



# Neighborhood News

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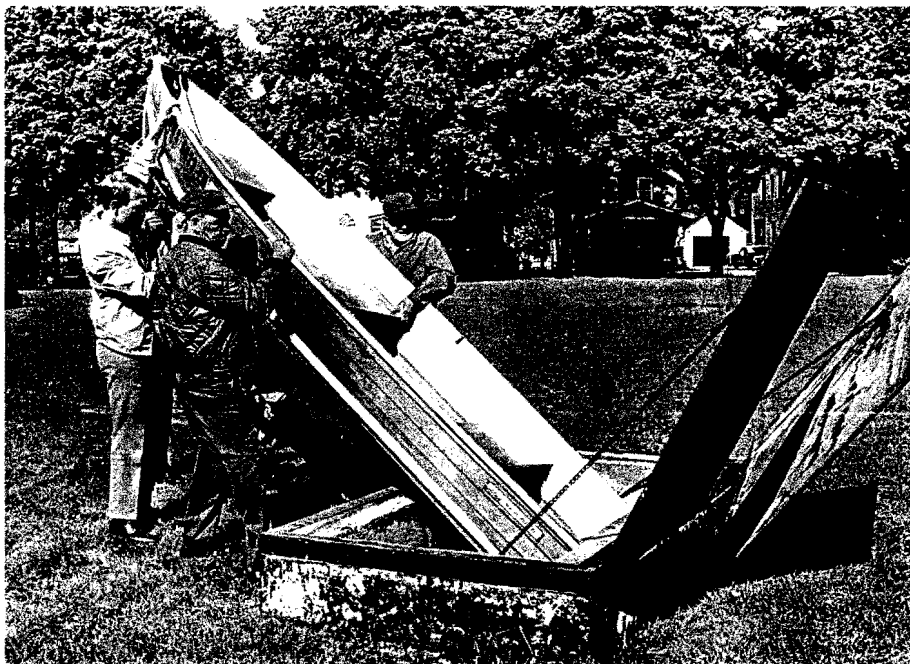
## Neighborhood News of Today

Bill Anderson, President of the Old Third Ward, has been appointed to the Riverfront Implementation Committee by Mayor Hanna. This is a welcome and well-deserved recognition of Bill's interest and commitment over many years to the neighborhood and the City. If you have concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact Bill.

The recycled College Avenue planters in and around the neighborhood were supplied by the City and the planting and flowers were in part donated by the Old Third Ward. We wish we could see more planters and flowers in future years.

Another project we would like to implement but have put off until next year is an Open House/Art Show for the Fall 2004. If you can contribute by offering your home or your artistic/craft talents, please contact any of the Board members.

And finally, we are currently working on collecting the



*Workers ready a boat to inspect the underground reservoir at the corner of Walnut and Prospect. The Water Department no longer needs the back pressure that this large body of water once supplied. The original reservoir was above ground and held a day's supply of water.*

memories and recollections of growing up in the neighborhood. We hope to interview as many old-time residents as possible and to publish these stories along with pictures. Please contact Linda Muldoon at 739-5762 if you would like to help.

Two Board members who gave many years of work and dedication to the OTW retired this year. The entire Board thanks Dave Bluma and Jayne McCor-

mick. Dave acted as Secretary, Chair of the Beautification Committee, and Chair of the Home Tour. Jayne took on the responsibility of organizing the meals at the summer picnic and the annual meeting and served on the Home Tour Committee. Both also opened their homes to Tours. Thank you both.

**Don't Forget the Party  
on September 7.!**

## Looking Back

1914:

### Old Water Plant Operating

With the old water works plant running full tilt and with smoke pouring from its smokestacks all day yesterday, residents of the Third Ward were strongly reminded of the old days when fish scales were found regularly in the coffee pot.

The entire city was supplied with filtered water taken from the reservoir at the top of the hill and sent through the mains by the old pumps yesterday, it having been necessary to shut down the engines in the new station to install a Ross relief valve.

(The reservoir at the top of the hill is, of course, the triangular grassy area on the corner of Walnut and Prospect.)

### Appleton Post, Jan. 1890:

J.E. Blackwood cut some of the first ice of the season the other day on the new reservoir on the Water Works company. The material was about six inches in thickness and of excellent quality. Icemen are on the anxious seat this year and must employ every expedient to replenish their stores of crystal coldness for the coming season.

(In 1890 the now underground reservoir was above ground. Josiah Blackwood lived on the northwest corner of Fifth and Elm and ran an ice and delivery business.)

### Appleton Post, July 1889:

The Water Works Company has commenced work on the excavation of its reservoir upon the old Webb place. The large trees which covered the lot have been



*The Hauert Family Homestead on the corner of Walnut and Eighth circa 1915. (Now the site of the Chamber building.)*

cut down, and plows and big horse shovels are at work.

### Appleton Post, May, 1890

*And one more about the reservoir:*

The Water Works Company is now engaged in building a tight board fence 12 feet high around the reservoir on Prospect Street..

### Appleton Post, June 1889:

Sheriff Dick Conlin had the temerity the other day to enter into a bust measure contest with young Dick Kamps a 10- or 12-year-old resident of the Third Ward and came out second best. Young Kamps has the bosom of a gladiator.

### Appleton Post, May 1889:

A lot of fine young maple trees have been planted down the street in front of St. Joseph School building. In time they will make very handsome shade trees.

