

# Town Hall

## 214 North Wayne Street

Built in 1878, the city hall, as it was called then, had a 20x40 room used for town council meetings. In 1880 Carpenter William Hanna built the great table for this room. A jail was in the back of the building.



*Town Hall 1878*



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Originally the building had ornate hoodmolds over the three windows on the second story and the center door and flanking windows on the first. The bracketed cornice and frieze supported a paneled gable with Town Hall labeled. Louvre belvedere with gothic arches and parapet was centrally located on the roof. Later the fire department was added to the north side. At one time the original hand drawn cart was housed here. By 1950 the town hall was modernized with the removal of the cornice. Before replacing the roof, the old belfry was taken down and replaced with a steel one. After the town moved their offices, the fire department took over the whole building. So people would be aware of the time, a fire alarm at the station would sound at noon and six o'clock in the evening. Dick Fiely remembers working at Zehringer's Grocery Store and sometimes getting the job of pushing the fire alarm at the town hall at the six o'clock hour. For all the kids playing around town, they knew it was time to go home. It was suppertime!



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The photo shows the Fort Recovery High School Band marching past the Fort Recovery Journal newspaper office, located next to the fire department.



The photo shows Tom Hastings with his crew checking out an edition of The Journal.

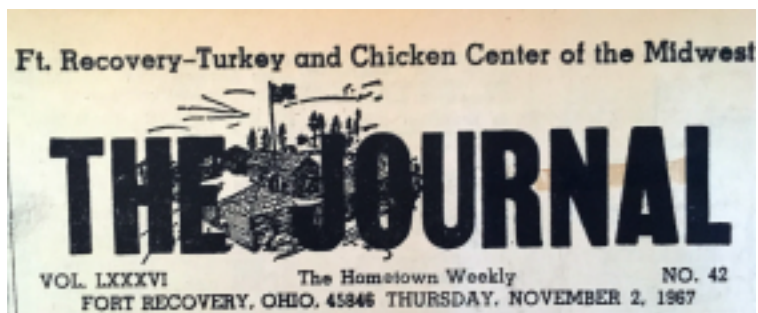
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*Old Journal Office*



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