

New Bremen

Then and Now
1833 - 2003



FIRST OFFICIAL SEAL OF NEW BREMEN
*The original was owned by E. C. Kuenzel and was found
in the old Kuenzel family residence on South Washington Street.
Now it is in the Auglaize County Museum.*



Washington Street

Now



Crown Equipment Corporation

Then



Looking south (Above): Koeper Shoe Store, Grover Wissman Barber Shop, Fire Dept., Bar, Bowling Alley, Star Bakery. (Below): Wints Restaurant, Residence, Ernie's Barber Shop, Esquire, Crown - formerly Arcade.



New Bremen

Then and Now

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- 1832 Site for New Bremen chosen
- 1833 Six families moved here
- 1833 St. Paul Church held first service
- 1837 New Bremen incorporated
- 1838 Miami-Erie Canal completed
- 1838 First business opened, Boesel & Kunning
- 1846 New school on N. Franklin Street opened
- 1848 Auglaize County formed
- 1849 Cholera killed hundreds of residents
- 1857 Lock Two school opened
- 1865 Zion church founded
- 1877 Lake Erie & Western Railroad opened from St. Marys to Minster
- 1878 Ober Bremen and New Bremen united
- 1888 Natural gas used
- 1893 Female teachers first employed
- 1894 Electric lights first used
- 1895 Telephone service became available
- 1895 Opera House built on Monroe Street
- 1899 New Bremen Sun newspaper first published
- 1901 Lock Two Store opened
- 1902 First football team formed
- 1902 RFD mail delivery began
- 1902 Bricks were manufactured in town
- 1903 Western Ohio Railway electric streetcar service began
- 1904 Automobiles limited to 8 mph in town
- 1905 Dierker Building destroyed by gas leak
- 1907 Streets paved with bricks
- 1908 Central High School opened
- 1912 Miami-Erie Canal closed

- 1915 Wagon procured for taking children to school
- 1926 Local fire department motorized
- 1927 Talking movie featured Al Jolsen
- 1929 Ground broken for new high School
- 1929 Stock Market crashed
- 1931 Riot at New Bremen Speedway
- 1931 Student news "Crimson and Gold" featured in New Bremen Sun
- 1934 Constructed first sewage plant
- 1935 Roosevelt Theater reopened after fire with Will Rogers
- 1938 Swimming Pool opened
- 1938 Traffic light installed on Monroe & Washington
- 1940 Kuenzel Mills filled order for 10,000 army blankets
- 1945 Crown Controls founded
- 1947 Broom Company destroyed by fire
- 1948 Holy Redeemer Parish established
- 1950 Schwieterman's Drug Store robbed of \$325.00
- 1951 Streine's changed name to STAMCO
- 1954 Dial phones available
- 1955 Crown Control had 160 employees
- 1958 Bank robbed of \$2,000.00
- 1960 Cardinals basketball team in State finals
- 1961 Last issue of New Bremen Sun Newspaper
- 1968 New gym added to High School
- 1969 Auglaize County's Neil Armstrong walked on moon
- 1973 Museum started
- 1973 New Library opened
- 1989 New strip mall opened with Pantry Pride and Val's
- 1991 Library addition dedicated
- 1995 YMCA opened in New Bremen and Minster
- 1997 Chamber of Commerce formed
- 1999 Golden Triangle established
- 2000 New swimming pool at Bremenfest Park opened

Corner of Washington & Monroe *(looking northeast)*

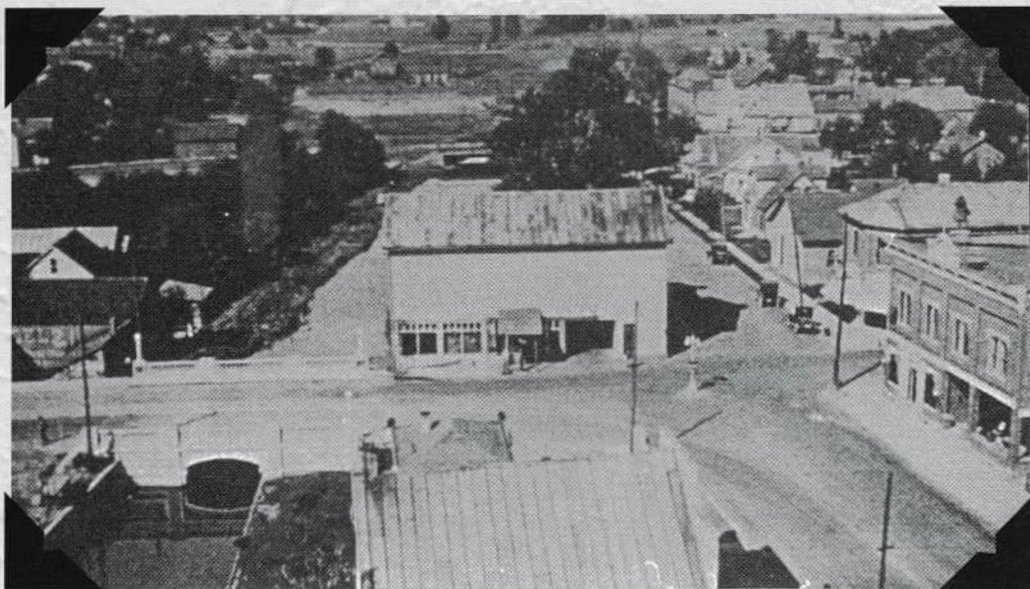
Now



*Lock One Park,
Schwieterman's Drug
Store*

Then

*Rairdon Garage
& Livery (center),
Drugstore &
1st National Bank
(at right).*



*Post Office (center)
Bridge crossing Miami-Erie
Canal (Built by WPA)*

Monroe Street *(looking west)*

Now



Left side of street: Bicycle Museum and The Grille; right side of street: Crown Building; far center: Howell's IGA.

Then



Left side of street, 1st block: Interurban Tracks, the Schulenberg-Laut block, Barber Shop, Schulenberg Toy & Patent, Drug & Sundry Store, Laut's Saloon & Restaurant, Hotel Central (built 1896), Dierker's Tin Shop; 2nd block: Dress & Hat Shop, Schelpers Market, Louis Poppe Shoe Store, Hardware, Bank.

Monroe Street

Now

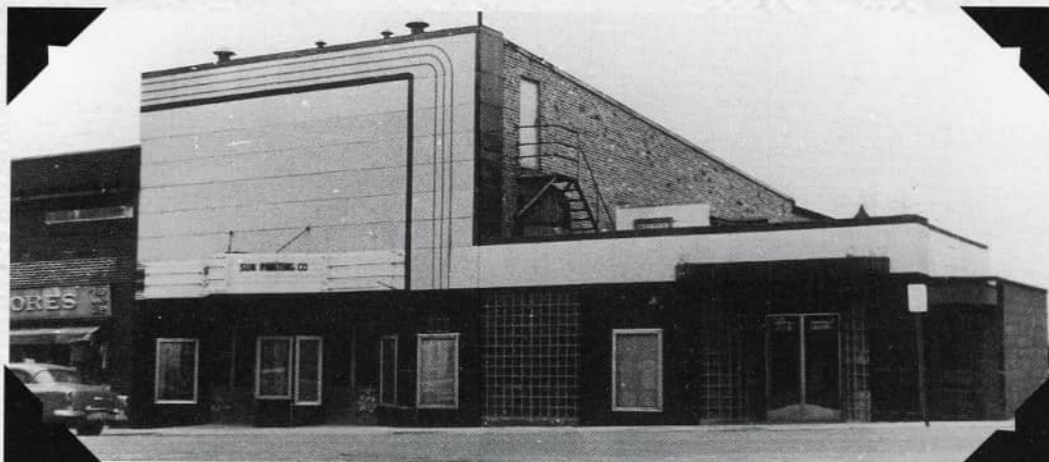


Crown Theatre

Then



Right side of street: Roosevelt Theatre, Shanghai Gardens, Taylor Studio, Crown Cleaners.



