

# Knights of Columbus Hall • 200 North Wayne Street



*Adams Drug Store*

In the earliest days on this site was the Jacob Anthony, Sr. harness shop in a frame building constructed by Isaac Hanna. The current building was erected by John Adams in 1879. He began John Adams Drug Store which was in operation for 37 years. Doc Adams is seen with the cannonballs brought to town after the Spanish American War.

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For many years, two square pyramids made of these cannonballs stacked five high were in Monument Park next to the cannons. Cannonballs also lined the historic fort area on either side of the Fort Site Street and West Boundary Street. Art Huelskamp remembers how the cannonballs in Monument Park stayed perfect for many years until one year kids would occasionally undo the stacks. Art would be called in to help stack them back up.

In 1917 Otto Zimmerman became the owner of Zimmerman Drug Store. In addition to a pharmacy department, the store included a variety of sundry items and a soda fountain.

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*(L to R) Otto Zimmerman and Pearl Cull ca 1917.*



Zimmerman Drug Store had Coca Cola tables with matching chairs grouped in little booths along the wall, separated by wooden screens. The prescription counter was in the rear of the store, warmed by a large coal stove. All supplies were delivered from the depot on a large horse-drawn dray. Many customers arrived by horse and buggy, and

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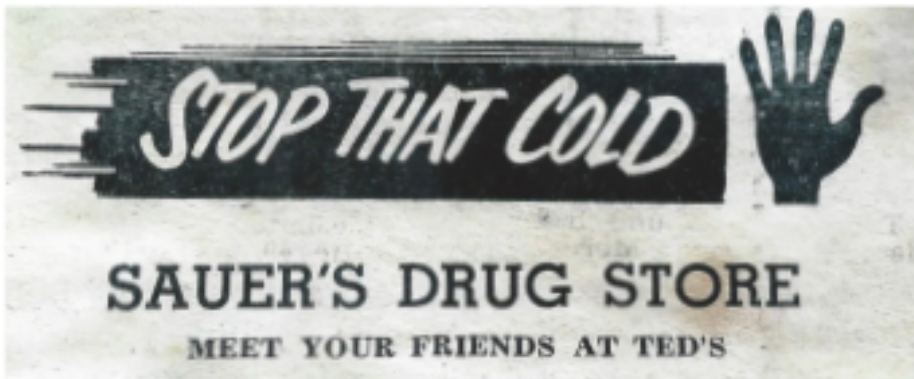
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a watering trough for the horses stood on the corner opposite the side of the drug store. Public dances were held in the hall above the drug store. The sounds of pounding feet and loud music resounded loudly in the store below.

Otto Zimmerman spoke fluent German, which was appreciated by many customers. He worked 12-14 hours a day, seven days a week. Pearl Cull worked for him. He was in business from 1917-1929.



Ted Sauer purchased the drug store and was in the business on this corner until 1970. Many have good memories of talking to Ted, the soda shop in his place, or the special concoctions he came up with. Ted Sauer's Drug Store was in Fort Recovery with Ted as druggist for 41 years. Janice Fiely remembers Ted's wife gave piano lessons upstairs. The upstairs apartment was also their home for many years.

After 1972 the space was renovated for the Knights of Columbus. The hall contains a kitchenette and besides being used for meetings, is rented out for various occasions. The K of C is still there today.



*Many card games were played at the K of C Hall on card tables donated by the 1950s businesses listed on the table. This table was donated to the historical society by Willie and RuthEtta Ranly and can be seen in the walk-by museum.*

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