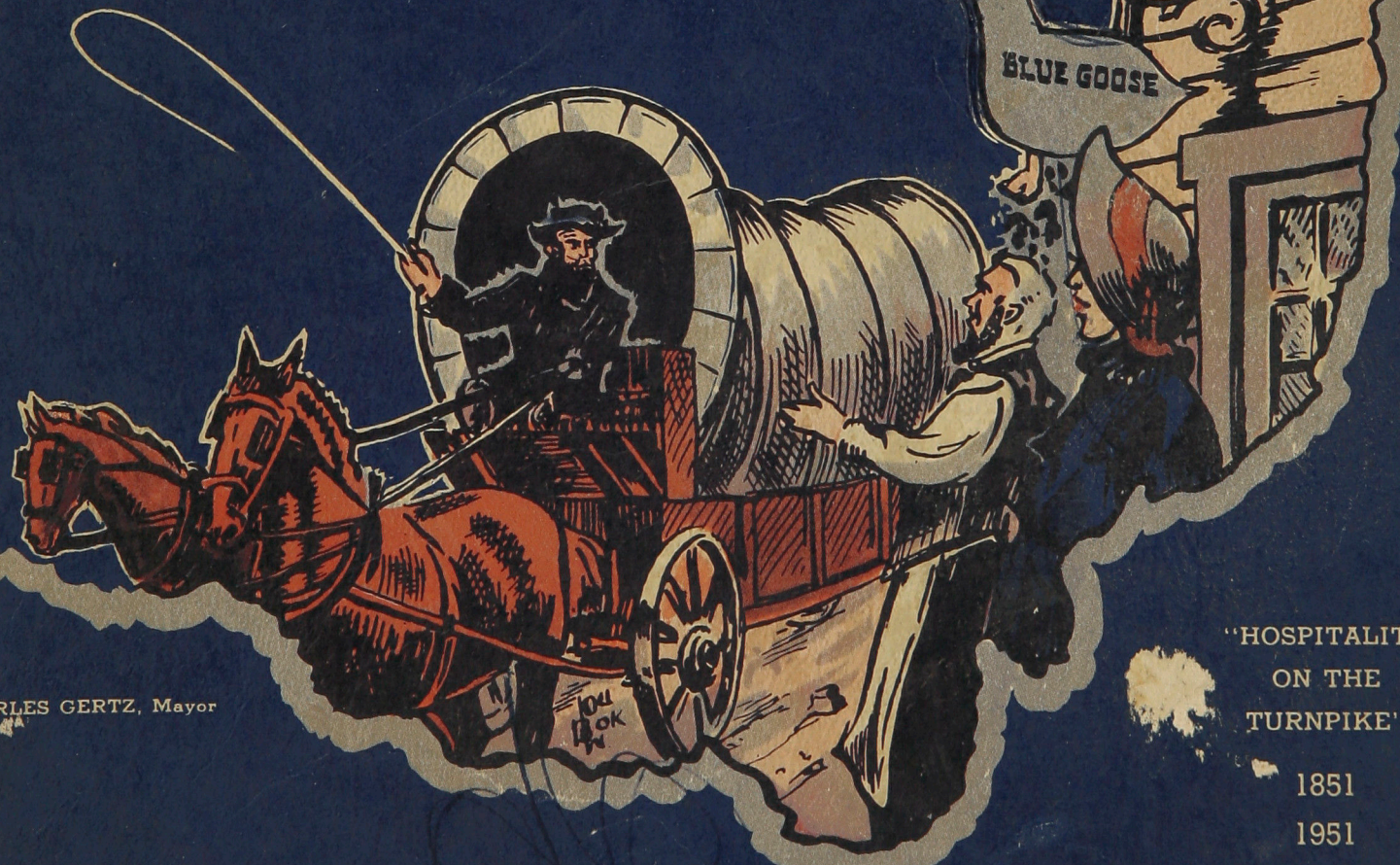
READING CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR

CITY OF READING, OHIO

FOUNDED - 1797

INCORPORATED - 1851

CHARLES GERTZ, Mayor



"HOSPITALITY
ON THE
TURNPIKE"

1851

1951

CENTENNIAL DAYS JUNE 18-24, 1951

READING TAVERN ASSOCIATION



Busch's Tavern.....	Ernie & Josie Busch
1101 Bar.....	Ralph Roth & Toots Acus
Eddie's Cafe.....	Eddie Adleta
Hoffman Grill.....	John & Marie Hoffman
Horseshoe Cafe.....	Dick Lang
Jack's Tavern.....	Reavey Hickman
Lotz's Cafe.....	Walter Lotz
Meier's Cafe.....	Bob Singer
Mike Haffey's Grill.....	Mike Haffey
Poor Ben's Place.....	Mrs. Anna Heffron
Siebenthaler's.....	Roger & Dick Siebenthaler
Squirrley & Bob's Cafe.....	Bob Cragwall
Wag's Cafe.....	Bill Bronner
Ziegler's Cafe.....	Jake Ziegler

The Reading Tavern Ass'n. is proud to be serving the people of Reading and the surrounding communities, as tavern keepers have for over 100 years.

In less than a year since the Tavern Ass'n. has formed we have come to know, to serve and appreciate our fine City of Reading. Congratulations, Reading, on your 100 years.



CHAS. GERTZ
Mayor

To the Citizens of Reading:

It is indeed a pleasure to join in with all our citizens and friends in the spirit of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Reading.

Gratefully acknowledging the contributions of our forefathers from the earliest pioneers to incorporation, then up to the transition from a village to a city until the present time for making possible this beloved city of our choice.

I sincerely hope that the Centennial Celebration will be thoroughly enjoyed and long remembered by all, as another milestone in the progress of Reading.

Respectfully,

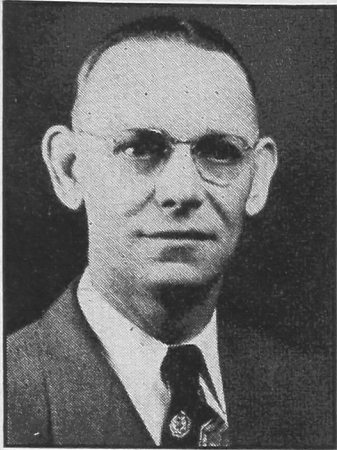
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Mayor

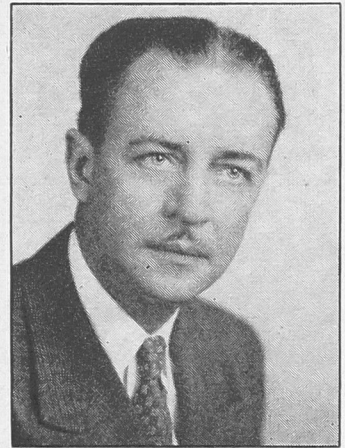


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Governor
State of Ohio

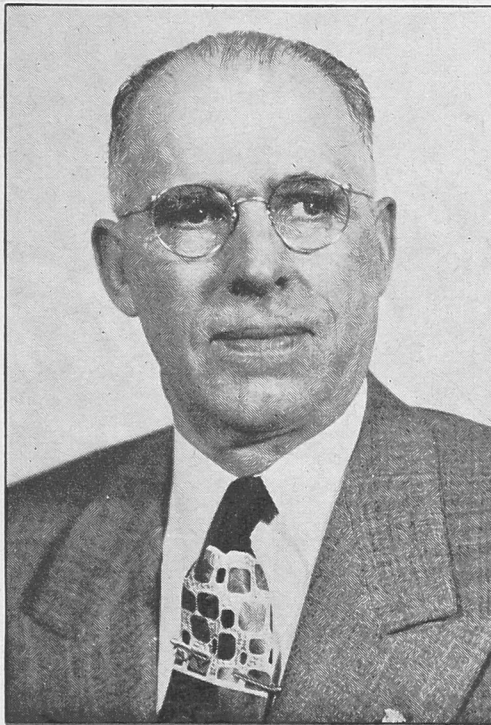
READING'S CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



JOS. A. HOEPER
Co-Chairman



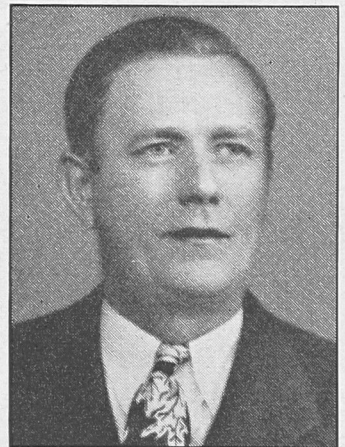
HARRY FRICKE,
Co-Chairman



HARRY E. VEDDERN
CHAIRMAN



ROBERT SINGER
Secretary



HARRY HESTER
Midway — Manager

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all the Religious, Civic, Patriotic, Fraternal, Political organizations, the Business and Industrial establishments, the Schools and Churches, the City Officials, Police and Fire Departments of our City, The Chairmen and Chair Ladies of all the committees, the "Millcreek Valley News", "The Cincinnati Post", "The Cincinnati Enquirer", "The Cincinnati Times-Star", the Radio and Television Stations, the State and County Officials, the many volunteer workers, the citizens of our fine City for the splendid cooperation in helping to make the Reading Centennial Celebration such a huge success.

Harry E. Veddern,
Chairman



Congratulations

TO READING, OHIO AS THE CURTAIN
RISES ON A NEW MILESTONE IN THE
HISTORY OF OUR PROGRESSIVE CITY.

SINCE 1898 WE HAVE GROWN WITH READING
WE ARE PROUD TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY.

The NIVISON-WEISKOPF Co.
READING, OHIO

GENERAL COMMITTEE

HARRY E. VEDDERN
CHAIRMAN

Harry Fricke
Co-Chairman

Joseph A. Hoeper
Co-Chairman

Robert Singer
Secretary

TREASURERS

Jos. A. Hoeper Clifford Vorjohan Marcellus Leurs Elsworth Elmlinger

Purchasing Committee.....	Harry Fricke, Joseph Hoeper, Harry Hester	Pictures	Helen Baker
Rides	Harry Hester	Old Fashion Dress	Gladys Gebert, Olivia VonBargen
Poster Contest	Mary Alfin	Decorations	Robert Singer
Shave Permits	Ralph Roth	Ham Booths	Edward Doll
Relics	Robert Hartman, Robert Root	Fruit Booths	Harold Hesse
Centennial Book.....	Chas. Gertz, Harry Sand	Centennial Books, Plates Booth.....	Anna Elsbrock, Helen Effler
Advertising	Louis Metz, Jr., L. R. Yancey, H. Hester	Refreshments	Joseph Young, Eugene Kreiner
Parade	Thomas Meckling	Reception Committee.....	Mayor Chas. Gertz, Joseph Hoeper, J. H. Gahl, Albert Elmlinger, Sr., Daniel Laurence
Lunch	Ray Bessenbach	Pageant Show.....	Warren M. Durkee, Marie Hall
Candy	Martha Martin		
Booths	Joseph Grieshaber, Clarence Mitsch		

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEES

Valley Youth Organization.....	Emil Reed	Monument Social Club.....	Jack Keller
Public Library	Helen Baker	Reading Republican Club.....	Eugene Kreiner
Reading Republican Club — Women.....	Anna Elsbrock	Terraqua Club	Harry Hester
Knights of St. John	Wm. Boland	Kiwanis Club	Jos. Grieshaber
Sacred Heart Church	Ed. Doll	Kiwanis Club	Clarence Mitsch
St. Peter And Paul Church	Andrew Boehner	Democratic Club	Harold Hesse
Girl Scouts	Mary C. Alfin	Reading Boosters Club	John Arand
Reading Playground Mothers Club	Helen Effler	Reading Police Auxiliary	Margaret Appenfelder
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Robert Hartman	Reading Fireman's Auxiliary.....	Mrs. Howard Runck
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Arnold Kenneke	Fin and Feather Club.....	Ray Bessenbach
Boy Scouts	Harold Fladung	Lions Club	Jos. Young
Reading Fire Department.....	Louis Metz, Sr.	St. John Evangelical & Reform Church	Harry Fricke
Halker-Flege Post	Tom Mechling	Reading Public School.....	Supt. Warren M. Durkee
Reading Eagles, Sycamore Aerie 1095.....	Louis Metz, Jr.	St. Peter & Paul School	Rev. Henry T. Lammers
Reading Tavern Association.....	Robert Singer	Sacred Heart School.....	Rev. Albert Metz
Reading Athletic Club.....	George Ranson	Mount Notre Dame Academy	Sister Marie Therese



Congratulations

DARLING & COMPANY



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RIDES — CONCESSIONS — BOOTHS
ON READING ROAD FROM COLUMBIA AVE. TO VOORHEES STREET

MONDAY

Kiddy Parade starts at 6:00 P.M. — Popular Dancing on Street

TUESDAY

Harris Rosedale Amateur Review — Popular Dancing on Street
Pageant Show, Fireworks Grounds — Crowning of Prince and Princess

WEDNESDAY

Special Midway Attractions — Popular Dancing on Street

THURSDAY

Boxing — Pageant Show at Fireworks Grounds

FRIDAY

Jim Stacey's Hill Billy Review with Square Dancing on the Street

SATURDAY

Judging Old Fashion Dress Contest, at Reading and Benson Sts., at 8:30 P.M.
Popular Dancing on Street with TWO Orchestras

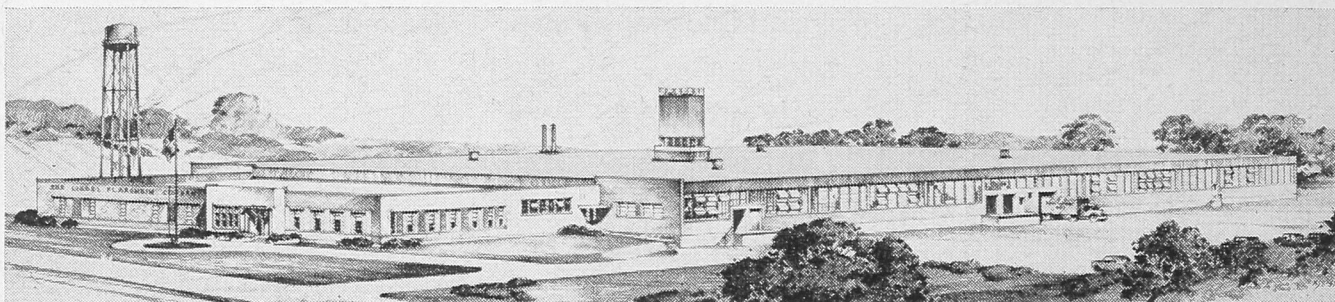
SUNDAY

Parade starting at Koenig Park at 2:00 P.M.
Reviewing stand at Reading Road and Benson Street
with special program starting at 2:00 P.M.

Invocation.....Rev. Wm. E. Bensch, Pastor St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Singing, Star-Spangled BannerFay Marion Elfers
Address of WelcomeMayor Chas Gertz, Mayor of Reading, Ohio
Introduction of Hamilton County JudgesHarry Fricke
Introduction of Hamilton County OfficialsJoseph Hoeper
Introduction of MayorsMayor Chas. Gertz
Address by Governor Lausche.....Introduced by Sen. Donald Rolf
Address by Alfred LovellFormer Mayor of Reading England,
introduced by Mayor Chas. Gertz
BenedictionRev. Henry T. Lammers, Pastor of St. Peter and
Paul Church

Judging of Floats, Vehicles
Master of CeremoniesHarry E. Veddern
Judging of Bearded Men Contest at Reading Rd. and Benson St. at 6:00 P.M.
Pageant Show at Fireworks Grounds at 8:00 P.M.

COMING TO READING IN 1952

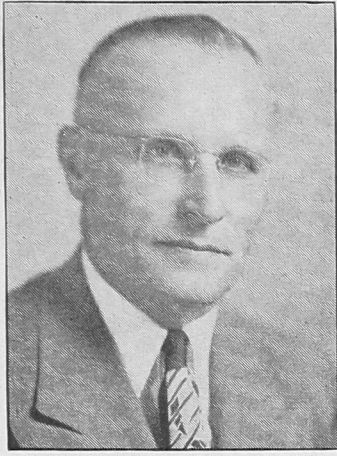


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CINCINNATI OFFICE
20 Amity Road, Reading, Ohio

Manufacturers of Electromedical,
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READING CITY OFFICIALS 1950-1951



PETER J. FELDHAUS
Pres. of Council



JOHN ELFERS
Treasurer



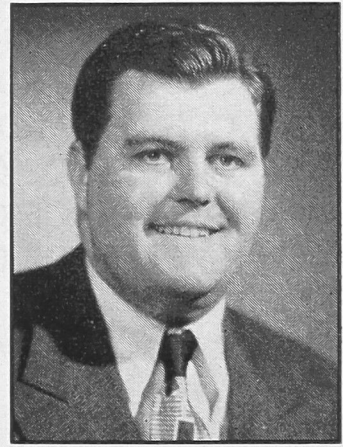
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Solicitor



PAUL MENGELKAMP
Auditor



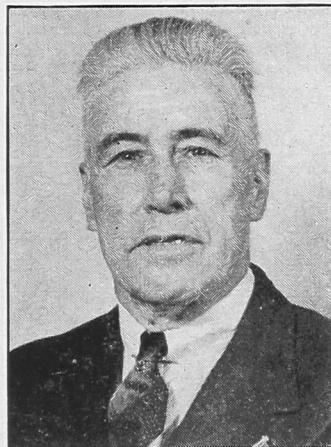
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Councilman



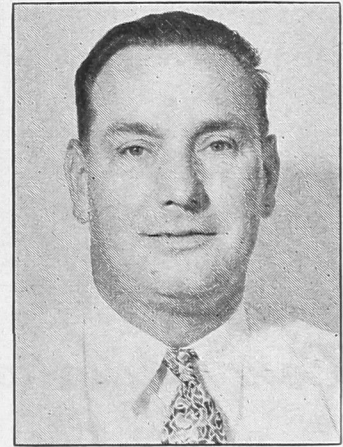
WILBERT DIETRICH
Councilman



ROBERT SCHEHR
Councilman



LOUIS ERNST
Councilman 1st Ward



THOMAS STEPHAN
Councilman 2nd Ward



LOUIS MARTIN
Councilman 3rd Ward



HARRY SIGEL
Councilman 4th Ward



MARCELLUS B. JUENKE
Clerk of Council

Evolution of **THE GAHL SHOE CO.** in **READING**

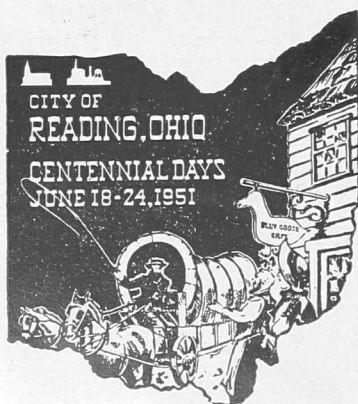
1887-1951

C. GAHL — 1887 . . . 1317 *MAIN ST., N. READING RD.
C. GAHL AND SON — 1895 . . . 908 *MAIN ST., READING RD.
C. GAHL AND SON — 1903 . . . 901 *MAIN ST., READING RD.
GAHL SHOE CO. — 1910 . . . 6 and 8 BENSON ST.
GAHL SHOE CO., Inc. — 1940 . . . 6 and 8 BENSON ST.
GAHL SHOE CO., Inc. — 1951 . . . 6 and 8 BENSON ST.

It is with pride that we now look over our record of 64 years in Reading. We just grew up together with the community from a one-man "hand" Custom and Repair Shop to the present large and modern store and custom shoe rebuilding factory, with a clientele of all the surrounding territory as far north as Lebanon. At this appropriate time we take great pleasure in extending our gratitude and thanks to the people of Reading and the surrounding community for their good will and loyalty in making our growth and success possible.

We feel that the quality of the people of the community is such that we can look forward to a great and successful future in a fine and growing city. We will, in the future, as we have in the past, be more than happy to do our bit.

Congratulations, Reading, on your 100th Birthday



J. H. GAHL, Pres.
JANE GAHL, Vice-Pres.
JOHN GAHL, Jr., Sec'y & Mgr.

THE GAHL SHOE CO. INC.

6-8 W. BENSON ST.

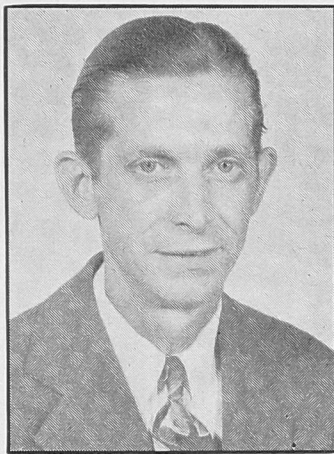
READING, OHIO

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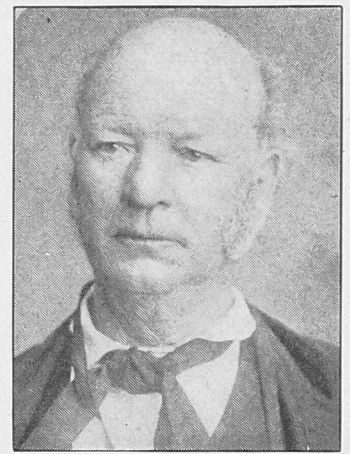
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H. H. SAND
Justice of Peace



ROBERT ZIMMER
Constable



JOHN COOPER
President of Cincinnati-
Lebanon and Springfield
Turnpike.

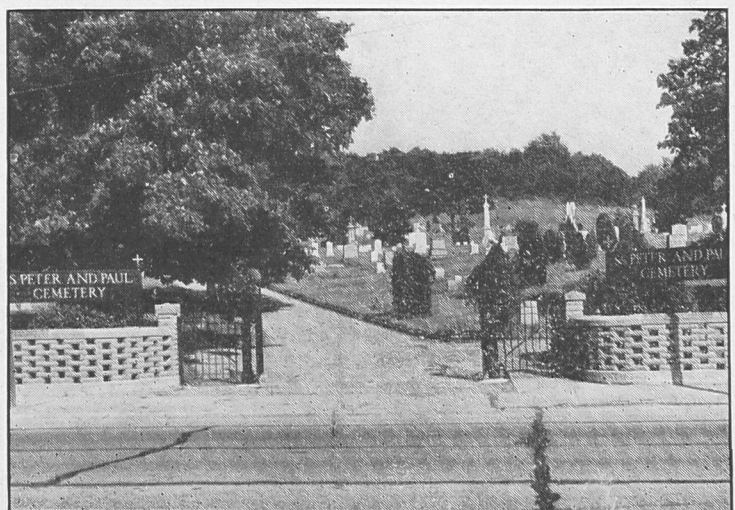


Ald. Alfred Lovell — Mayor of Reading, Berks, England in 1943 and 1944 became acquainted with Mayor Gertz through correspondence with all communities bearing the name Reading during 1942.

While he was in office as mayor the eldest son of Mayor Gertz, Charles, Jr., being stationed in England with the Army Air Corps paid Mr. Lovell a visit and since that time a warm friendship has resulted. Mr. Lovell was the guest of Mayor and Mrs. Gertz and family in 1948 while he was in this country visiting the Bi-centennial of Reading, Pa. and is scheduled to be one of the principal speakers at this notable occasion.



READING CEMETERY



SS. PETER & PAUL CEMETERY



*We join with you in the spirit of
the centennial and are proud to
be a part of your city. Best wishes
from all of us to all of you.*

CARLISLE CHEMICAL WORKS, INC.

MANUFACTURERS OF FINE INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS

READING, OHIO

CITY OF READING, OHIO, OFFICIALS

1950-1951

Chas. Gertz Mayor
Peter J. Feldhaus Pres. of Council
John Elfers Treasurer
Harry M. Jansen Solicitor
Paul Mengelkamp Auditor
Henry Huening Councilman
Wilbert Dietrich Councilman
Robert Schehr Councilman
Louis Ernst Councilman 1st Ward
Thomas Stephan Councilman 2nd Ward
Louis Martin Councilman 3rd Ward
Harry Sigel Councilman 4th Ward
Marcellus B. Juenke Clerk of Council
Harry E. Veddern Safety-Service Director
Edward Meagher Clerk
William Martin Chief of Police
William Kuntz Fire Chief
Louis Metz Assistant Fire Chief
William E. Uhrig Supt. of Utilities
Mary E. Moran Clerk Collection Dept.
Charlotte Theile Ass't. Clerk Collection Dept.
Fred Hart, Supt. of Streets, Sewers and
Waste Disposal
Joseph J. Gosink Building Commissioner
E. A. Gast City Engineer
Fred Kramer Supt. of Parks

Board of Control

Chas. Gertz President
Harry E. Veddern
Edward Meagher Clerk

Treasury Investment Commission

Chas. Gertz
Paul Mengelkamp
Harry M. Jansen

Board of Health

Chas. Gertz Ex-officio President
Edward Schmidt Vice President
William G. Schmidt Clerk
Leo Huneck
May Stander
Robert Jacobs
Delma Babairz
Norrine Nickley Nurse
Dr. Albert Weyman Commissioner
Eugene Kreiner Sanitary Officer
Risher Ramsdell Sanitary Officer

Zoning and Planning Commission

Chas. Gertz Chairman
Gus. Koehl Vice Chairman
Harry E. Veddern Clerk
Albert C. Elmlinger
Carl Weigand

Civil Service Commission

John Dunker President
Chas. Wolf
Gus Harmeyer
Edward Feder Clerk

Board of Appeals

Gus. Koehl Chairman
Ernst Schnelle
Carl Koehler
Jos. V. Hausser Clerk

Reading Township

H. A. Sand Justice of Peace
Robert Zimmer Constable

City of Reading, Ohio, Board of Education

1950-1951

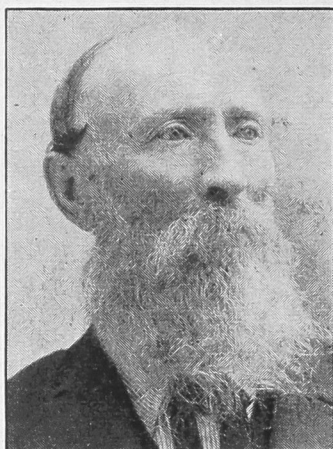
Earl Laque President
Melvin Roth Vice President
Howard Cutter
Richard Hostiuck
Robert Redwine

Mayme Koetter Clerk
Warren Durkee Superintendent
Russell Lawell Principal, High School
Orla Birt Principal, Elementary School
William Trapp Attendance Officer

MAYORS 1878-1951



JOS. J. MUELLER



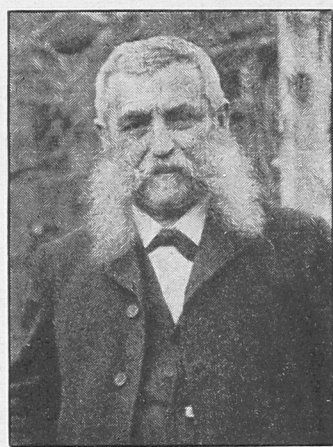
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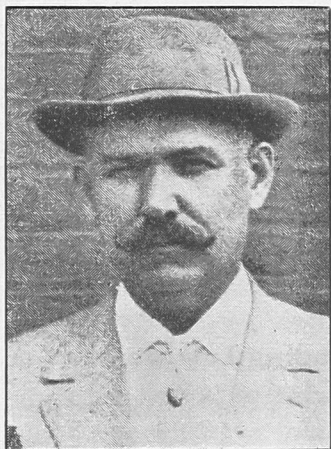
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CHAS. COOPER



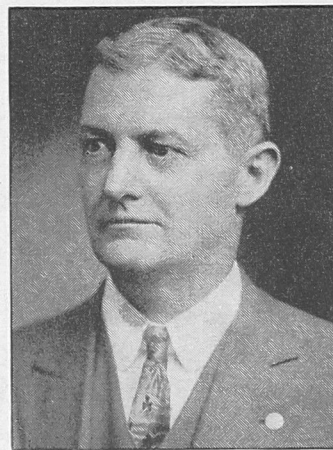
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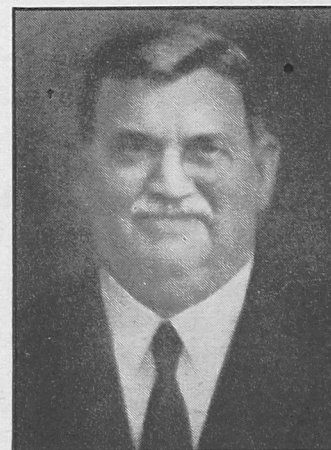
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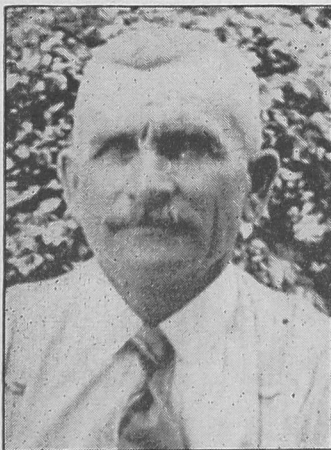
HENRY VON BARGEN



CHAS. GERTZ
Present Mayor

READING MAYORS

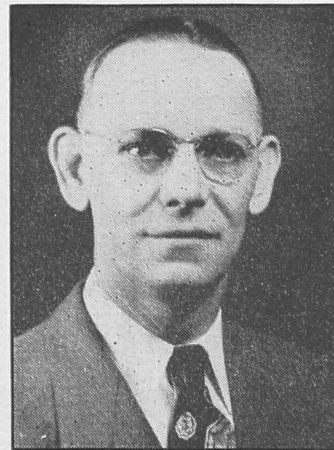
James Clark	1851	Daniel Laurence	1898-(resigned
Robert Carson	1852	7-31-99) Cooper appointed	1899
Ralph Voorhees	1853-56-57-59	Chas. Cooper	1899-1900-01-
Solomon Burkhalter	1854-55-65	02-03-04-05-08-09	
Benjamin E. Saxton	1858-64	Henry Heckman	1906-07
William H. Ludlow	1860	Albert Elmlinger	1910-11 (ap-
Michael S. Williams	1861-62-63	pointed 2-20-17) 18-19-22-23-	
C. H. Helmkamp	1866-67-70-	24-25-26-27	
Luther Melindy	1868-69	Edward Haverty	1912-13-14-15
W. S. Brown	1876-77	Fred Laque.....	1916 (died in office
Jos. J. Mueller	1878-79	2-9-17) Elmlinger appointed	
W. A. Huntsman	1880-81	Henry Von Bargaen	Succeeded
C. O. De Camp	1882-83-84-	Laque on death — served till	
H. D. Root	1888-89	2-20-17	
Jacob Greiner	1890-91-92-	Michael Roth	1920-21
	93-94-95-96-97	John H. Gahl	1928-29-30-
		31-32-33-34-35-36-37	
		Jos. A. Hoeper	1938-39-40-41
		Chas. Gertz	1942-43-44-
		45-46-47-48-49-50-51	



MICHAEL ROTH



JOHN H. GAHL



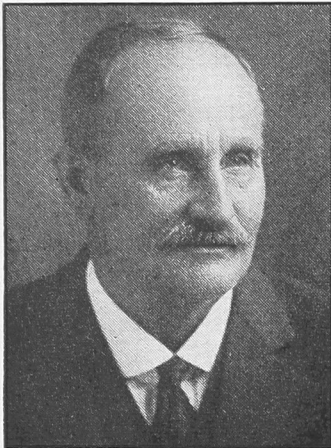
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READING GARAGE, INC.

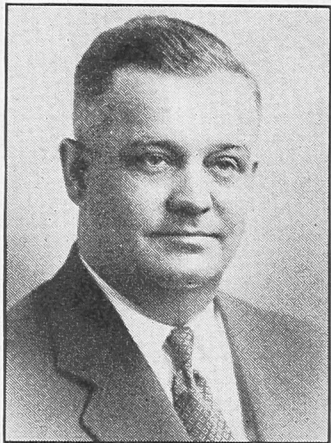
SALES



SERVICE



ELLIS GARDNER, Father
Co-Founder, 1912



HERBERT J. GARDNER,
Son — Co-Founder, 1912

Reading's Friendly Ford Dealer Since 1916

1300 READING ROAD

READING 15, OHIO

Founded in the year 1912, as a father and son partnership by Ellis J. Gardner and Herbert J. Gardner, son and grandson of John and Sarah Gardner, keepers of the old southern toll gate, Reading Garage, Inc. can be truly classified as one of the pioneer family owned businesses of Reading, Ohio.