Sun Printing Company

Monroe Street *(looking east)*

Now



The Grille & Bicycle Museum.

Then



Hotel Laut, Schulenberg-Laut Block, Barber Shop, Ticket Agency for Interurban (behind Interurban is Lift Bridge across Miami-Erie Canal).

Monroe Street

Now



Crown Buildings - formerly Schwaberow Building, next Finke Candy Store and Boesel & Kunning Dry Goods Store (at corner).

Then



*Schwaberow Store, 1898 (later became Western Ohio Hardware).
Louie's Place (to the left), then The Nook and later Lee's Printing.*

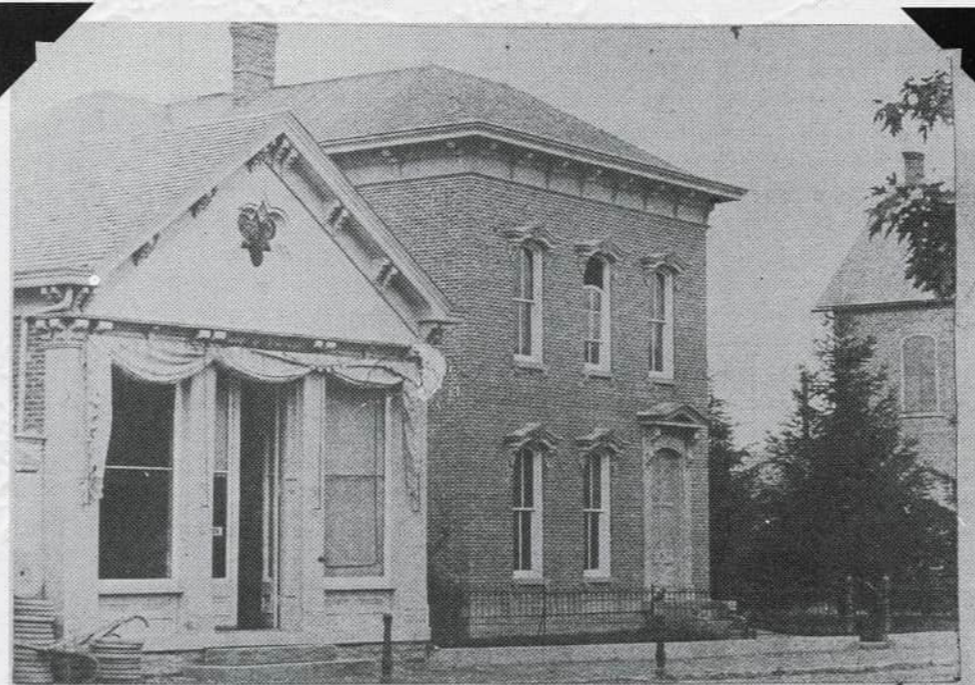
Monroe Street

Now



Crown Buildings, Crown Store

Then



Boesel Bros. & Co.'s Bank.—Residence of Jacob Boesel

*Boesel Bank & residence (built in 1866).
Later Pape's Jewelry Store.*

Monroe Street

Now



Solae

Then



White Mountain Creamery, established 1884.



Later became Beatrice Foods, Borden.

Corner of Monroe & Main Streets *(looking west)*

Now



Crown Educational Building, Howell's IGA.

Then



*Purpus Building 1892, New Bremen Sun Printing Company.
Louie's Sandwich Shop, Gilberg & Hegemier Appliances (at right)*

Corner of Monroe & Main Streets

Now



Crown Educational Building, Howell's IGA.

Then



Dr. Fledderjohann, Home Furniture Store, Otto Heinfeld Plumbing Shop (at right).



Rump's Service Station, Home Furnishings Inc.

Corner of Monroe & Main Streets *(looking south)*

Now



Crown Building, Gazebo in center.

Then



Boesel Home; later became the Post Office on left side of building and Taylor Studio with Telephone Company upstairs. (Before Taylor was Albert Funeral Home)

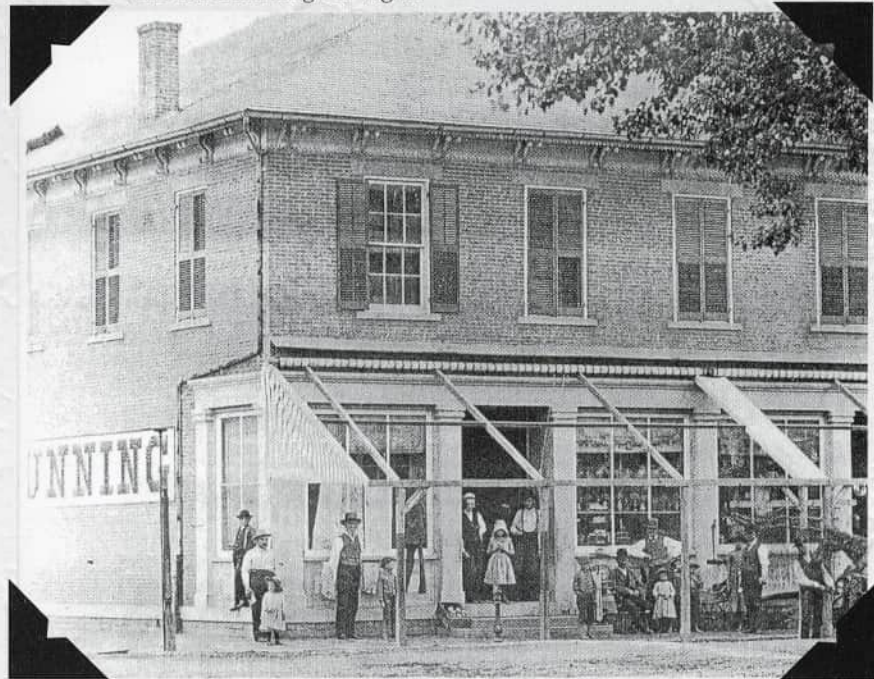
Corner of Monroe & Main Streets *(looking north)*

Now



Crown Building on right.

Then



Boesel & Kunning Building - open 1838.



Amstutz Hatchery, Mueller's Mens Wear, later became storage for Friemering's Home Furniture.

