

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

Bicentennial Celebration July 4, 1976



*Photographs From Yesterday And Today
For Tomorrow's Memories*



OUR PURPOSE

These pictures are not intended to present a complete review of our community, but represent a collection of available photographs. The old photographs were taken by Mr. Wes Green during the period of 1895-1915.

Our deepest thanks goes to Mr. Robert Fouts who gave us permission to use the old glass plate negatives which he received from his uncle, Mr. Harry Green.

We also express our gratitude to Mr. Harvey Connell for printing the photographs and for helping with the 1976 prints.

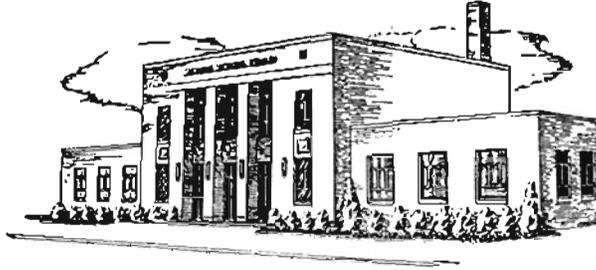
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THE COVER

The "Spirit of 76" scene was taken in 1909 by Mr. S. H. "Wes" Green who was a well known local photographer for fifty years. The gentlemen in the picture include Dr. William W. Richardson, Mr. James M. Knisely, and Mr. John C. Joss who were known nationwide as the "Three Old Vets."

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NEW PHILADELPHIA HAS GROWN FROM JOHN KNISELY'S DREAM

This article appeared in the March 19, 1976 issue of the Times-Reporter. It was the first of a series on historical reports as part of the New Philadelphia Bicentennial Committee. It was written by Robert McMillen, Jr., a member of The Bicentennial Committee.

In the Fair Avenue Cemetery, approximately halfway between Third and Fourth Streets, N.E., rests a gray gravestone marking the burial place of John Knisely — founder of New Philadelphia — who died in 1834 at the age of 82.

Although there is little known about the father of New Philadelphia, he possessed that mythical quality we call the “pioneer spirit.” At age 52, he journeyed to a wilderness area in which transportation was primitive and Indians were not uncommon sight. He platted a new town and from the dream of John Knisely has grown reality — a city and county seat of Tuscarawas County.

What we do know about Knisely is that he was a tavern keeper in York, Pennsylvania, at the beginning of the 19th Century. Traders, surveyors and various adventurers stopped in the tavern on the return journey from the northwest territory. Knisely apparently was told numerous times about the land beyond the mountains as he and a small group of Pennsylvanians traveled to the Tuscarawas Valley in 1803, the year Ohio became a state. Finding fertile soil, abundant timber and a good supply of water, Knisely selected a tract of land and returned to Pennsylvania.

In 1804, he retraced his steps to the Tuscarawas Valley and platted a village of 559 lots. He named the village, still little more than an idea, New Philadelphia. John Hull is purported to have built the

first cabin within the village but lived just east of it across Beaver Dam Creek.

Lands could be located in this district only by quarter townships of about 4,000 acres each. Godfrey Haga, a Philadelphia merchant, was granted at least three such quarters in 1800 by President John Adams for services during the Revolutionary War. According to the original deed, John Knisely bought the first quarter of Township 8 in Goshen Township in 1808 from Haga for \$5,776. The plat was received May 22, 1813, by Associate County Judge Christian Deardorff and was recorded on June 2.

According to the original plat, each lot measured four perches by sixteen perches, or 66 feet wide by 264 feet deep. Also listed on the original plat are Knisely's land donations.

Land was platted and donated for the square and courthouse as well as Upper Market Square (Franklin Square, corner of Fourth and West High) and Lower Market Square (Washington Square, corner of Beaver and East High). Additionally, four lots each were given for English, German and the Moravian religious societies.