## Hauert's

Many in the neighborhood mourn the loss of Hauert's Pet and Garden Store. The history of the Hauert family is also a part of the neighborhood. The Jacob Hauert homestead stood on the corner of Walnut and Eighth. One-hundred years ago the Hauerts celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Harmonie Hall. The family had a seed store where Polly's restaurant is now located and they also had a hardware store on the site of the Radisson. The Hauerts came to Appleton in the 1870's and in 1903 Jacob Hauert was described as "one of the very few California gold miners of '49 that still survive.

We wish Gretchen Hauert Churchill the very best. She carried on the family tradition of knowledgeable and friendly service and is applauded.

# 100 Years Ago

One-hundred years ago in Appleton the Walter Brewery Workers (Brewery was where the police station is now.) held a meeting to form a union in order to receive \$55. per month. The Continental was selling men's percale shirts at 3 for a dollar. A dwelling house on State Street near Prospect was for sale: "Fine neighborhood. Will sell at a bargain." And Appleton was famous for cockfighting.

Appleton Daily Post, March 14, 1903

## A Thrilling Chase

With horses galloping at full speed and strained look of anxiety in the eyes of the driver, the patrol wagon dashed around street corners this morning, turning this way and that in a mad race which led from one street to another, from the Third Ward to the First and back again, attracting the gaze of spectators, who

viewed the thrilling run of the patrol with astonishment, wondering what new record had been made in the criminal annals of the city. Capt. Mike Garvey was on the driver's seat and with him was Patrolman McCabe. Even to the inexperienced eye it was apparent that something out of the ordinary was happening. The chase lasted nearly an hour. Finally the object of pursuit was approached. The officers were armed with a shot-gun. Without a moment's hesitation Officer McCabe took hasty aim when the fugitive was within range and fired.

When the smoke had cleared away, one more of Appleton's mad dogs lay writhing on the ground in death struggles.

(The dog was killed on the corner of Memorial and Fifth. Mike Garvey went on to become Police Chief and lived at 415 S. State. In many newspapers of the time, stray dogs and "mad dogs" were shot.)



**"And It's Will Ye Quaff With Me, My Lads?"**

There'll be but few Noes to that query if it applies to the Geo. Walter brand of beer, for where is to be found the man who does not know of its superior qualities as a beverage, a tonic, an invigorator? The bottled beer we handle is a well known quantity—always high grade, always satisfactory.

**George Walter's  
Star Brewery**

TELEPHONE 161.

## Become a Supporting Member of the Old Third Ward Neighborhood Association, Incorporated

Voting memberships are open to residents, both homeowner and tenant, and non-resident property owners. "Friends" are non-resident, non-voting members who wish to support the purpose of the association financially.

### Membership Categories

Friend	\$10 or more	Sponsor	\$100 or more
Resident/Property Owner	\$15 "	Sustain	\$250 "
Family	\$25 "	Benefactor	\$500 "
Patron	\$50 "		

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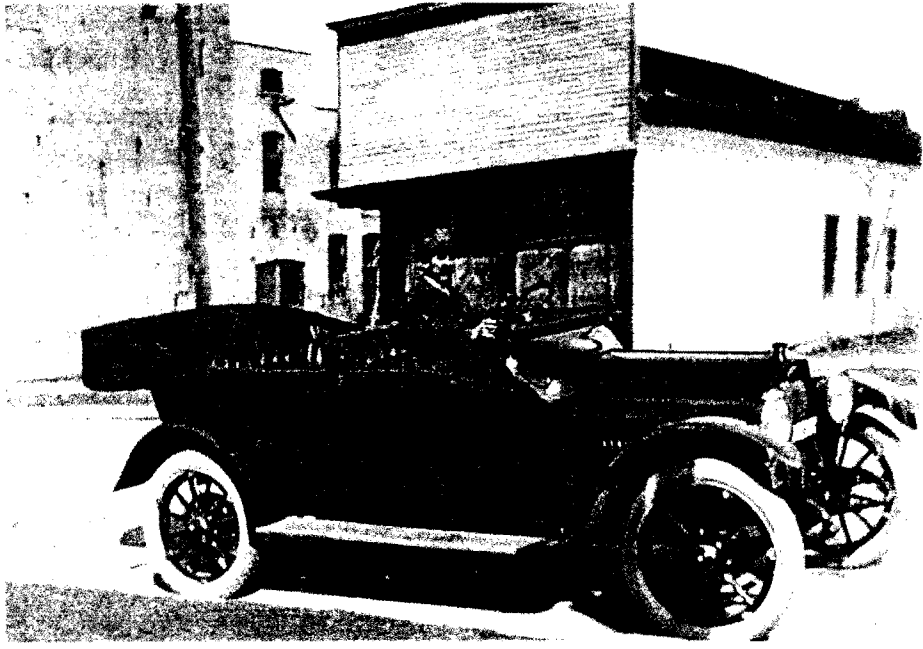
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I would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ (state your interest)

Address checks and correspondence to: Old Third Ward, P. O. Box 2574, Appleton, Wisconsin 54913-2574



Jacob Hauert sits in his automobile in front of his house on Walnut St. The Walter Brewery can be seen to the left. (Undated photo)

## Pellet-Gun Alert

*A letter from Larry Danielson, 330 W. Prospect*

A few weeks ago I started out on an early evening stroll with our dog. Barely out of our yard, I heard a pellet-gun shot, and shortly thereafter a rabbit emerged from a hedge and dropped dead in the grass. I called the non-emergency police number, reporting the incident, time, and location, and was told that pellet guns are illegal within Appleton city limits. A couple of hours later the rabbit corpse had been removed, by whom I don't know. There are many children in our neighborhood as well as infants and toddlers. Obviously, for many reasons, the use of pellet guns (and worse) should be reported.

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