In the year 1916 the Reading Garage became a Ford Dealership, and moved from its original location in a barn at 1326 Reading Road (now the site of the Reading Oil & Gas Co.) to its present location at 1300 Reading Rd., Reading, Ohio. On April 1, 1919, Alfred S. Tuchfarber, son-in-law and brother-in-law respectively of the founders, joined the business as a partner. The business was incorporated on June 26, 1947, with Herbert J. Gardner as President and Treasurer, and Alfred S. Tuchfarber as Vice-President and Secretary. Upon their return from World War II service, Herbert P. Gardner, Alfred J. Tuchfarber, Willard Gardner, Robert Gardner and Walter Tuchfarber joined their fathers in the active management of the dealership.

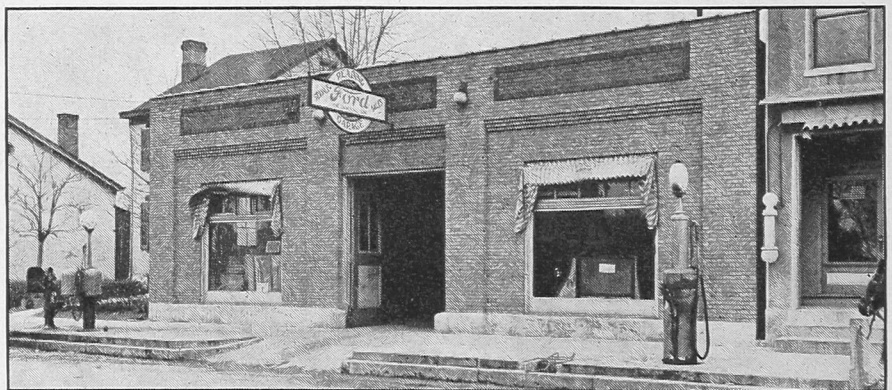
The two original employees, Louis Heil, and Fred Koch, are still active with the company, along with Albert Schehr, Philip Turner, Louis Heine, Walter Hagedorn, Harry Schappacher, and Joseph Hagedorn, all twenty year men. The balance of the service personnel includes Ernest Hunter, Kelly Overbey, Aubrey Duval, Kenneth Thompson, Paul Broerman, and Robert Hartmann. The sales force consists of Philip Turner, Harry Lubkeman, Elmer Handorf and Millard (Skeet) Kuntz.

From the Model T days, up through the Model A days to the present time, Reading Garage Inc. has always endeavored to be Reading's "Friendly Ford Dealer", and to grow in stature with its "Home Town", Reading, Ohio.

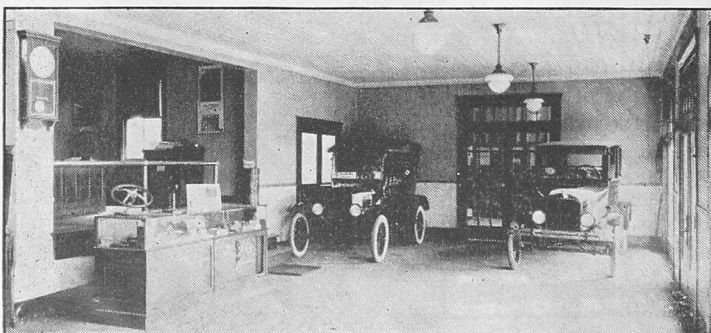
H. J. Gardner, Pres. & Treas.
A. S. Tuchfarber, V. Pres. & Sec.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

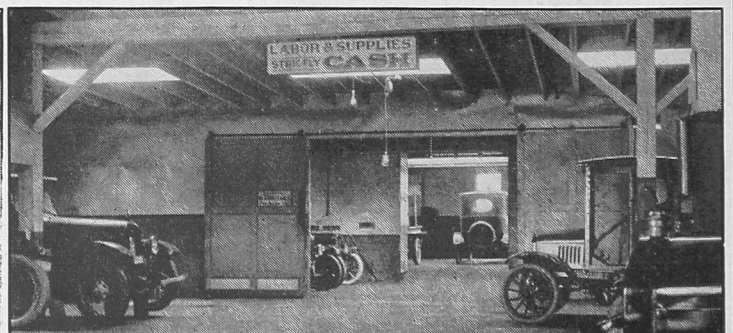
A. S. Tuchfarber
H. J. Gardner
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A. J. Tuchfarber
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ORIGINAL BUILDING AS READING'S FORD DEALER,
ABOUT 1918



EARLY SHOWROOM DISPLAY OF
HENRY'S FAMOUS MODEL "T"

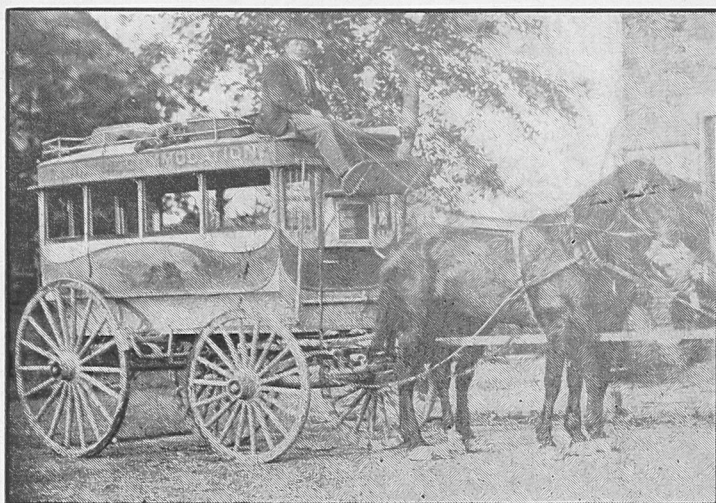


MODEL "Ts" AWAITING REPAIR
INSIDE SHOP



267453
WORLD WAR I MONUMENT—VINE AND JEFFERSON STREETS
(Insert) Clarence Halker, first Reading boy to make supreme sacrifice in World War I.

Continuous Community Service Since 1860



FIRST HUSSMANN EXPRESS CO. — ABOUT 1861

At the age of twenty-one, Henry Hussmann emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, and settled in Reading. He was keen enough to see the need for some regular means of transportation between Reading and Cincinnati, so he became the founder of the Husman Express Company which is operated today by his grandson and great-grandsons.

The business was begun as a passenger service for in those days there was no railroad or horse car service to the city. Old timers should well remember the high-wheeled coach and its chubby driver, Bus Henry Hussmann, who was nicknamed for the business he worked at. The daily trip took two and a half hours using a four horse team. As the hack approached the way stations, Bus Henry would sound a bugle to warn travelers that they should be ready to board with no loss of time. A relay team of horses was stabled at Four Mile House because the round trip was too much for a team to make in a day at the pace set by Bus Henry.

As the years passed, Reading merchants found that hiring Henry to bring them merchandise was easier than going after it. They would tell the coach operator what they needed and he would deliver the goods that same day after his return trip. In those same years Reading developed as a tailoring center for the big clothing shops in the nearby city. Materials were sent out from Cincinnati in large trunks for the local tailors to sew into coats, vests and overcoats. When the garments were finished the trunks would be returned via the daily express.

The small freight packages that Bus Henry carried did not displace his passengers for the express was always piled atop the coach. But when the railroad with its fine passenger coaches came to Reading, Bus Henry was unable to compete. The stage coach was too rough a ride for the passengers, so Mr. Hussmann converted to running an express service for the merchants and tailors. It was about this time that Albert C. Hussmann began working for his father. Hussie, as he was called, used to make the rounds to the various merchants to pick up their express orders for the day. He delivered finished tailoring and got orders filled on his daily trips to town; then he made deliveries upon his return.

In 1890 Albert purchased the business from his father. In the next few years the business grew into a three wagon operation. During this period of growth Jess Miller became a partner in the business and it was moved from Reading to its present location in Arlington Heights.

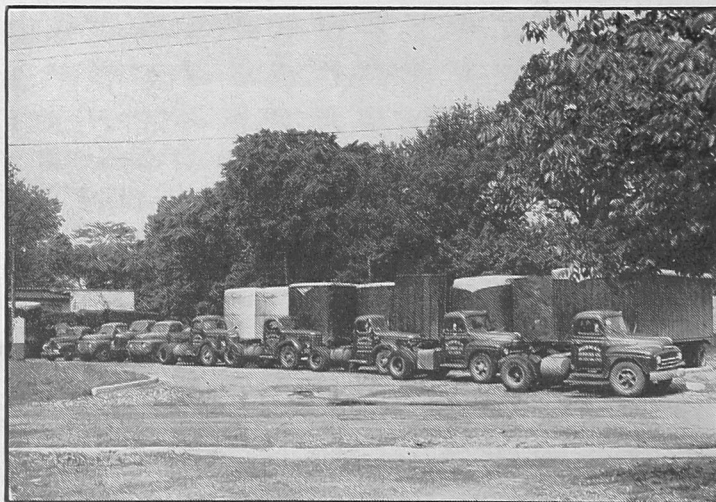
In the year '05 the partnership was sold to a company which called itself the Millcreek Valley Express. Jess Miller retired to a farm, but Hussie stayed on to operate the new company. This group of men had an hour of glory before their folly became apparent. They owned and operated the first gasoline powered express truck to serve Millcreek Valley. It was a fine truck, imported from Germany, but of such a balky nature that its driver had to be imported too. Continuous mechanical trouble and seven men trying to make a living from one express truck put the venture into bankruptcy within six months.

Hussie went back to driving his own express service using mule teams and wagons. Again he built a thriving business, and in 1915 he converted to gasoline power. This time the motor truck proved to be satisfactory for daily service without too many breakdowns. The Husman Express Co. kept pace with the growth of Reading and the surrounding valley. By 1929 it had six trucks in daily service. With the depression late that year freight volume dwindled to a low point and only two motor carriers were in operation.

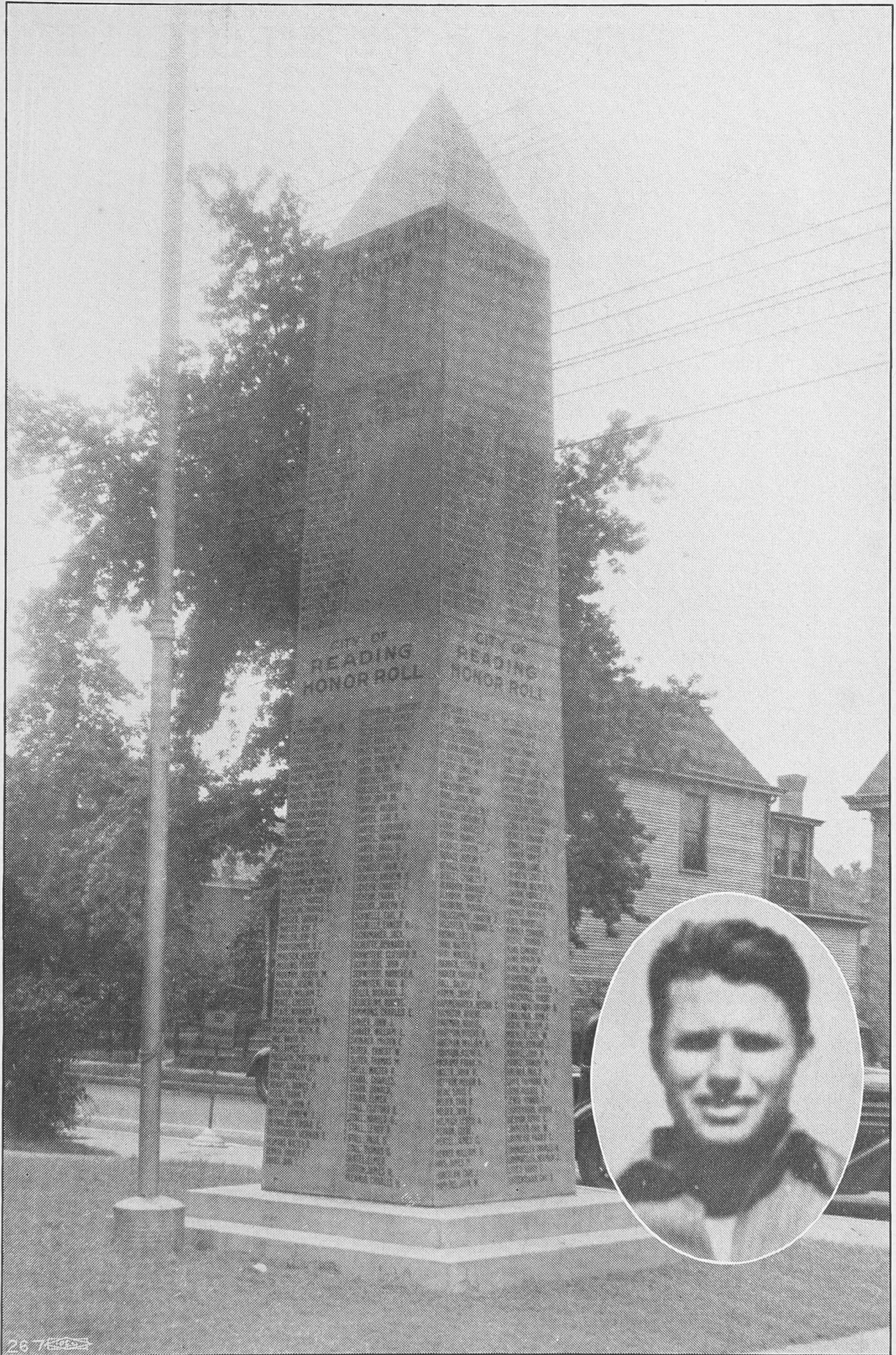
In 1935 Albert C. made his son, Charles R. Husman, Sr., the manager of the business. As better times came, the business began to revive. The company again began to expand and in 1940 they were operating ten trucks for general expressing and freight hauling for the various merchants and industries of the Millcreek Valley. In 1944 state-wide operating rights were purchased, and the company began in a small way to operate as an intra-state common carrier to and from Reading. At the present time more than thirty vehicles are serving the public in transporting freight locally and state wide.

The most recent expansion of the company is the completion of a commercial storage warehouse located at 430 Mill Street. This extension of service includes five thousand square feet of storage space with rail siding facilities available to the people we serve.

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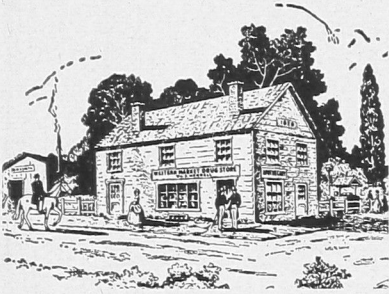


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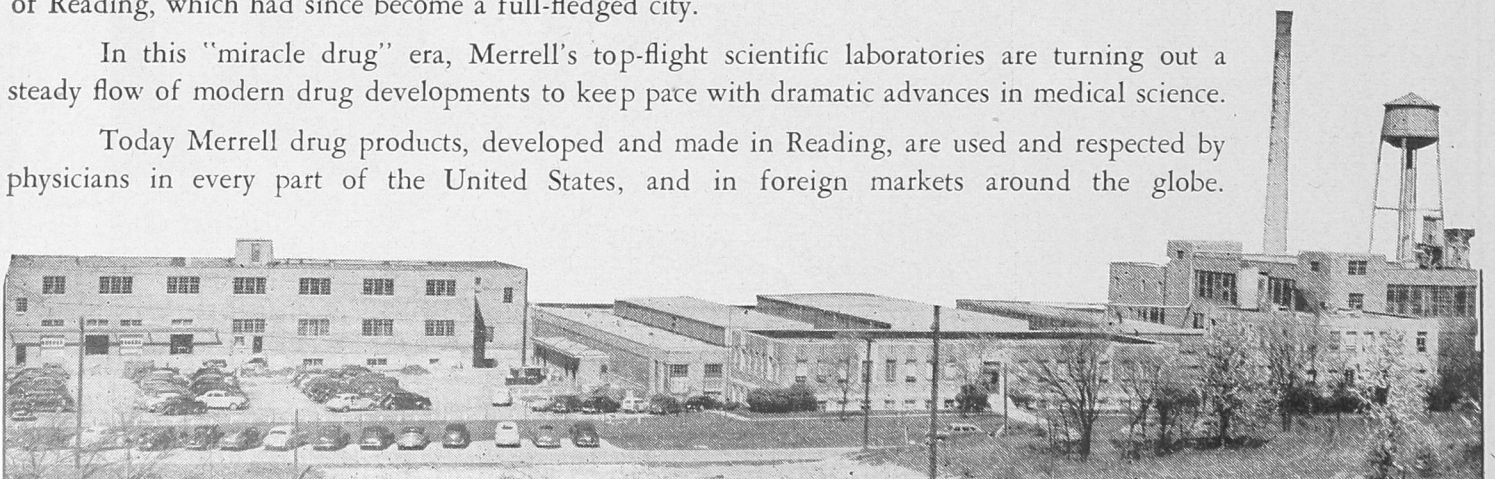
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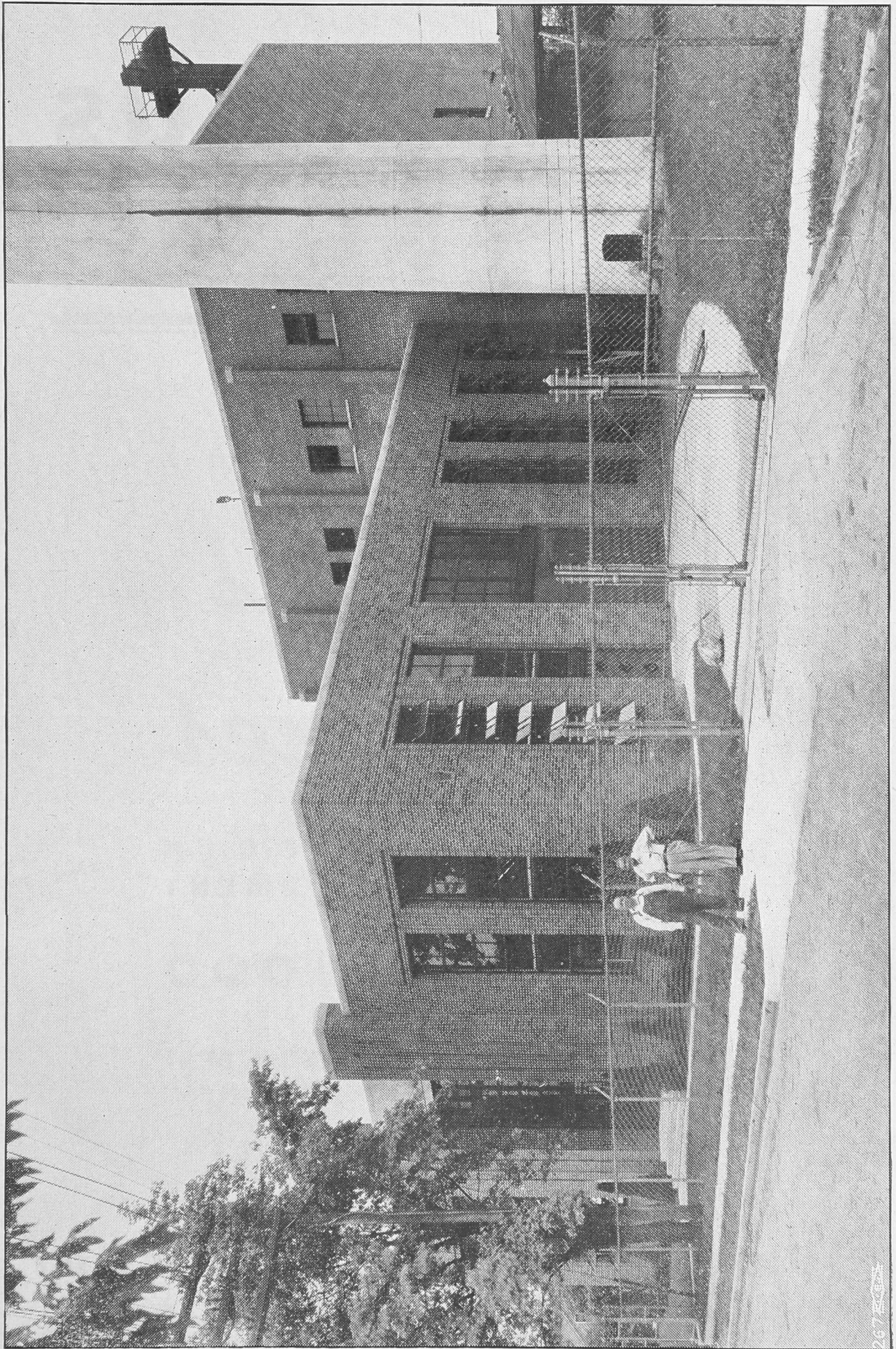


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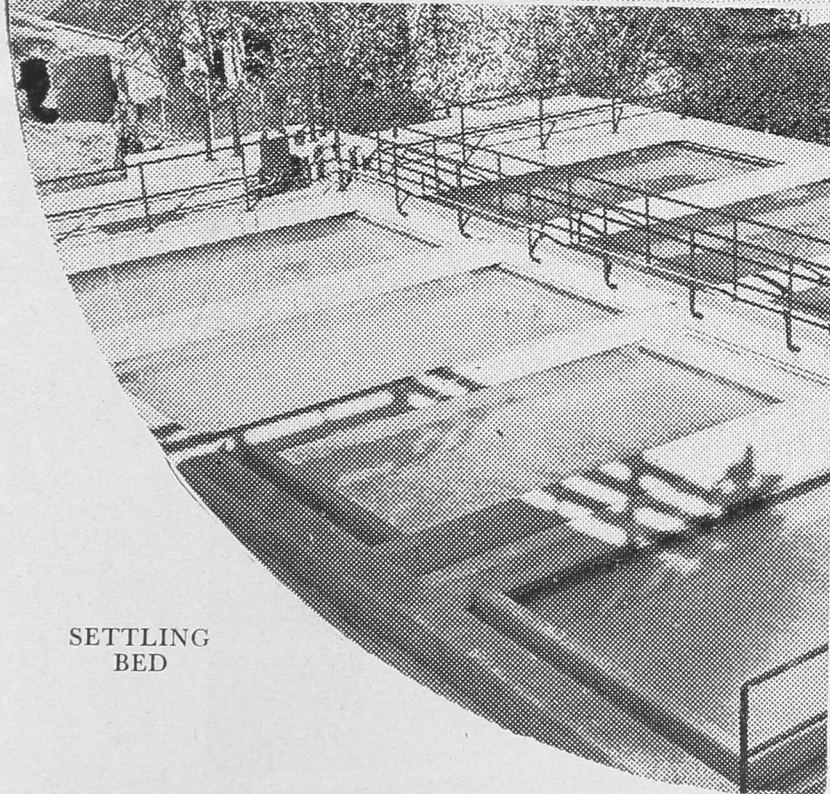
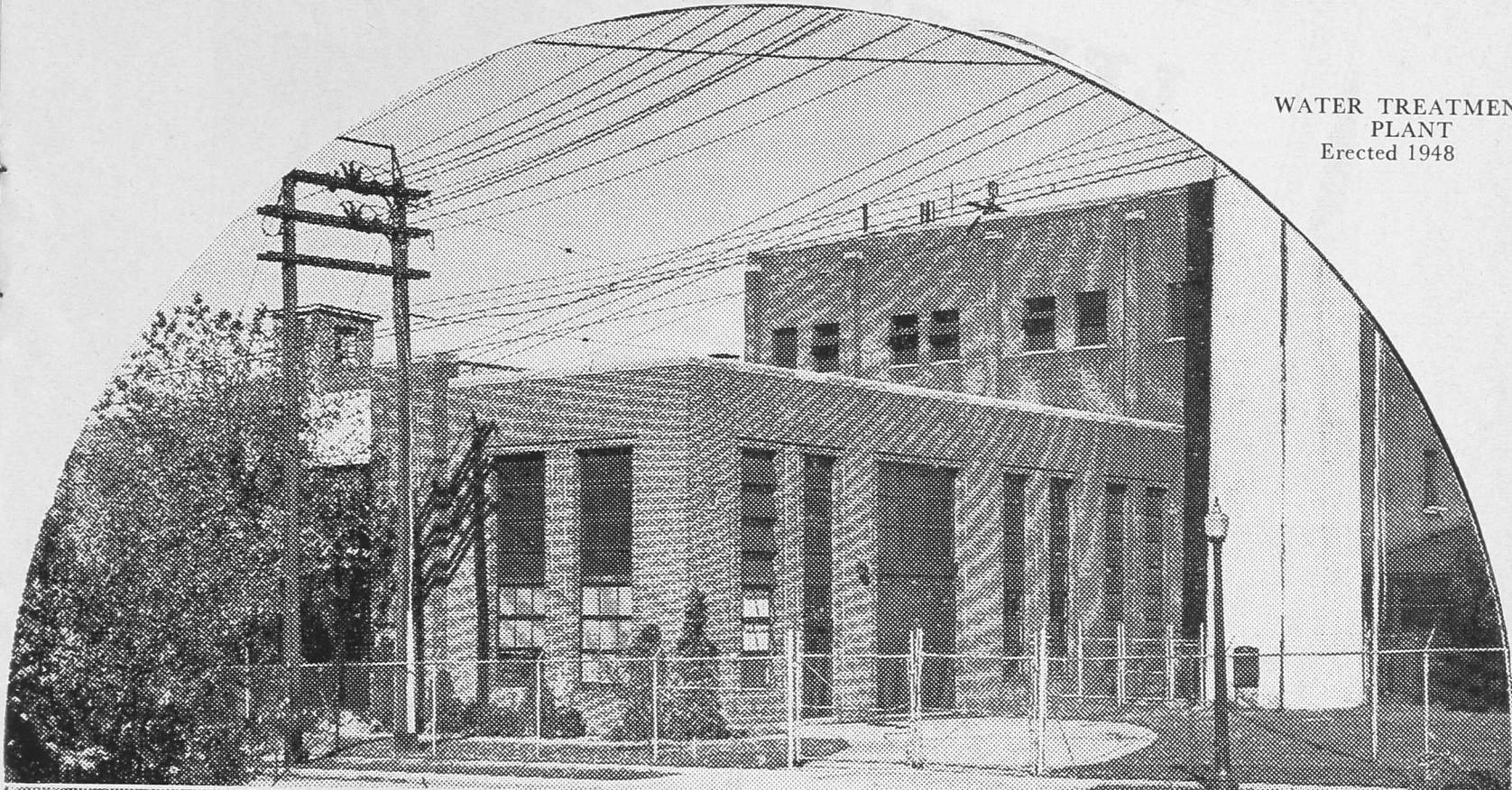
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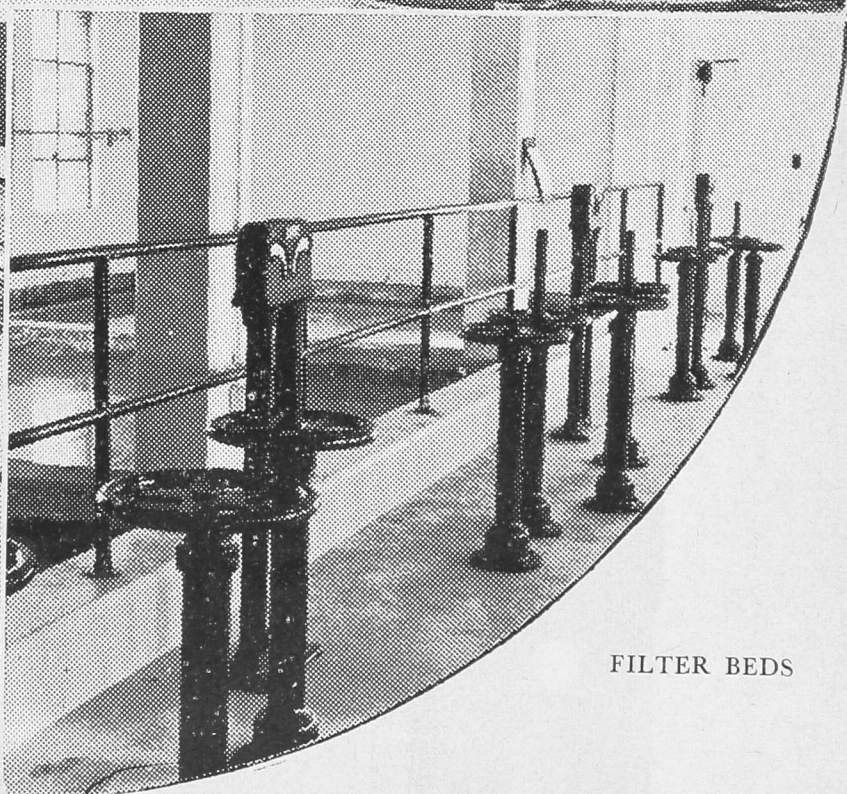