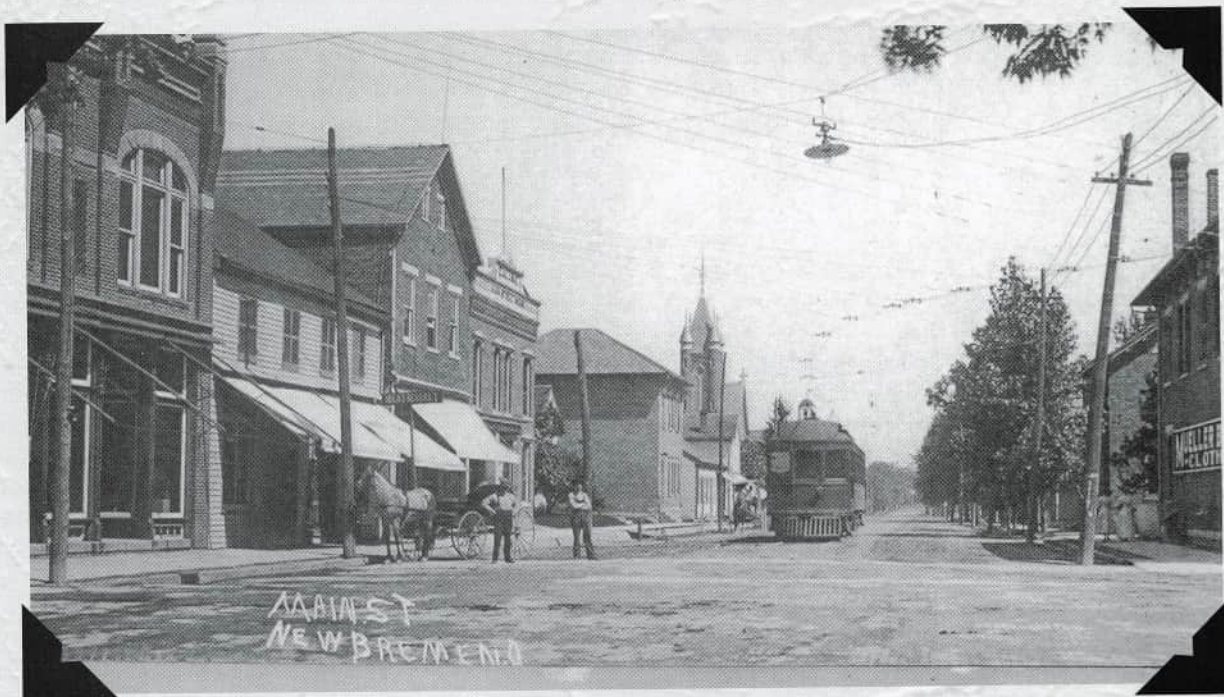
Corner of Monroe & Main Streets *(looking north)*

Now



On left, Crown Buildings, Zions Church.

Then



Sun Printing Company, Gilberg & Hegemier Appliances, Louie's Sandwich Shop, Fark's Bakery, Zion Church, Interurban.

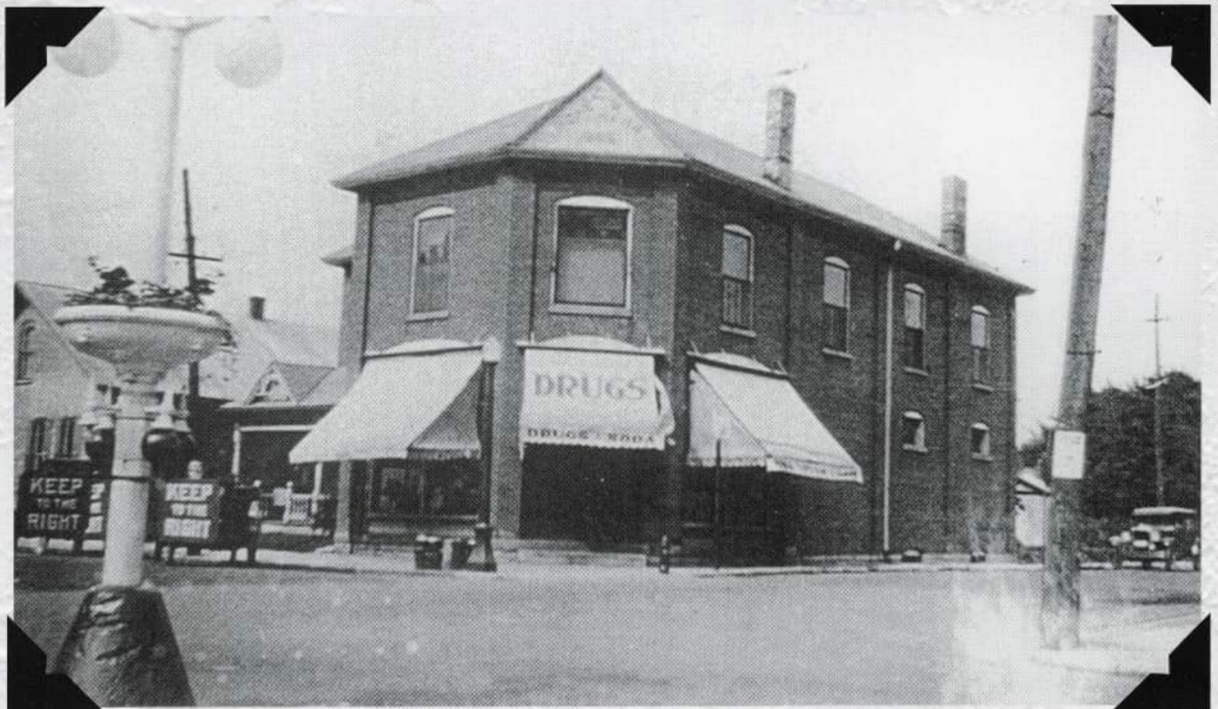
Corner of Washington & Monroe Streets

Now



Schwieterman's Drug Store

Then



Hoffman Drugs

Corner of Washington & Monroe Streets

Now



Then



Dierker Building Explosion



1st National Bank, destruction of Koeper's Shoe Store.

South Washington Street

Now



Marathon Station and Crown buildings.

Then



1st National Bank, Koeper's Shoe Store, Grover Wissman Barber Shop, Fire Department, Wints, Knipple's Bakery, Arcade. West side of street Doenges Tire and Kuenzel Mills.

South Washington Street

Now

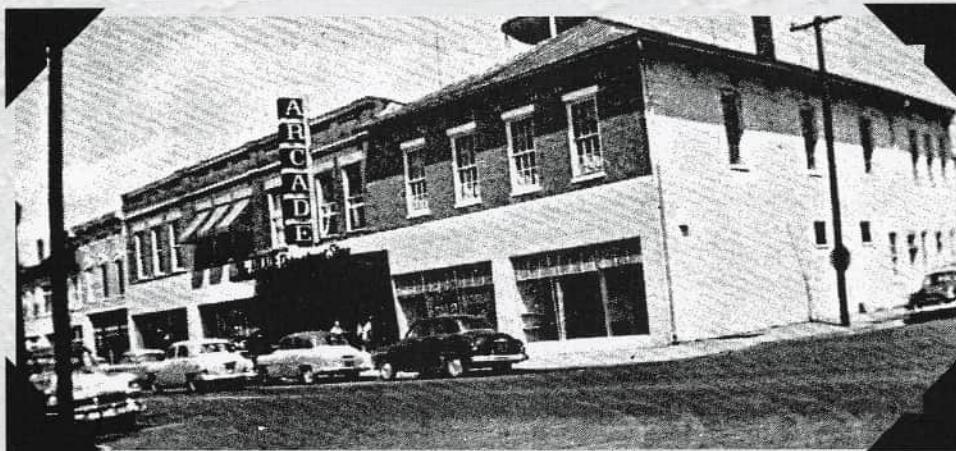


Crown Headquarters.

Then



*Arcade through
the years*



Early Crown building.



South Washington Street

Now



*Doc Riebel and
David Pape Office*

Then



Jacob Schneider Stable



Stueve's Plumbing, later a Laundromat, Miller Insurance and Lee's Printing.