COURT HOUSE — 1900-1905



COURT HOUSE — 1976



EAGLE HALL ERECTED 1871 RAZED 1948



CITY HALL
East High and Second — 1976



THIRD AND EAST HIGH



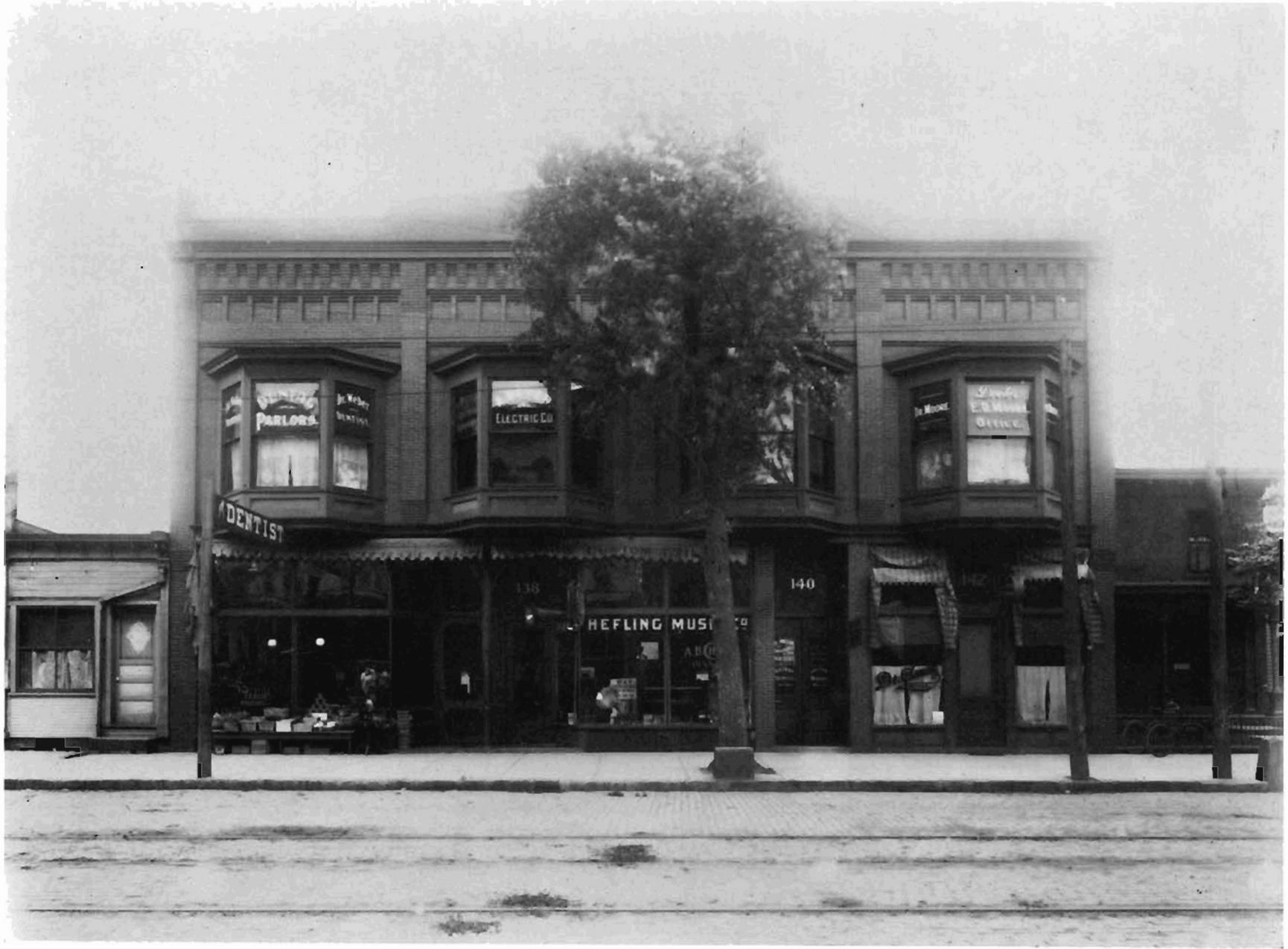
THIRD AND EAST HIGH — 1976



UNION HOSPITAL



122 WEST HIGH AVENUE



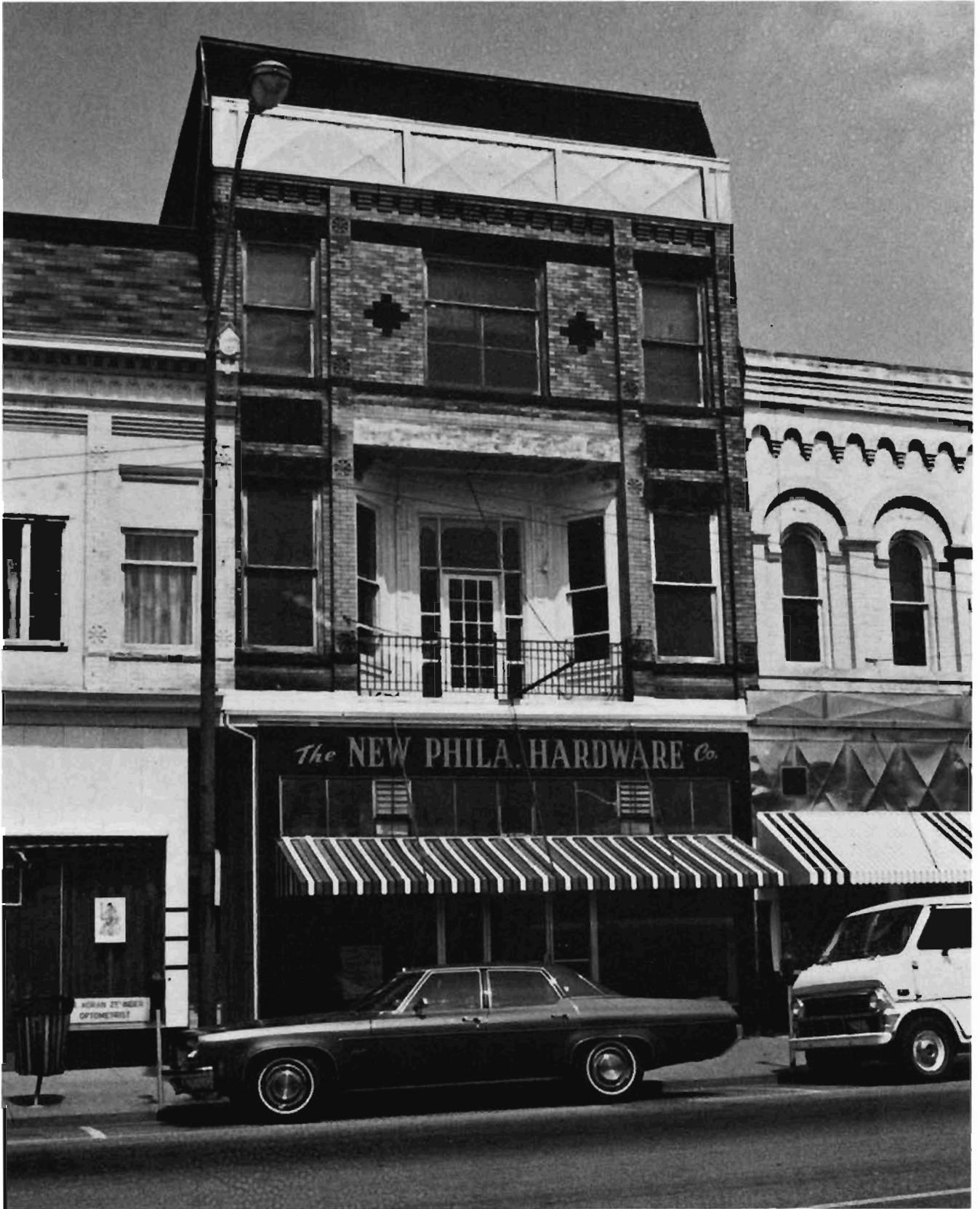
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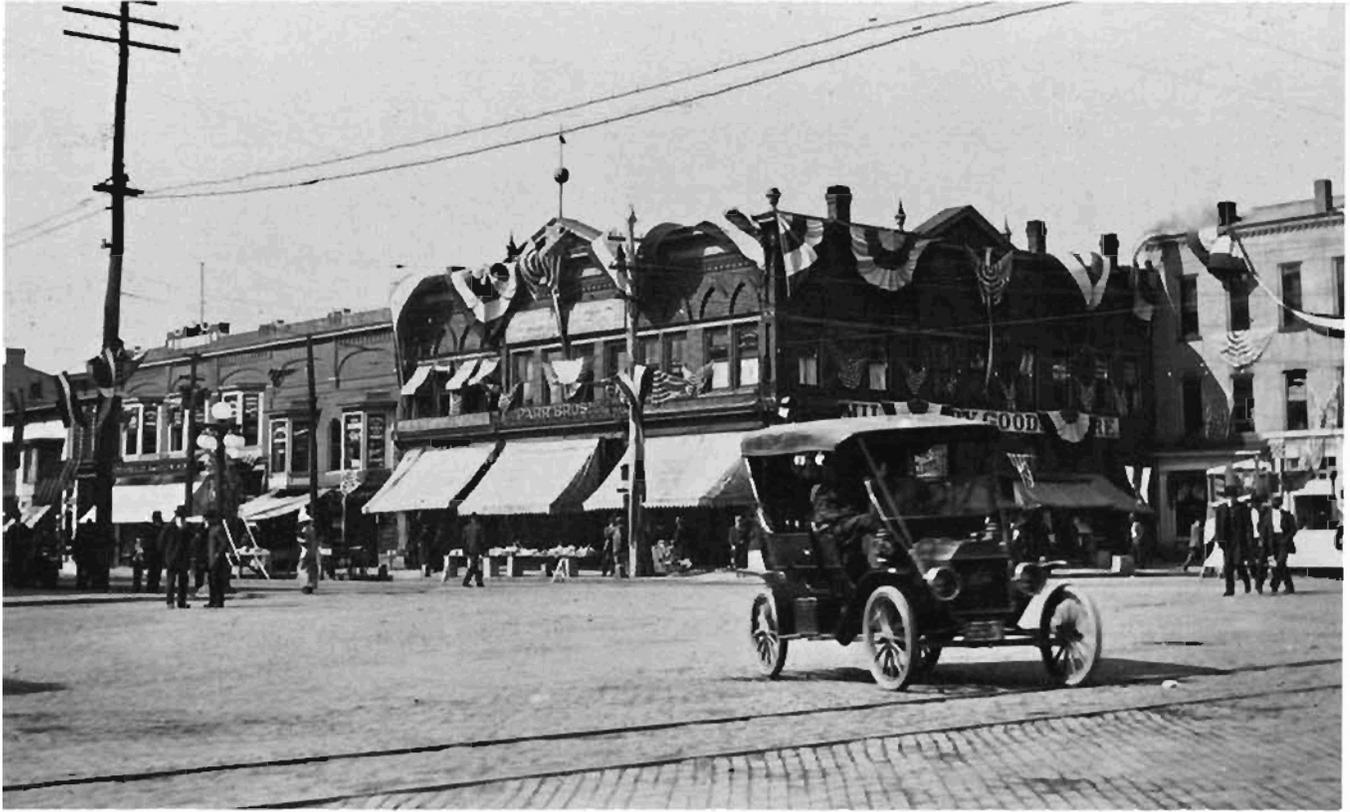
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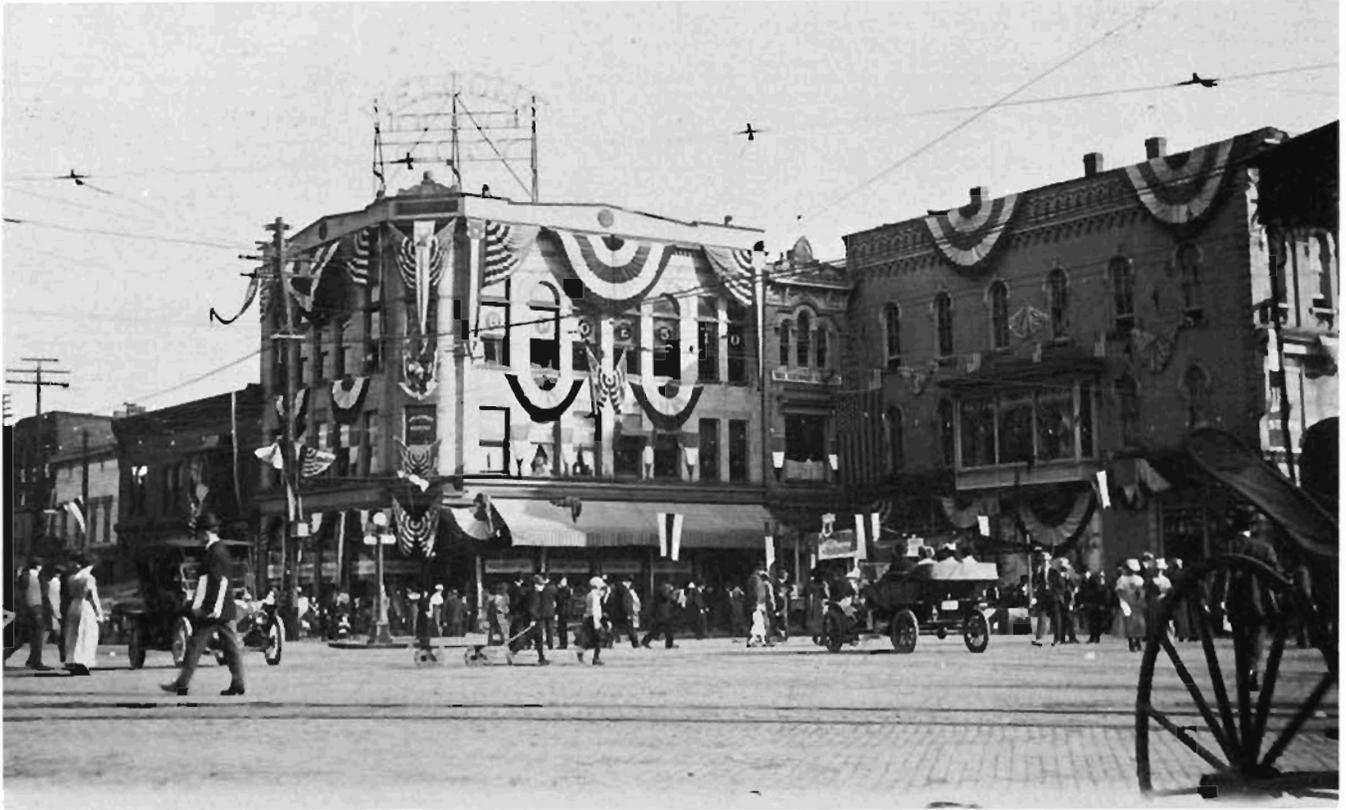
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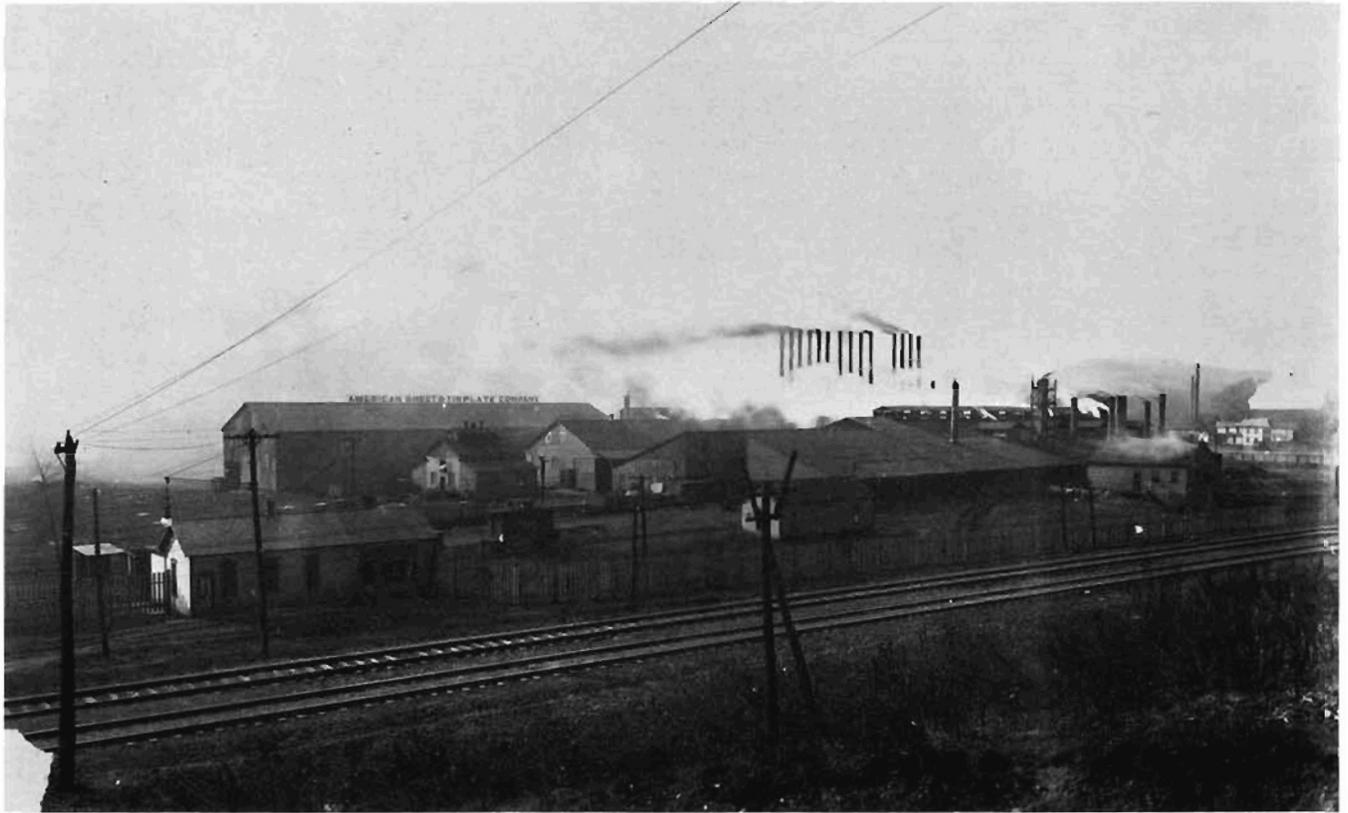
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE



WEST HIGH STREET, NEW PHILADELPHIA, O.



WEST HIGH FROM THE SQUARE



ORIGINAL AND PRESENT SITE WARNER/SWASEY



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE



BOSTON STORE — 1880's

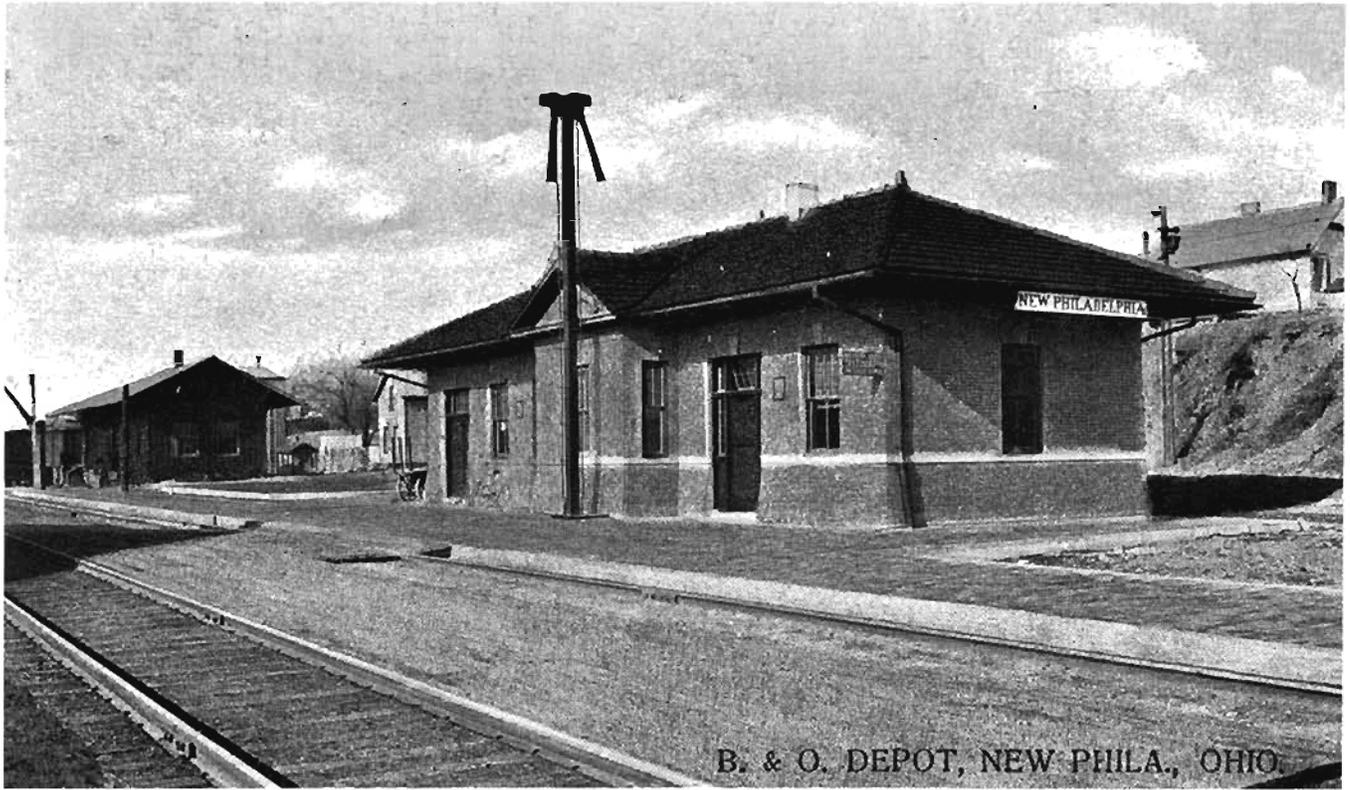


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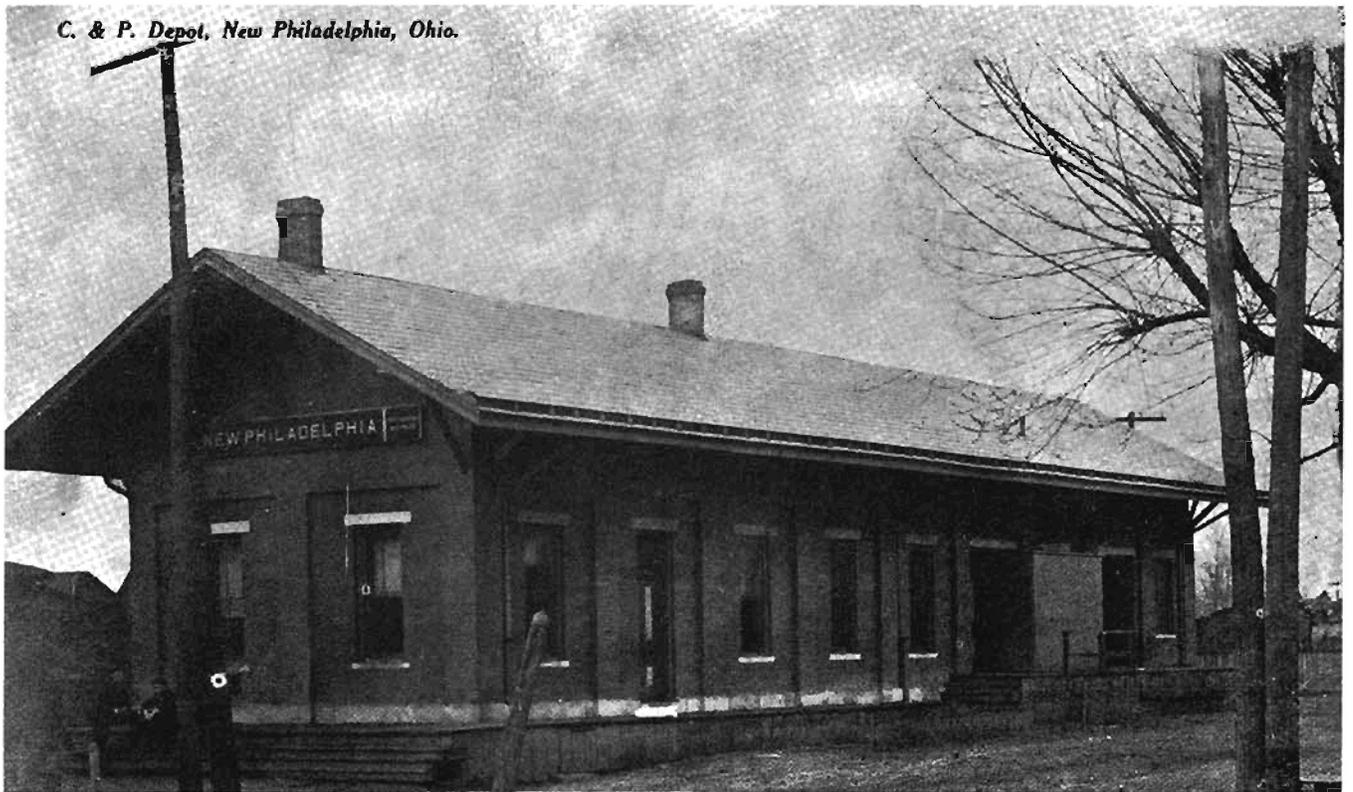
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(COURTESY CHARLES DUNBAR)