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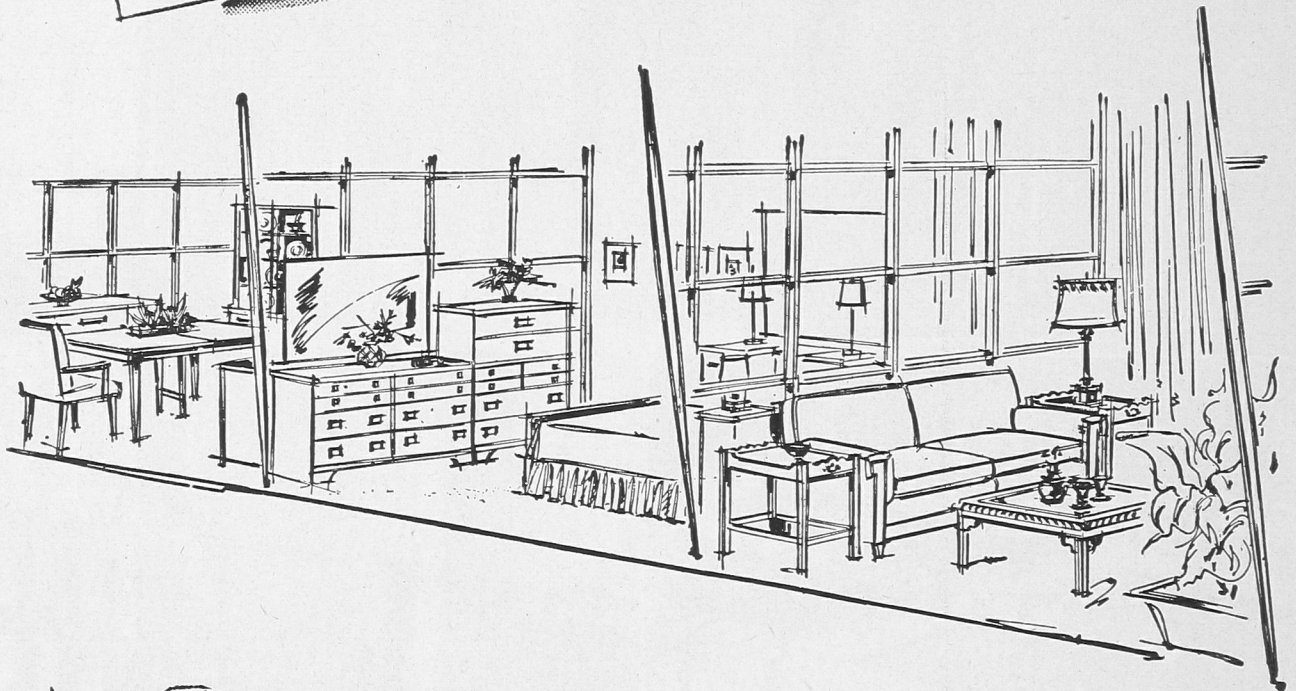
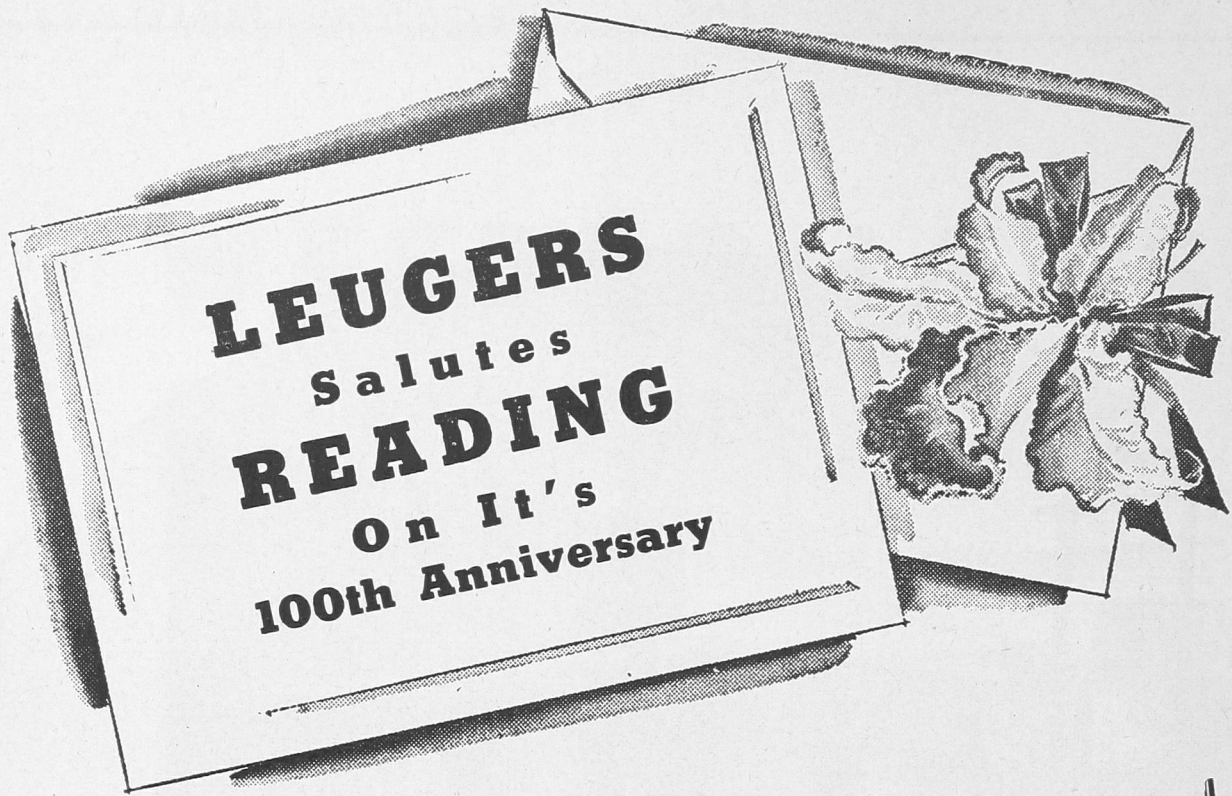
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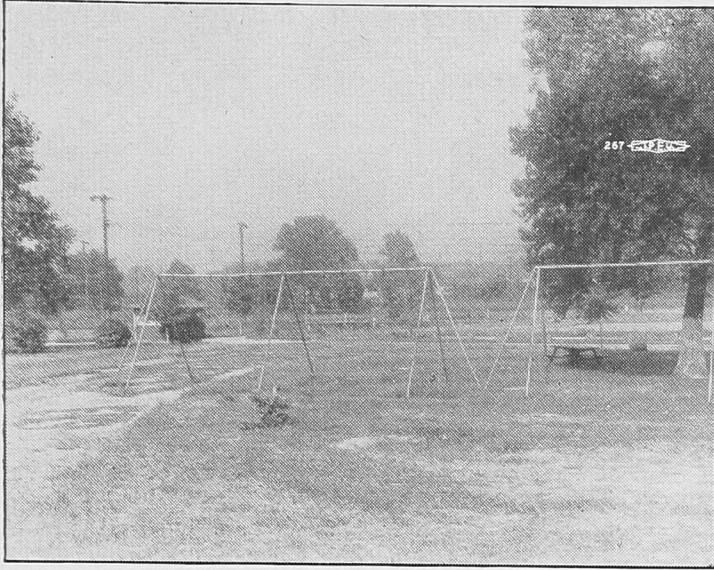


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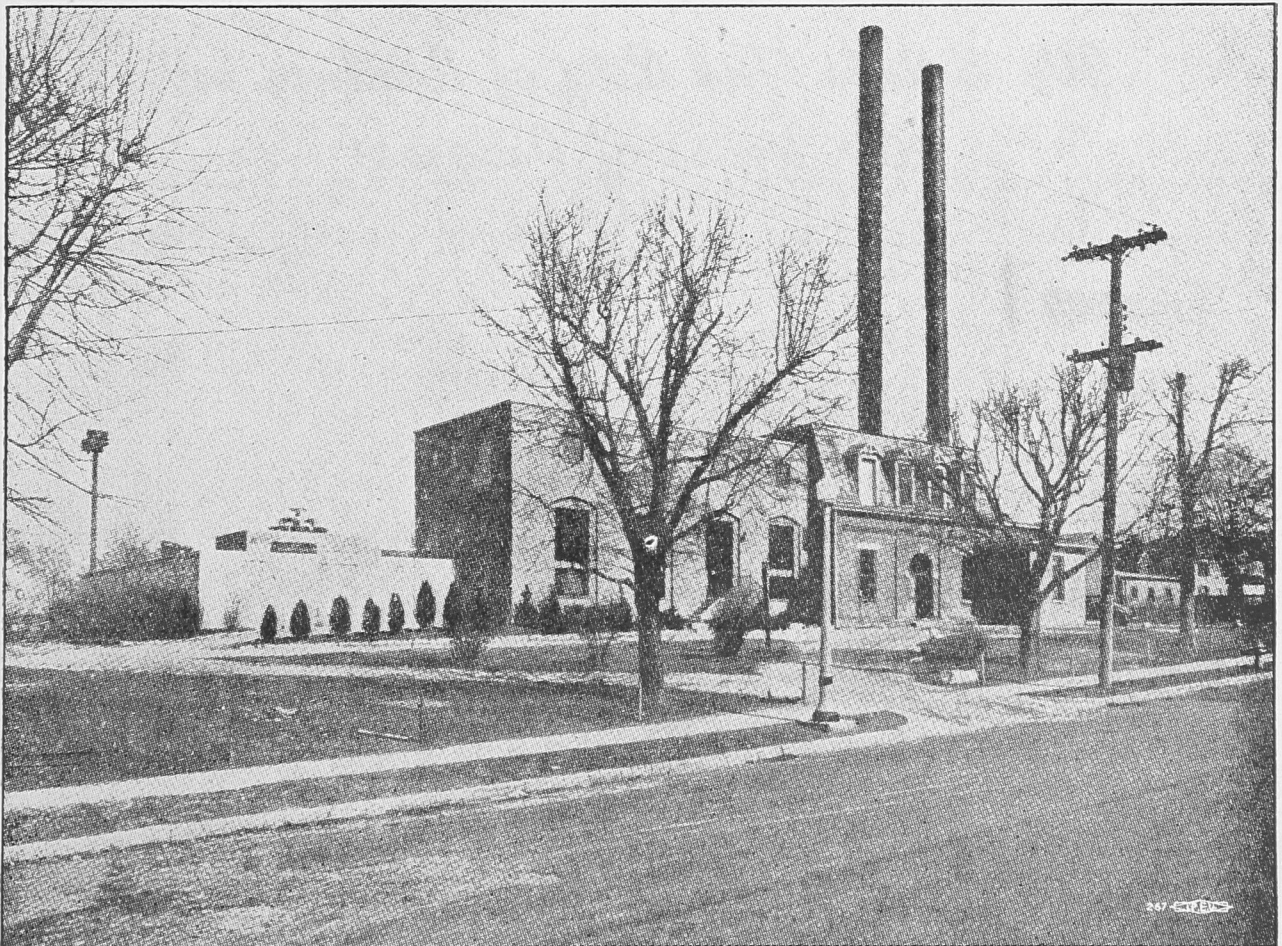
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VIEW OF KOENIG PARK



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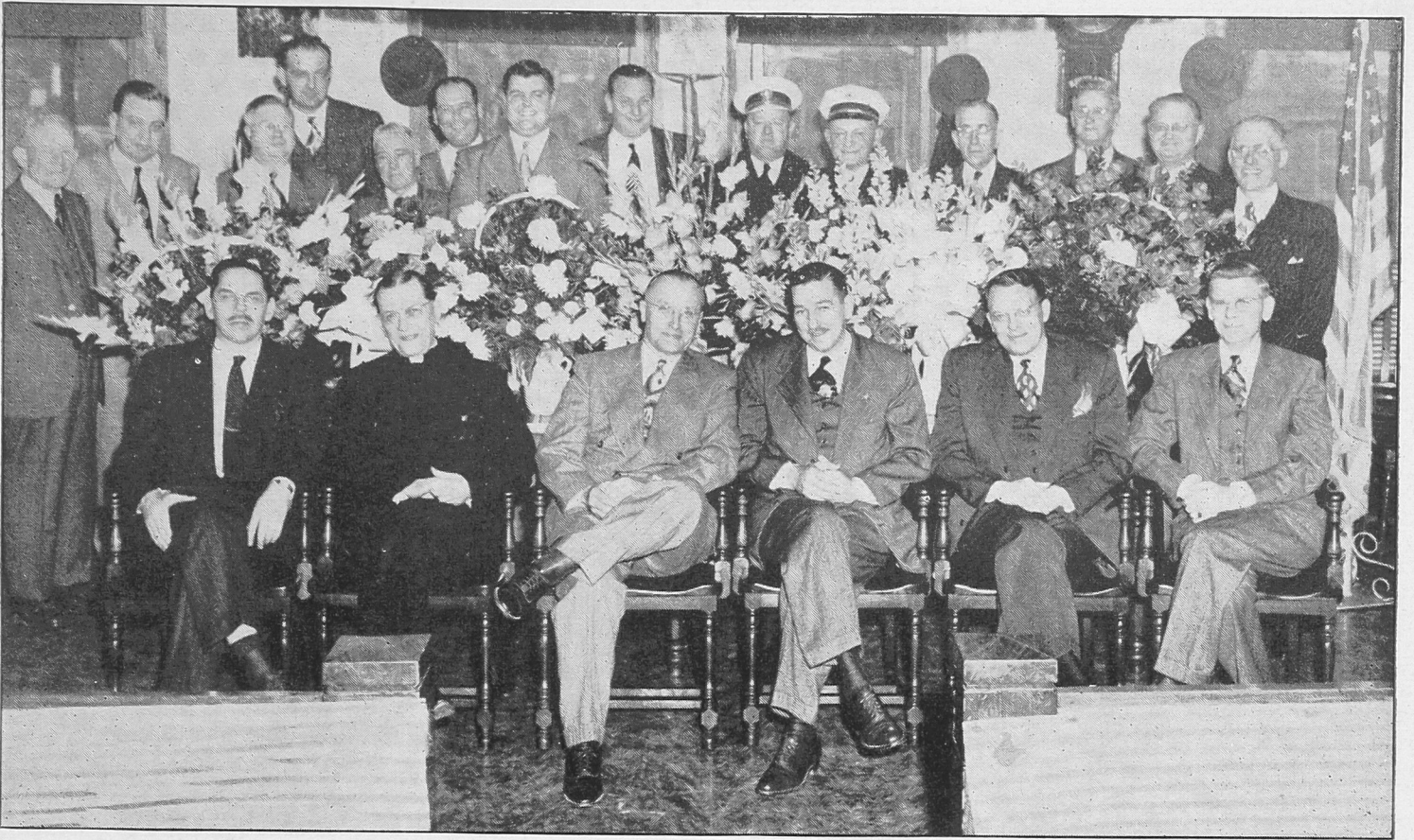
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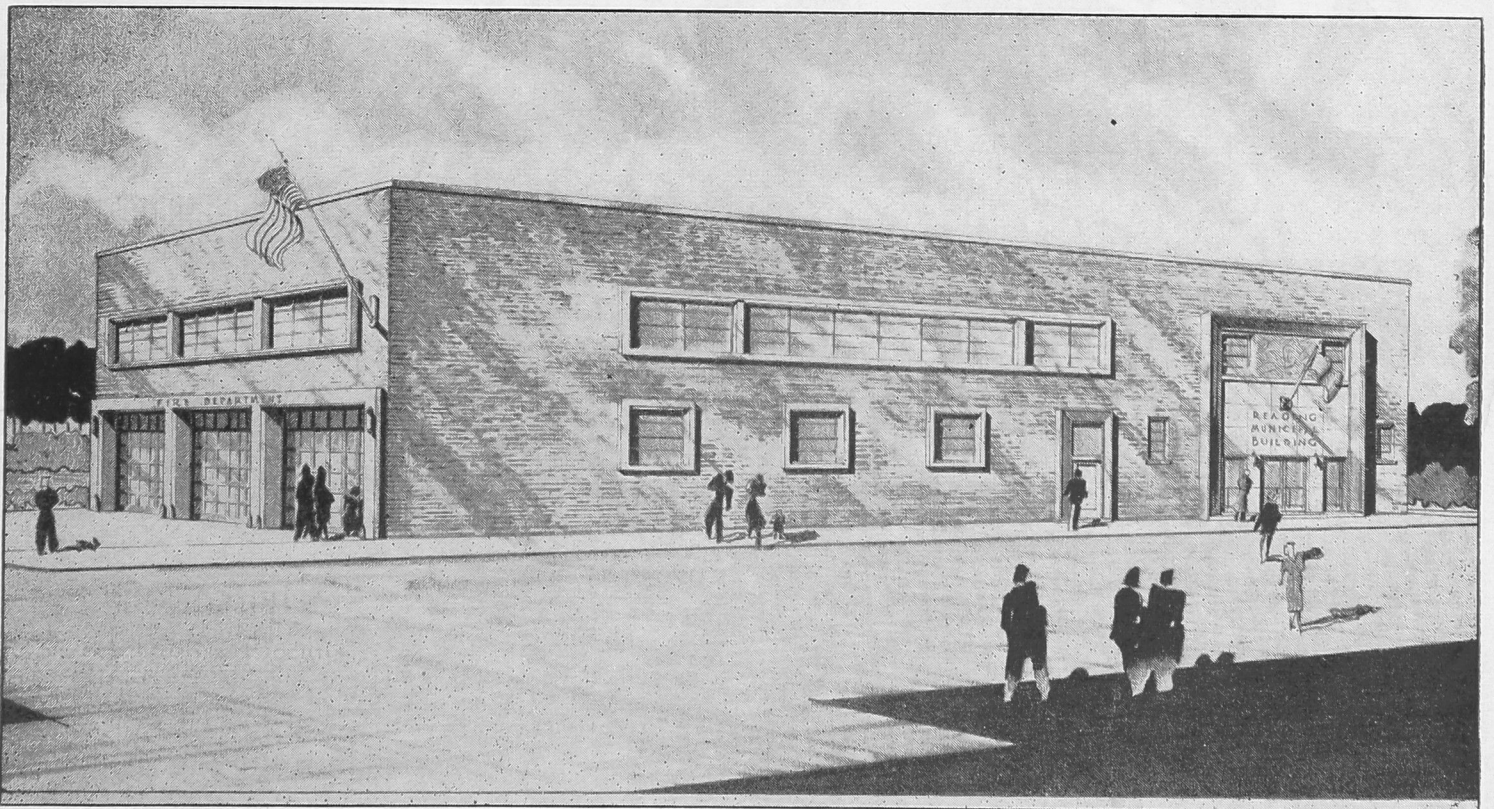
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Seated: Carson Hoy, County prosecutor installing officer; Rev. H. T. Lammers, St. P. & P. Church; Peter J. Feldhaus, Pres. of Council; Chas. Gertz, Mayor; Harry M. Jansen, Solicitor; Paul Mengelkamp, Auditor.



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In 1794 just a few years after Gen. Arthur St. Clair was made governor of the North West Territory, and Judge John Cleves Symmes had purchased this area of the Miami Country from the government, a German immigrant by the name of Abraham Voorhees, at the age of 64, with his wife and large family left their home near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and after trekking across that state came down the Ohio River on a flat boat and landed at Columbia, now the eastern section of Cincinnati. Then following Reading Road, an Indian trail extending from the Great Lakes to Kentucky and known at that time as the Great Road, he traveled to the land he had purchased and proceeded to build a large double log cabin on the west bank of Millcreek in Section 33, Sycamore Township. Shortly thereafter he received a visitor from Reading, Pa., one Harvey Redinbo, also a German. Redinbo was so pleased after examining Mr. Voorhees property that he purchased the south-half of Section 27. He then returned to Pennsylvania for his wife and ten children. Following the same route as Voorhees, in a covered wagon, he finally came upon the land he had purchased in the spring of 1795. This area is the eastern part of the city comprising Columbia Ave. and Hunt Road. After an inspection of the land he had purchased he was very disappointed to find it very broken and hilly. He returned to the land office and demanded an exchange for a more level and less broken tract. Being refused, he declared in broken German that he had been defrauded, that on the map his land appeared as level as Mr. Voorhees' tract. He had no alternative, and so with no further delay, he made a clearing and built a large log cabin on the bank of a little stream on his property. He lived to be 94 years old, dying in 1829 he was buried on his own land.

Abraham Voorhees was advertising lots for sale as early as August, 1799, in "The Western Spy and Cadet". This early settlement was known as Voorhees-Town, but was changed to Reading at the suggestion of Redinbo in honor of his old home town, Reading, Pa., and the birth place of his father-in-law, William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, who was born in Reading, England. In 1802 Voorhees plotted the original town, which plat was acknowledged before Justice Adrian Hagerman on January 7, 1804, the first Justice of Peace of the community after Ohio became a state, several lots

were added later in 1813 by Abraham Voorhees, Jr. James Thurston was the first law enforcement officer, being appointed Constable by Governor St. Clair in 1799.

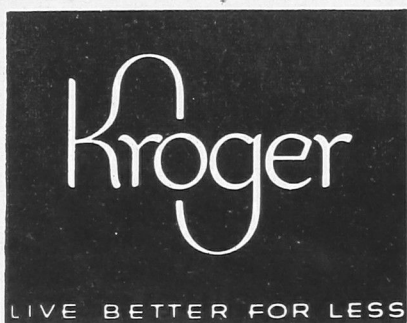
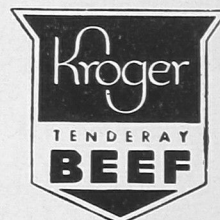
Reading is one of the oldest towns in Hamilton County, the eighth in chronological order, founded in the Miami Valley and at one time it was the largest town outside of Cincinnati. White's Station was on the creek two miles south, and Cunningham's settlement was just to the north. Both being established two years in advance. The Voorhees and Redinbo families together had about thirty men and women. While they experienced no serious trouble with the Indians they were subjected to great privations during the first few years. They depended on the forest for a supply of meat, their store of other provisions were never in abundance and occasionally exhausted. At one time Mr. Redinbo was in such bad straits that he dug up the seed potatoes that had been recently planted. The forests were very wild, being completely covered with primeval thickets, there were plenty of blue and winter grapes, berries, hickory, walnuts, and butter-nut trees and paw-paws.

Abraham Voorhees Jr. a blacksmith, soon after settlement in 1797 built a cabin and shop on Reading Road just north of Columbia Avenue. Later he tore the shop away and adding to his house started the first tavern. Not too much of interest is known about our city during the early years of its existence. A school was built of logs in 1802 typical of the rustic school described in the Legend of Sleepy-Hollow, with its puncheon seats and rough board desks. It was presided over by Ebenezer How for the first ten years and he too was a pedagogue like Ichabod Crane. One side of the 20x20 schoolroom was taken up by a huge fireplace and light was admitted thru openings in the walls covered with greased paper. This old building was replaced with one of the same size in 1817 by the first brick structure in the community. It was the practice to make the bricks on the location as evidenced at the home of Henry Wohrman on Hunt Road, his home built in 1806 where remains of the old brick yard can still be found. These early teachers were compelled to give personal training to each pupil from their ABCs thru grammar and received as pay a mere fifty cents per month, failing to collect considerable of this. There were no churches during the first twenty-five years although

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a fertile field for missionary work. The clergy had very much trouble in exercising discipline during their revival services. After many vain attempts the Presbyterian Church was established in 1823.

About this time came Joseph Gilbert and family who settled on Hunt Road, the legend is that one day while at a trading post in Cincinnati leaving their child in their wagon while shopping, returning to their conveyance they found their child gone. Bystanders informed them that Indians had kidnapped the youngster who was never seen again. This couple are buried on their old farm on a high knoll and the head stones in a very good state of preservation state that they were born in Reading, England in 1780 and died in 1850.

Reading Road or the Turnpike as then called has an historical significance, General Clark followed this Indian trail in his expeditions against the Indians in 1780-1782 and Gen. Harman traveled the same route in 1790. It was made a County road in 1792 from Carthage Road to above what is now Sharonville. In 1846 it became a Turnpike as far as Springfield with connecting road to Columbus. John Cooper was the president of the Turnpike Company and his duties required him to gather the money collected by the toll gate keepers. Toll gates were at each end of Reading. This toll road was taken over by the county in 1907 and at that time made a free road. Travel was extremely heavy on this road which in bad weather was nearly impossible to travel and wagons went in trains in order to assist each other in event of becoming stuck in the mud. A thriving business was enjoyed by the Village Tavern owners as many of the Stage Coaches and heavy wagons changed horses there, as Reading was a fair day's travel from Cincinnati. It was common during the season of bad weather to find conditions so crowded that the floors of some taverns were covered with sleeping teamsters, who could find no other lodging.

Growing from a town of two taverns and twenty houses in 1809 it boasted a population of two-hundred inhabitants with forty-five houses five taverns, two general stores, two wagon shops, two blacksmith shops, two tailors, three shoemakers, a cooperage and a tannery, in 1830. Among the old tavern keepers are Adam Redinbo, Sam Frazee, John Van Kirk, Bowman Schofield and later by Peter Spader, Issac Brecount, Elizabeth Mashall and Jacob Voorhees. Most of these early pioneers are at rest in Reading Cemetery in the old section and their headstones are also in very legible shape.

As the passing of time the Village remained a peaceful normal community with its many tailor shops, four breweries, vinegar and woolen mills, compressed yeast factory, three fireworks concerns, a rope factory, several cooper shops, two marble works, several wagon and blacksmith shops, brickyard and planing mill as well as the many taverns and stores.

Many German immigrants were attracted to the Village. The first Catholic Church was established in 1850. During the early sixties the Mt. Notre Dame Academy and the St. Paul Lutheran Church were established.

ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION

The act of incorporation, as a village, was passed by the Legislature of the State of Ohio, March 24, 1851, and the following record was received by the first town officials: Section 1. "Be it ordained by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio that so much of the territory of the County of Hamilton as lies within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning in the center of the County Bridge over Millcreek, near Dunn's Mill, thence eastward along the center of the county road, on the north of John Voorhees' farm to the turnpike road, thence crossing said road and running south seventy-one (71) chains, east about twenty-five (25) chains to the east boundary of Section 32, Township 4, entire range; thence north along said section line and the east line of Section 33 to the northeast corner of Ackermann's Land, thence westward to a point that Market Street of the town of Reading would strike if continued; thence south twenty-one and one-half (21½) chains, west about ten (10) chains to North Street, in the town of Reading; thence west, along the south line of Garret Voorhees' farm, to Millcreek; thence down Mill Street to the place of beginning, shall be and is hereby declared a town corporate by the name and style of 'Reading'." Section 2. "That said incorporation shall have all the powers, franchise and privileges and be subject to all the restrictions of the act for the regulation of incorporations of towns, passed February 16, 1839, and the various acts amendatory thereof." Section 3. "That the corporate limits of the Town of Reading, in Hamilton County, is hereby constituted and created a road district, and the citizens thereof shall have power to elect a Supervisor or Street Commissioner, who shall perform his duties under such directions and regulations as said Town Council shall prescribe." Section 4. "That this be in force from and after its passage."

The act of incorporation, as a village was passed by the Ohio Legislature on March 24, 1851. The First Council Meeting was held on March 15, 1851. James Clark was the first Mayor. Ralph Voorhees was the first Recorder, the members of Council were James Blackman, Geo. Thornhill, Henry Wachendorf, D. S. Ackerman and David Lee. The first street lights, using kerosene as fuel were installed in 1884 on Main Street. Pedestrians were compelled to carry lanterns when shopping or visiting after dark before their installation. Prompted by a series of devastating fires in 1892 the officials under Mayor Jacob Greiner instituted a bond issue of \$40,000.00 to construct a municipal Water and Electric plant. The only source of water was wells and cisterns and with great difficulty the Volunteer Fire Department with hand operated pumps were no match with these fires. On Nov. 6, 1892 a meet-

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ing was held in one of the halls of the Village, members of council were delegated to explain how to vote on the issue, two members of which were instructed to speak in German. The issue carried on the next day 424 in favor to 76 against. Ground was purchased and the work on the municipal plant was rapidly completed being dedicated on October 7, 1893.

Shortly after incorporation Messrs. Oliver and Blunt added subdivisions to the southern part of the original town. An ordinance was passed by council creating a street commissioner whose duty it was to register all male citizens between the age of 21 and 55 for two days work on the streets of the Village each year. Many were hauled into mayor's court and fined one dollar for each day and the costs of court. The old docket reveals that one citizen leased his pasture to another for the use of his cow for three dollars per year, being denied the use of same he entered suit in mayor's court for the sum of three dollars. The mayor rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff for twenty-five cents and the cost of court mounting to one dollar and thirty-five cents costs.

During the time before the turn of the century a terrible epidemic of small pox hit the Village taking a great toll of the citizens particularly children. Cut stone sidewalks, stone curbs and gutters, and good gravel streets with timber bridges over small streams were constructed and the Village was rapidly taking a more modern look.

In 1910 the sanitary sewer system was started along with the construction of cement sidewalks and curbs and gutters.

Immediately after the first world war Mayor Mike Roth constructed the monument in the honor of those serving the armed forces at the corner of Jefferson and Vine Streets. During these times there were many heated elections.

In the administration of John H. Gahl our first park, Koenig Park, was purchased and developed and Voorhees Park was obtained for the Village.

The outcome of the 1930 Federal Census indicated that our fair community was to become a city. January 1st 1931 was another milestone in our history, from a rude and humble beginning after eighty years of existence the tremendous task of conversion was accomplished.

Continually from the building of the original Municipal Water and Electric Plant improvements were made, each administration adding many new improvements keeping abreast with a fast growing community.

In 1934 the first water treatment plant was erected and this was a boon to the citizens after being compelled to use hard untreated water, bringing a great saving in soap to householders.

During Mayor Jos. Hoepfer administration under a W.P.A. project all of the streets of the City were rebuilt, giving our city the best streets in the County. In 1938 the first steam turbine was installed at the Municipal Plant, this proved to be a great saving in fuel and assured the citizens of the most modern way to generate electricity. In 1941 council issued \$300,000.00 in mortgage revenue bonds for a further enlargement of the electric plant.

The 1941 Election swept the present administration into office. After much delay caused by the second world war the present plant was dedicated on October 3, 1943, but it was in July 1945 before the new 2500 K.W. turbine generator was put into operation. The present mayor, a great advocate of expansion for the city, prompted the annexation of unincorporated territory with Councilman Louis Ernst and Safety-Director Albert Elmlinger assisting, the City has grown in area from 695 acres in 1942 to 1660 acres in 1951. There is a potential additional 1000 acres that can be added before our city is entirely surrounded by other municipalities. As a sanitary measure all open creeks were sewerred and covered thereby relieving a health menace. The task of rebuilding all alleys in the city was accomplished by a competent contractor.

In 1942 a movement for the construction of an Incinerator for the proper disposal of refuse was instituted by the Board of Health of Reading led by May Stander and the present mayor, the voters approved a \$100,000.00 bond issue and today the city along with its own refuse now destroys that of at least six other communities at a neat profit to the City. The water treatment plant and the supply of water was taxed to capacity by a very rapidly developing city, many new housing projects and industries were attracted by facilities at hand and especially the low tax rate of Reading. The water treatment plant was increased in capacity, new wells constantly installed in better locations and a 3,000,000 gallon reservoir with elevated tank and many miles of new water mains were laid to meet the demand. Today, we can boast of the best water plant in the State, furnishing our citizens wholesome water second to none.

It seems that history repeats itself in the fact that in 1892 a series of fires prompted the construction of the Municipal plant. In the spring of 1945 a series of devastating floods from raging Millcreek caused untold damage to property of citizens and industry. Led by Mayor Gertz, the County Commissioners and industrialists, a survey of damage was made and reported to the U.S. District Engineers. Shortly thereafter Donald Rolf, Reading's contribution to the Ohio General Assembly, introduced a Bill for \$200,000.00 to be used for a survey. The firm of Vogt, Ivers and Seaman of Cincinnati was engaged by the State. Their report indicated that Reading was the most critical area. Rolf again was successful in persuading the passage of another Bill thru the General Assembly over the Governor's veto for \$750,000.00. The State sponsored project required Reading to furnish all rights of way. After all easements for the new location of Millcreek were obtained by Mayor Gertz personally, a mammoth task the State is now ready to proceed with construction. Fisher Construction Co. of Cincinnati the best bidder at a cost to the State of \$583,755.00 are to commence work on the dredging, widening, deepening and straightening of the stream. At the November 1950 election the Reading voters approved a \$100,000.00 bond issue to replace the Columbia Avenue bridge. The year of 1951 will be another milestone in our history in many ways.



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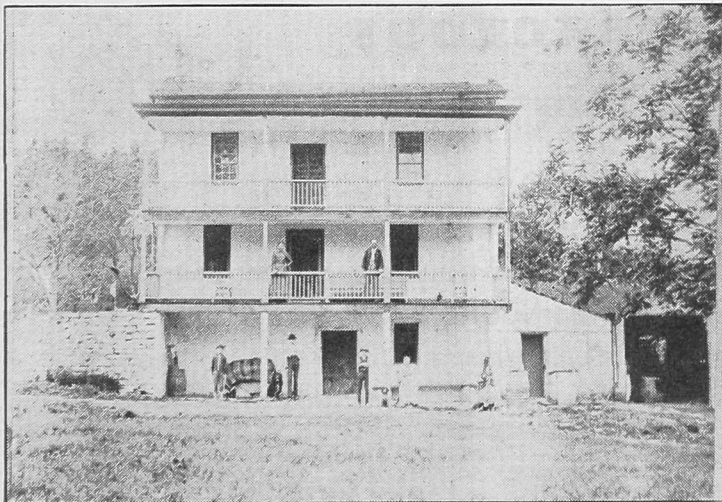
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• SUPER MARKETS •

After incorporation in 1851 Council met at various places, finally purchasing the old Presbyterian Church at Columbia and Market Streets. They met here until 1893 when the Municipal plant was completed they moved to spacious quarters on the second floor of same. In 1902 the present Municipal building was erected housing fire, police and other municipal facilities. This building was remodeled in 1936. A bond issue for \$100,000.00 was also passed by the citizens in 1950 for the complete remodeling of this structure to house all of the city's fire equipment. From the small bucket brigade and hand pumpers the city is the proud possessor of several pieces of modern fire fighting equipment. During mayor Gahl's administration full time men were put on duty at the city hall during a 24 hour period, a practice continued to now. Progress in the city also has taxed the Electric plant to capacity, at the present a new boiler and large steam turbine generator are being installed to be put into operation before the end of this year. The police department has also been modernized. In 1941 a two way short wave police

radio was purchased by Mayor Hoepfer and installed in 1942, the first outside of Cincinnati for police use. Life saving equipment, replacing police radio with more powerful equipment, modern motor vehicles and photo and other police equipment have been added in recent years. The old Turnpike was widened in 1941 and replaced with concrete thru the entire City along which were installed boulevard lights. *Two new parks and playgrounds have recently been acquired. Flege Park on the east side of the city in 1943 and the old Unexcelled Fireworks property at the northern section of the city, now being developed as a stadium.* From a mere settlement on an Indian Trail has sprung this thriving City of our choice, a feat made possible only by the foresight and fortitude of our forefathers and their successors, each during their time playing a very vital role during the past one hundred and fifty-four years.

