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W. North Water St.

Construction 1874 Destruction 1995

The building that once stood here housed many things. In 1893, Jacob Stein built it for his general store. In 1893, Charles Reuter purchased the building and opened his cigar store and factory.

Charles Reuter was a well-known resident. A talented musician, he helped start the Home Band, later known as the New London City Band. He sang tenor and played the B Flat Cornet, not at the same time.

But the building was probably best known as a drug store. Starting in 1900, until just a few years before its removal; drug stores occupied the first floor.



In a 1926 New London Press article described the Werner drugstore as “one of the most modern business houses in the city. The interior is of panel walnut, the exterior front is brick. The show windows are the most modern in the city and they have just added a modern electric overhead sign on the west corner of the building which gives the store a real city appearance.”

In 1941, Adolph Pichelmeyer purchased the building and drugstore. In 1946, he started one of three major remodeling projects. He replaced the lights and floors and added floor to ceiling shelves with a rolling ladder.



In 1960, he enlarged the store to make room for cards and magazines and a bigger prescription area. Then in 1966, he removed the soda fountain. This allowed him to expand the prescription area again and provide enough room for three full time pharmacists.

His son-in-law Iver Rudie took over the business around 1977, when Adolph retired. He kept the business in this location until 1979, when he moved to Wolf River Plaza.

Throughout the years dentists, physicians and attorneys rented offices on the second floor including Dr. Frank Murphy, Dr. George Dernbach, and Sigurd Krostue.

Other shops moved in and out after the drugstore. Around 1995, First State Bank purchased the building from Mr. Pichelmeyer and then sold it to the city. The city razed the building to create St. John's Park.

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