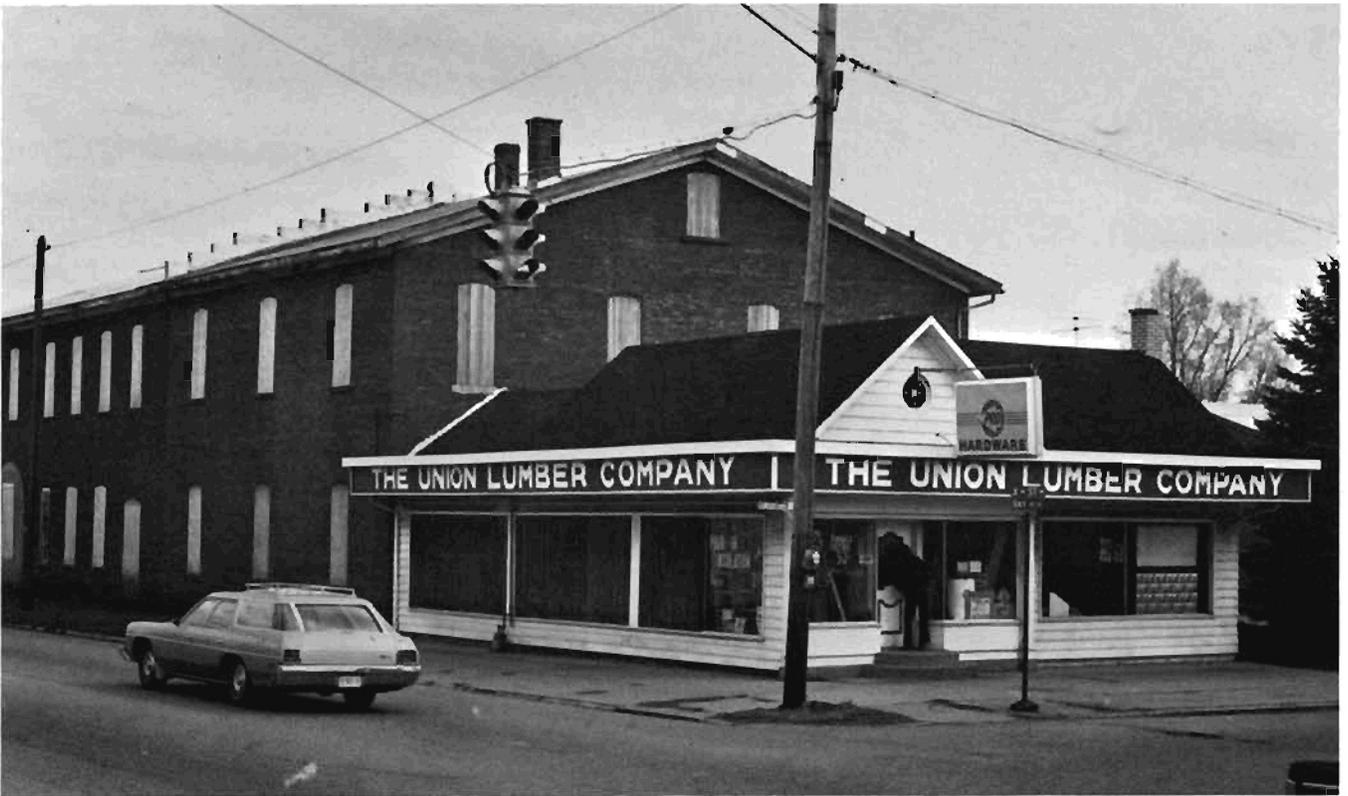
B. & O. DEPOT, NEW PHILA., OHIO

SOUTH BROADWAY



C. & P. Depot, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

NORTH BROADWAY AND RAY AVENUE



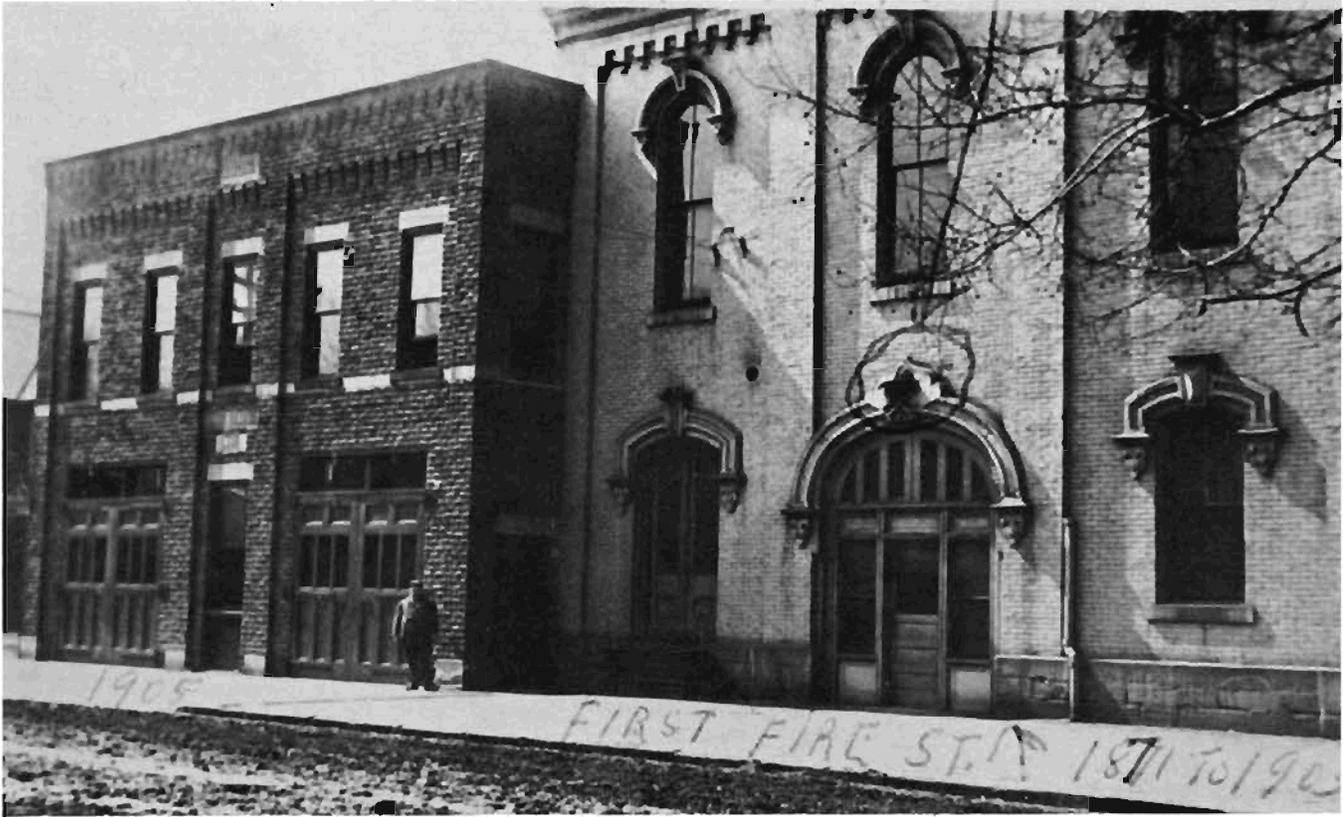
RAY AND SECOND N.E.



TUSCORA PARK



SOUTH BROADWAY FROM THE SQUARE



FIRE STATION
108 Second Street, S.E.



221-225 WEST HIGH AVENUE

(COURTESY EDGAR HEVERLY AND HAROLD TEDROW)