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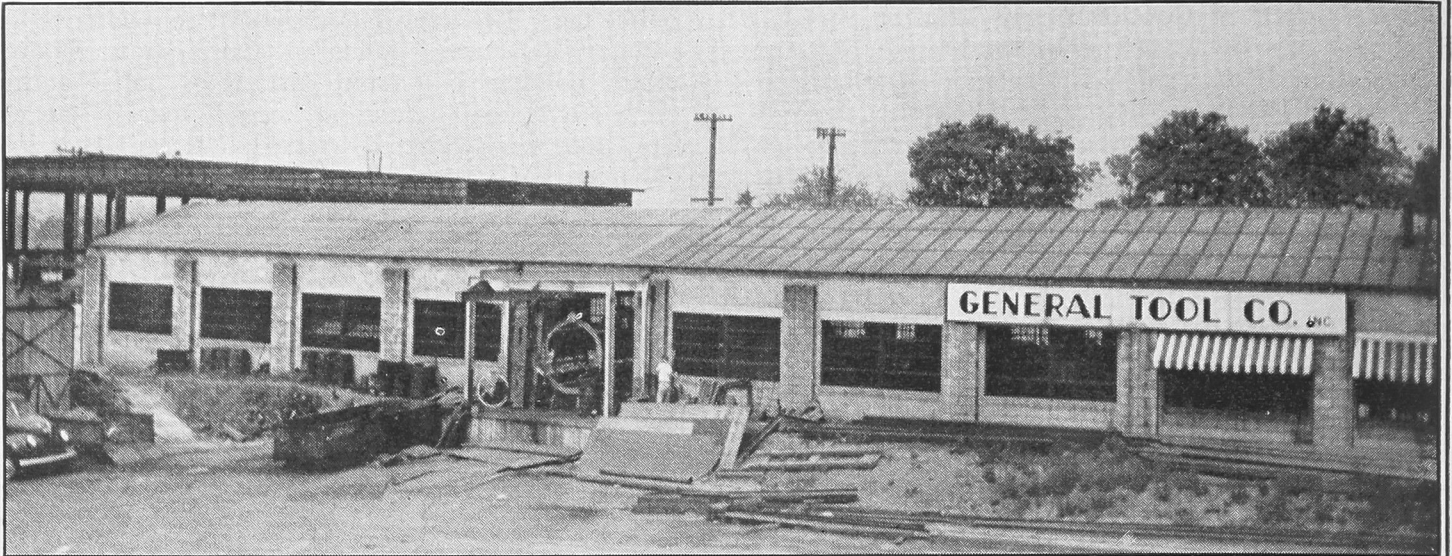
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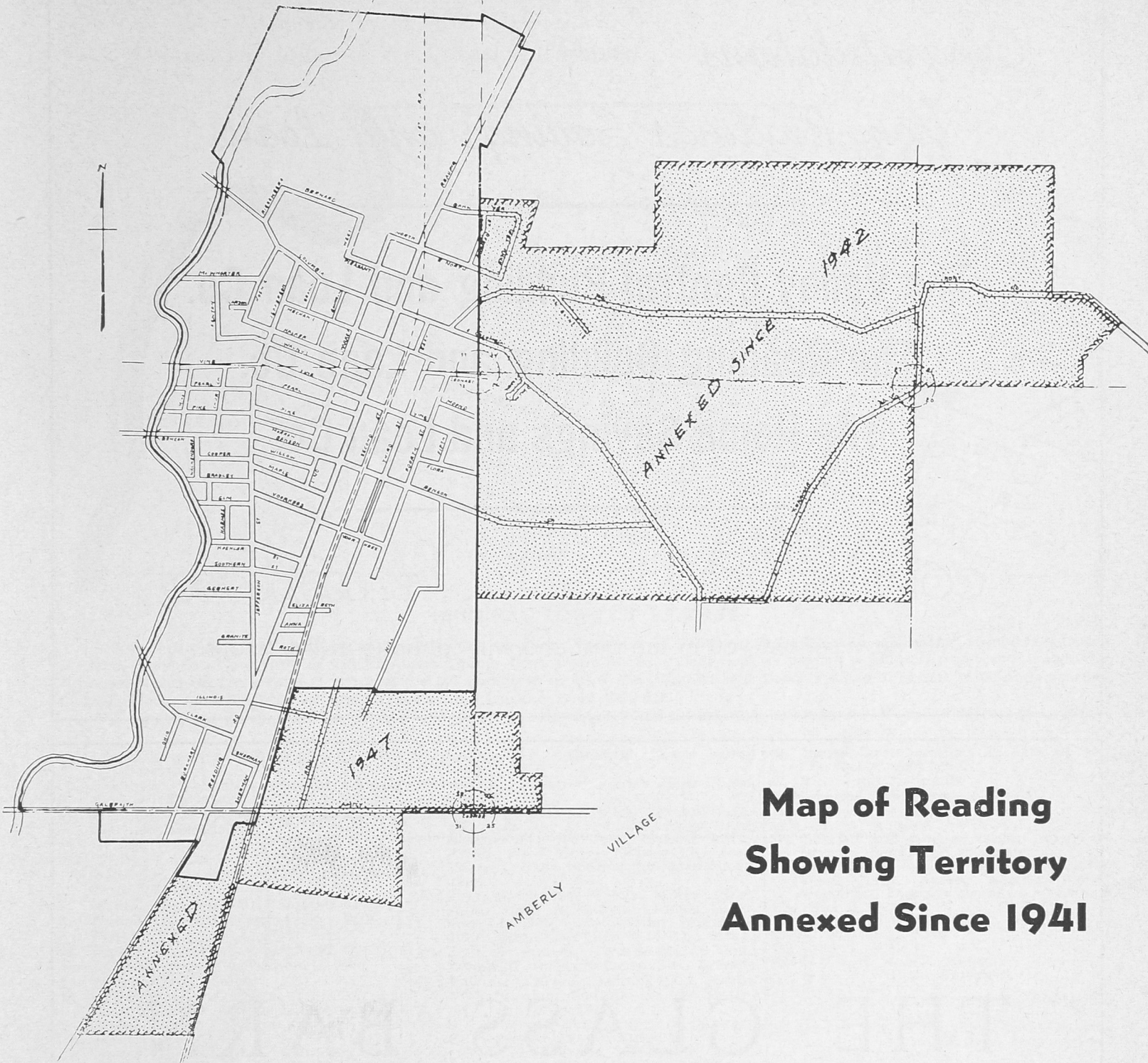
Cincinnati, Ohio

Joseph A. Byrnes, President of the Byrnes-Conway Co., first did contracting work for the City of Reading in 1892 installing granite curb on Jefferson Avenue, south of Benson Street as a sub-contractor for John Ryan and boarded at Pat Landy's home near the Sacred Heart Church. He recalls many of the old-timers such as Charley Cooper who lived near the Baer Dance Hall; Herman Dietrich was marshal; Jack Mooney and Jack Broderick were in their prime; Lens Lotz then kept the saloon now operated by Tommy Rosser.

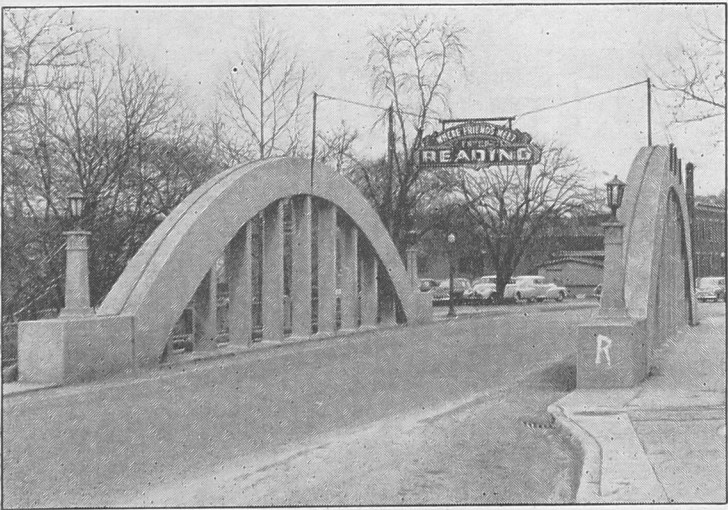
In about 1925, Benson Street from Millcreek to Reading Road was paved with concrete by the Byrnes-Conway Co.

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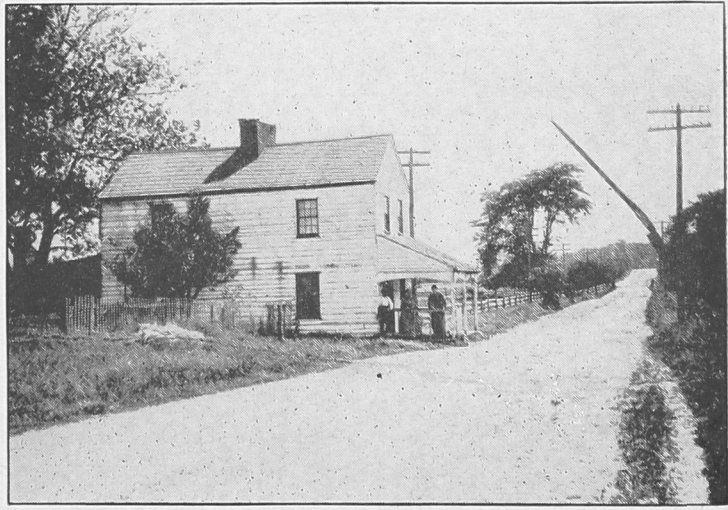
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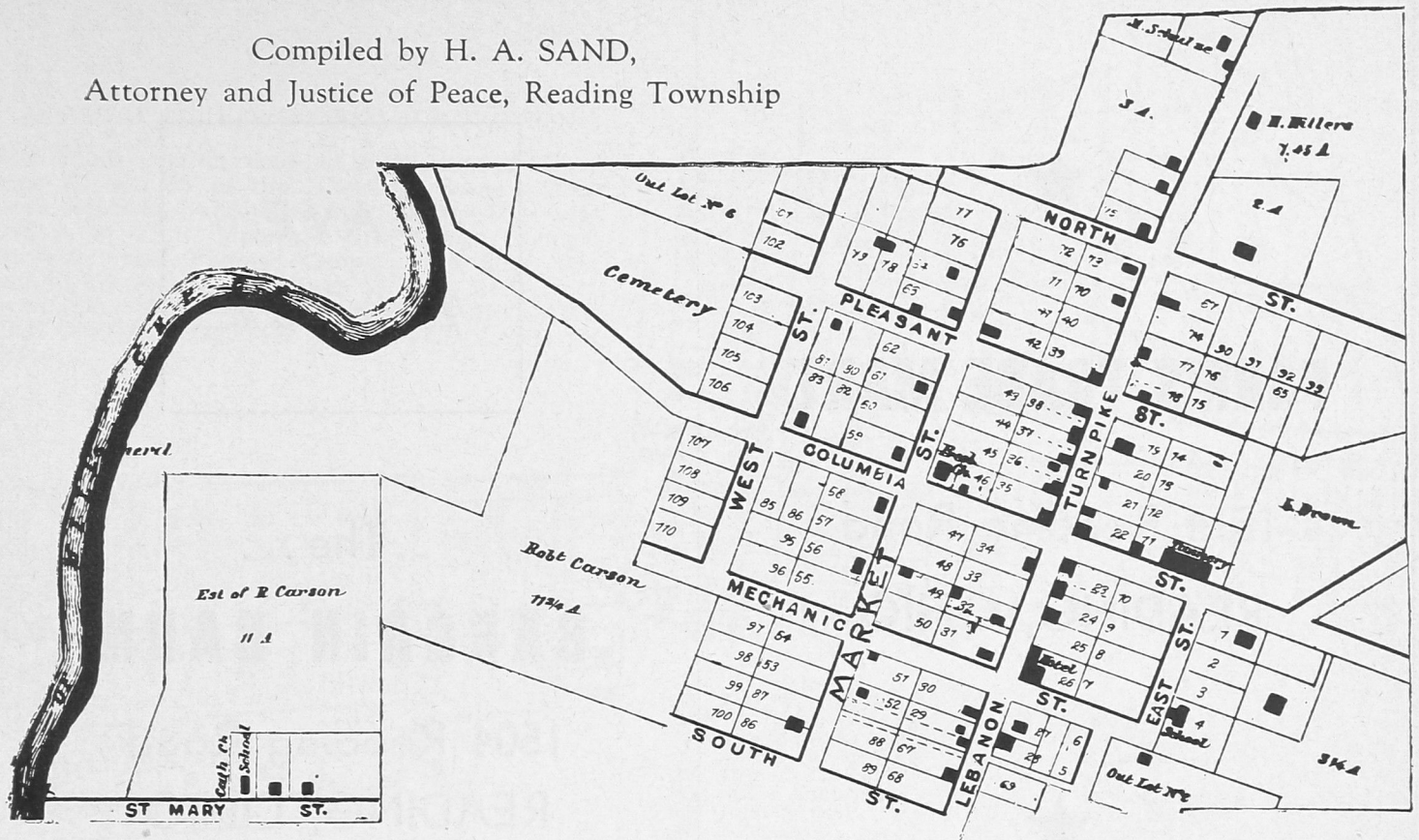
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Compiled by H. A. SAND,
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ORIGINAL TOWN OF READING

Plan of the Town of Reading as Recorded by Abraham Voorhees on February 2nd, 1804; said subdivision of land is recorded in Deed Book E2 at page 600 of the Hamilton County Ohio Deed Records; said land as part of a 640 acre tract was bought by Abraham Voorhees from John C. Symmes for 533 and 30/90 in U. S. Certificates; said Deed is dated July 26th, 1796 and recorded in Deed Book A at page 324 of the Hamilton County Ohio Deed Records.

The following persons are the owners of the lots in said subdivision; all existing buildings in 1851 are represented in black.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daniel Laurence (Robert Carson, John W. Browne) 2. Solomon Burkhalter (Robert Carson, John W. Browne) 3. Solomon Burkhalter (Browne, Carson, Piatt, James Clark) 4. George Walker 5-6. Philip Lennard 7-8-9. Richard P. Spader (Abraham Sanborn 1850) 10. William Bucknell Sr. (Samuel Frazey) 11. Daniel Laurence (Stephen Wilson) Tannery 12. Daniel Laurence (Culbertson Park) 13. D. E. Bernan and William Miller 14. Solomon Burkhalter 15-16. James Clark (James Thurston, Libens Marshall, Asabel Smith, John D. Olden, Adam Redinbo, Jacob Menz, Jesse Sullivan) 17. James Clark (James Thurston, John Goldtrap, Libens Marshall, Thomas Shepherd, Brazil Losey, Asabell Smith, Isaac Bernan) 18. James Clark (N$\frac{1}{2}$ of lot), Edward Smith (S$\frac{1}{2}$ of lot), Libens Marshall, Elizabeth Bernan, Robert Carson Jr. 19. Solomon Burkhalter (Libens Marshall, John D. VanKirk, Adam Redinbo, Daniel Aupperle, I. C. Bernan, Solomon Burkhalter) 20. David E. Bernan (E. Bernan, S. Burkhalter, I. Bernan, A. Redinbo, John VanKirk, Libens Marshall, Henry Redinbaugh) 21. William Price (John Clark, John Waterman, Samuel P. Best, James C. Hunt, Thomas Lloyd, Gideon Brecount, Thomas Clayton, A. Voorhees Jr.) 22. James Browne (Lee David, Gideon Brecount, Thomas Clayton) 23. William Bucknell (Ed. O'Brien, William Bucknell Sr., Ben Greines, Lyliens Marshall, Thomas Forbes, I. Brecount) 24. Ed. O'Brien (S. Day, Ed. Edmondson, Samuel Frazey) 25. Abraham Sanburn (W., R. and J. Spader, Peter Spader, Ed. Edmondson, Samuel Frazey) 26. Abraham Sandburn (W., R. J. Spader, Peter Spader Hotel) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. David Lee (Abraham Chase, John Dodson Jr.) 28. Anthony Ireland (Lydia Auter, John Dodson Jr.) 29. William Miller (N$\frac{1}{2}$ lot) (James Hageman, James Marshall) Mary Ann Goudy (S$\frac{1}{2}$ lot) (John Purcell, Smith, Wyatt, Alex King) (Whole lot) John Vanpelt, Isaac Brecount, Adrian Hageman 30. John E. Naylor (Celcie, Miller, Clark John, Mary A. Gasson, James Hageman, I. Brecount, Adrian Hageman, John Purcell per Sheriff to Alex King) 31. John A. Rudisill (Arthur Martin, Sam Woodruff, Adam Redinbo, Sam Frazey) 32. Edward O'Brien (Samuel Hart, Martin Arthur, Adam Redinbo, Oliver Smith) 33. N$\frac{1}{2}$ John Woodruff
S$\frac{1}{2}$ William Delorymple (S. Frazey, A. Hageman, Foster Zebulien) 34. Daniel B. Johnson (Woodruff, James Dundas, Tim Kirby, Brecount, Frazey) 35. George Thornhill, front part (Clason and Voorhees, Robert Blair, Lilien Marshall)
Isaac Brecount, back part (Jacob Hardin, Edward White) 36. Thoeophilus Meyers (25 ft. N. Side of lot)
Isabel M. Miller (rest), Brecount, Blair, Clason, Voorhees 37. Israel Brown (S$\frac{1}{2}$ lot)
Alliene E. McClure (N part, house), I. Brecount, R. Blair, J. Andrews, J. Horner 38. John A. Redinbo (S 41$\frac{1}{2}$ feet of S $\frac{1}{2}$), Jacob Bauser, Brecount and John Kirk, R. Blair, J. Andrews, J. Horner, G. Husler, Isaac E. Foote (house)
Isaac Brecount (N$\frac{1}{2}$ lot Lydia Auter) 39. Jacob Voorhees (Robert Cunningham, William Frazee) 40. Unoccupied (69) Jacob Voorhees 41. Charles F. Baudinot 42. Charles F. Baudinot (Thomas Shepherd, Isaac Rynearson, Thomas Redinbo, Thomas Auter, Abraham Voorhees Jr., Abraham Voorhees Sr.) 43. John Kirk 44. Hezekiah Glosscock 45. Weathy White | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 46. James Southernwood E. part of lot; Trustees Presbyterian 47. W. R. and J. Spader 48. Ichabod Palmerton 49. William Dalrymple 50. John A. Rudisill 51. Betzold and Geaper (John Gaker on W. side of lot, Carl Regnier) 52. N$\frac{1}{2}$ William B. R. Miller (Mary Clark, John Clark, Arthur Martin, James Hageman, Duncan Cameron, Cyrenius Kitchell)
S$\frac{1}{2}$ owned by Mary Ann Goudy 53-54. Thomas Wright 55. Robert McNeil 56. S 27$\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Robert McNeil
N 55 ft. William Anderson 57. John Robertson 58. William Brickhaus (Isaac Whiteside, William B. Naylor, Ann Kinney) 59. James Whitesides (Sam Hand, Mordecai Sullivan, Burkhalter, Jacobearson) 60. Stephen Burrows 61. Stephen Burrows (Michael Williams, David Jordan, Ben Graves, Robert Boal) 62. Stephen Burrows 63. Edward Smith (James McMillan, Jane Baxter, Jane Whitesides, Daniel McGrew, George Naylor, Gideon Brecount) 64. Mordecai Sullivan (Solomon Burkhalter, owned until late 1840's) 65. James Clark 66. Stephen Burrows 67. William Robertson (William Shankland, Daniel Houck, I. Brecount, John Humes, John McMahon) 68. William Robertson 69. Bryan L. Garty 70. John W. Durham (George Pealer, Robert Boal, Ben Graves Jr., Thomas Wright, John Hayden, Thomas Auter, I. Brecount, Fowler Bartholomew) 71. Sam. Cohean 72. Sally Porter 73. John W. Dunham 74. Stephen Burrows 75. Agnes Gorman 78. Isaac Wright (George Huey) 79. James Scott (David Scott), John Hamilton 81. Heirs of Jacob Voorhees 83. Reading Presbyterian Church |
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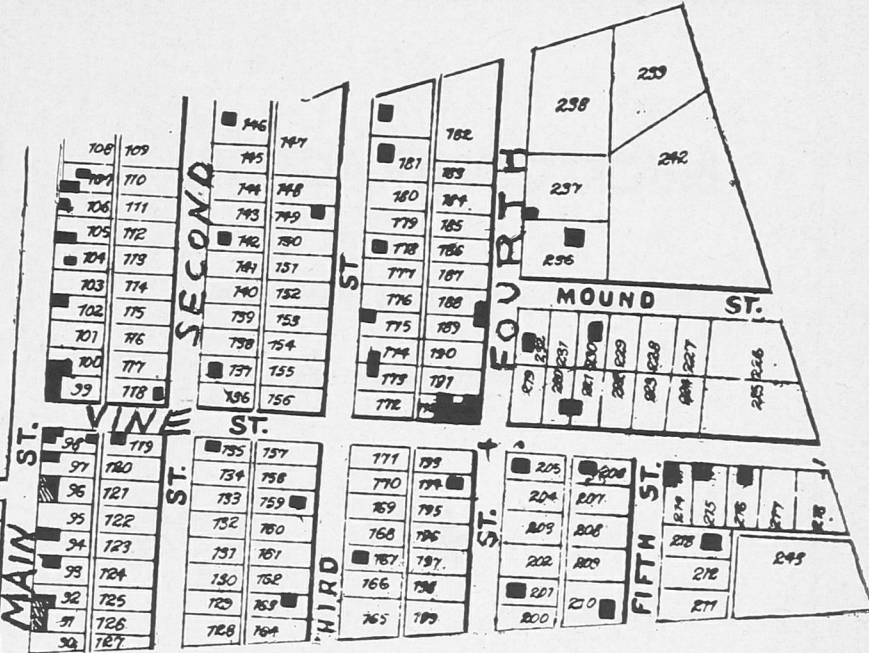
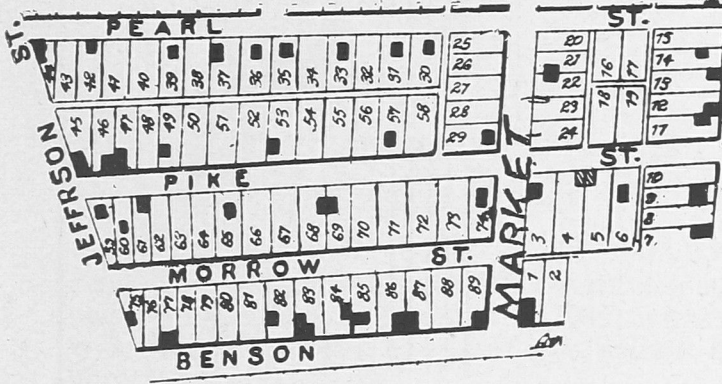
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JAMES H. OLIVER'S FIRST SUBDIVISION

Said Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 155 at page 22 and 23 of the Hamilton County Ohio Deed Records; Subdivided April 15th, 1850; witnessed by J. B. Moorman and James Cooper; Surveyor was Thomas Cooper; this land was bought by James H. Oliver as a 50 acre tract from John Voorhees. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVED LAND IN 1851:



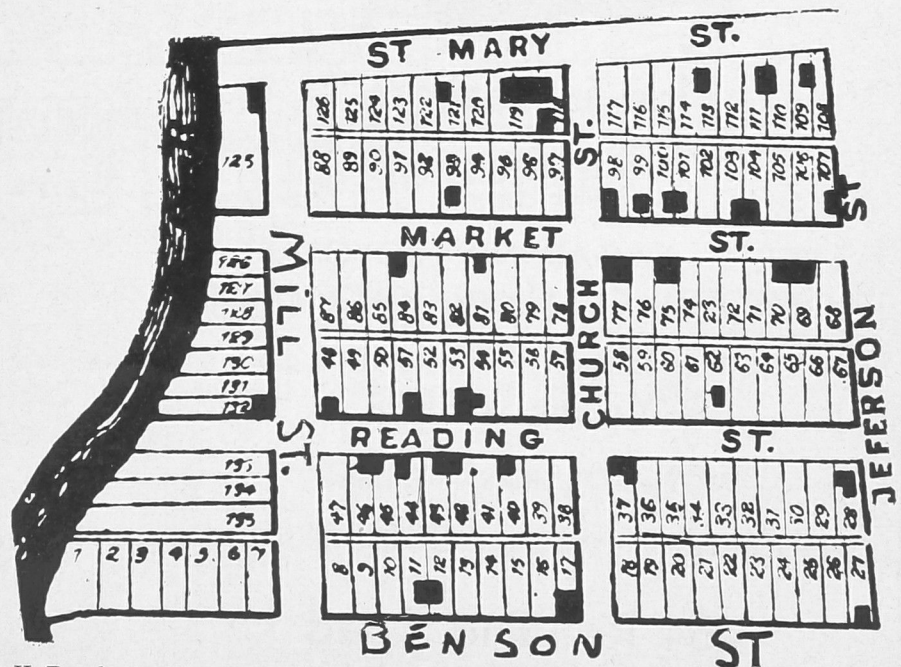
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| 1. Sebastian Berninger | 31. Henry Deepe | 65. J. H. Wachendorf | 142. John Tennis |
| 3. Casper Gallunt | 35. John B. Moorman | 68 & 69. Mary Biles | 146. William Post |
| 4 & 5. Daniel Lewis | 36 & 37. Henry Tieman | 74. Daniel Lewis | 159. Frederick Thiesing |
| 7. Furmann & Lmmers (formerly Spencer Cooper) | 39. Samuel Sullivan | 77. Frederick Theising | 162. John E. Stephens |
| 9. John Holzhausen | 42. N. Palmer | 82. Thomas Cooper | 163. Wm. Cain |
| 11. Edward Whitehead | 44. J. F. Pendery | 83. Frank Ashbrock | 166 & 167. Francis Gerling |
| 12. Lorence Ziegler | 45. Daniel Lewis | 84. John Erhard | 173. Andrew Dellermann |
| 13. Barbara Engel (formerly Martin Hauf) | 46. James Brown | 85. John Groh | 174. George Pitttruff |
| 14. Daniel Rost | 47. Mathias Schmitz | 86. Henry Hillers | 178. Moormann |
| 29. Joseph Werle | 49. Henry Singer | 87. James Daily | 181. George Rynerson (back part) |
| 30. James Daily | 57. George Stang | 89. Ellen Cowhig | J. B. Moormann (front part) |
| | 59 & 60. Peter Yearger | 91. John Stahl | 188 & 189. John Stahl |
| | 61. Moorman | 95. Christian Schuch | 194. Gerhard Deinertz |
| | | 96. Joseph Eckart | 201. Daniel Rost |
| | | 97. Charles Doerr | 205. Henry Schwiier |
| | | 98. Henry Roemer | 206. George Newbent |
| | | 99. George Keller and Barbary Mausner | 213, 214, 215. John Watterman & Andrew Knotte & Frederick Smidt (one-third each) |
| | | 100. L. Berner | 220 & 221. Jacob Holsbrauen |
| | | 104. George Thornell | 230. John Wiegand |
| | | 106. Daniel Lewis | 236. Moormann, J. B. |
| | | 107. John Finn | |
| | | 135. Henry Post | |

E. B. BLUNT'S FIRST SUBDIVISION

Said Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 137 at page 107 of the Hamilton County Ohio Deed Records; this land was bought by E. B. Blunt from John Voorhees as a 19 and 32/100 acre tract; said land was subdivided October 2nd, 1848; witnesses: James H. Oliver and David S. Brown; Surveyor: Thomas Cooper.

LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN 1851:

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| 11. A. C. Post |
| 12. F. Post |
| 17. John Petit |
| 27. Henry Kramer |
| 28. John H. Hebe |
| 37. Rudolph Schurman (formerly owned by G. G. Steggeman) |
| 40. Rudolph Schurman |
| 42. Paul Gesner |
| 43. George Lehrman |
| 44. George Lehrman |
| 45. Patrick Doherty |
| 46. John Laskorn |
| 48. J. H. Brockman |
| 53. Michael Stadtmiller |
| 54. Michael Stadtmiller |
| 62. Francis Broadmore |
| 69. Jacob Petri |
| 70. Jacob Petri |
| 73. Diedrich Leinhert |
| 77. Gerhard & Steggemann (from Henry Singer) |
| 81. Francis Depinel |
| 84. Wm. Blas (formerly owned by Francis Fink) |
| 93. Andres Fellermann |
| 98. H. H. Kuhlmann |
| 99. John H. Hebe |
| 100. Benedict Schoch |
| 101. Benedict Schoch |
| 103. Sam Lewis (formerly owned by Carl Lierman) |
| 104. Sam Lewis (formerly owned by Carl Lierman) |
| 107. Ferdinand Tiemann |
| 109. Jacob Wall (formerly owned by Valentine & Philip Uhrig) |
| 110. Jacob Wall (formerly owned by Valentine & Philip Uhrig) |



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| 111. J. H. Brockmann |
| 113. Andrew Markert |
| 118 & 119. Thomas Alley |
| 121. J. Berding |
| 132. Christian Schmetzer |
| 82-105. Andrew Schmitt (lots owned by) |

Footnote: The lot numbers on St. Marys St. west of Church St. are two less than appear on the plat; Lot No. 121 is actually 119. There are no lot numbers on the property owned by SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

BRICK CONTRACTOR

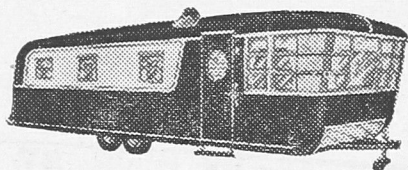
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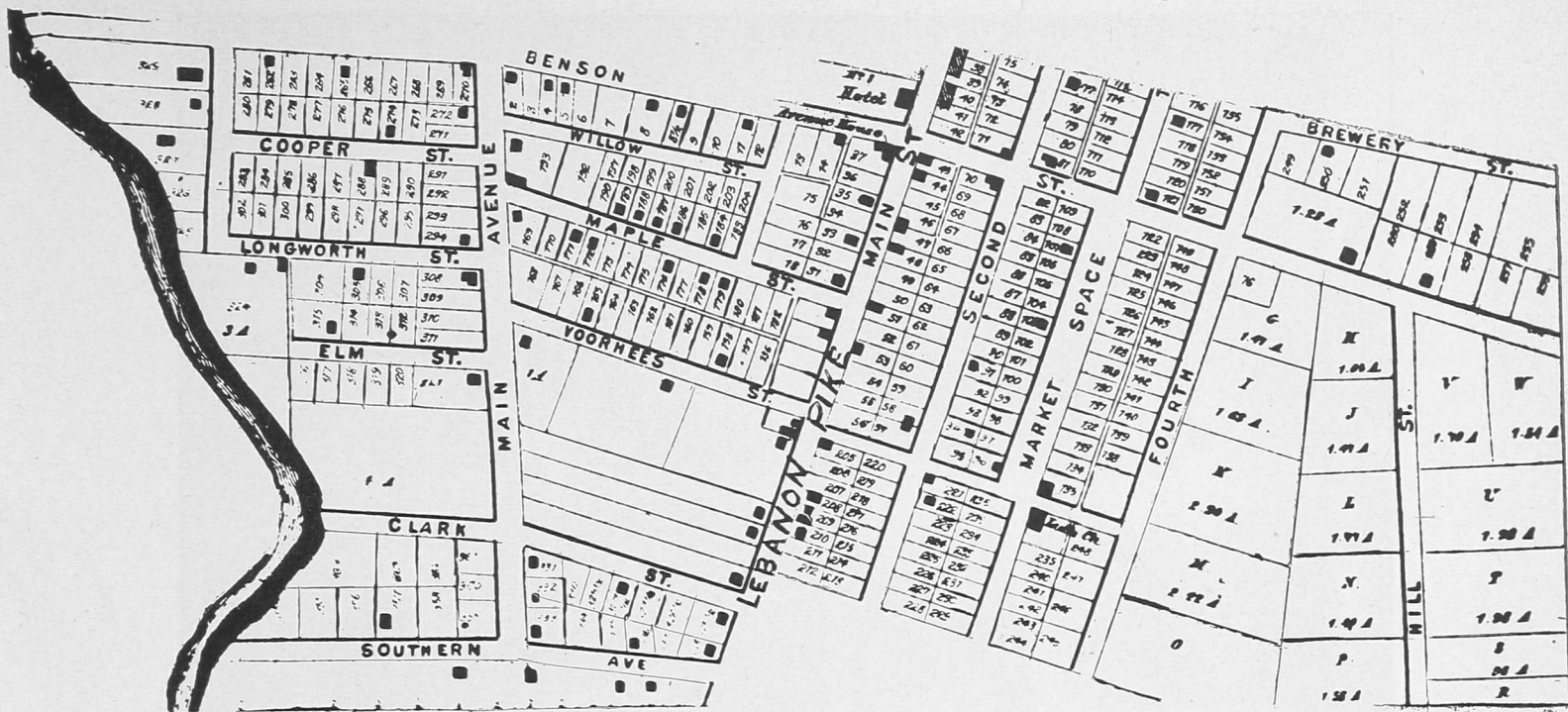
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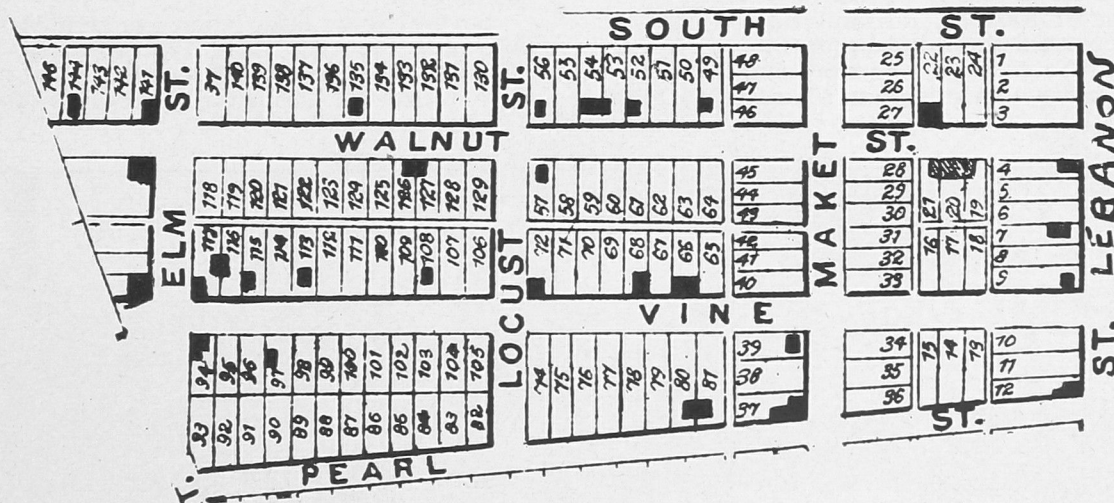


E. B. BLUNT'S SECOND SUBDIVISION

Said Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 142 at page 142 of the Hamilton County Ohio Deed Records; Subdivided on April 24th, 1849; witnessed by J. B. Moorman and M. D. Moorman; the surveyor was Thomas Cooper; the land was bought from John Voorhees by E. B. Blunt as a 19 and 32/100 acre tract.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE OWNERS OF IMPROVED PROPERTY IN 1851:

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| 4. James H. Oliver | 39. Henry Wartman | 72. Henry Lutz | 113. John D. Olden & Schmidt |
| 7. Andrew Gentrup | 49. Henry Chresing | 80. John D. Olden & Schmidt | 115. Rudolph Schurman |
| 9. J. Wachendorf | 35 & 54. Rudolph Schurman | 81. Henry Niebing | 116. Andrew Ankenbauer |
| 19. Anton Hallers | 56 & 57. Frank Scharck | 94. Henry Wartman | 117. Joseph Ankenbauer |
| 20. Henry Zurline | 66. John Hanzsche | 97. Jacob Schmittin | 126 & 127. John Hanzsche |
| 37. Henry Kramer | 68. Frederick Thiesing | 108. John V. Davis | 135. Frederick Thiesing |

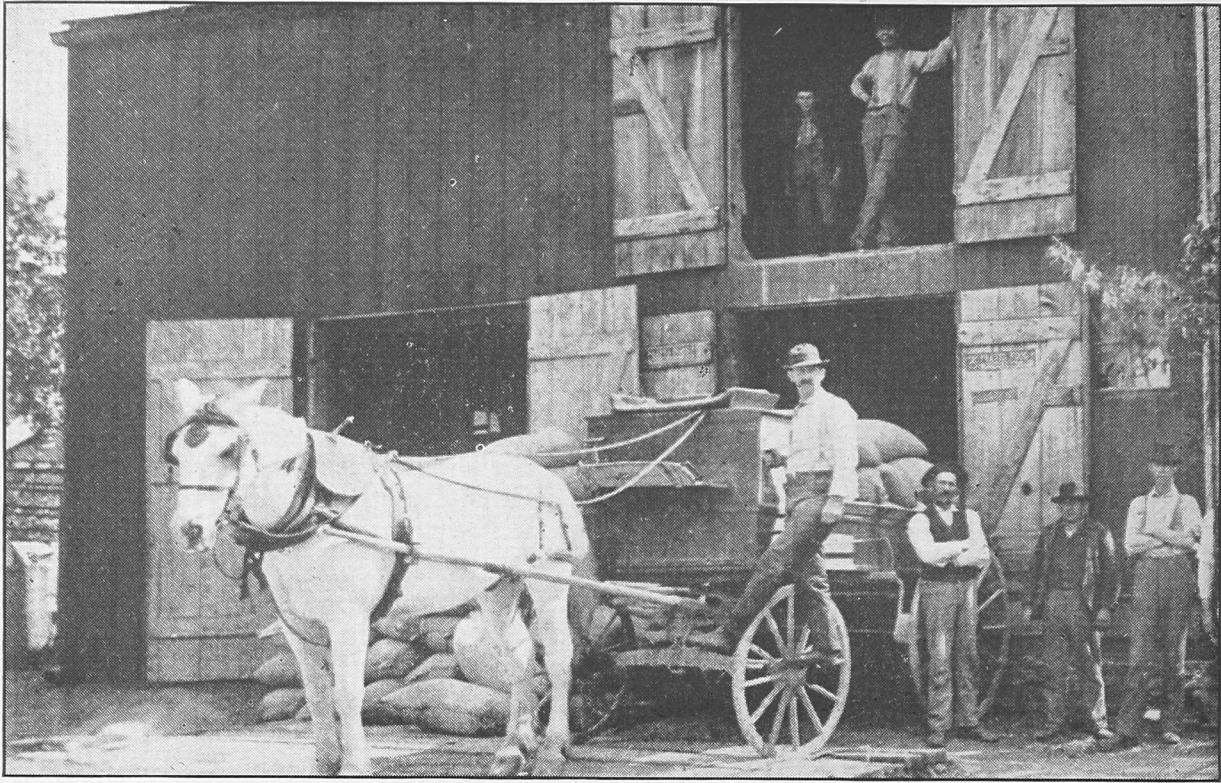


JAMES H. OLIVER'S SECOND SUBDIVISION

Said Subdivision is recorded in Plat Book 1 at pages 72, 83, 176, 222, 231, 256, and 257 of the Hamilton County Ohio Plat Records; said land was subdivided about the year 1850 and was part of a 50 acre tract purchased by James H. Oliver from John Voorhees. Surveyor was Thomas Cooper.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE OWNERS OF IMPROVED PROPERTY IN 1851:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. James McClelland | 40. John Desmond | 96. John Kasheimer | 105. Rhoda Mills |
| 2. Godfried Metzler | 41. John April | 103. John Wichman | 208. Godfried Engemann |
| 4. Joseph Hartman | 43. Francis Gerling | 107. Charles Herst | 210. Jacob Emmert |
| 5. Philip Matre | 44. Patrick Farrel | 117. Justus Albrecht | 214. Andrew Hassler |
| 8. Mathias Stechenborn | 46. C. & C. H. Helmkamp | 121. Francis LeSaint | 221. W. S. Baldwin |
| 8 1/2. John Bishoff | 47. C. & C. H. Helmkamp | 135. Andrew Hassler | 222... Eberhard Holdkamp |
| 11. Henry Stechenborn | 48. Louis Suhr | 158. Bernard Strotkamp | 327. John Schmetzer |
| 14. James Dailey | 53. Fred W. Wettig | 169. John Wall | 329. John Schmetzer |
| 29. Mathew Suhr | 57. Henry Besterman | 172. John Bischoff | 222. Eberhard Holdkamp |
| 31. H. H. Kuhlman | 58. Martin Baerenger | 179. Henry Dillers | Carl Lierman owned the southwest corner of Voorhees and the Turnpike; and Henry Huening owned the northeast corner of Benson and Fourth Streets. |
| 33. John Fridhall | 71. Michael Stadtmiller | 184. Bernard Kracke | |
| 35. Antonie Landonwescht | 77. Patrick Cody & Andrew Knothe | 187. John Mitsch (from George Votel) | |
| 37. Henry Schmitt | 81. Henry Mentel | 188. Adam Engelhart | |
| 38. Bernard Heckman | 91. Henry E. Jengling | 189. Gerhard Arnst | |
| 39. John Desmond | 94. Alex McDonald | 193. Brinkman and Mersel | |



PICTURE TAKEN BETWEEN 1892-1896

On Wagon: John G. Koehl III, Charlie Guenther, Lapold Lierman, Nick Grein. In Loft: Wm. A. Koehl, John Bonham.

John G. Koehl, II was born Nov. 28, 1847 in Mt. Washington to John G. and Rose Koehl. In his early 20's he chose Elizabeth Banschhof for his wife. She was born June 6, 1848 in Hamilton, Ohio. Her family became residents of Reading when she was 6 years old. John and Elizabeth had 9 children — 5 lived to reach the age of 21. The surviving 4 are: Ed G., Gus, William A. and Mrs. Carrie R. Wiehe.

In 1868 John G. Koehl, II opened a saloon on the southeast corner of Reading Rd. and Benson St. As time passed, he opened the following businesses in the respective order — a grocery, feed store and coal yard. The feed store and coal yard were in a building behind

the saloon and grocery with an entrance on Benson St. During the administration of Grover Cleveland, Mr. Koehl was the Reading Post Master. At this time an addition was built to the saloon and grocery building for the Post Office.

When John G. Koehl, II died at the age of 57 in 1904, his wife Elizabeth carried on the business with the aid of her 4 sons. The name was changed to the Koehl Bros.

Several years later when age kept Mrs. Koehl from assuming the responsibility, each son took over a business. To John G., III went the coal yard; the feed store to Ed G.; the grocery to Gus and to Will the



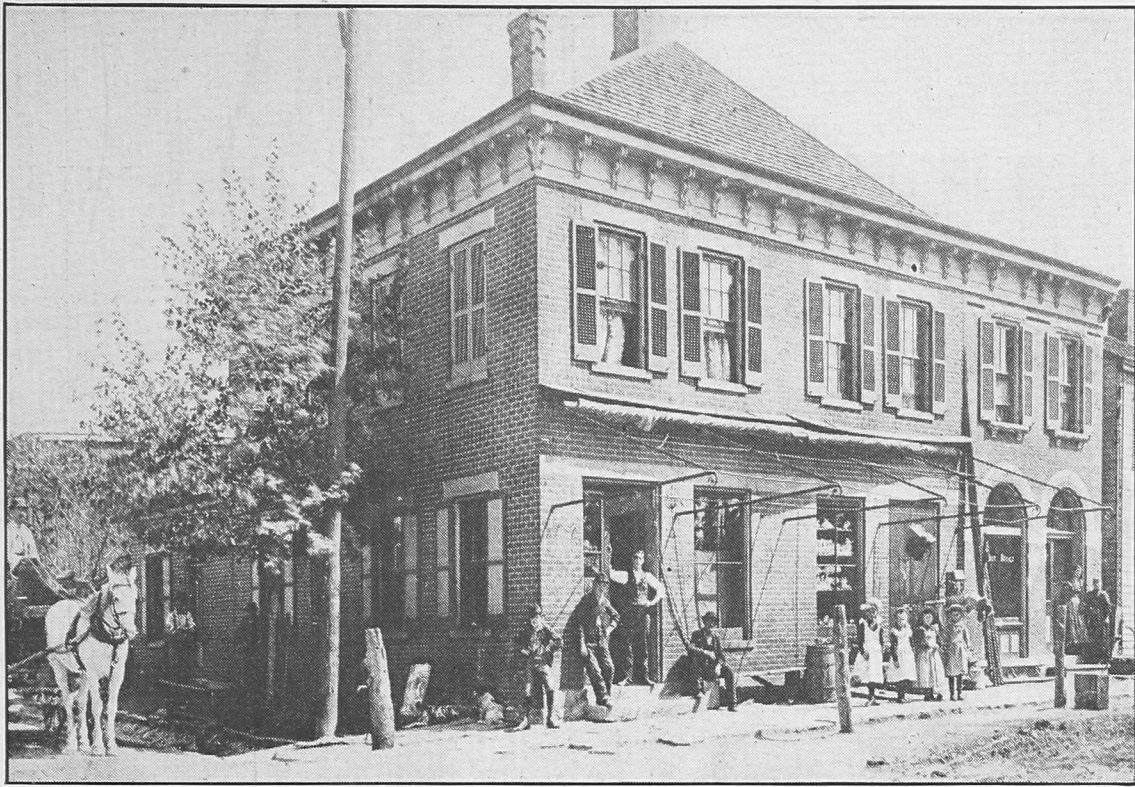
From left to right: Ed. G. Koehl, Sr., Gus Koehl, William A. Koehl, Edward Koehl, Jr., Donald Koehl, James Koehl, Bill Koehl, Jr.

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PICTURE TAKEN BETWEEN 1892-1896

On wagon: John G. Koehl, III. Side of building: John Boham. Boy: Wm. A. Koehl. Henry Runge. In doorway of saloon: Gus Koehl, George Henry, Mail Carrier sitting on steps. In Post Office doorway: Anna Koehl, Nettie Koehl.

saloon. In 1923 when John G., III died at the age of 51, the coal yard was combined with the feed store. During the days of prohibition, the saloon was permanently closed.

In 1929 the feed store was moved to its present location on Vine St. next to the Pennsylvania R.R. depot.

The grocery is still in the original "Koehl's Corner" building. The portion to the south end of the building, now used for grocery storage, was the Post Office.

Today, members of the 4th generation can be seen working in both businesses.



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UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF READING

Reading's greatest public asset is the municipally owned and operated Water Works, Electric Light and Power Plant.

In the early part of 1892, several large fires happened in rapid succession, causing serious damage to Reading property. Directly due to these heavy fire losses, agitation was started for more modern and better fire protection. Shortly thereafter, Councilman Herman Benner introduced a resolution in Council to devise ways and means for water supply and adequate fire protection.

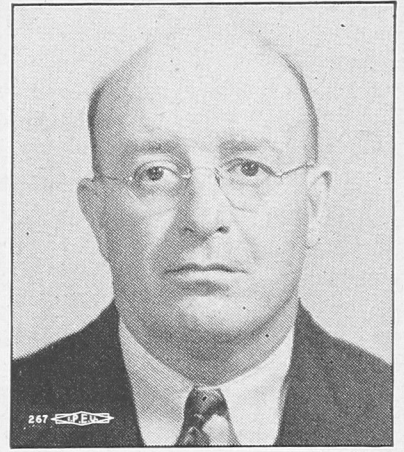
Mayor Jacob Greiner appointed a committee for this purpose, consisting of three members of Council and six citizens, viz: Herman Benner, Joseph J. Feldhaus, William Ebeling, Councilmen; Julius Hesterberg, Edward Hebenstreit, J. M. Topmiller, Joseph Matre, Joseph Koetter and William Dauwaller, citizens.

The committee, upon consulting Engineer T. A. Birch, of Carthage, reported favorably. The committee recommended the building of a Water Works and Power Unit, including an Electric Plant. The necessary legislation was promptly passed for a vote on a Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollar Bond Issue to cover cost of construction of both plants. The Mayor therefore issued his proclamation for the election to be held on November 8, 1892. The vote was very favorable, For 424, Against 76, majority 348. An ordinance was then passed creating a Board of Trustees, to which the Mayor appointed Messrs. Julius Hesterberg, Dr. Harvey McClure and Edward Hebenstreit.

Organization was effected by electing Julius Hesterberg, chairman; A. G. Ankenbauer, clerk; Thomas A. Birch, engineer. The site was purchased of F. W. Brown at the foot of Walnut Street and extending to Halker Avenue, fronting approximately 200 feet on each street to a depth of approximately 150 feet, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Eight Dollars and Eight Cents (\$708.08). The contract for driving three 8-inch wells (all of which are now out of use) was awarded to the Bradford Well Co., of Cincinnati, which firm also received the contract for furnishing three steam driven deep well pumps. The contract for constructing the building was awarded to Herman Ulland, building contractor, of Reading, at his bid of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighteen (\$4,818.00) Dollars.

In the ensuing Spring Election held April 3, 1893, the same Trustees were unanimously re-elected and again organized with Julius Hesterberg in the chair and A. G. Ankenbauer, clerk.

Bids for pipe and pipe laying, valves, specials, fire hydrants, etc., were opened April 12, 1893 and the contract awarded to the D. R. Dimmick Co. of Newport, Ky., for the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$16,350.90). On April 8, 1893, the contract for



WILLIAM E. UHRIG
Supt. of Utilities

furnishing three boilers was awarded to the Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon Co., of Cincinnati, at their bid of Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy (\$2,870.00) Dollars. The same firm also received contract for furnishing the two high-pressure pumps for the total sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven (\$967.00) Dollars. The I. and E. Greenwald Co., of Cincinnati, furnished the automatic cut-off steam engine for Two Thousand, One Hundred (\$2,100.00) Dollars, this engine (at that time) was as economical in the use of fuel and oil as any automatic engine in the world. On June the seventh, 1893, the contract for electric lighting was awarded to a Cincinnati firm at their bid of Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Seven (\$9,367.00) Dollars.

The City's street lighting system was finished and the new arc-lights were put into service on September 4, 1893, with Scott Binkley, of Hamilton, Ohio, electrician and engineer; Theo. Grau, of Reading, fireman.

The pipe line was satisfactorily tested to 150 pounds pressure on September 7, 1893, and immediately put into public service.

A special election was called on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, the proceeds to be used in the construction of a reservoir. This election was held on July 31, 1893, in which the proposition carried by a majority of 201 votes.

A site consisting of one acre was offered gratis and accepted from the good Sisters of Notre Dame on their property adjoining Convent Hill Road, being a choice location on a prominence having the highest elevation of the surrounding hills. Contracts for the building of this reservoir were awarded as follows: excavating and puddling, Cooper and Stander of Reading; brick work, Charles Biles and Co. of Reading; pipe laying, D. R. P. Dimmick of Newport, Ky. The plant now being finished, competent outside judges pronounced the new Water Works and Electric Light Plant to be one of the best of its size in the country. Thanks to the foresight of our officials and citizens of those early days, because from this acorn a mighty oak has grown.

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as junk. At this time also the four original plant wells, including the 365 foot deep well were abandoned and replaced by the first new park well which, together with pump, wellhouse and appurtenances. Four new wells have been installed in the new well field recently purchased at the north section of the city. The phenomenal growth of this property is now more and more apparent, having been enlarged from the modest original capacity of 150 kw. to a modern plant of 5,500 kw.

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Several years ago the members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church at their own expense extended heating lines from their property to the municipal plant and are now purchasing steam for their church and school.

In 1942 complete new turbine and boiler room was built and the following year saw the erection of the new 48,000 pound B and W Boiler including new feed water heater and piping job.

In 1943 the new plant was dedicated and two years later the complete new 4 wire, 3 phase, grounded neutral switch gear panel installed. The new 2500 KW. turbine, generator was put into operation in 1946 when at the same time the pri-

mary voltage of city was changed from 3 wire, 3 phase 2400 volts to 4 wire, 3 phase 4160 volts phase to phase, 2400 volts phase to neutral.

The complete remodeling of the water plant took place in 1948 with the replacement of the 900,000 gallon per day treatment plant to one of 2,500,000 gallon per day. A new 3,000,000 gallon reservoir was built to replace the old 1,000,000 gallon reservoir built in 1894. During the past five years over five miles of new water mains have been extended.

The primary electric lines also over five miles in length have been extended into two new subdivisions.

At present another 2,000 KW turbine generator and 50,000 pound boiler are being installed and will be put into operation before the end of the year.

During the past year the electric line truck in operation for over twenty years was replaced with most modern equipment, along with a new service truck.

While the new boiler is being constructed a temporary boiler as a standby or emergency measure has been installed using fuel oil.

All of the street lamps have been replaced by dust and insect proof lamps during the past few years, and the practice of furnishing the taxpayers with street lighting at no cost is still in effect. The significance of these many new improvements are being reflected in the many new subdivisions and new industries attracted to the city.

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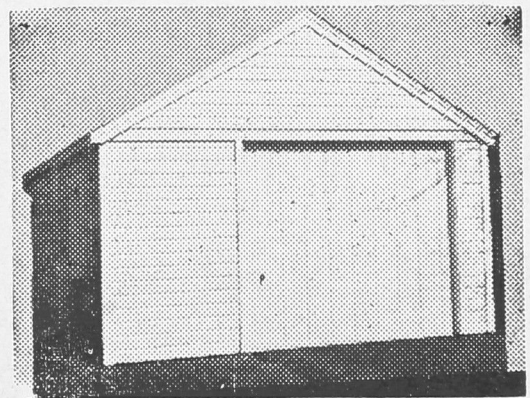
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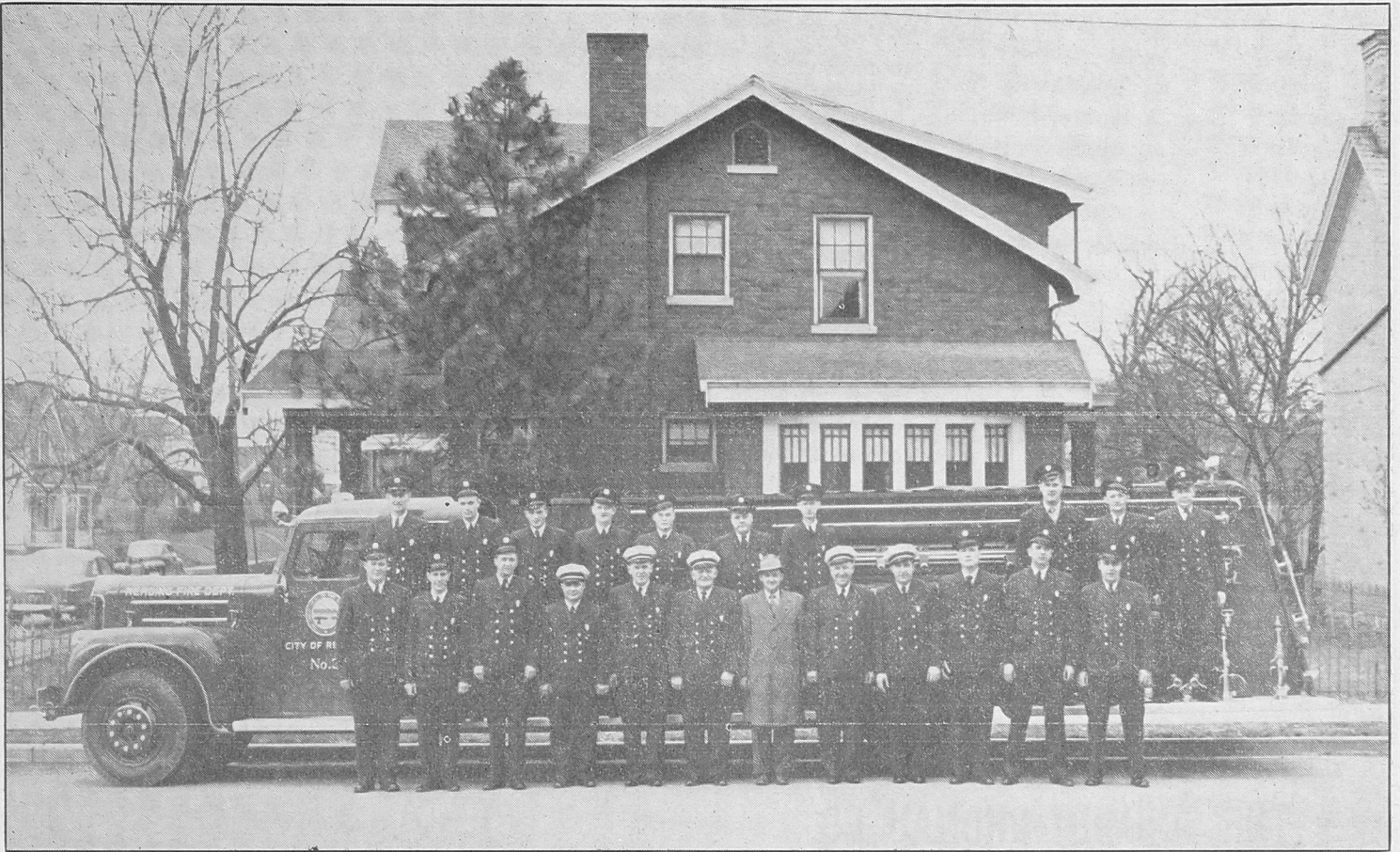
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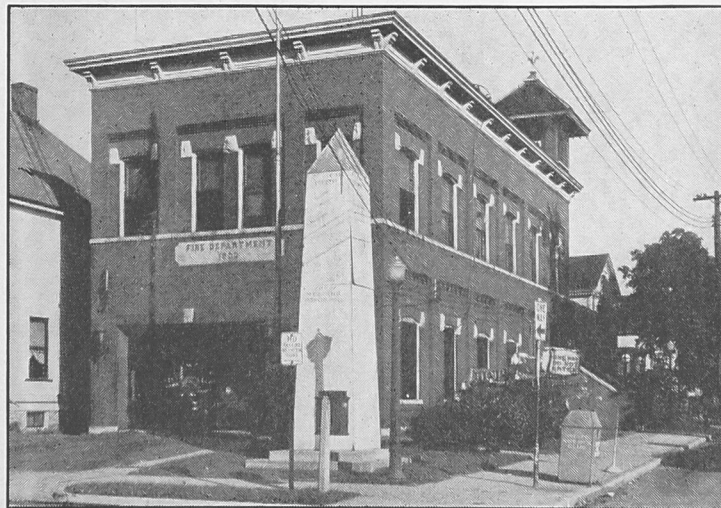
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FRONT ROW, left to right: Wm. Gandert, Howard Runck, Lou Metz, Jr., Lt. Louis Heine, Lt. John Kutcher, Chief Wm. Kuntz, Albert C. Elmlinger, Safety Director (1942-1949), Ass't. Chief Louis Metz, Lt. Elmer Siebel, Richard Willet, Joe Grieshaber and Wilbert Trapp.

REAR: Marlin Adkins, Claire Williams, Ted Wade, Albert Becker, Virgil Price, Harvey Penter, Walter Klopmeier, Wm. Abeling, Joe Schatzle and Irvin Schatzle. Firemen Irvin Willet and Vincent King were absent when photo was taken.



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CITY HALL, 1951



Left to right: Herman Dietrich, Harry Butler of Lockland, Herman Rohlfs and Phil Grein.

A CENTURY AGO the building now occupied by us as a funeral home was built by Mr. Huebing. It was later occupied by such families as Baer, Cooper, Schultz, Rolfes, and Flege, whose names are prominently associated with the history of Reading.

It has always been a landmark on Reading Road and inspired with the Centennial spirit we are just completing an intensive remodeling project which converted it to an authentic Colonial home and the interior renovation will both enhance its home-like charm and enable us to better serve the people of Reading and the adjacent communities.