South Washington Street

Now



Crown Building

Then



Rabe Manufacturing Company

Miami & Erie Canal

Now

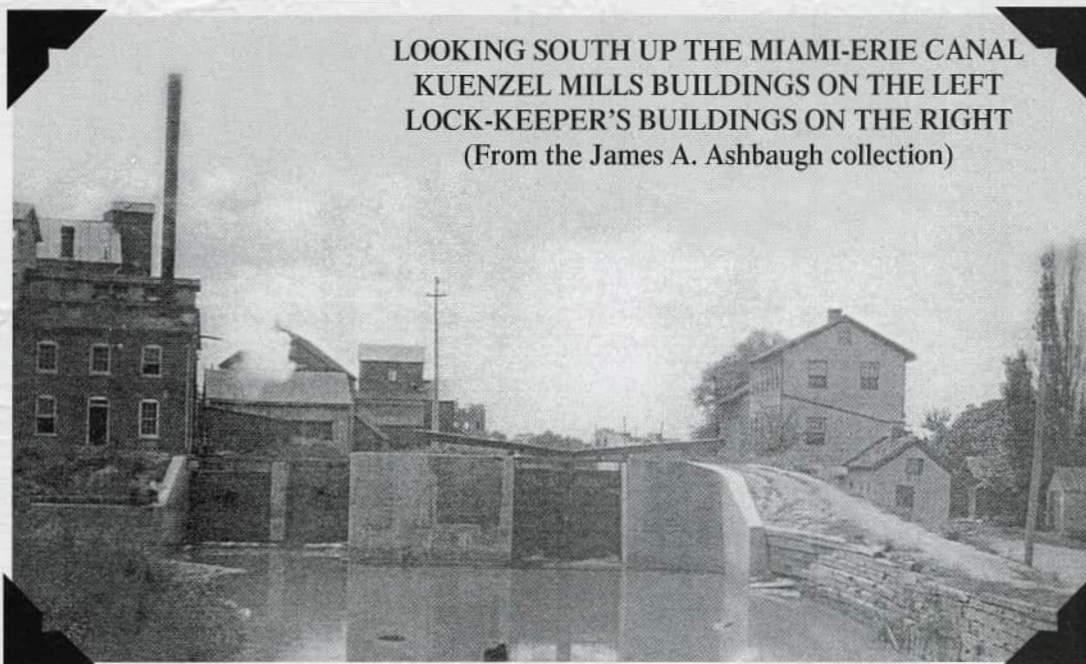


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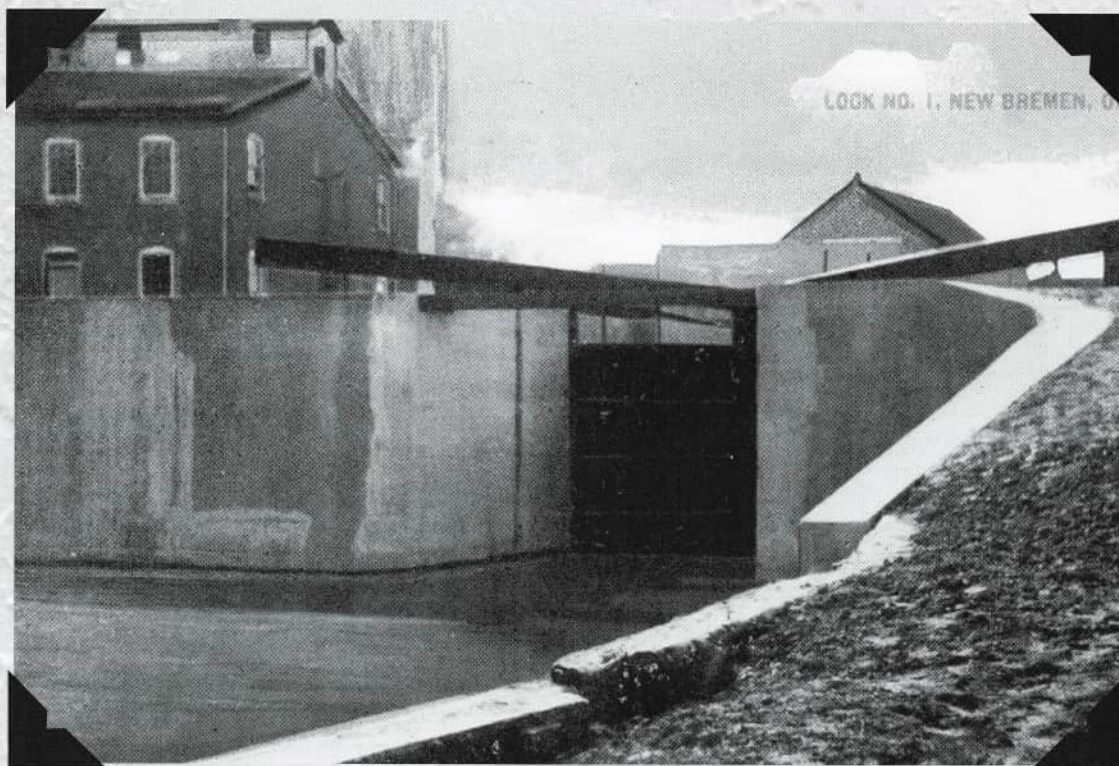
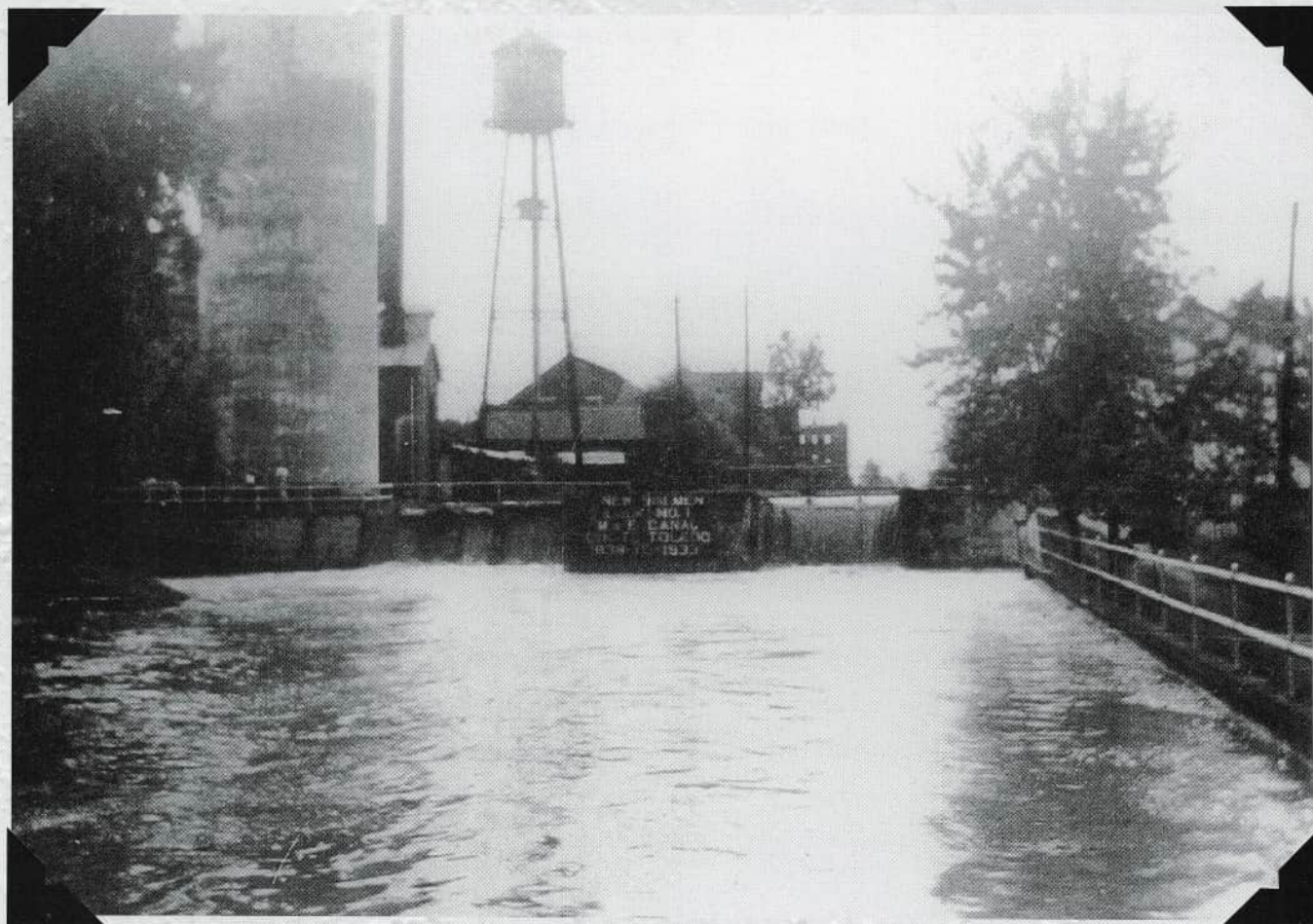


Lock No. 1, New Bremen, Ohio.