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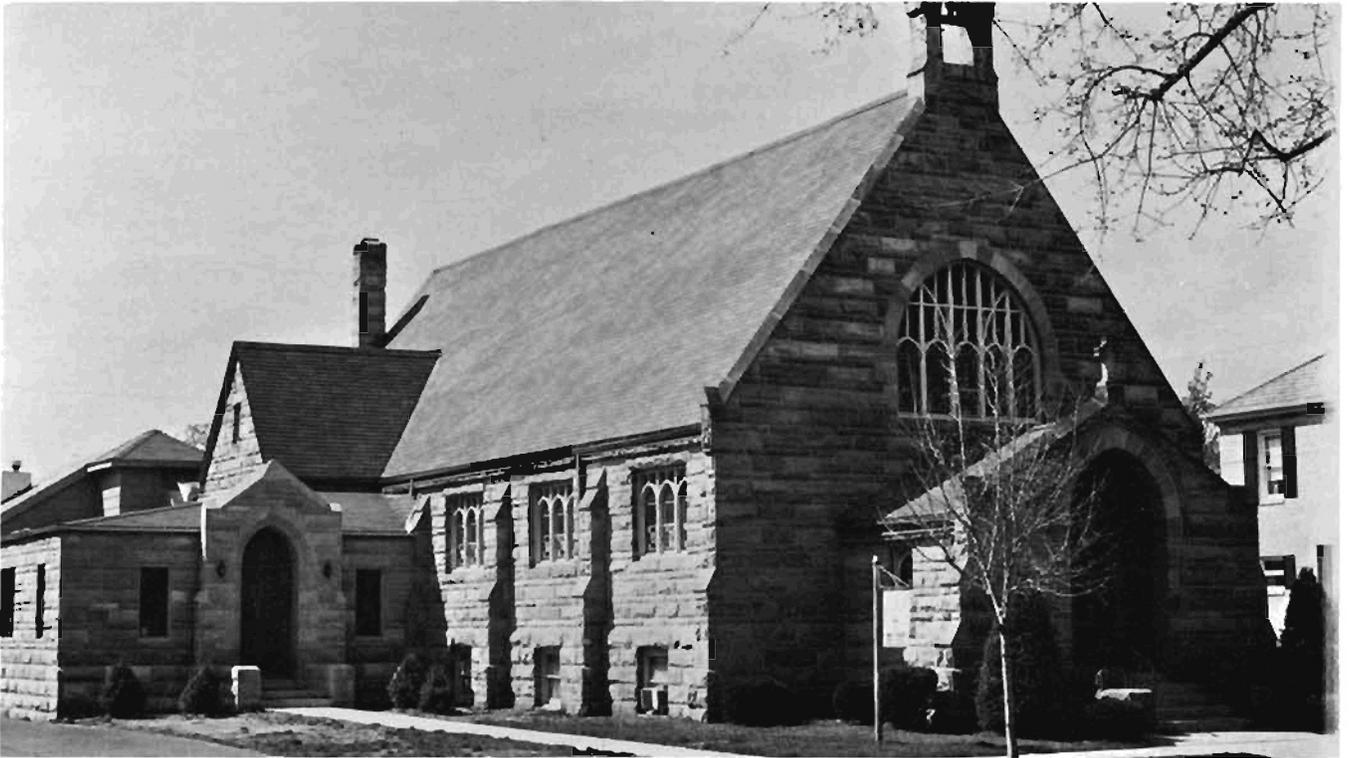
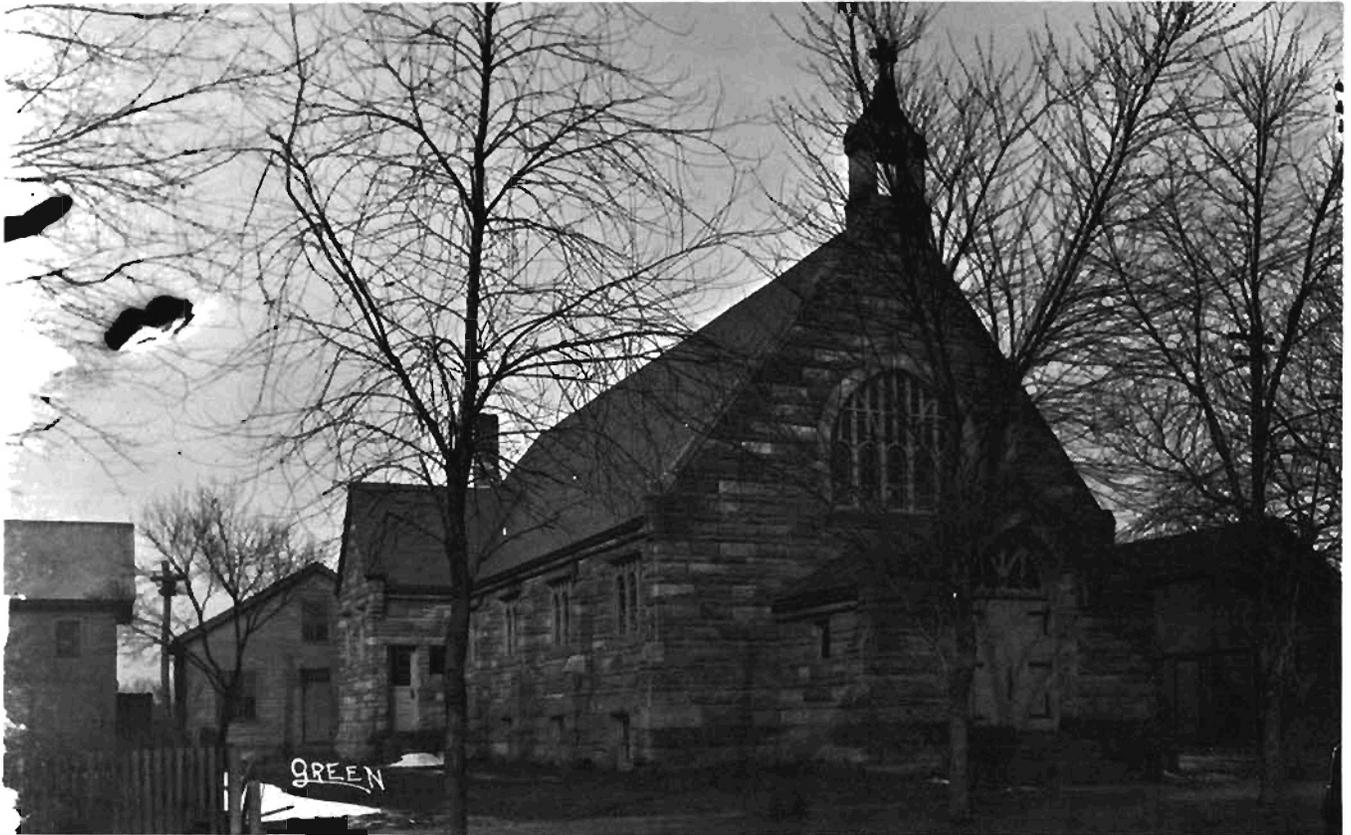
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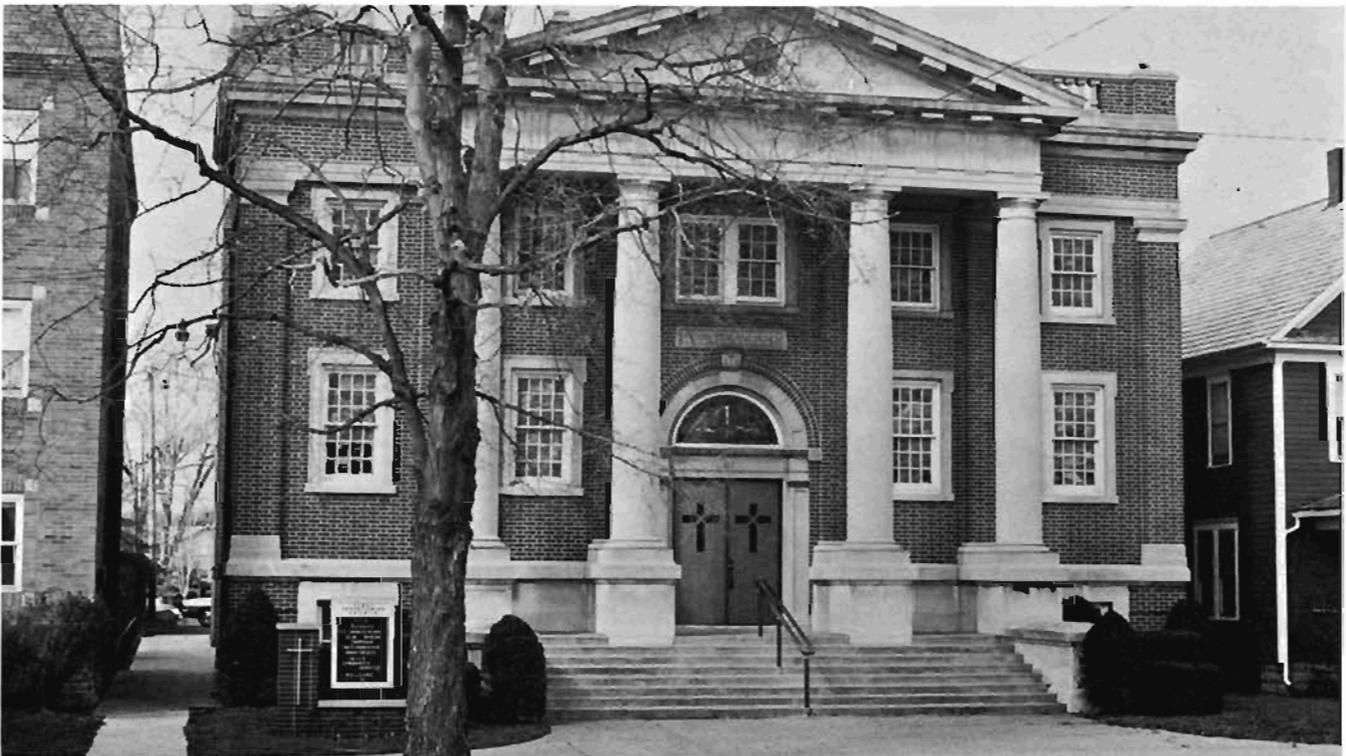
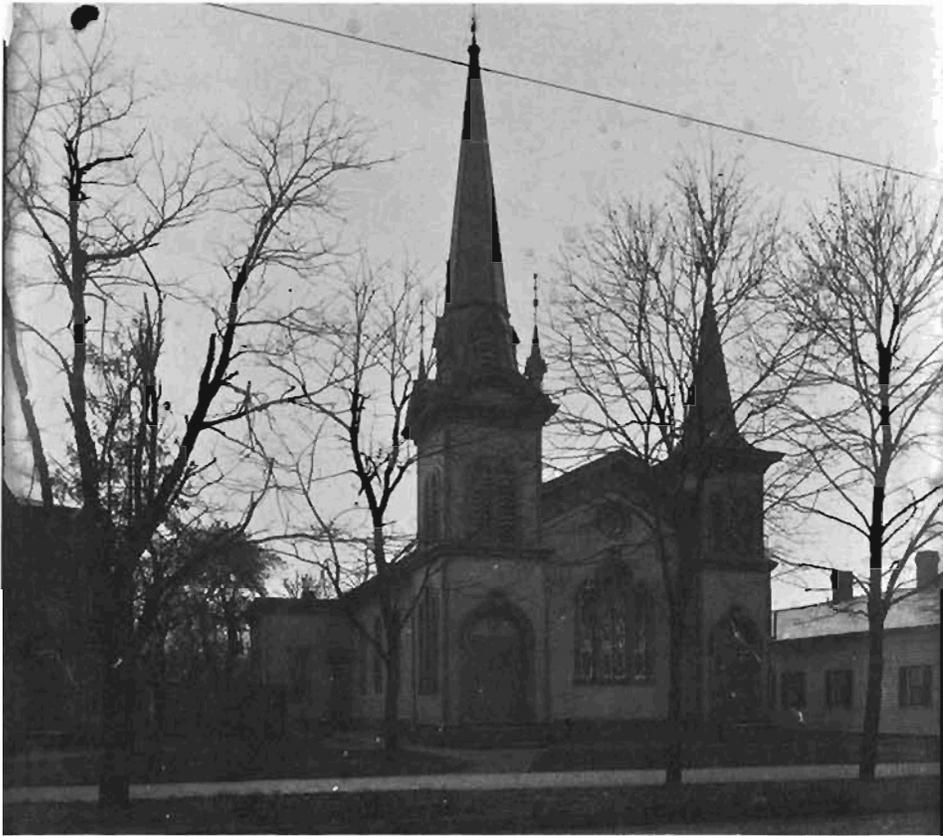
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
201 Fair Avenue, N.W.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
309 West High Avenue