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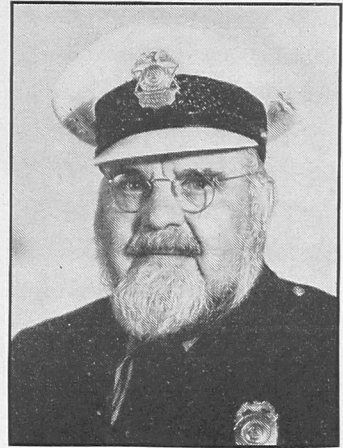
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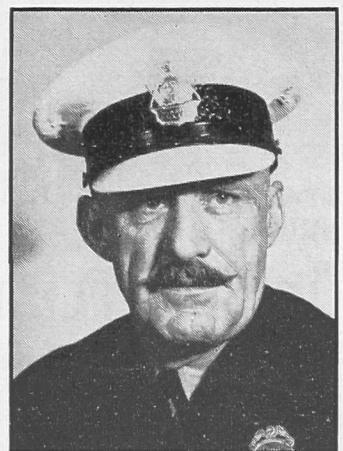
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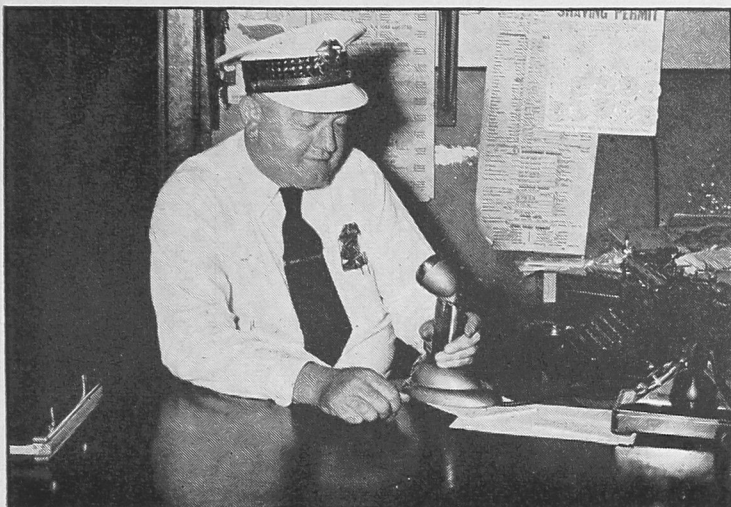
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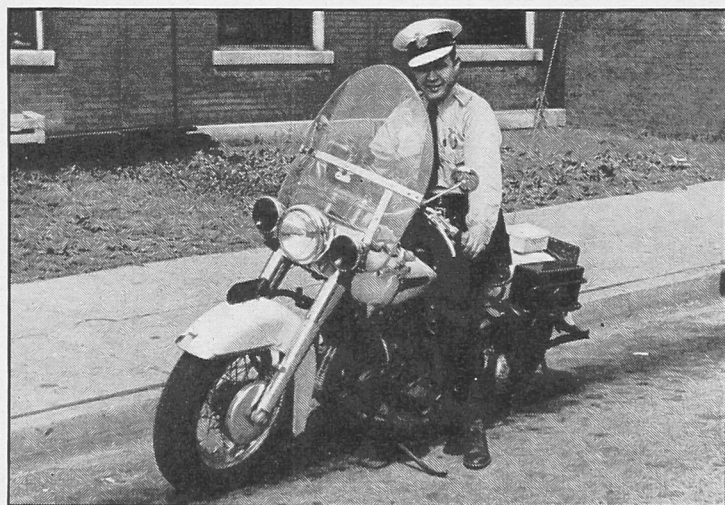
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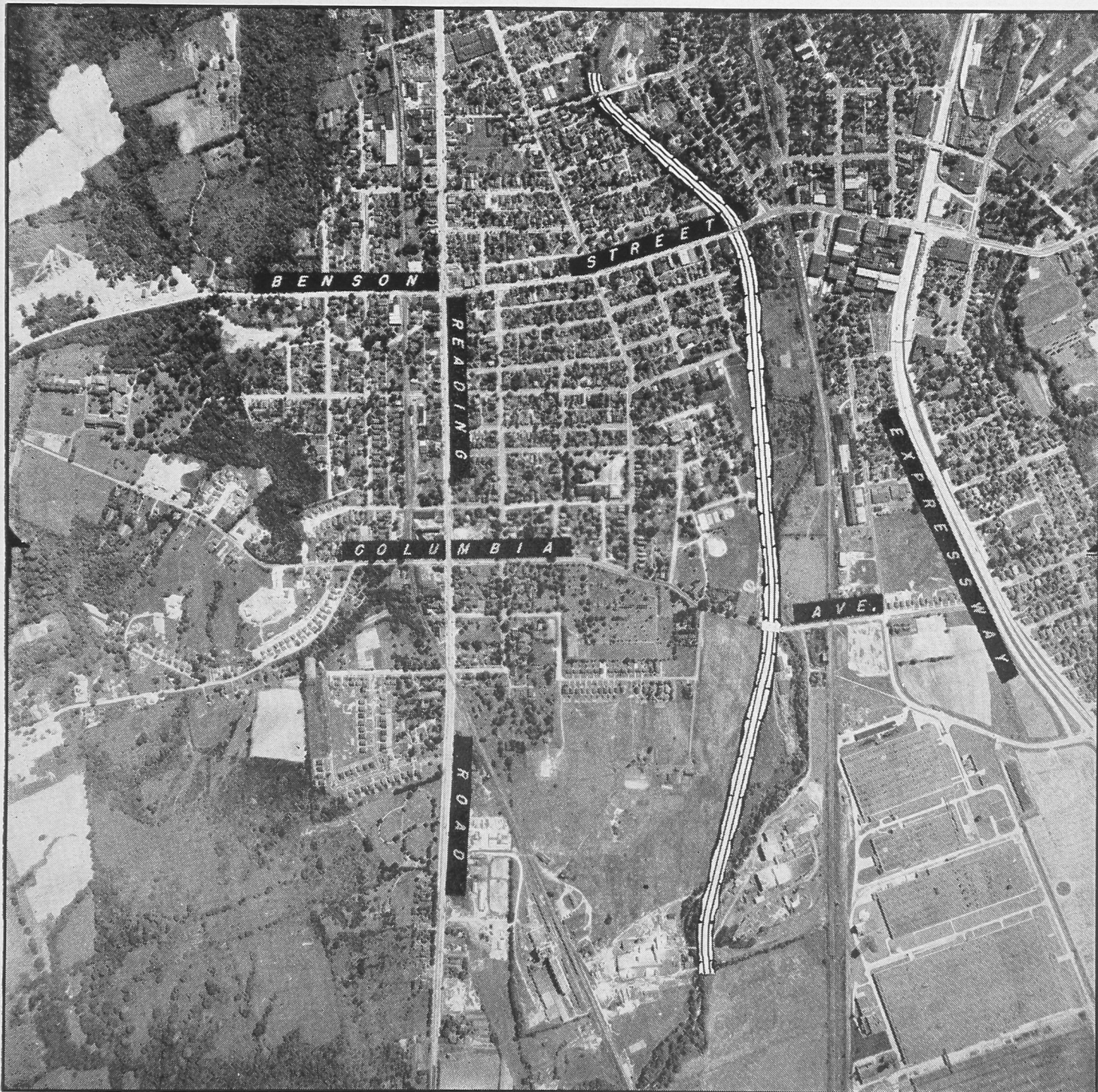
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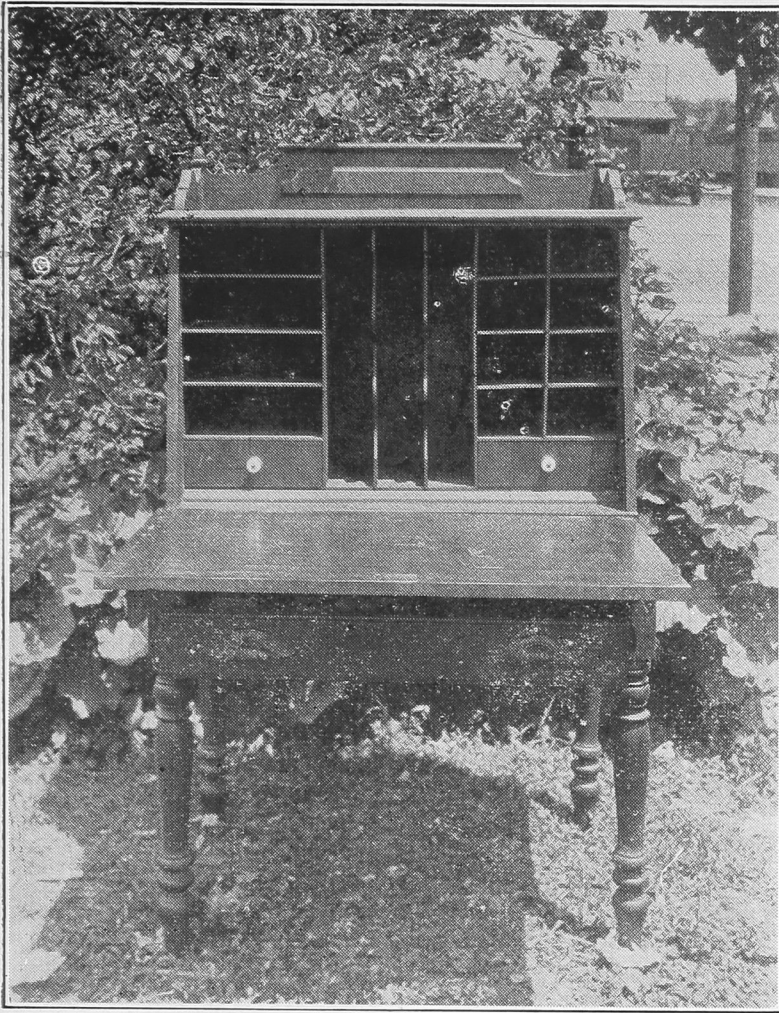
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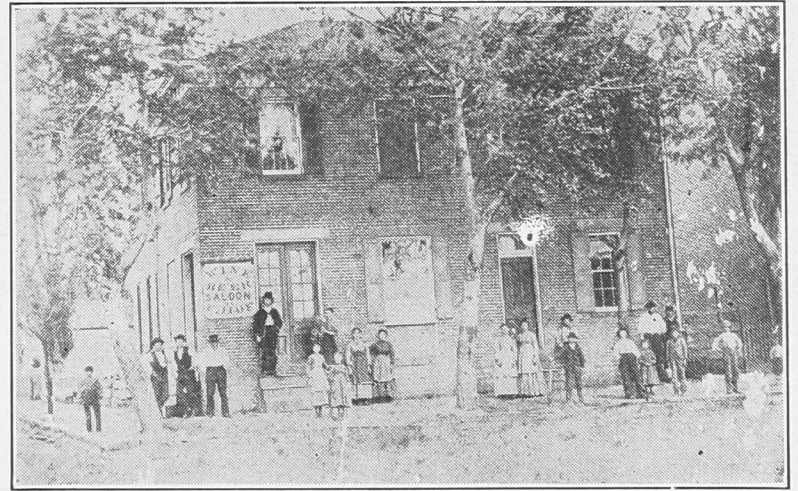
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Photo taken 1931

This is the original desk of Abraham Voorhees, the founder of Reading, and still in the possession of Mrs. Edw. Conway of Reading Road, having been preserved among the Voorhees descendants and presented by the late Squire Jacob Voorhees to the present owner, a relic we all treasure and hope some day to preserve to posterity in the City Hall.

SOUTHEAST CORNER OF VINE
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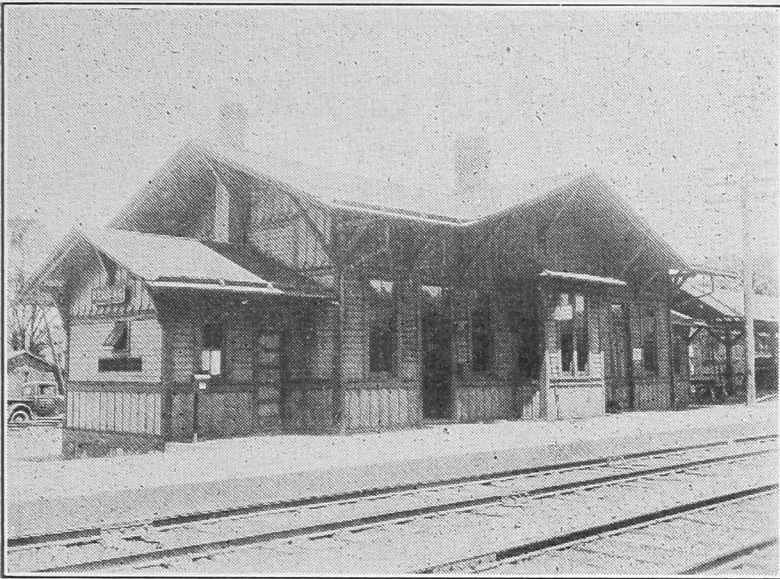
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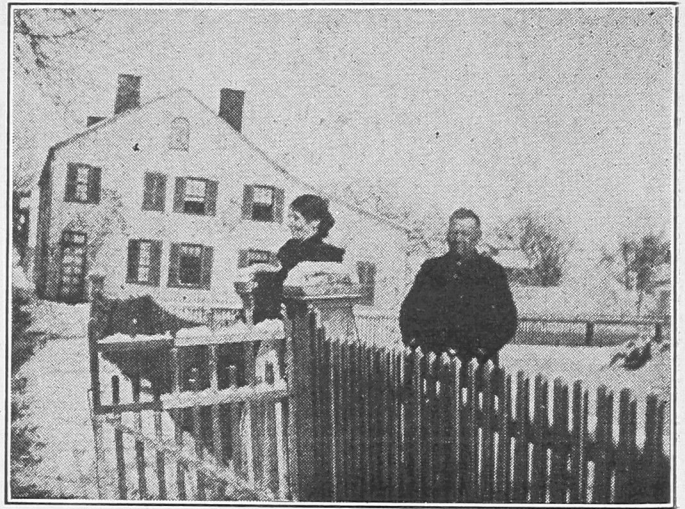
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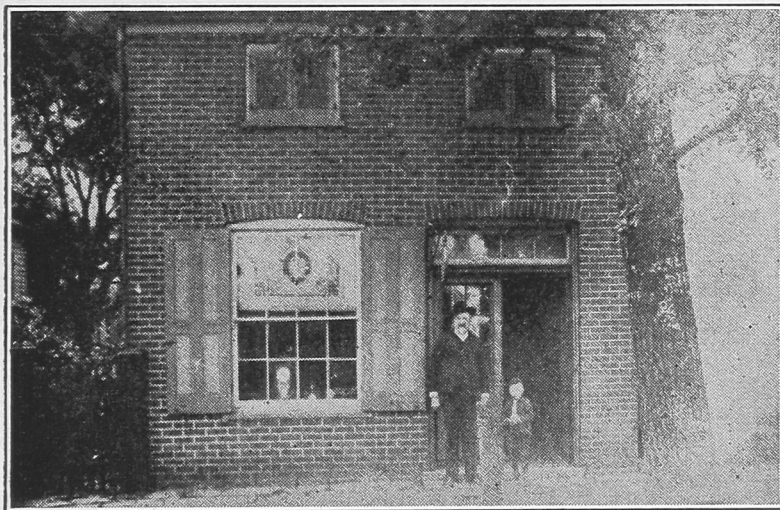


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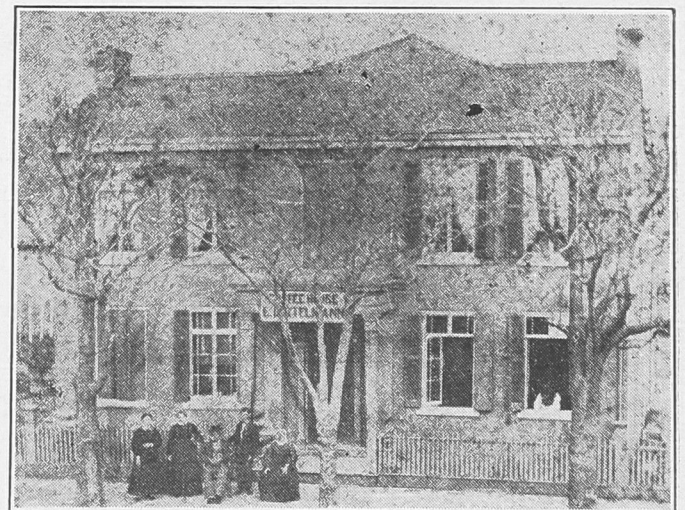
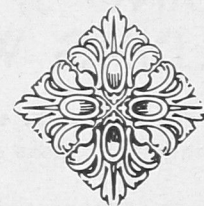


NORTHEAST CORNER MECHANIC AND READING RD.

Southside view of the old "Day Tavern," known far and wide in the olden days where the stage coaches would change mounts, feed and rest. Cattle and hogs being driven to Cincinnati would be quartered overnight. In later years it was used as a saloon under the name of "Blue Goose"

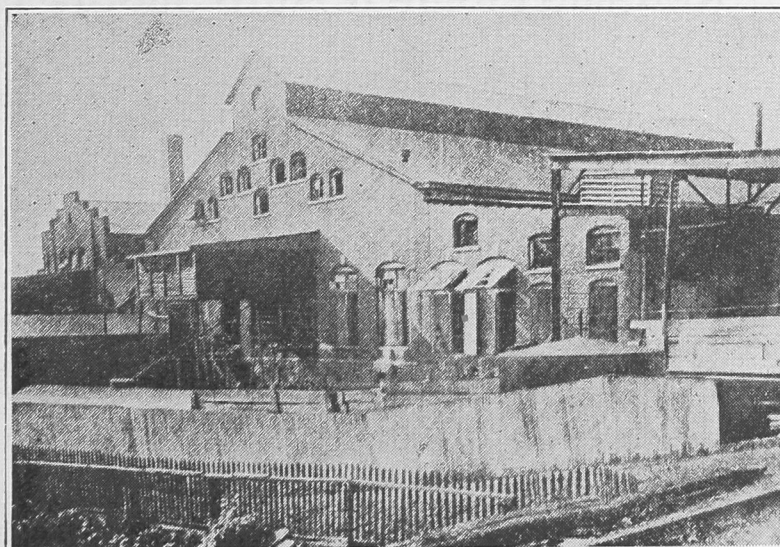


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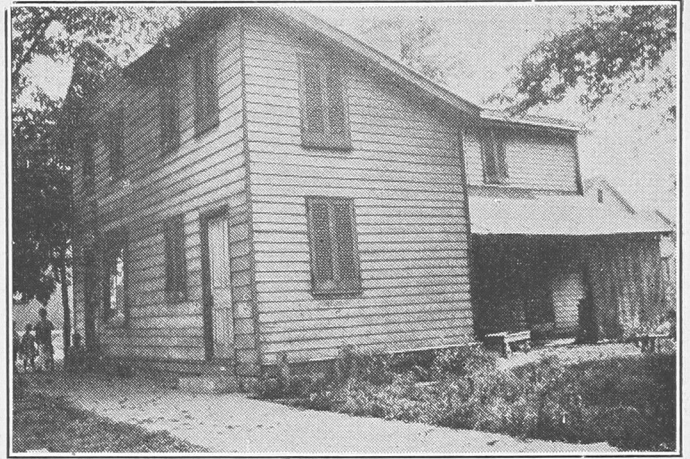
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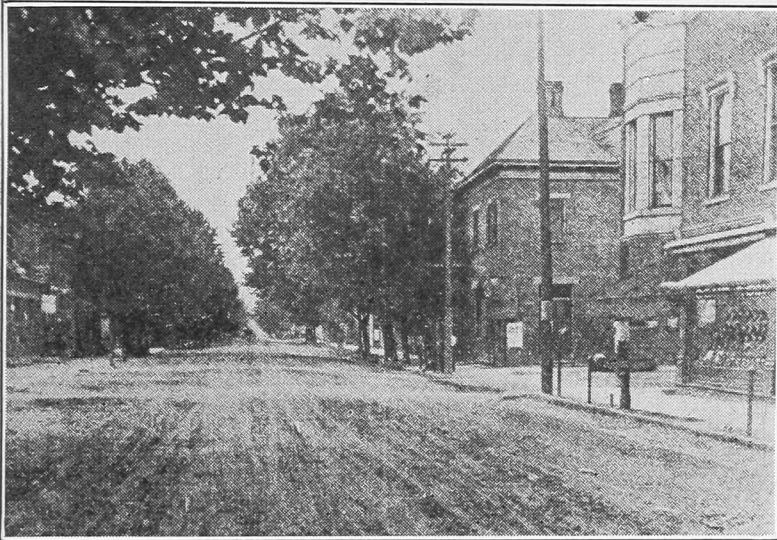
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Cor. Benson and Reading Rd., looking west on Benson,
Mud road days, 1904.



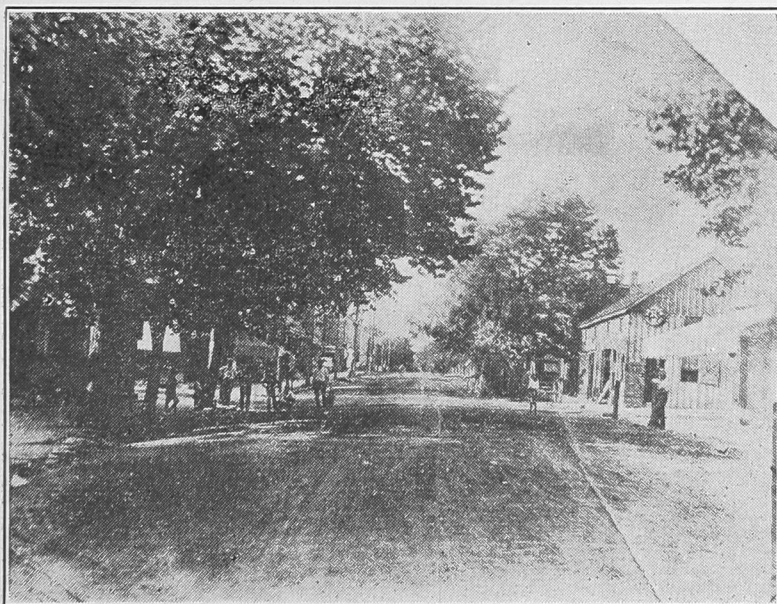
**SOUTHEAST CORNER COLUMBIA
AND READING RD.**
Built in 1815. William Murphy had grocery
and saloon in this building in 1856 and until
after the Civil War.



Reading Rd. and Benson, looking south on Main, 1904.



**SOUTHWEST CORNER READING RD.
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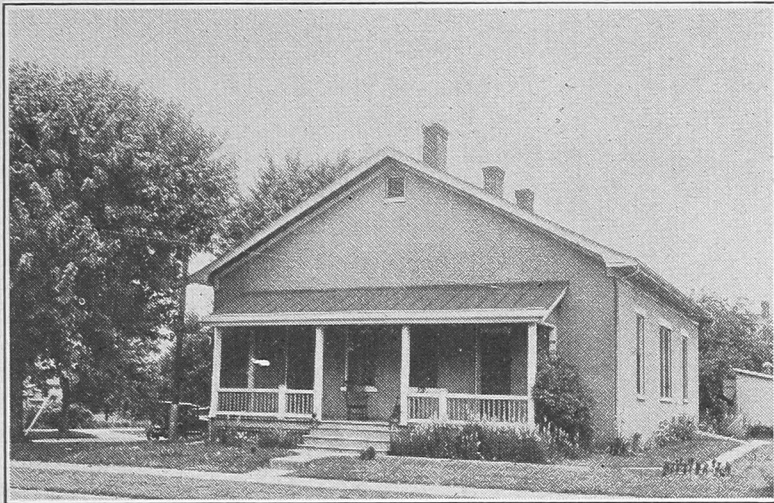
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OLD WEIGAND HOME

Built 1830

Originally consisted of one room, having had additions made thereto several times until it appeared as above picture, which was taken 45 years ago. Building is said to have been first one in Blunt's First Addition to Reading and Lockland.



NORTHEAST CORNER OF MAIN AND COLUMBIA

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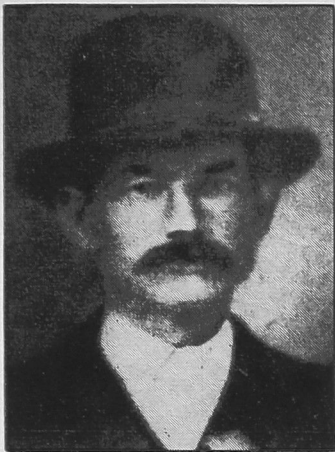
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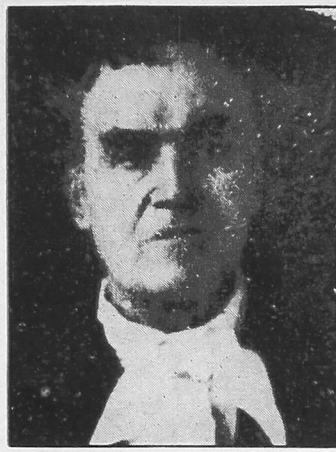
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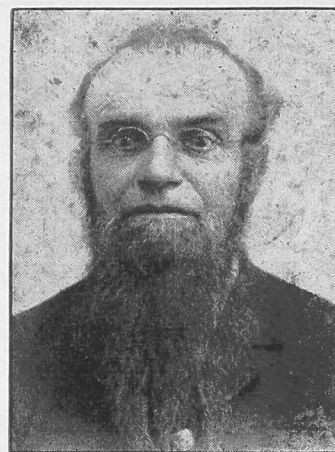
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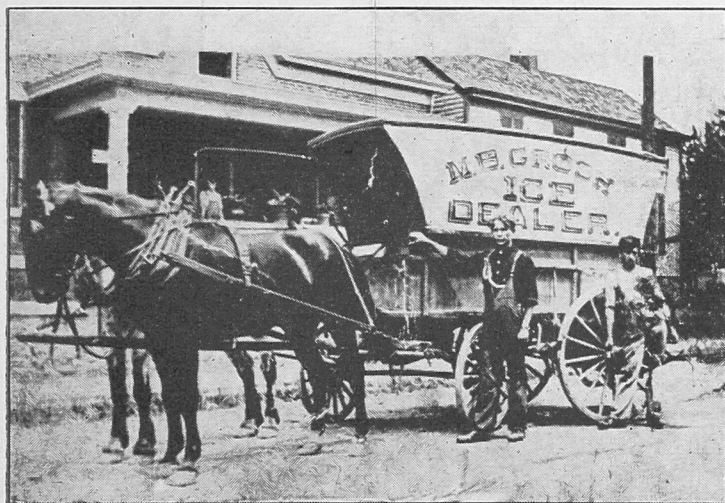
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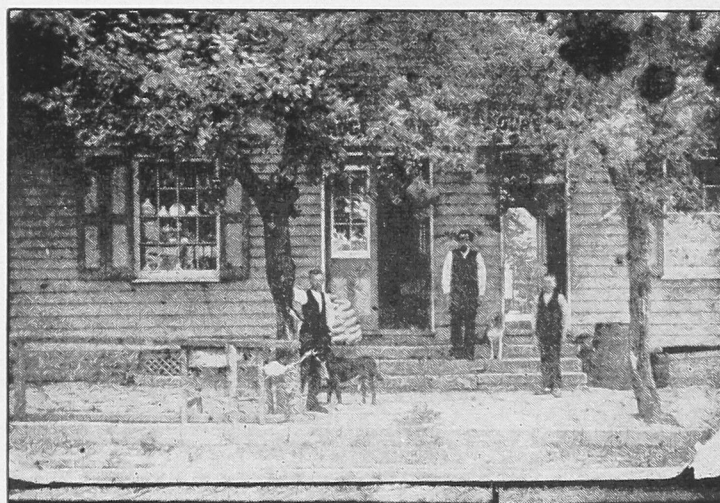
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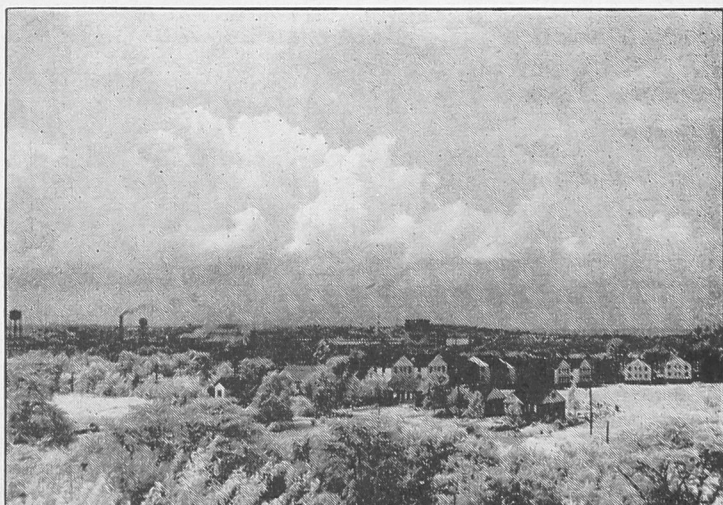
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HISTORY OF THE READING KIWANIS CLUB

The Reading Kiwanis Club came into being in the latter part of 1943. A group of business and professional men met at the Home Savings & Loan Company on the afternoon of November 11, 1943, with the Field Representative of Kiwanis International for the purpose of chartering a Kiwanis Club in Reading with a view of aiding the community in child welfare, civic enterprises, fellowship and more friendly relations among the business people.

The first President of the Club was Andrew J. Schmidt, funeral director in Reading. Charter night was held on January 19, 1944, at the Gibson Hotel in Cincinnati where a delicious dinner was served, followed by a most interesting program, attended by various officers of Kiwanis International and other Clubs in the Division. Our neighboring Club known then as the Valley-Lockland Kiwanis Club and later changed to Wyoming-Lockland, acted as sponsor. Most of the charter members are in the Club today and active in its various programs to make Reading a better place in which to live. Other Presidents were Clifford H. Vorjohan, 1945; Frank Hotze, 1946; Melvin Roth, 1947; William Schmidt, 1948; Rupert Fox, 1949; Robert Redwine, 1950; Forest Burk served three months in 1951 when he was forced to resign because of illness. John P. Bok is the current President. The late Alvin G. Erhardt was the organizer of the group and first Secretary of the Club, followed by Willis Vorjohan and the current Secretary, Earl Laque. The first Treasurer was Elsworth J. Elmlinger and his successor, M. H. Luers, is in that office today. The first Vice Presidents were Clifford H. Vorjohan and Arthur Biddle. Directors serving the first year were Jack Carr, Father Albert H. Metz, Phil C. Bok, Frank Hotze, Melvin Roth, Alvin J. Bothe and Frank Woebkenberg.

Many achievements have been credited to the Club. Shortly after World War II a contract was entered into by the Reading Kiwanis Club with the Unexcelled Chemical Corporation for the purchase of its land and buildings at Market and East Streets, the property that had housed for nearly a half century the old A. L. Due Fireworks Company, one of the city's oldest industries. The Kiwanis Club advanced \$5,700.00 towards the purchase of this property and then assigned its interest to the City of Reading so that the children of the city might have a football stadium and playfield. Its members worked untiringly in clearing the land and in obtaining bulldozers, air compressors, scrapers and other earth moving equipment, free of charge, in order to put the land in condition for a

park. The value of labor and equipment saved the city an additional estimated \$15,000.00.

The Kiwanis Club sponsored a Key Club at the Reading High School which boasts a fine organization of young high school men welded together for the purpose of emulating their parent club in welfare work. The Kiwanis Club provided summer camp programs at St. Edmund's for children of the community. It sponsored the program of supervising activities at the Reading parks during the summer months. During World War II its members commenced and chaperoned the Reading Canteen at the American Legion Dugout. It played host to orphans and underprivileged children each year during Christmas season. The Kiwanis Club educated its own members by having wholesome and enlightening programs in connection with its weekly dinner.

The Kiwanis Club of Reading is proud of these achievements and many more since its birth in 1943. Its members are proud and happy to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the City of Reading and pledge to the City and all of its residents their continued interest in aiding the City and its residents in all civic and welfare enterprises. May Reading continue to grow in prestige in the next hundred years with the vigor and vitality instilled in it by its forebears of the past hundred years.



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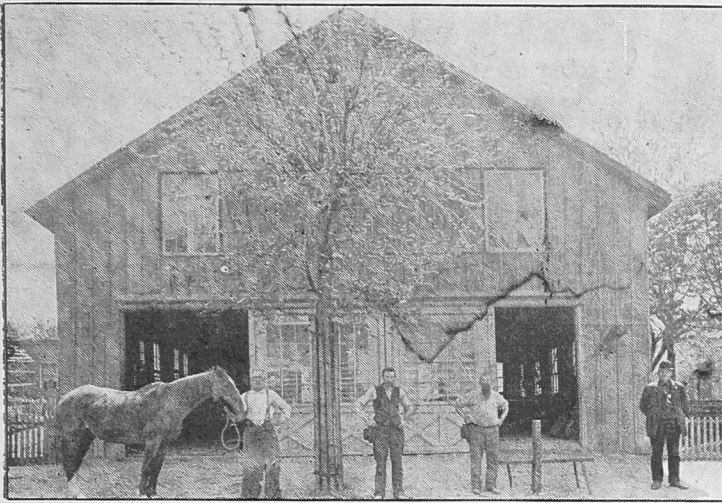
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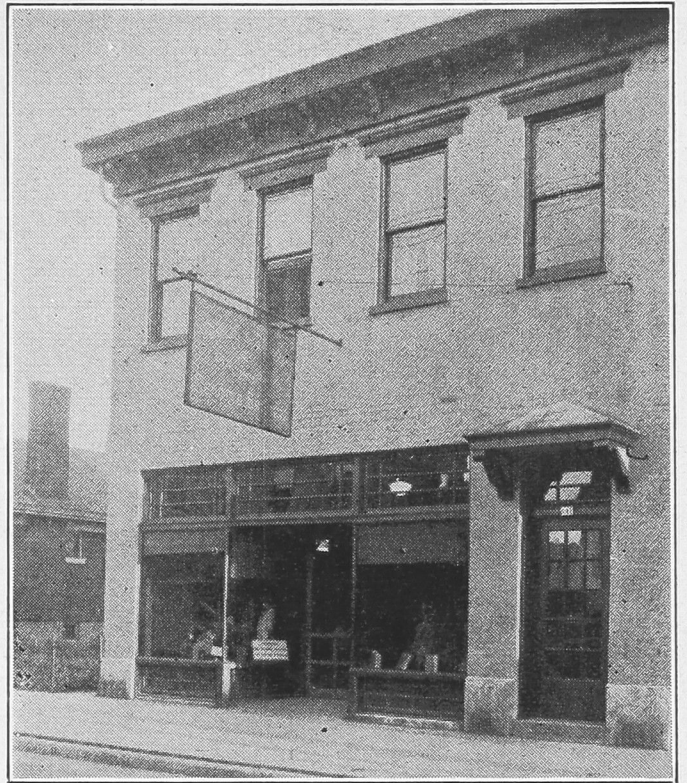
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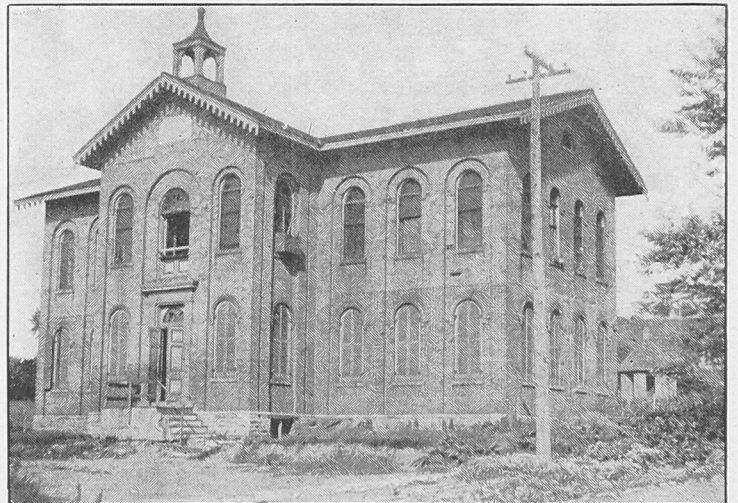
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EAGLE HALL

Sycamore Aerie was organized on June 4th, 1905. Their charter consisted of ninety-six members. Many of these men are from the oldest families in Reading. They were as follows: Burk, Wm., Lotz, Henry, Groh, Jos., Haverty, Edw., Gardner, Edw., Elmlinger, Al., Koehl, Edw., Eckert, Geo., Heuer, Dan, Haverty, Thos., Koehl, Gus, Hauser, Jos., Floyd, Forrest, Carr, A. H., Cunningham, J. H., Betzold, Andrew, Yenke, Frank, Steinkoenig, L., Pietz, Jos., Bickley, Wm., Lang, Jos., Flagin, Owen, Ankenbauer Roy, Hagel, Fred, Brewis, Nobal, Theisman, Ben, Beck, Carl, Foettkoetter, L., Drexler, Geo., Spillane, D., Hackett, Edw., Brinker, Jno., Fogarty, Wm., Dietrich, L., Quigley, Jno., Bobb, Harry, Hart, Wm. F., Haverty, Jno., Friend, Al. F., Stauverman, C., Burk, Michael, Uehlin, Louis, Meyer, Geo., Groh, Jno., Kerins, Geo., Stephan, Henry, Klopmeier, Fred., Speed, Geo., Belk, Theo., Sullivan, Jno., Reising, Geo., Gahl, J. H., Link, Martin, Lierman, Jno., Roth, Michael, Ihlendorf, Fred., Hucke, Fred., Forstmeier, Jos., Hanley, Al., Comer, L. M., Matre, Phil, Schwegler, Louis, Roth, Jno., Betzold, Adam., Stander, Henry, Harman, Wm., Fladung, Andrew, McGrew, M. D., Long, Orring, Cork, James, Huber, Jno., Hotze, Frank, Singer, Phil, Klopmeier, Henry, Klopmeier, Wm., Groth, M. D., Steinman, Geo., Matre, Gus., Dunker, Jno., Fink, Frank, Theisman, Wm., Lutz, Jos., Bohrer, August, Briney, Walter, Durbin, Henry, Beaver, Jas., Kretchmar, Henry, Bothe, Chas., Heile, Phil., VonBargen, Christ, Baumgartner,

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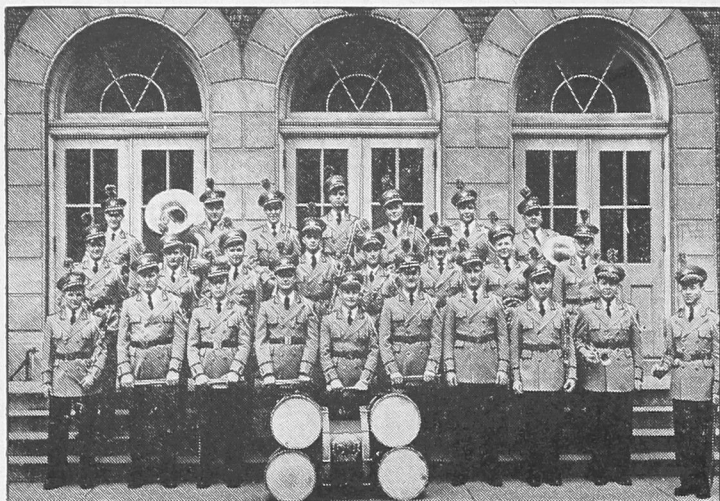
The first initiation took place in the old Reading Opera House located on Reading Rd., between Vorhis and Maple Sts. Afterwards there was a celebration at William Uhrig's park later known as the Eagle Gardens at Benson and Main Sts.