LOOKING SOUTH UP THE MIAMI-ERIE CANAL
KUENZEL MILLS BUILDINGS ON THE LEFT
LOCK-KEEPER'S BUILDINGS ON THE RIGHT
(From the James A. Ashbaugh collection)



Miami & Erie Canal



Miami & Erie Canal *(looking south)*

Now



Then



Office for New Bremen Blankets, Old Mill & J.A. Long Building.

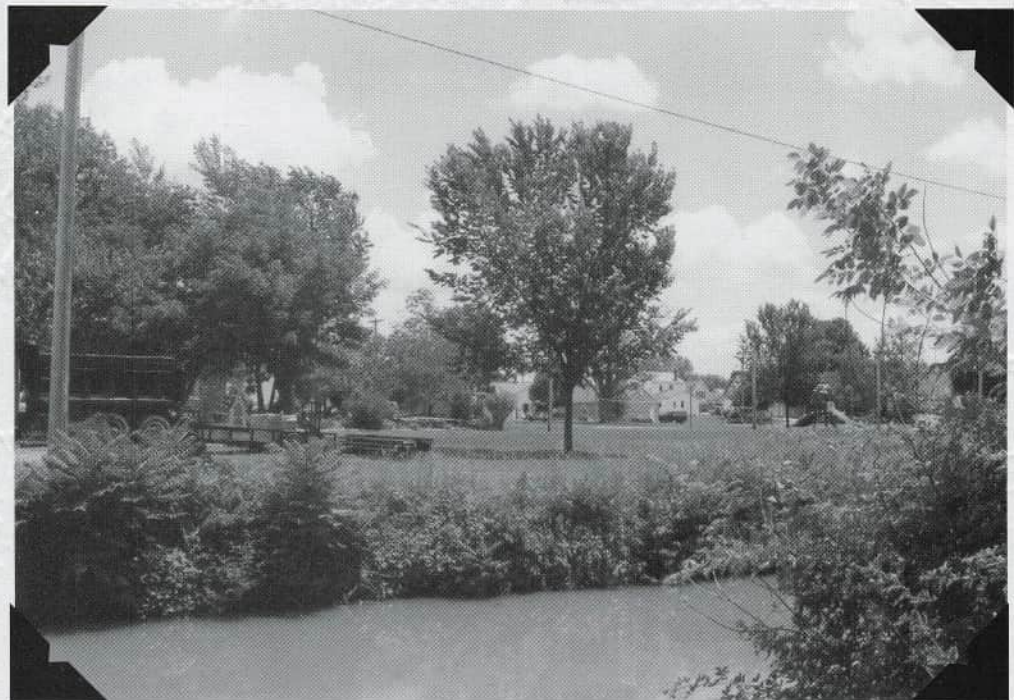
Rabe's Pond

Then



Turn around for the Miami-Erie Canal — included area to South Washington Street. Looking east is the back of Rabe Lumber Company. Later it became the local dump and was filled in. Now Jaycee Park.

Now



Plum Street

Now



Then



J.A. Long Building - wooden structure burned & was replaced with brick building.

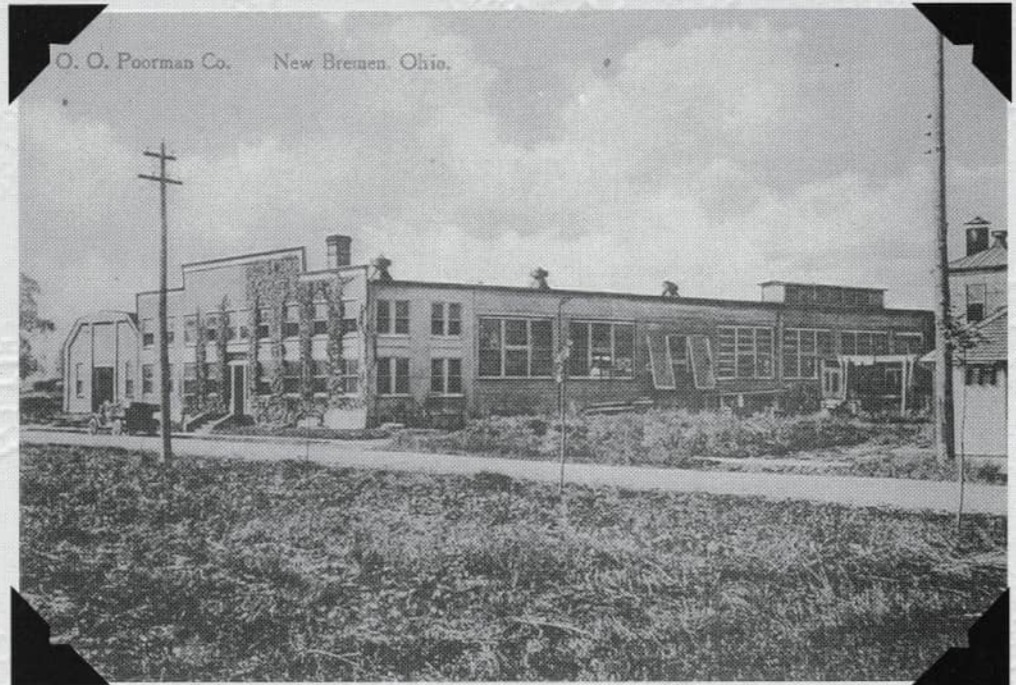


Corner of South Herman & Plum Street

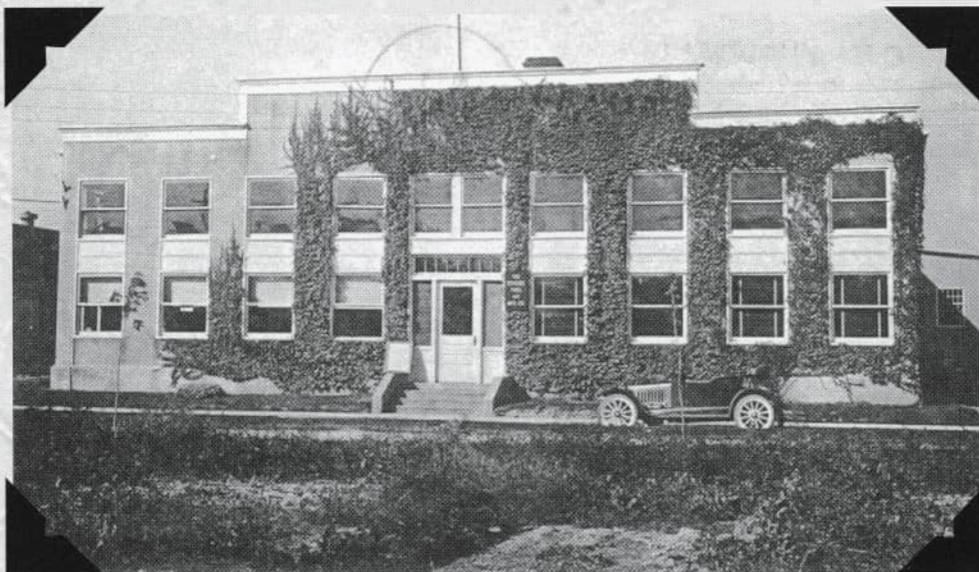
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Then



Poorman Company, Striene's, Stamco.