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
122 Third N.W.



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
217 East High Avenue



UNITED BRETHERN CHURCH



OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
156 Beaver Avenue N.E.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Fair and Second N.E.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
878 Commercial S.W.



SACRED HEART CHURCH
Fair Avenue and Third N.E.



EMMANNUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
202 East High Avenue



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
201 West High Avenue



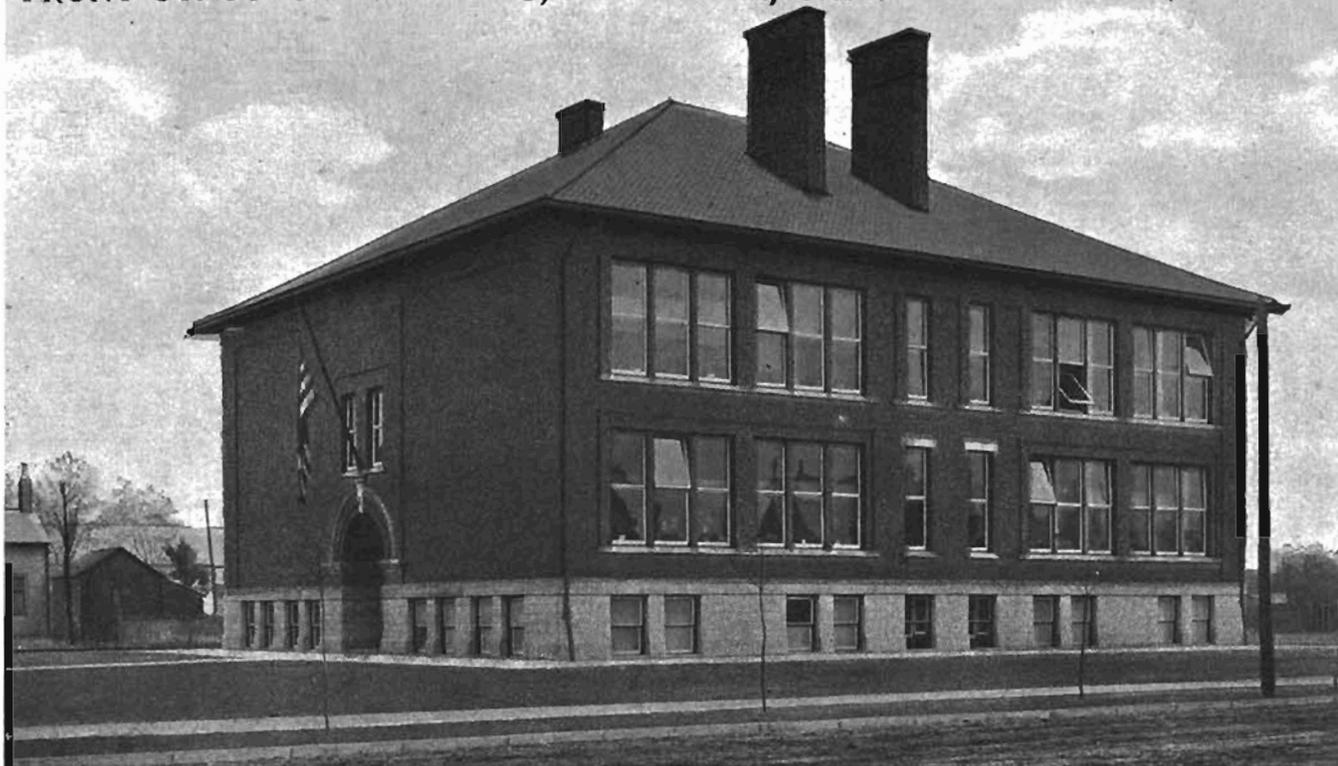
SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEST
~~EAST~~ SCHOOL BUILDING, NEW PHILA., OHIO.



WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRONT ST. SCHOOL BUILDING, NEW PHILA., OHIO.

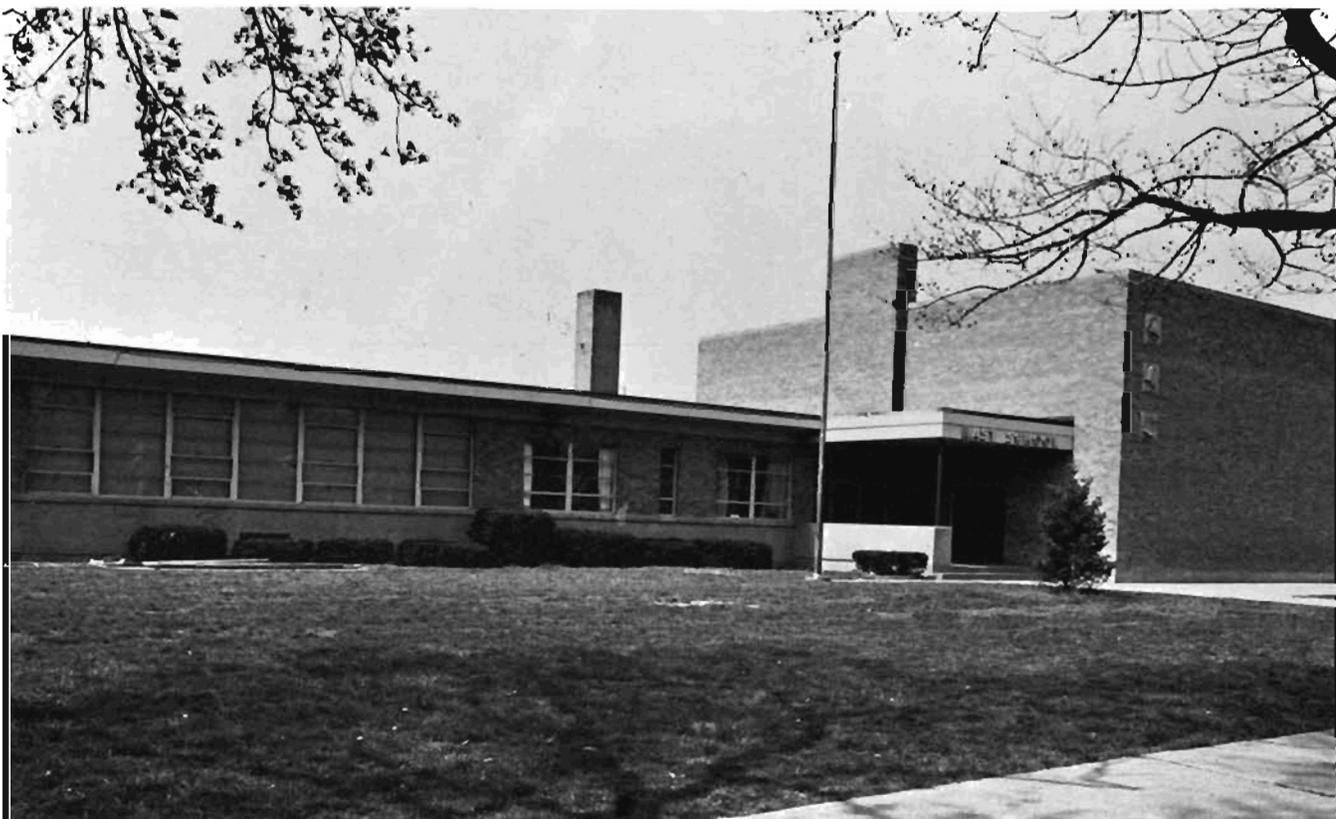
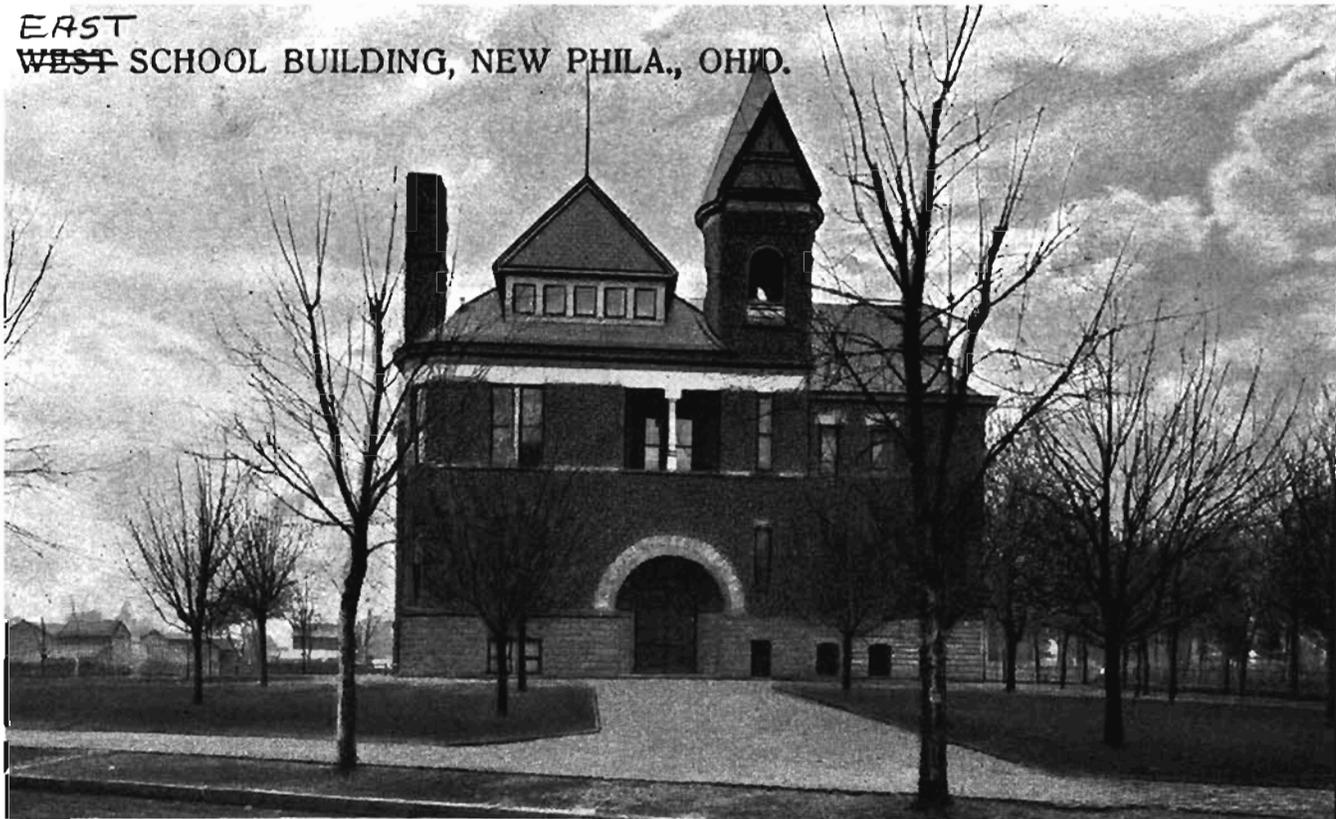