Joseph F. Groh was elected as the first President, and the following members have since served in the office of President: Joseph Groh, Ellis Gardner, John Mueller, Edward Haverty, Charles Kattman, N. I. Reverman, Louis Uehlin, John Lierman, Leo Grau, Sr., John Baudinot, John Wright, Edward Fladung, Emmett Phillips, Albert Handley, Joseph Bronner, Henry Stephan, Jake Fladung, J. W. Williams, George Weber, William Zimmer, Albert Fuchs, Thomas Donovan, Thomas Haverty, I. G. Stephenson, Clarence Acus, Clarence Stegeman, A. J. Holt, Bernard Duffy, Guy F. Tucker, Harry Sigel, William Blum, Joseph Grau, Andrew Niehaus, George Wiegand, Jos. L. Anderson, Albert C. Elmlinger, Joseph Segrist, Sr., Harry Fricke, Harry E. Veddern, Dave Engle, Harry Jansen, Emil Henrich, Raymond Vanderhorst.

Their first meetings were held in the old Tamany Hall, located next to the American Legion headquarters, until the present Eagle home was erected and dedicated on September 29th, 1909. A large two-story annex was added in 1928. The Eagle home consists of a large auditorium, two other meeting halls, ballroom, cocktail lounge and taproom.

The Reading Eagles are celebrating their 46th anniversary this month. At the present time Sycamore Aerie is the largest fraternal organization in the City of Reading and the Millcreek Valley, having a membership of approximately 1850 members. They are recognized as one of the leading Eagle Aeries in the state of Ohio.

The present officers are as follows: Junior Past Worthy President, Raymond Vanderhorst; Worthy President, Louis Metz, Jr.; Worthy Vice-President, Joseph Segrist, Jr.; Worthy Chaplain, John Donnelly; Secretary, Albert C. Elmlinger; Treasurer, Harry E. Veddern; Conductor, Carl Grau; Inside Guard, John Apking; Trustees, Harold Williams, Louis Bok and Robert Singer.



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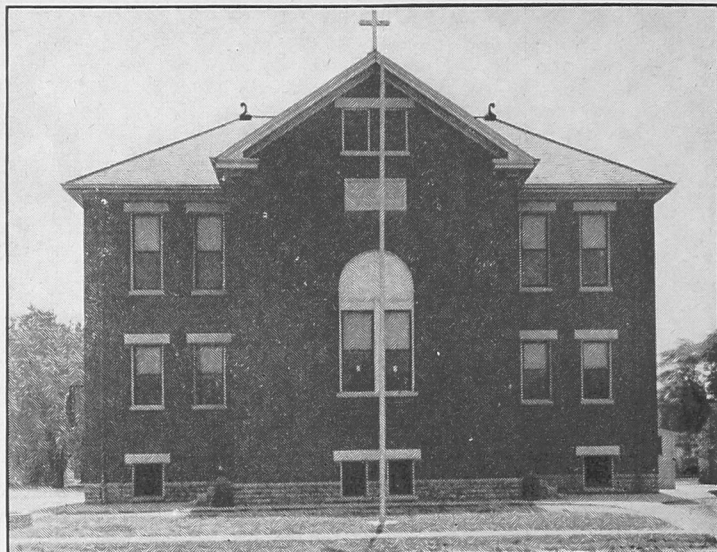
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The Legion Band was organized in March, 1946 by Charles Lohmueller. On May 30, 1946 the Band participating in its first Memorial Day Parade. A mixture of soldiers, sailors and marines comprised the band, since the members were all wearing their service uniforms.

Memorial Day, 1947 the Band increased in size and dressed in snappy maroon and gray uniforms. In August 1947, Halker-Flege Band led the Cincinnati District in the Ohio State Legion Convention Parade in Cincinnati.

In October, 1950, the band won a beautiful trophy by winning 2nd place in the Parade Competition at Circleville, Ohio.



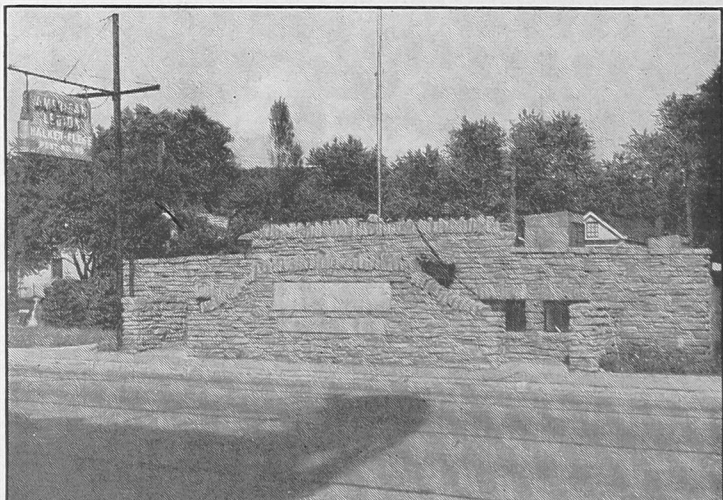
**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
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The Sacred Heart School began very modest, about the year 1876, in a small one-room frame building. This building is still standing and is used as a bell tower and storage room. School was taught in this building until 1907, when the present school building was erected. The enrollment that year was sixty-five.

Sacred Heart Parochial School, while it is comparatively young and somewhat smaller than its sister schools of Reading, has established an enviable record under the competent direction of the Good Sisters of Mount Notre Dame. Present attendance over 200 pupils.

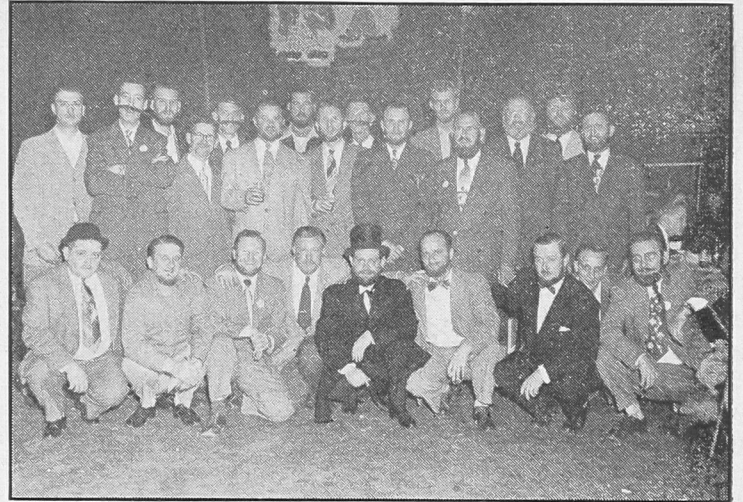


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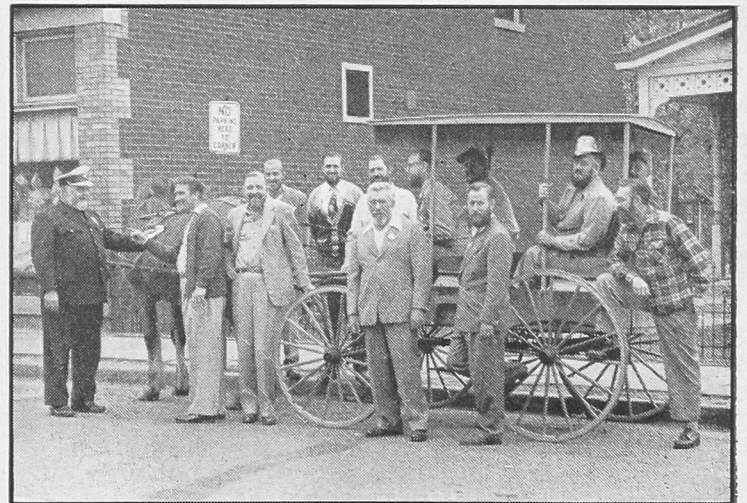


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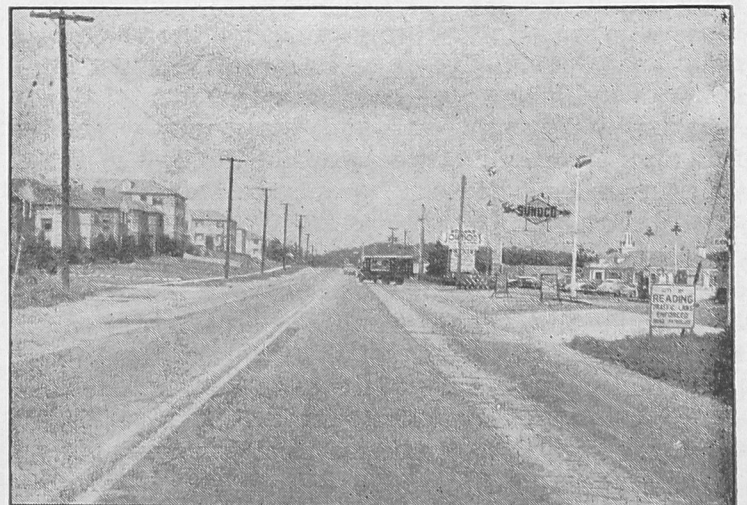
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, was founded in 1899, by an act of the Congress of the United States.

The local post was mustered into the National Organization, on March 24th, 1946, at the Reading Eagle Hall, with Harry Lubkeman as the installing Officer. Ralph Roth was elected to be the first commander, to be followed in office by William Pfennig, who served two terms. Ervin F. Roth was then elected as commander in 1949, to be followed by Robert G. Root in 1950. John C. Schaffeld, the present commander, was sworn into office in April of this year.

As one of the youngest veterans organizations in the valley, the members can point with pride to its many accomplishments in a short time. The now famous "HUT" on Morrow Street, was built by the members themselves, and the property on Benson Street, immediately to the front of the hut, was purchased from Harry Lubkeman.

The men of the post are proud too, of their Ladies Auxiliary, and of the splendid cooperation between these two bodies. Mrs. Rita Topmiller was the first president of the auxiliary, being followed by Mrs. Gertrude Root. Mrs. Loretta Roth was elected as the third president in 1949, and succeeded herself in 1950. Mrs. Rose Westhoff is the president now, having been sworn into office in April.

The auxiliary has been prominent not only in Hamilton County hospital circles, but has worked for the Dayton and Chillicothe Veterans hospitals. The Ohio cottage of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Widows and Orphans Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has been the recipient of many gifts from the local ladies.

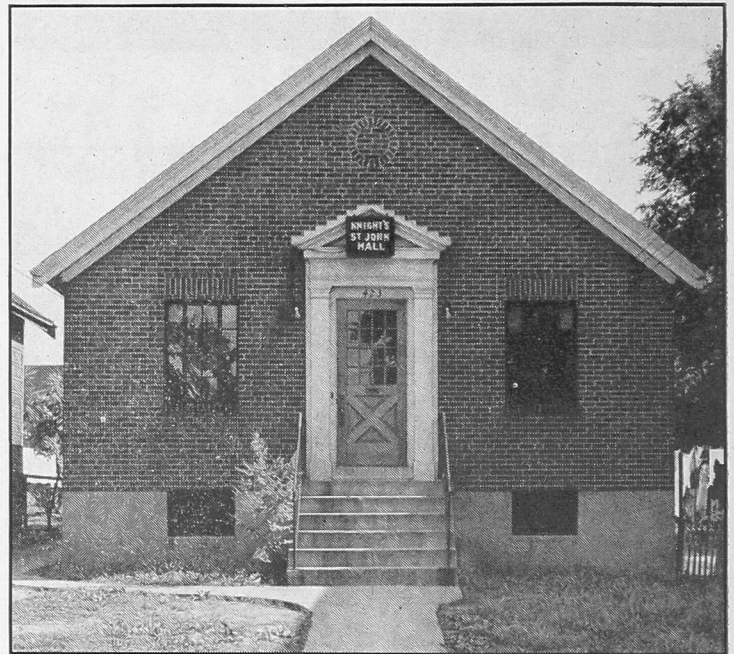
As the only veterans organization requiring campaign service, membership is now open to the veterans of the Korean campaign, as well as to those who were in the army of occupation of Germany and Japan. Yes, it takes more than just an honorable discharge to become a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and that is why we feel that ours is not one of the best, but the best of the veterans organizations. Our membership may be small in number, but we are mighty in strength.

The facilities of the post has been extended to the Reading Girl Scouts, and four of the troops meet in the hut. The Post recently made a gift of 60 pints of blood to the Dayton Veterans Hospital, through the generosity of its many friends. The use of our home has been offered to the Reading City Officials, in the event of a local emergency.

On behalf of the members of this post, and the ladies of the Auxiliary, I extend to the Hon. Charles

Gertz, his wonderful committee, and the good citizens of Reading, our cordial greetings, on this the 100th anniversary of Reading.

John C. Schaffeld, Commander
Reading Post 5711
Veterans of Foreign Wars



KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN HALL

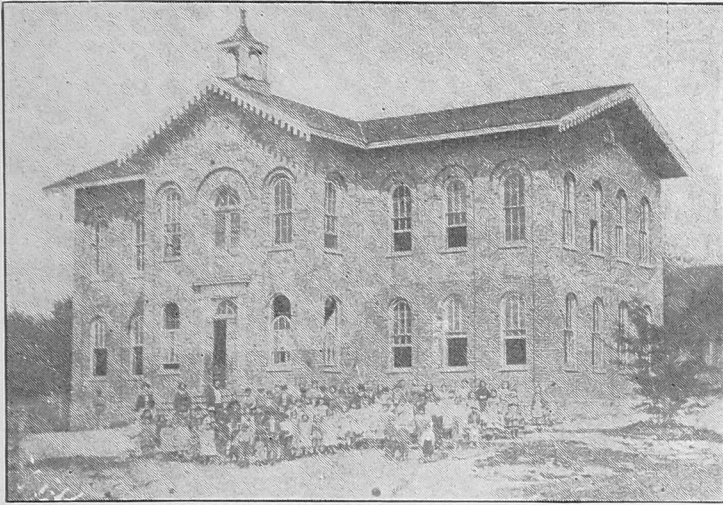
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

St. Paul's Commandery No. 59, Knights of St. John was organized in June 1884 with Jos. A. Ankenbauer as its first president.

It is a semi-military Catholic organization, with traditions, dating back to the original Knights of St. John, founded during the Crusades, in the year 1048 A.D.

The organization met at various locations, including the school basements of SS. Peter & Paul Church. In 1935 the present home on Pearl St. was dedicated.

Some of the presidents who served faithfully through the years are: John M. Topmiller, Ferd Fladung, Nick Raverman, Chas. Bothe, Isadore Koenig, Joseph Bronner, Arthur Schuch, Henry Fladung, John Wilz, Joseph Dellerman, Edward Albrinck, Wm. Zimmer, George Bauer, Othmar Albrinck, Carl Wilz, Roy Becker, Ferd Rebholz, and its present president William Boland.



Old Reading School on East Street — Taken in 1870.

History of Reading School

In 1802, lot No. 4 in Reading was set aside for school purposes. A log house 20 feet square, with clapboard roof and puncheon floors was erected at Mechanic and East Street. Light was admitted through openings covered with greased paper. Ebenezer Howe was the first teacher. He was grim and austere and often used the hickory stick. He was followed by a Mr. Bailey.

In 1817, the log house was torn down and a one story brick building — the first one of its kind was erected. It was 20 feet square.

In 1863, a two story building was built on the east side of East Street, on property donated by Abraham Voorhees. It cost \$3,500 and was built by Mr. George Schoen. The Board of Education was Lloyd Brown, John Cooper and Daniel Lawrence, Sr. This building had four rooms, two above and two below, and was heated in the winter by a large Cannon stove. The first corps of teachers was Mr. Hurlbert, Principal. Mrs. Fannie Woodruff (married Daniel Lawrence, Sr.), Miss Mary Emmons. This building was used until January 1890. Principals were: Mr. Hurlbert, 1863-64; Mr. John C. Kinney, 1864-67; Mr. Albert G. Weatherby, 1867-69; Mr. Theodore Edson, 1869-71; Mr. Anson Schenck, 1871-78; Miss Augusta Graves, 1878-79; Mr. Eugene L. Dubbs, 1879-90.

After the discontinuance of this building as a school, it was sold to Baer Brothers, of the Western Cap and Knitting Co., for \$950. It was called the "Cap Factory."

The old bell was hung in the belfry of the "new" building located on Bonnel and Jefferson Aves. It contained eight rooms, a basement residence for the custodian, and an office for the Superintendent. It cost \$24,000. On January 1, 1890, it was opened with appropriate ceremonies and the following teachers marched down from East Street to the new school: E. L. Dubbs, Superintendent; Miss Augusta Graves, Emily Spooner, Sarah Williamson, Margaret O'Neil and Messers. Herman Myers and Chris Zimmerman. The Board of Education was Mr. John Ryan, President; Mr. Fred Schneider, Clerk; Mr. Fred Mohr, Mr. John Koehl, Sr., Mr. Leroy Huntsman. The population of Reading then was 3,076.

In 1916, the "old" auditorium and four class rooms were built to the north of the old building



Reading, Ohio, Lions Club

The Reading Lions Club was chartered in October, 1947 with 27 Charter members. The Charter night was attended by well over 300 visiting Lions and friends.

From that night the Club began to grow in number of members and also began to fulfill obligation to the community.

Their first project was to raise money to buy rain coats and capes for the school patrols. This they did by putting on a bingo at the Eagles Hall. The bingo was a huge success and provided enough funds so that eight coats and capes could be bought for both the public and parochial school patrols. That was their 1948 project.

Then the members felt that there was a need in the Valley for hospital beds, canes, crutches and wheel chairs for the sick and disabled. To accomplish or acquire the above items the Club sponsored a show at the Midget Race Track which netted them enough to purchase 8 hospital beds, 4 wheel chairs and a number of canes and crutches. These were made available to the community for the asking and at no charge. That was the 1949 project.

By 1950 the club decided that there were a number of worthwhile things they could do for their community and in order to do them they decided to take on a larger project. This larger project was to be the building of a home which was to be auctioned off and the proceeds to be used to provide more improvements for the community.

Much of the material and labor for the erection of this house was donated by the Lions themselves. They not only made money on the project but also built a beautiful home, in the city of Reading, which will stand as an everlasting monument to civic betterment and unselfish community service.

At the present time the Reading Lions Club enjoys a membership double their Charter number and a well filled treasury which they are going to spend in some way that they feel will make Reading and the Valley a better place in which to live.

The Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 P.M. at Kings Restaurant and always welcomes any member or friend who wishes to meet with them.

Mayor Chas. Gertz and John Arand were the first president and secretary, respectively. Richard Francis, Louis Nave and Joe B. Young have served as following presidents.

at a cost of \$60,000. Peter Fox of Reading was the contractor under the supervision of Garber & Woodward of Cincinnati.

By 1920, Reading's population had grown to 4,560. Hammel School was annexed and a high school was planned.

In 1922, four teachers and 65 pupils organized Reading High School with H. A. Kellum as principal. Board of Education members were: Dr. A. S. Cannon, President; D. A. Huntsinger, Clerk; Charles Kattman, John Wichman, and Gus Koehl.



HALKER-FLEGE POST No. 69 AMERICAN LEGION

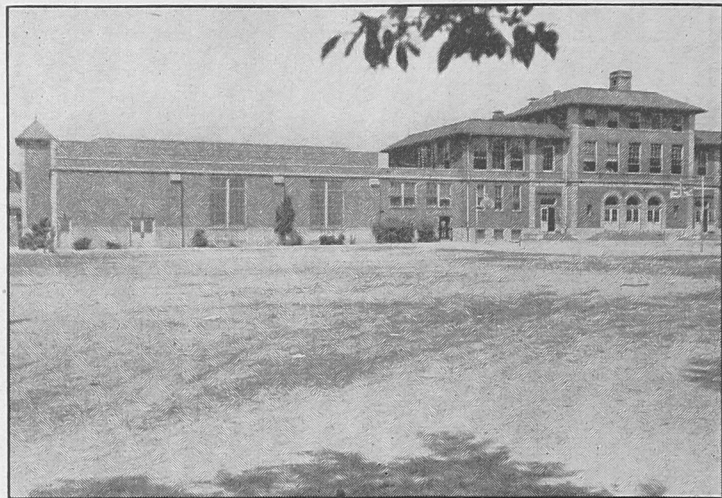
Shortly after the discharge of the veterans of World War I, a movement was started to organize a Post of the American Legion in Reading. Inspired by Dr. A. H. Carr after many meetings an application was made for a charter by the following veterans: Wm. Engel, Alvin J. Bothe, Frank F. Koehler, Albert J. Greiner, Geo. W. Herrmann, Henry J. Schmitz, Ben Martin, Mellie Nickley, Herman Tobler, William Hogue, Wentworth Greiner, Wm. C. Ficke, Wm. Kuntz, Jos. Feldhaus, John Trapp and Dr. Carr.

The charter was received on August 18, 1919 in the name of Clarence Halker Post No. 69 in honor of the first Reading boy to make the supreme sacrifice.

The first meeting was held on August 26, 1919 and the following officers were elected: Commander Chas. H. Greiner, Adjutant Harry E. Link, Vice Commander Geo. Herrmann, Finance Officer Alvin Bothe, Surgeon Dr. Carr, Sgt. at Arms John Trapp, Color Sgts. Wm. Kuntz and Wm. Hogue, Staff Officers Joe Feldhaus, Joe Koetter, Walter Mueller, Herman Tobler, Frank Koehler, Wm. Engel. Since that time the following have served as commander:

Andrew Dietrich	1921-1922
Harry Blom	1923-1924
Julius S. Sperti	1925
Victor Rigot	1926
Chas. Fain	1927
John Frosterfor	1928
Ray Yochman	1929
Chas. Osborne	1930
Wm. Wittenberg	1931
Victor Rigot	1932
Walter Mueller	1933
Max Henschel	1934-1935
Geo. Herrmann	1936
Dr. A. H. Carr	1937-1938
Ernest Lamb	1939
Jerome Peppers	1940-41
Frank Feldhaus	1942-43
Bernard Meier	1944
John Elfers	1945
Chas. Gertz, Sr.	1946
Wentworth Greiner	1947
William Ernst	1947
Joe Young	1948
Chas. Patton	1949
James Fuchs	1950
Tom Mechling	1951

On June 20, 1946 the post name was changed to Halker-Flege Post No. 69 in honor of Emil Flege the first Reading boy to give his life for his country in World War II. During the last war a scrap paper drive was held monthly. Since 1944 the Legion has sponsored the annual 4th of July celebration culminating with a gigantic fire-works display. The organization has been giving service to the community in many ways, furnishing flags for the muni-



READING HIGH SCHOOL

History of Reading School

In 1927, a gymnasium was built over the auditorium at a cost of \$23,000. The library and chemistry laboratory now occupy this space.

In 1929, a new East Wing was added of eight rooms, a cafeteria, and a manual training department. Members of the Board of Education were: Mr. Charles Kattman, President; Gus Koehl, Clerk; Carl Koehler, Fred Muhlenpohl and George Wilson.

In 1941, the new gymnasium, locker rooms and class rooms, were built.

In 1945, the industrial arts & home economics departments were given new enlarged quarters in the East Wing. Modern equipment was provided and full time vocational teachers were employed.

Four women have served as members of the Board of Education. Mrs. Fannie McArthur, Mrs. Mabel Towell, Mrs. Pearl Apking and Miss Margaret O'Neil.

Since the occupancy of the New School in 1890, the following have been its Superintendents:

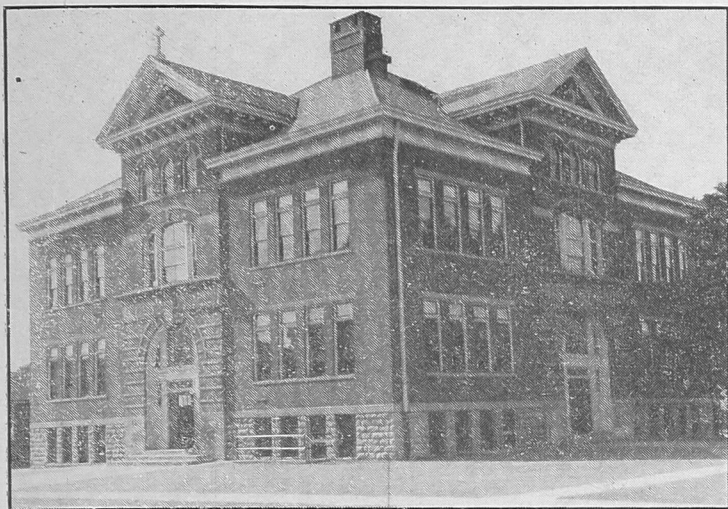
Eugene L. Dubbs	1890-1906
Perry O. Getter	1906-1912
Edward V. Stephan	1912-1914
Jesse B. Britton	1914-1920
Robert J. Lyon	1920-1925
H. A. Kellum	1924-1930
H. L. Bussey	1931-1945
Warren M. Durkee	1946-

Present Board of Education is:

Earl Laque	Howard Cutter
Robert Redwine	Melvin Roth
Richard Hostiuck	Mayme Koetter, Clerk

As the city grew so the school has kept pace with its growth. It has increased its teaching staff, provided a broader curriculum, modern equipment and has trained its students for active participation in the political, religious, financial and social life of Reading to make it a "better place to live."

cipal buildings, contributing \$2,500.00 toward the support of City parks and participating in all civic affairs.



SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The early settlers, cognizant of the necessity of combining religious training with secular learning made every effort to have their own school. For poor, at first, instruction was given in private homes, such as Appels, John Ryan homes and even in the organ loft in the church.

In 1852 the number of pupils was seventeen. The first school building, now called "Stall House," was built in 1853, costing \$456. It consisted of but one room; school was conducted in this building until 1863.

The first teachers were G. H. Paul, 1852; Nicholas Wendel, 1852 to 1859; Frank Boning, 1854; John F. Herwig, 1855 to 1856; August Meier, 1857 to 1858; A. Wobbe, 1858 to 1859; Christopher Fisher, 1859 to 1862, and Nicholas Meier, 1862 to 1864.

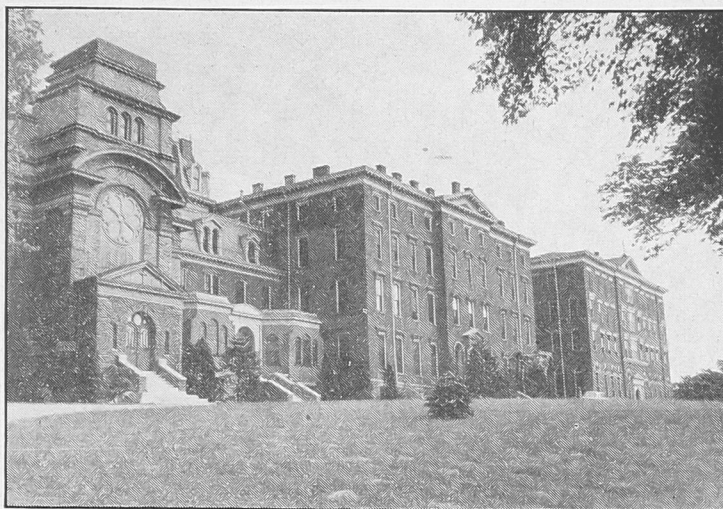
As the attendance in this year had grown to 175, a larger schoolroom became an obvious necessity and, by September, 1863, a two-story brick building consisting of four rooms was erected at a cost of \$3,437.

Nicholas Meier was the teacher for the larger boys until 1864, succeeded by J. Poyk, 1864 to 1866; Henry Rittmeier, 1864 to 1882; successively by J. Berverich and Albert Elmlinger, 1883 to 1898; for a short period after that time the reins were taken over by Ferdinande Hallerman, Mr. Elmlinger returning to remain till 1918, when he was succeeded by Miss Emma Guth, who remained in the office until 1927.

Other lay teachers in minor grades during this time, for boys, was Elizabeth Ashbrock, 1864; Mary Varelman, Jos. Mueller, Henry Schwier, Lena Meiser, Frank Hof, Carl Schneider, Jacob Weiler, Josephine Gribling, until 1899.

The girls, after 1863, were in charge of two Sisters of Notre Dame. In the year 1889, a one-room colony school was built and Miss Anna Schmidt, a sister of Msgr. Schmidt, was put in charge until 1893, when the Sisters of Notre Dame took complete charge of this department, also.

By 1929 the ever-increasing number of pupils once more necessitated the enlargement of SS. Peter and Paul School facilities, when a colony school building of 3 large rooms was erected as a temporary measure, pending the enlargement of the present building, which was erected in 1906. This building has eight large rooms, up to date in



MOUNT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Mount Notre Dame Academy, a famous institution of learning, is beautifully situated on a height overlooking the City of Reading. It is a continuation of the boarding school, founded in Cincinnati in 1840 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, which was removed in 1860 to its present delightful site in the country. Since that time its history has been marked by success and prosperity, and, at intervals, eight additions have been built to the spacious main edifice at first erected. The convent grounds now cover 100 acres.