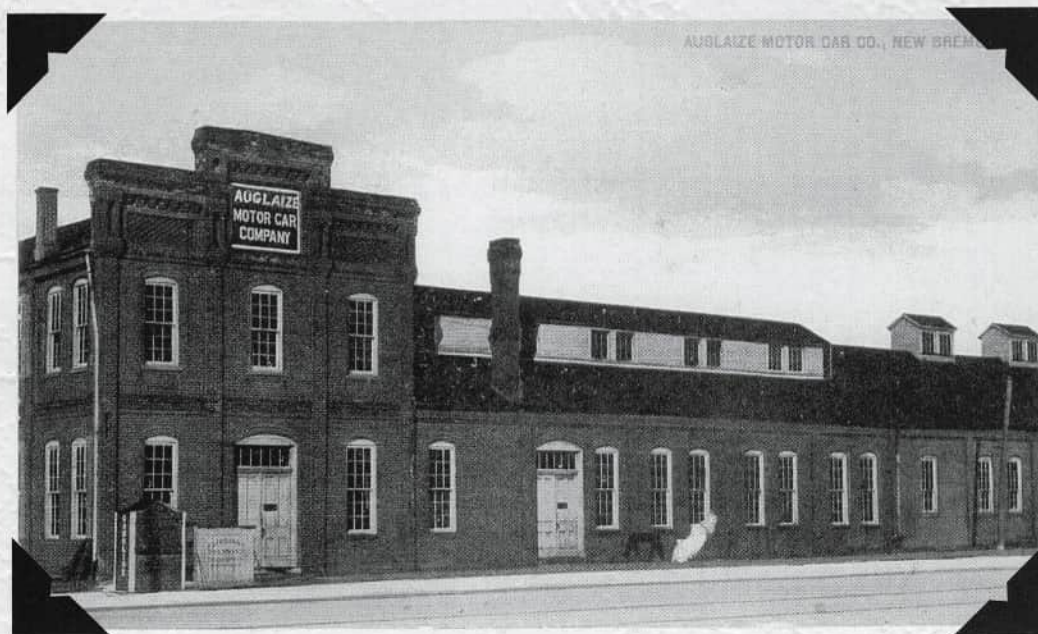
First Street

Now



ABC Center

Then



*Auglaize Motor Car Company
Wissman Tin Shop
McKay Woolen Mills*

North Main Street

Now



Hoffman's Decorating

Then



*Home Dwelling - Pork Packing Co.
Kuhlhorst Egg Plant*

1st National Bank

Now



South Washington Street

Then



Main Street - New Post Office, 1st National Bank

Fire Department

Now



Then



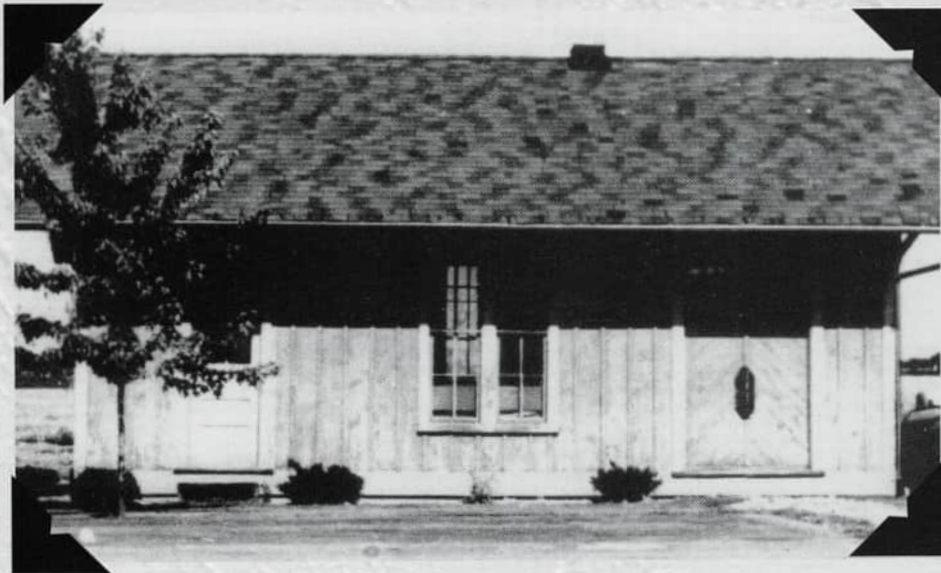
Ober Bremen Fire Department on Washington Street