FRONT STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EAST
WEST SCHOOL BUILDING, NEW PHILA., OHIO.



EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



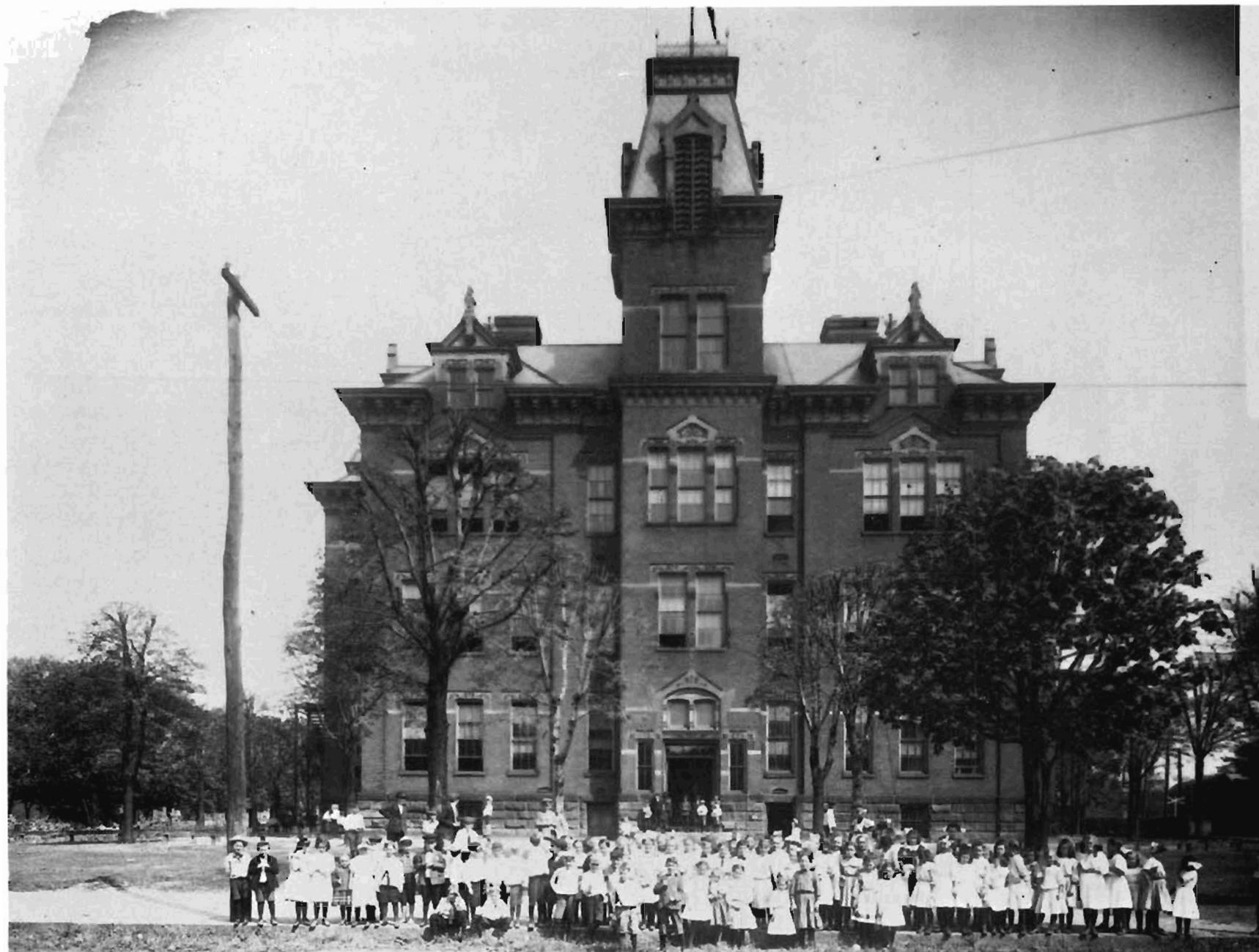
I.O.O.F. HALL, SOUTH BROADWAY



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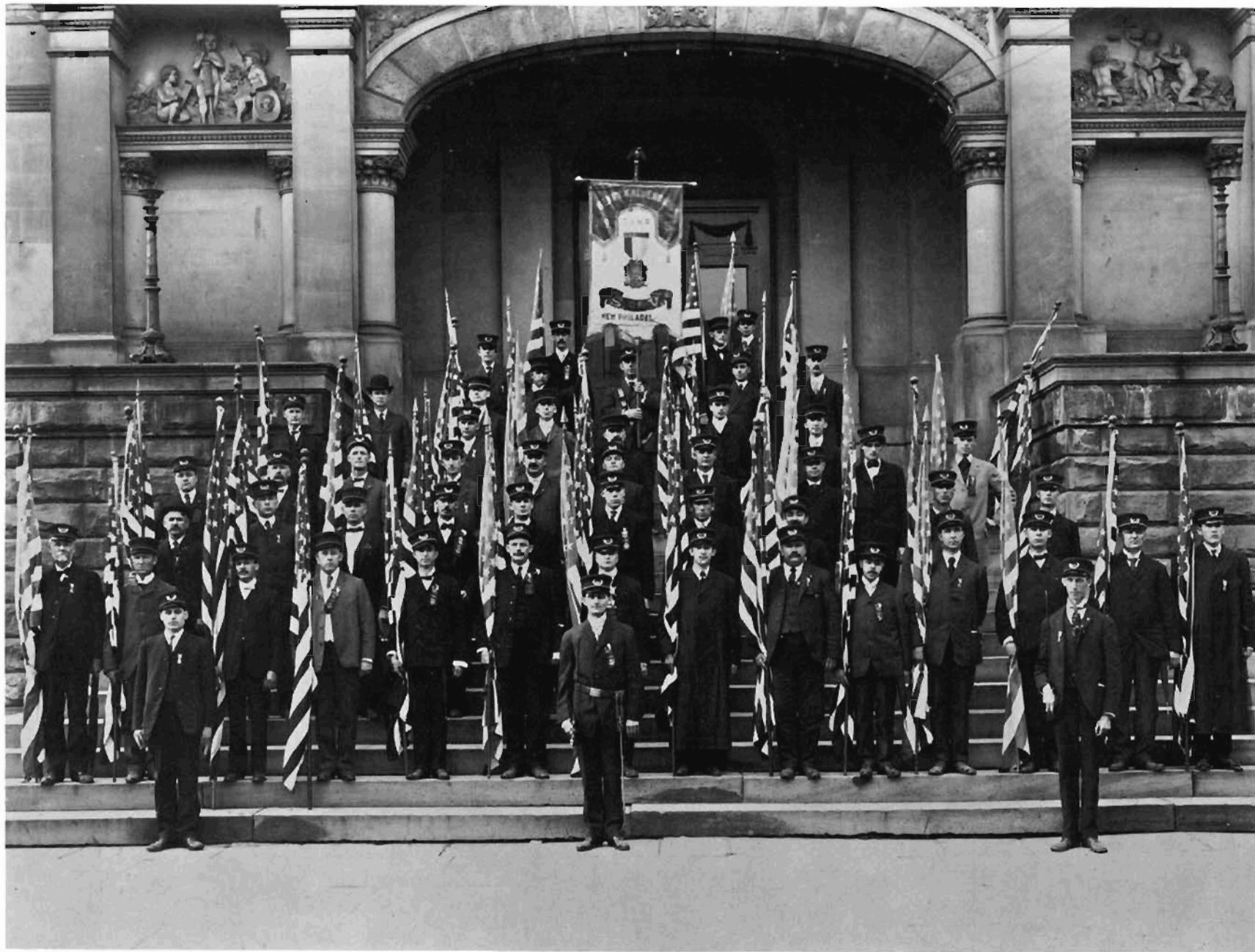
OLD GOSHEN BRIDGE