The Academy is chartered by the State of Ohio, is affiliated with the Catholic University and Trinity College, Washington, D. C., and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Besides a kindergarten class there is a 4-year course in each of the primary, intermediate and high school departments. These courses of study are kept up to date, and are in full accord with the admission requirements of our leading colleges and universities. The study of religion, obligatory for all Catholic pupils, is considered of paramount importance, while all students are taught to respect religion and to prize moral worth as the highest excellence.

Physical education is considered very important and is provided for by a strong program of activities under the supervision of an efficient teacher of athletics. The gymnasium and playgrounds are well equipped with all the necessary apparatus. Home economics forms a special course of study, as do also both instrumental and vocal music. The different branches of art are taught by an efficient teacher.

To meet the requirements of the present time, day pupils are also received in the academy and, several years ago, the lower classes were opened to small boys as day pupils. For the accommodation of these day pupils, auto buses are now sent to the neighboring territory and even to the suburbs of Cincinnati.

Sister Marie Therese is the present Superior.

every respect, fully equipped and complying with every state rule and regulation. Completed structure cost \$32,000 and was occupied December 26, 1907. At the present time this school has an enrollment of over 400 pupils.



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On May 14th, 1879 thirteen men assembled and resolved to organize an Evangelical Church to be governed in all its activities by this great motto: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity". The first services were conducted on May 18th, 1879, Rev. Baum conducted the services in the old Carthage village hall. On June 11th, 1879, the members met, organized and adopted a constitution and elected a Church Board. The Rev. A. J. Spangenberg was called to be the first pastor. The site of the present church was selected in 1879 and on November 28th, 1880, the church was dedicated. The Rev. Paul Bourquin was pastor until October 1st, 1916, at which time the Rev. F. G. Brune was called to be pastor. The Rev. Brune remained as pastor until December of 1943, and during the time of his pastorate a new church was built on the site of the first church and dedicated on September 21st, 1924. The Rev. W. Robert Grunewald became pastor in December 1943 and is still serving his congregation today.



READING METHODIST

The Reading M. E. Church is located at the southwest corner of Benson and Lind Streets. This church was the result of a Sunday School established by Fred Schierloh, Sr., about fifty years ago. The building in which the school met for study was located on the site now occupied by the Reading Garage, on Reading Rd.

Rev. George F. Barber, was the first pastor; and it so happened that it was, also, Rev. Barber's first charge after graduating from Boston College. Fred Schierloh was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The church proper was organized early in 1903 to provide a local church home for English-speaking Protestant citizens, as there were none but German Protestant churches in Reading at that time.

The Reading M. E. Church was dedicated on July 10, 1903. The little church started off without a cent of debt.

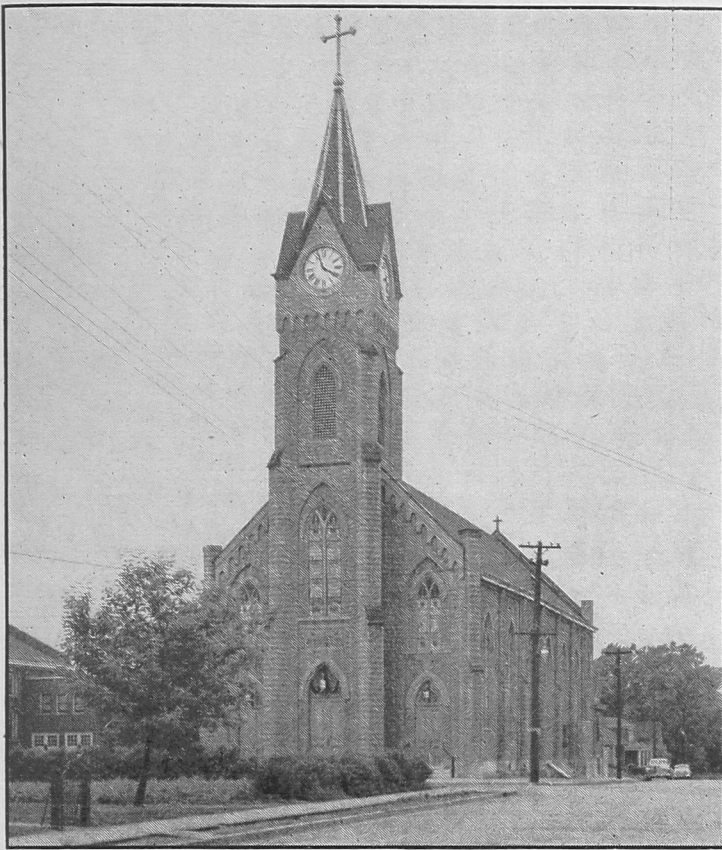
The Rev. Robert C. Painter has been serving as Pastor since June 1948.

IT IS a privilege to present this work of interest to the citizens of Reading. Much time has been spent in searching every available old record in order to present the information contained herein. We have striven to perpetuate the memory and glory of our forefathers as well as present day successors and the advantages of the City of Reading.

To the advertisers who have been exceedingly generous in their help to make this book possible, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

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THE CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR COMMITTEE



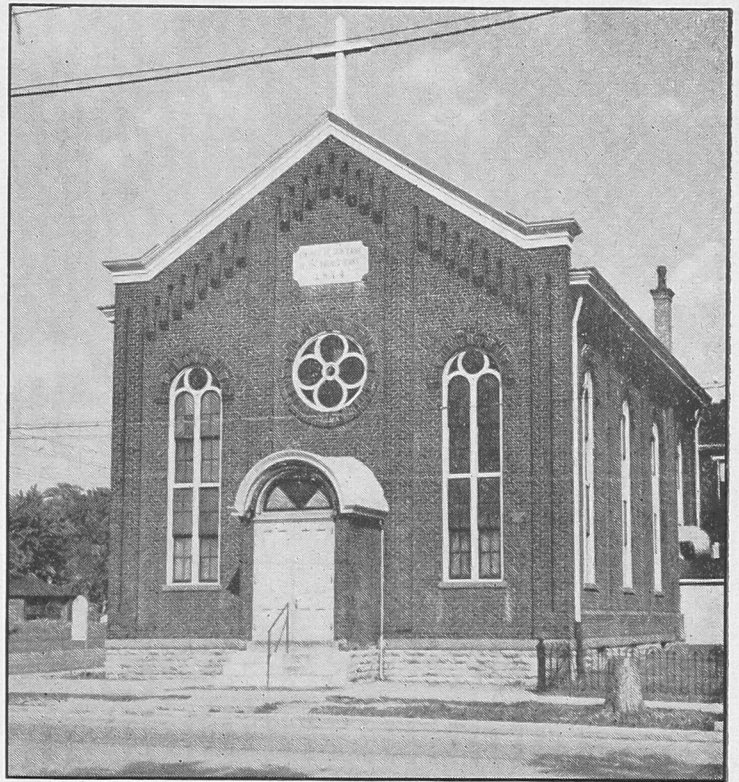
SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

SS. PETER AND PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first Catholic settlers arrived in the territory now known as Reading in the year 1848. This number was greatly increased in the years 1849, 1850 and 1851. Religious services were held in private homes, notably that of the Appel family on Pike Street. Mr. E. B. Blunt when platting his first and second subdivision donated to the Catholic Church two sites for church and school purposes; the one was located at the southwest corner of Jefferson and Walnut Streets and the other was located where the present church stands at the southwest corner of Church and Vine Streets. The first church building was erected in July, 1850 and called "The Church of the Fourteen Martyrs". This building was destroyed by a cyclone in the year 1860. In the Spring of 1861 a new church was completed on the same site and was called SS. Peter and Paul Church. The first resident priest in Reading was Rev. Joseph Stephan who took up his duties here in 1851. On September 27th, 1887 the Rev. Charles Wiederhold became pastor and remained as such until his death in 1937. The Rev. Henry T. Lammers became pastor in 1937 and is still serving his congregation with the assistance of the Rev. Elmer Brenner.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the year 1874 the Rev. John Kress founded Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and began construction of the present church building at the corner of Market St. and Columbia Ave. in the old town of Reading. This church was founded to accomodate the English speaking Catholic people of the surrounding territory. Said church grounds

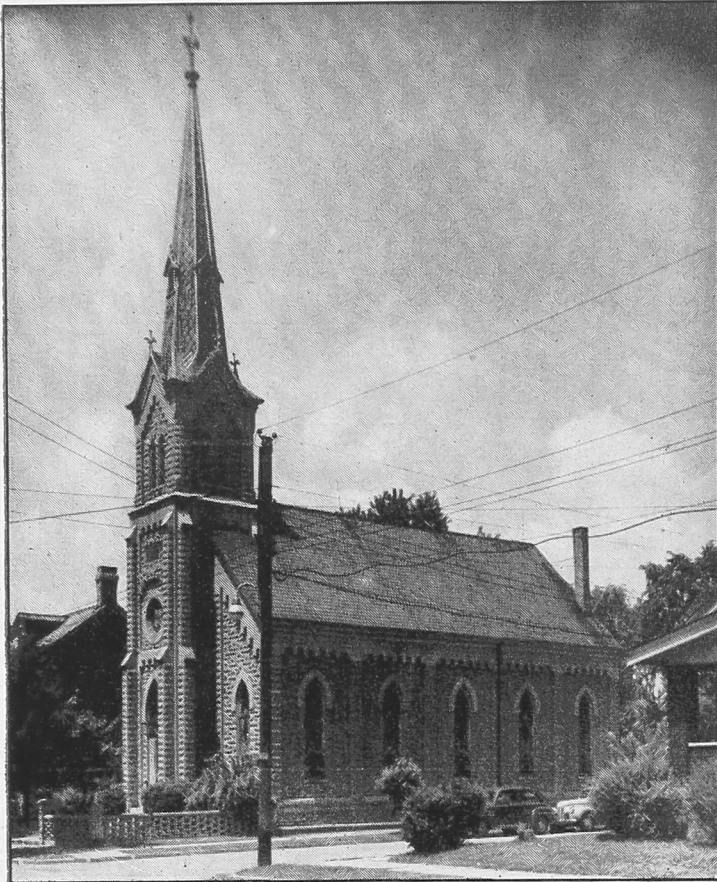


OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH

now occupy almost an entire block of what was once the heart of the business district of the original town of Reading. The Rev. James P. McCloskey was appointed pastor on May 8th, 1903 and remained as pastor until April, 1942. The Rev. Albert Metz became pastor on June 13, 1943 and is still serving his congregation with the assistance of the Rev. William Wintermeyer.

Reading Booster Club

This Civic organization came into being in the fall of 1923 in connection with the celebration of completion and formal opening of Benson Street concrete improvement. After this several meetings and dinners were held and the organization finally held their first election of officers. H. A. Green was the first president, succeeded by J. H. Gahl, Geo. Feicker, Harry Blom, Anthony Schmitz, Edward Koehl, Sr., Frank Woebkenberg, Andrew Schmidt, Ben Blom, Ray Yochman, William Teisman and the present incumbent John Arand now serving his third year as head of the club. The club sponsored annual spring festivals on Reading Road for several years providing funds for the purchase and erection of the first boulevard lighting system in the city. A shelter house was provided in Voorhees Park as well as many park benches. The annual 4th of July celebrations were held at Koenig Park for many years under the auspices of the Booster Club. Reading Day at Coney Island and Halloween parades have been annual undertakings for several years. In 1949 a dozen large metal waste disposal cans were purchased and placed at strategic places to help "Keep Our City Clean". A large contribution was made to the Reading Youth Organization to help purchase a Video set. The motto of the club is "Boost Reading".



**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

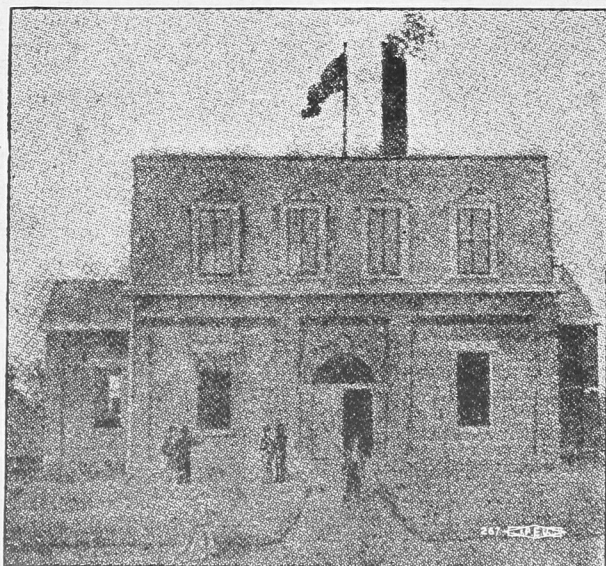
The first official meeting of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation is dated April 12th, 1852, although other meetings were held before this time for at this meeting a proposed constitution was read and partially adopted. About a year and a half after the church was organized a church was built. The first pastor who was called Rev. Frank Dulitz. The church building was located at the southeast corner of Third and Voorhees Streets. In the year 1876 during the pastorate of Rev. Buchholtz the present church building was erected. The Rev. Eberbach served as pastor for 24 years. When Rev. A. J. Brown came to serve the congre-



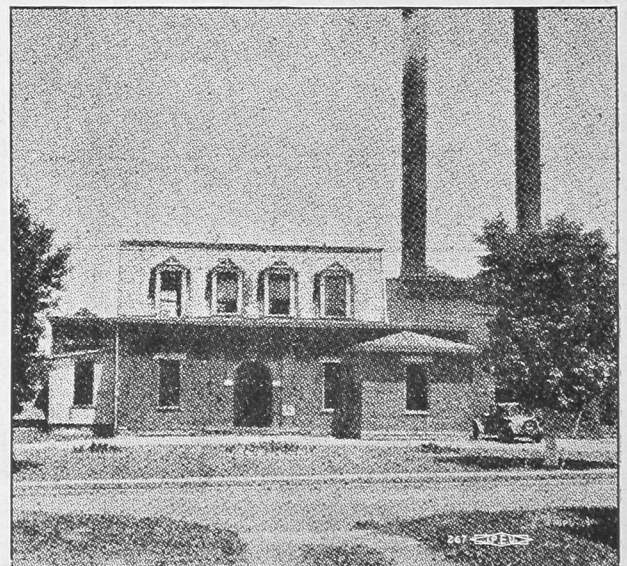
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD, CLARK RD.

The youngest congregation of church members in Reading is the Church of God, which had its origin in August, 1928, with a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Music, 315 Main Street, with only three members attending. A few months later a tent meeting was held. At the close of this meeting the congregation was organized and held its meetings in the American Legion Hall. The church then moved to the old Eight-Mile-House at the corner of Reading and Clark Roads, where they remained until June 7th, 1931. In 1931 services were held in the church's new building located on Clark Road. The Rev. C. B. McGuire was the first pastor. The present pastor was called in June, 1950 and is still serving his congregation. He is the Rev. Robert Crupper.

gation in 1908 the school ceased to be a factor in the life of the congregation. The Rev. J. A. Dell and the Rev. Theodore Proehl served as pastors in the 1920's. The Rev. William E. Bensch was installed as pastor on June 28th, 1931 and is still serving his congregation today.



**ORIGINAL ELECTRIC AND WATER PLANT
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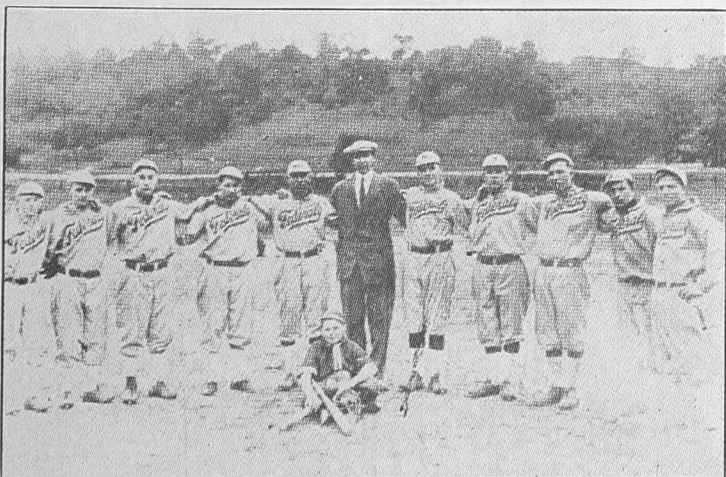
READING GRAYS UNDER MANAGEMENT OF
WM. WULFTANG AT OLD 8 MILE HOUSE



READING GRAYS BASEBALL CLUB UNDER
MANAGEMENT OF FRED BROERMANN
Reading Rd. and North St.



READING NATIONAL'S UNDER
BEN BLOM'S MANAGEMENT



OLD READING FEDERAL BASEBALL CLUB
UNDER MANAGEMENT OF HARRY BLOM



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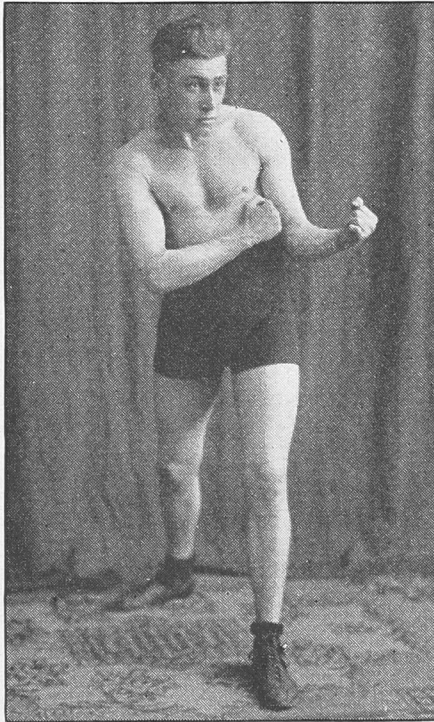
FELDHaus BUILDERS BALL CLUB UNDER
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READING ROYAL BASEBALL TEAM UNDER
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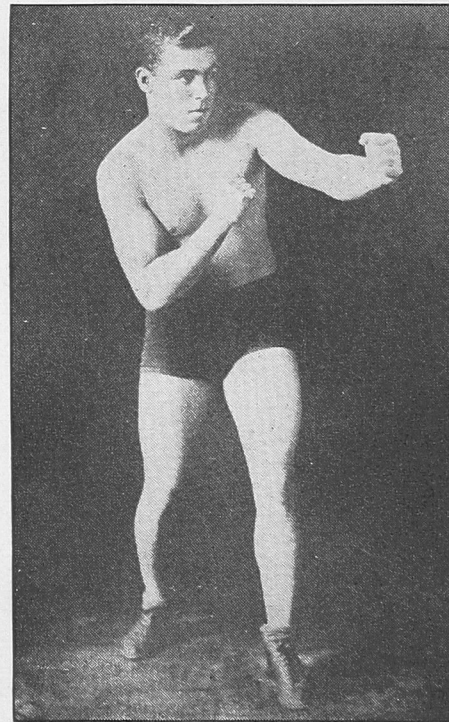
Reading's Old Time Professional Boxers

COUNCILMAN LOUIS ERNST
1st Ward

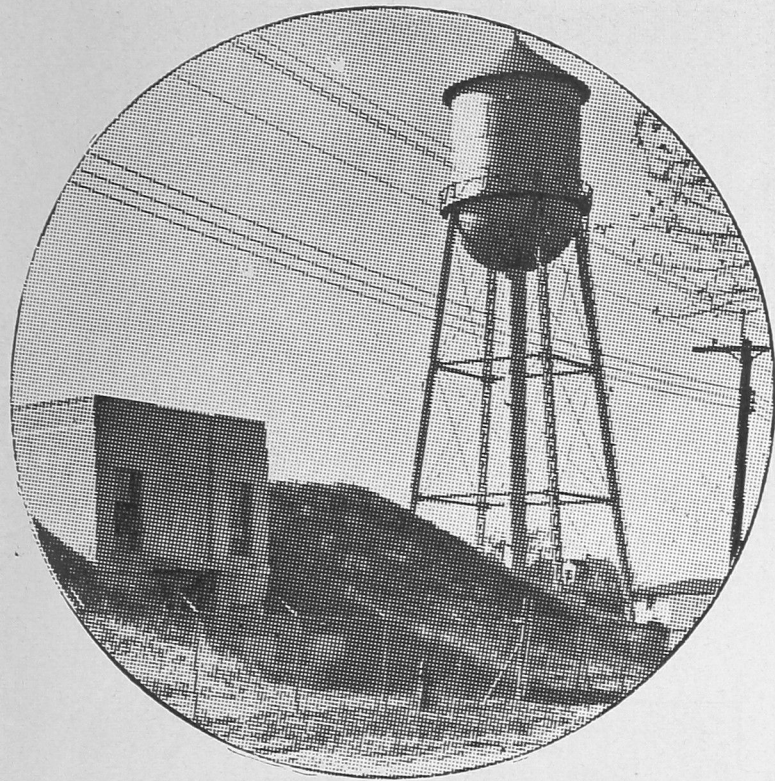


BUDDY ERNE
Feather weight professional boxer.
1911 - 1919

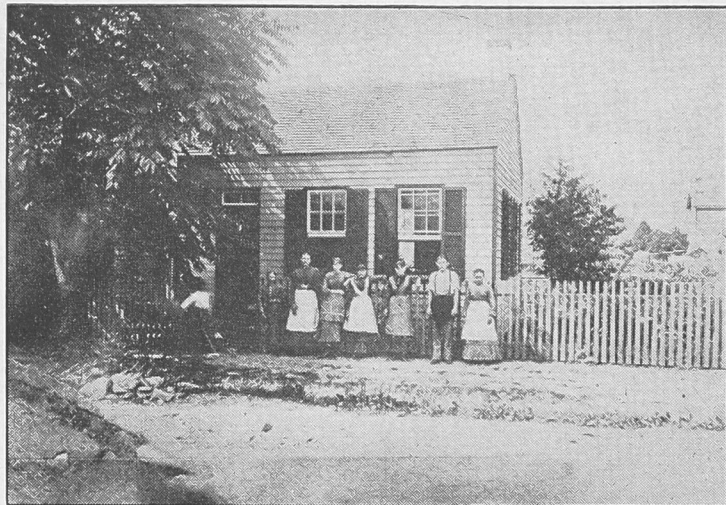
MIKE SCHRECK



Professional heavy weight boxer.
Met some of best in his class.
1905 - 1915



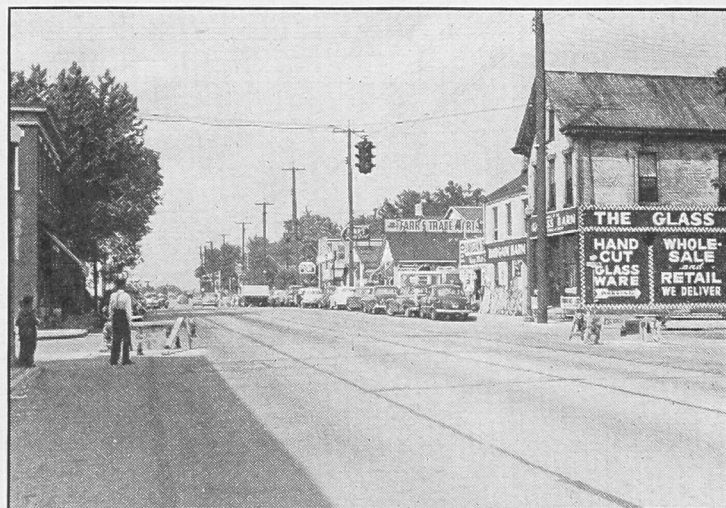
RESERVOIR
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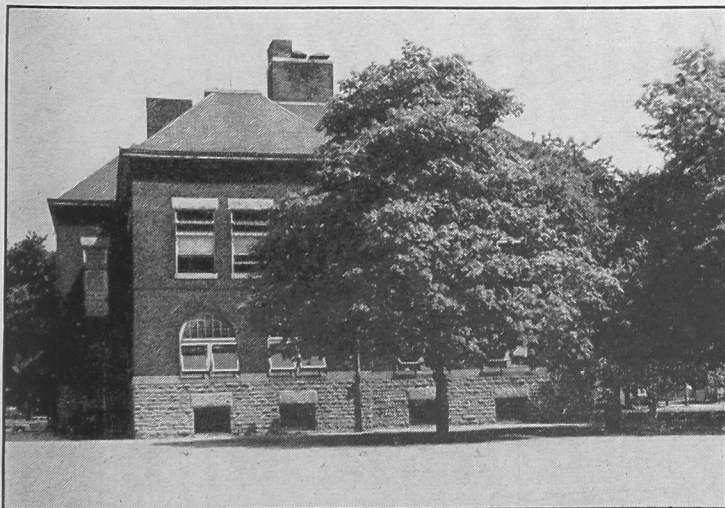
OLD MATHIAS SCHMITZ TAILOR SHOP
of pioneer days, of which there was as high as thirty in Reading
at one time. Taken 80 years ago.



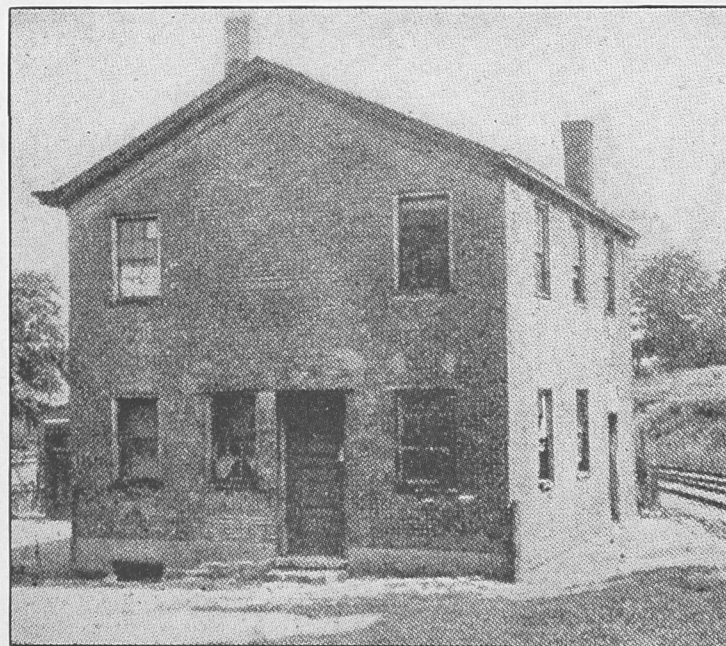
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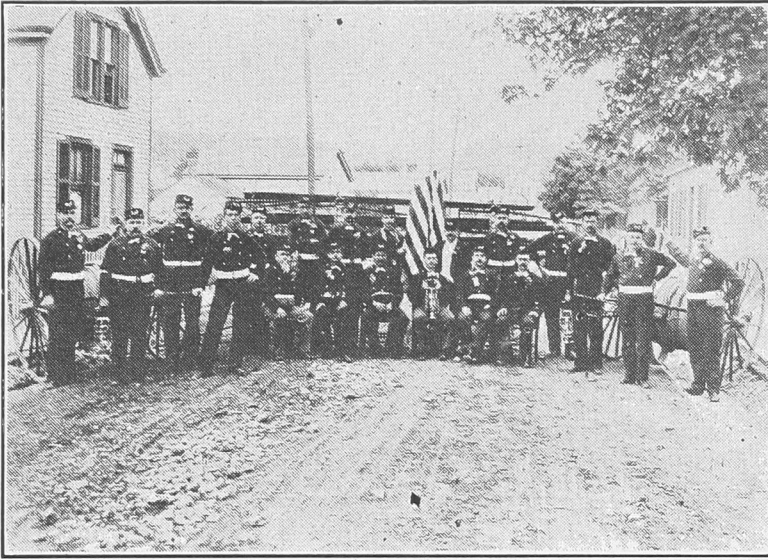
COLUMBIA & READING RD.
LOOKING NORTH — 1951



OLD READING SCHOOL
1890



FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING
Also used as church in by-gone days. Picture was taken in 1931.
Building now being used as a dwelling. Stands on East
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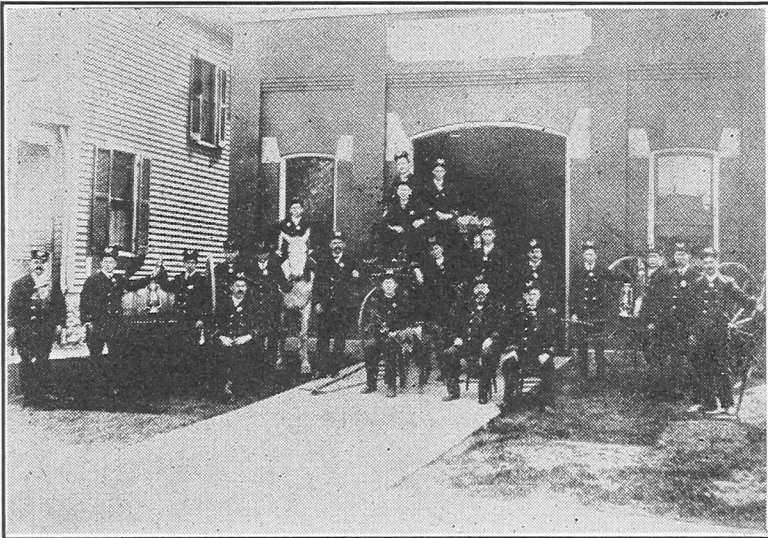


**OLD READING VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY, 1890**

With old hand-propelled hose reels and pump used in wells, cisterns and creeks. Probably taken in 1887.

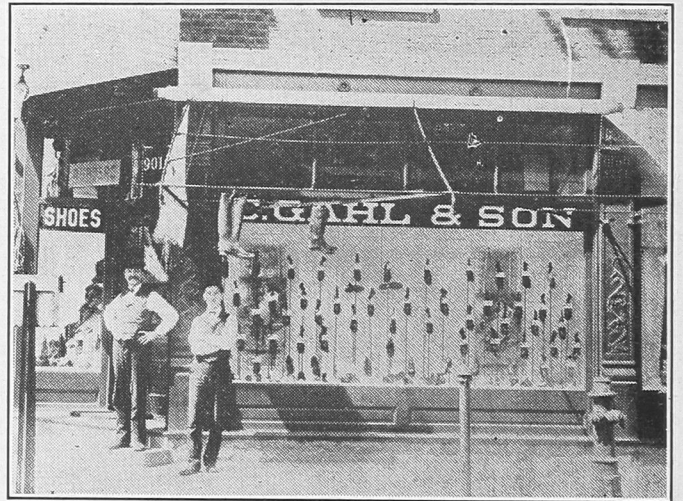


**SOUTHWEST CORNER —
BENSON & READING RD.
Eagle House — Jacobs Saloon.**

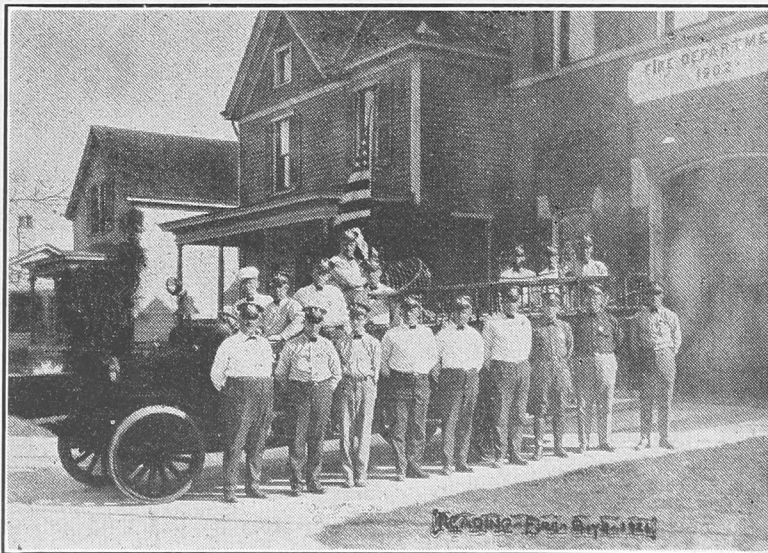


**READING VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY, 1902**

Hand-propelled hose reels and ladder wagon after the advent of city water pressure.



**NORTHWEST CORNER —
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READING FIRE DEPARTMENT OF 1926



**NORTHWEST CORNER —
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