*Bremen
Fire Department
on Main Street*



Depot & Railroad

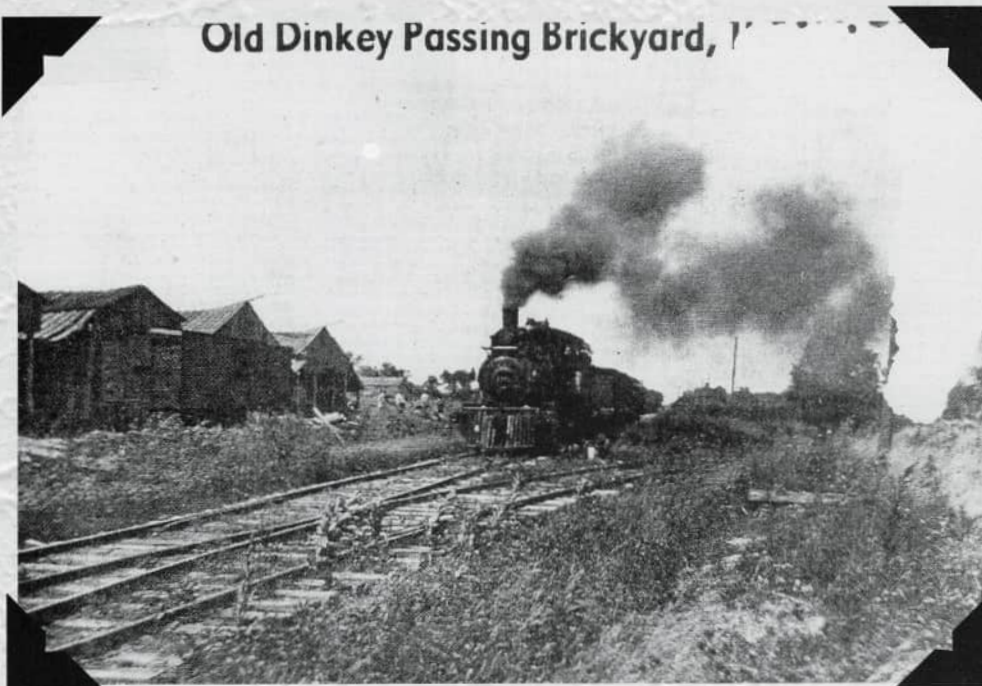
Now



Then



Old Dinkey Passing Brickyard, 1900



New Bremen Churches

St. Paul Church

Now



Then

*Built 1833
Rebuilt after fire 1898*



New Bremen Churches

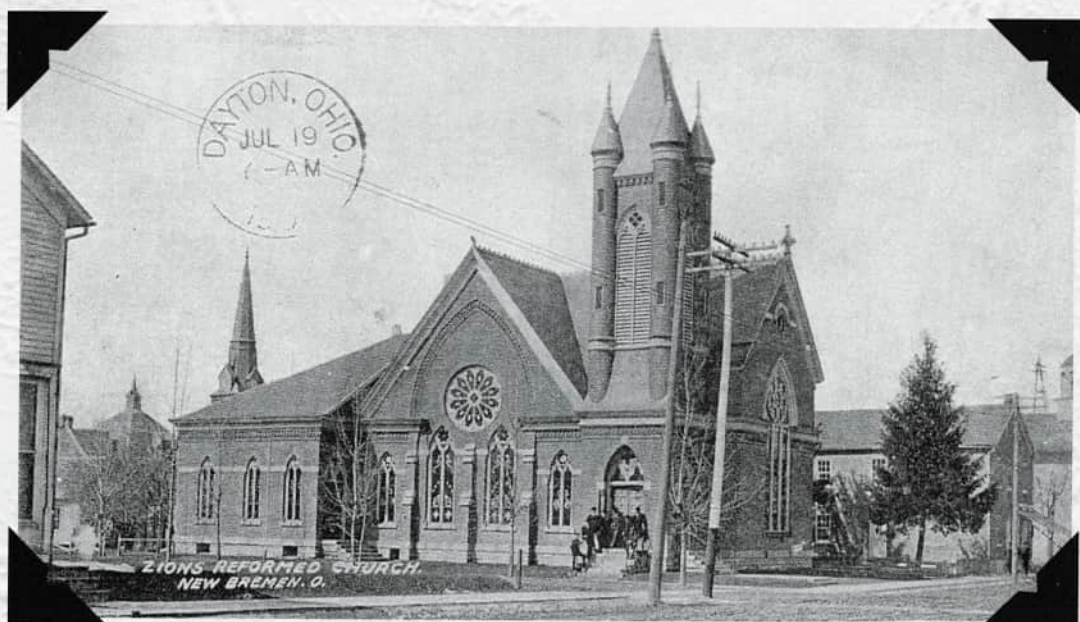
Zion's Church

Now



Then

Built 1897



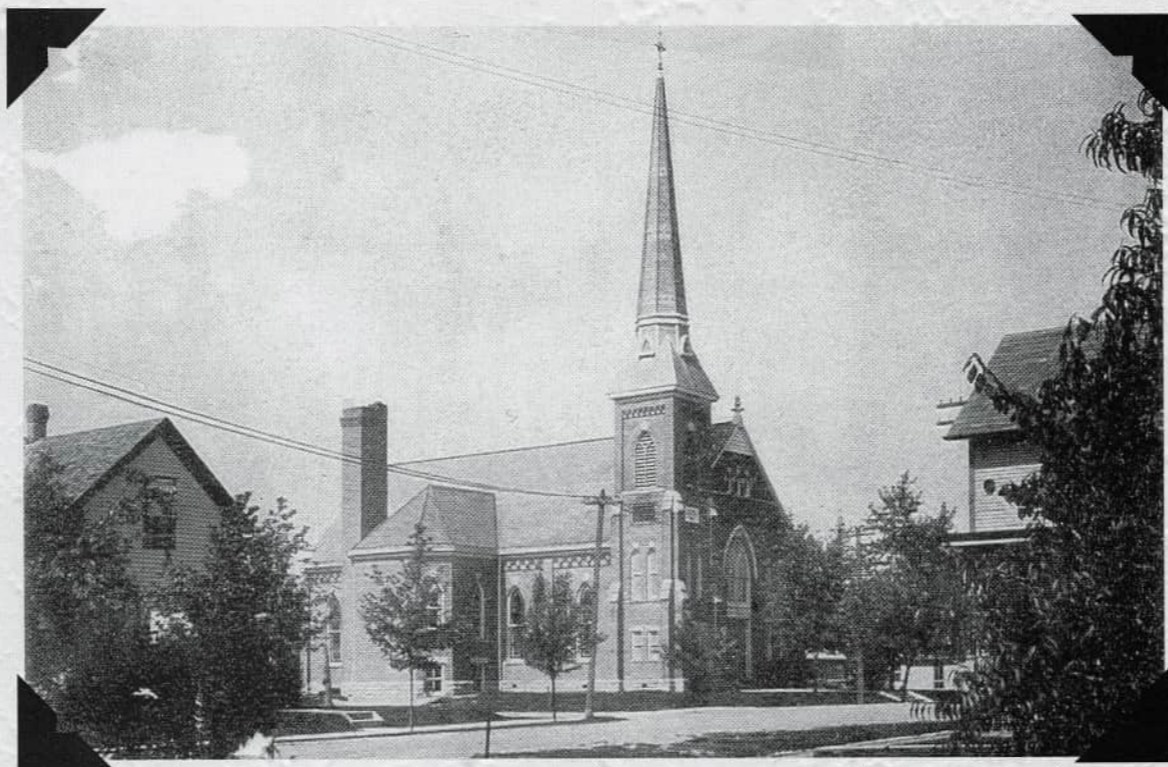
New Bremen Churches

St. Peter's Church

Now



Then



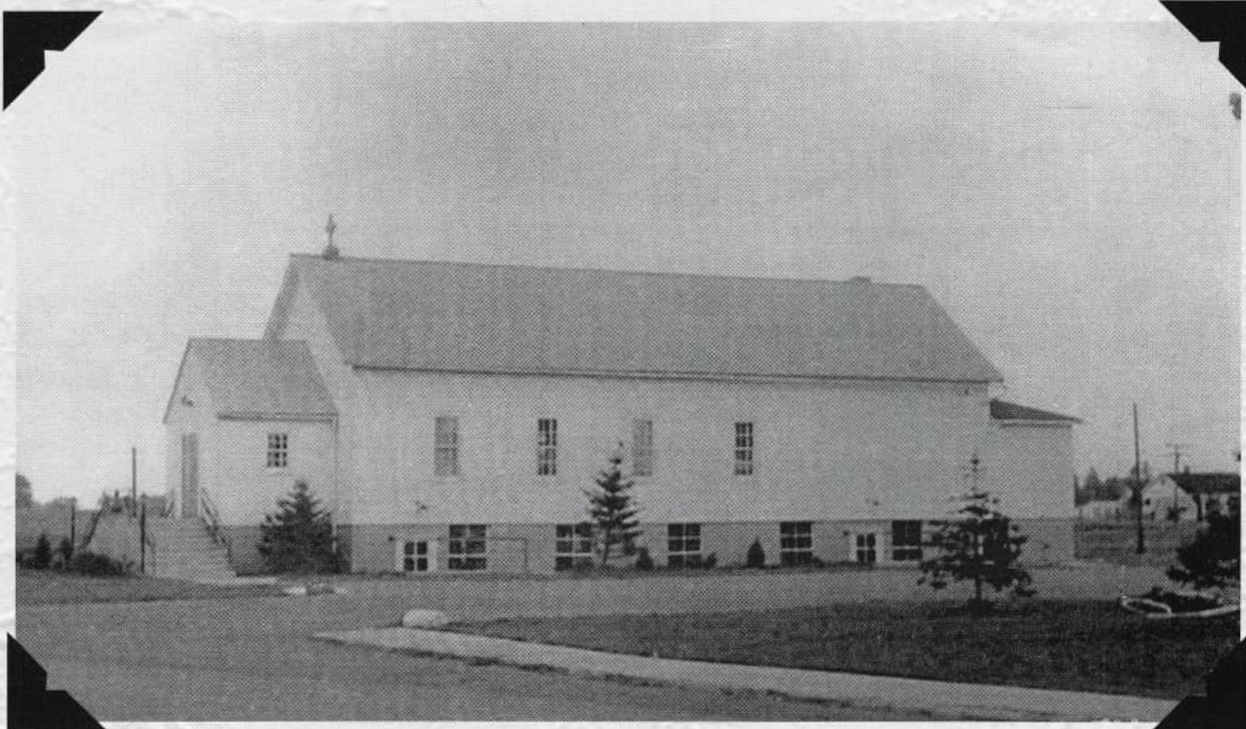
New Bremen Churches

Holy Redeemer

Now



Then



New Bremen Churches

Faith Alliance Church

Now



Then



Christ Church

South Herman Street

Broom Factory



Herman St. next to Stamco.