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



DAM AT WEST END OF TOWN



SONS OF VETERANS



EAGLES HALL AND MAYORS OFFICE



REEVES HOTEL, NORTH BROADWAY



UNION OPERA HOUSE



NORTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE



SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE



FRANK C. REA DRUG STORE



CIRCUS — 1895-1900



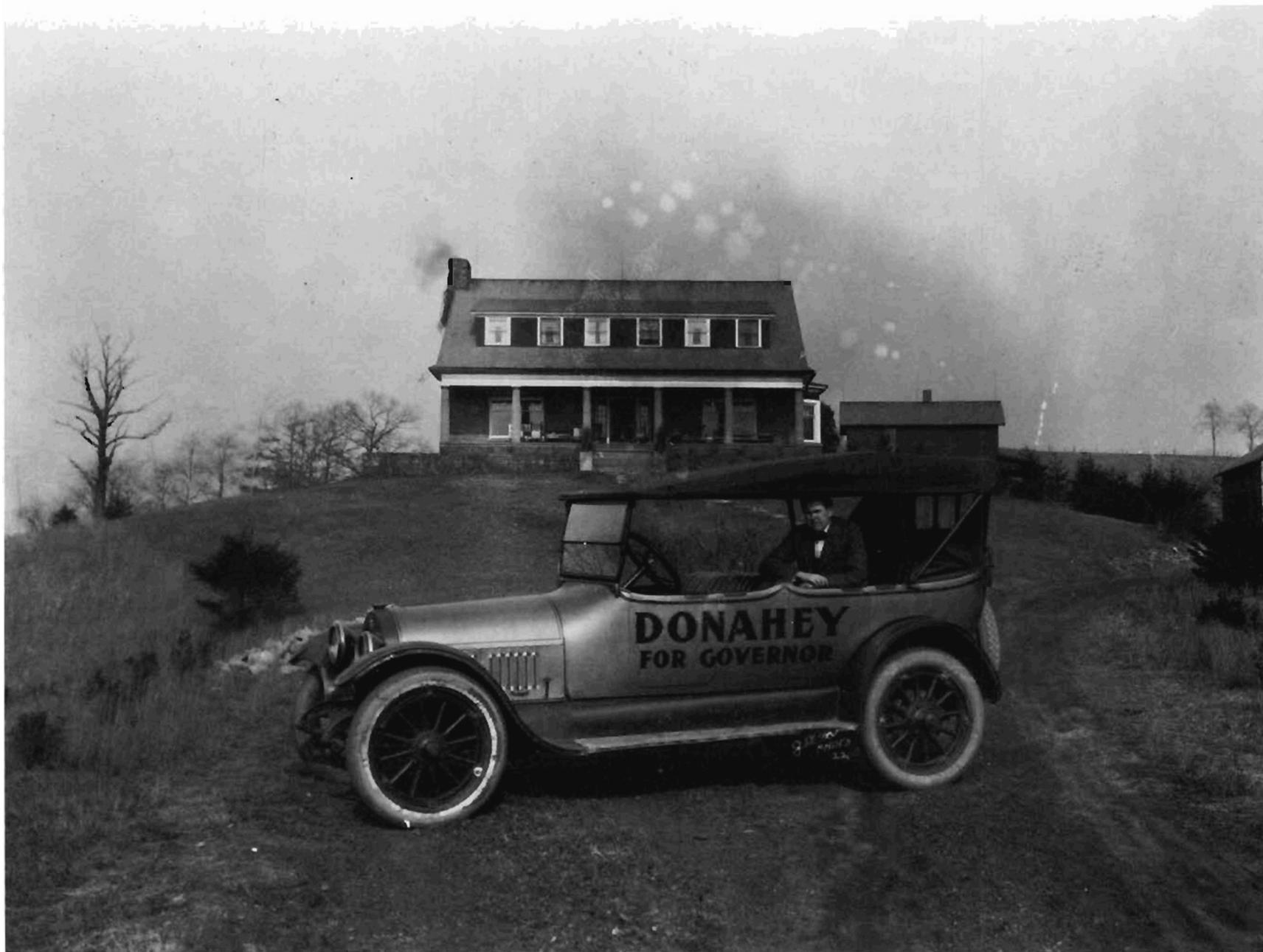
REEVES HOTEL
North Broadway



GOSHEN DAIRY WAGON

B. & O. Depot, New Philadelphia, Ohio.





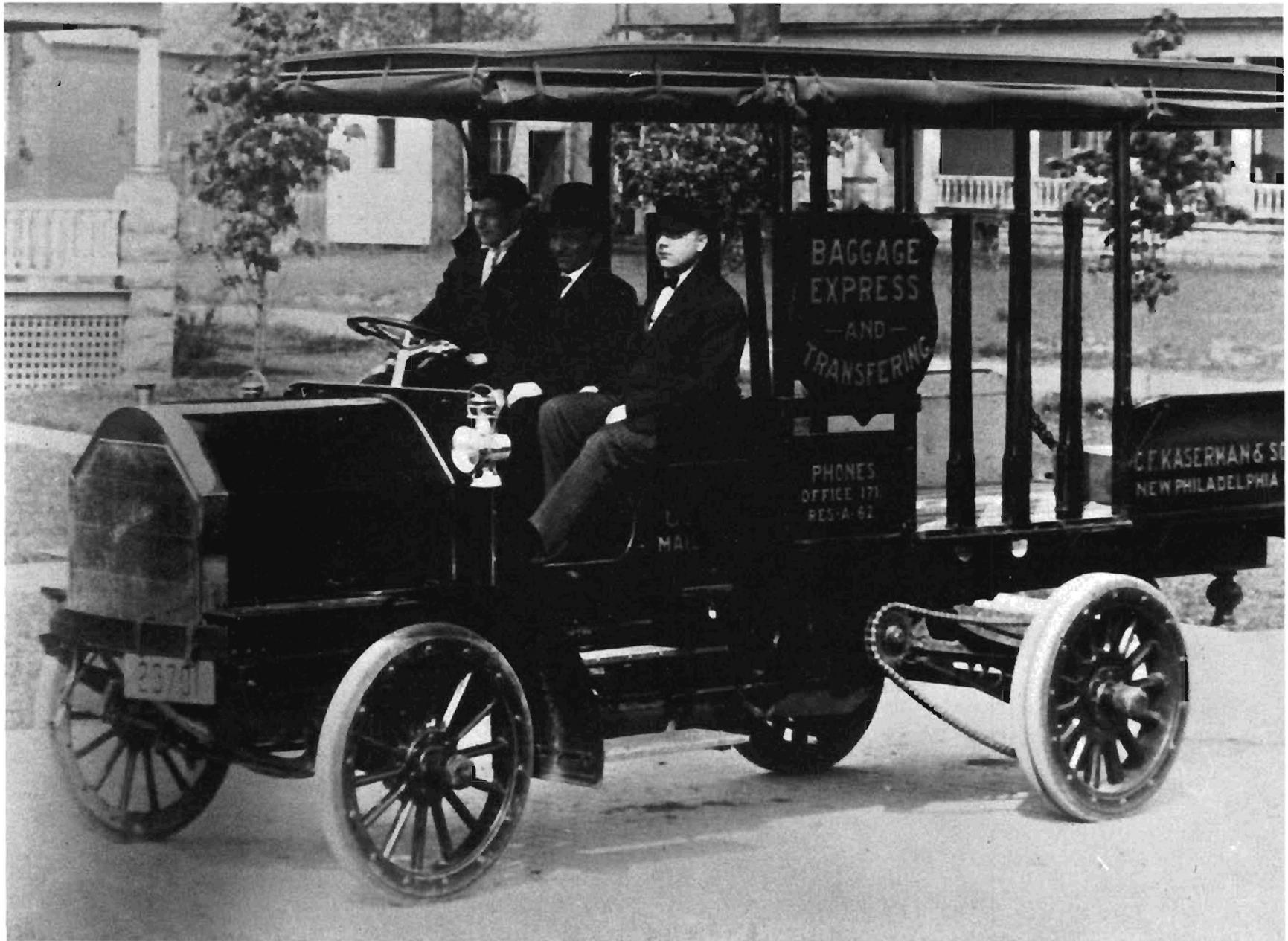
GOVERNOR VICTOR DONAHEY — 1922



SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE



LOBBY OF REEVES HOTEL



FIRST TRUCK IN TOWN (ABOUT 1911)
Atterbury Truck Co. — \$3,000



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