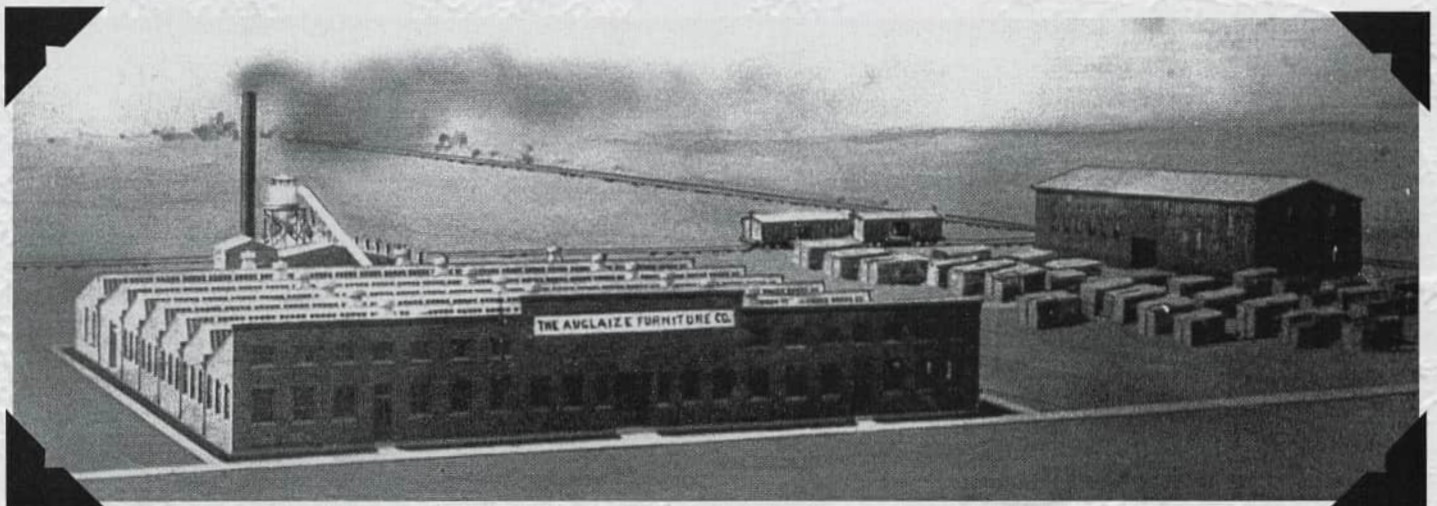
Barth Brooms, Poplar St.

Plum Street

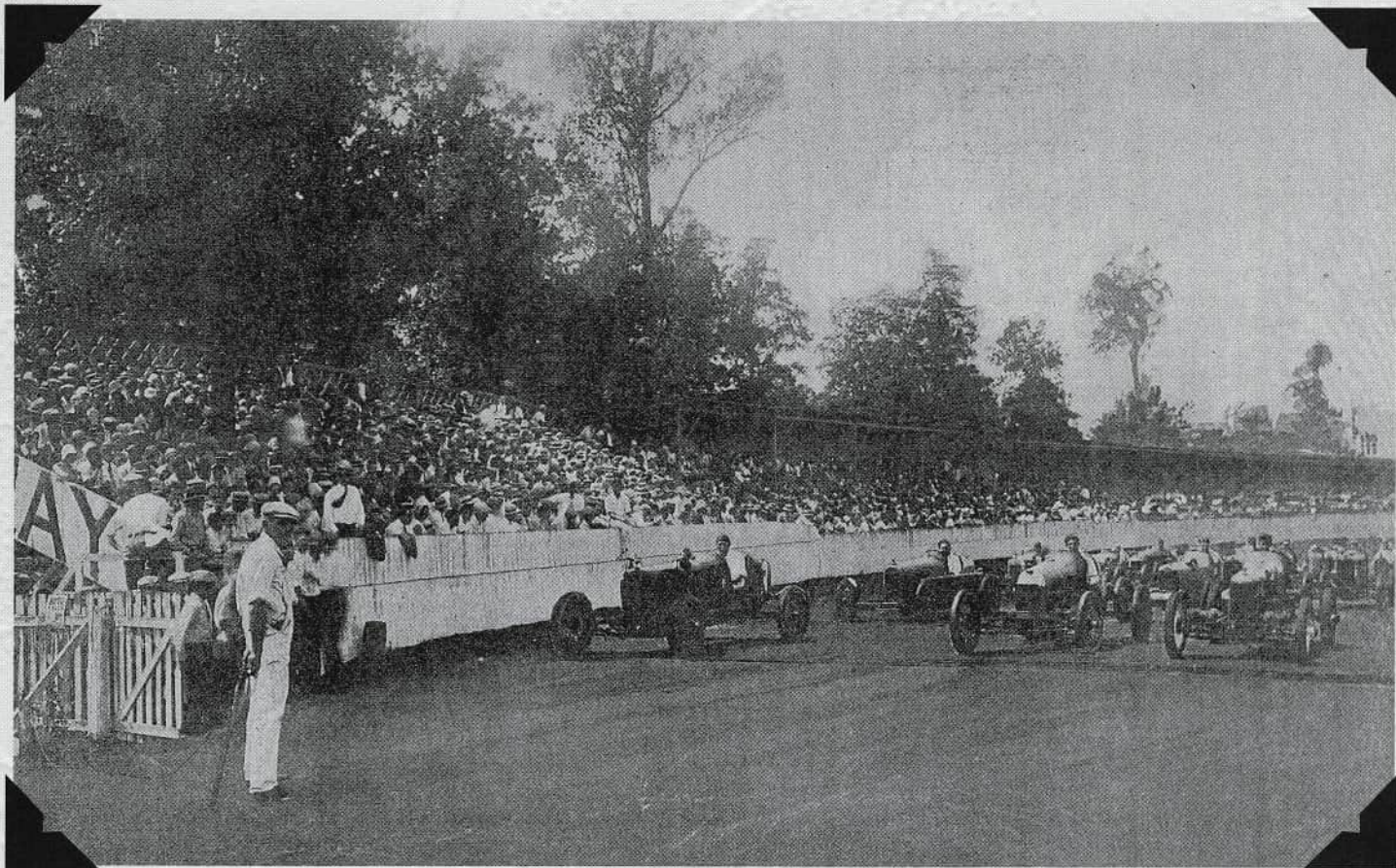
Klanke Furniture/Auglaize Furniture Co.



Later Sieberling Latex Products and then Stamco.



New Bremen Speedway



Frank D. Kuenning and Allen Kuenning - beginning of Speedway.

Plum Street

Swimming Pool



Built by WPA - 1938.



PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL - NEW BREMEN, OHIO

Now 2003



Coming into New Bremen from south.



Corner of North Washington and Monroe



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