

1 *Riverview Manor (St. Anne's Guest Home)*

813 Lewis Blvd. **NR**
Built in 1907, St. Michael's Hospital was North Dakota's seventh hospital. This handsome Classical Revival style building was constructed of sandstone and brick.



The Sisters of St. Francis bought the building in 1953 to serve the elderly and renamed it St. Anne's Guest Home. After the devastating flood of 1997, the building faced demolition. Valiant local efforts saved the building's classic apartments.

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2 *Grand Forks Bottling Co.* · 730 N. 3rd St.

When O.J. Bostrom first sold cases of soda pop from his original 404 N. 7th St. location, he mixed in just a few bottles of a crazy new drink called Coca-Cola. It caught on.

In 1937, his re-christened G.F. Coca-Cola Bottling company moved to a brick building on North 3rd Street, where it stood through the 1997 flood. In the 1950s when soda pop cost just a nickel, neighbor kids knew that if they dawdled around the building at the right time, a worker might slip them each a half-full bottle, with the admonition, "You go home, now."

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3 *Simonson's Lumberyard* 820 N. 3rd St.

The lumberyard fire of 1961 burned for days—and neighbors feared it would claim their homes. Simonson Lumber Company is a fourth generation supplier of building materials.

When the family bought this land in 1932, "neighbors had been using the land for garden plots. People had planted vegetables all along 3rd Street, from the N.P. Depot on down," recalled Peter Simonson, whose Danish grandfather Nels founded the lumber business in 1927 near St. Cloud, Minn.



Photo: Ron Phelps, GF

4 *Simonson's Gas Station* · 830 N. 3rd St.

Next to the lumberyard, this 1940 station had six gas tanks and glass cylinders that held motor oil. From the 1950s through the 1970s, John and Peter Simonson expanded their petroleum business throughout the state.

When they separated the family's lumber and gas operations, Simonson Cash Supply became Simonson Lumber & Hardware and the gas stations became Simonson Station Stores.



Photo: Judy Lerma, Buxton

5 *Hipple's Potato Chips*

901 N. 3rd St.

The smell of fresh potatoes frying until golden brown once permeated the whole neighborhood. The two Hipple brothers made potato chips from the 1930s through the 1950s, delivering them to bars and restaurants around Grand Forks and East Grand Forks in little waxed paper bags that were stapled shut. Hipple's closed in the 1960s and the building was converted into apartments. That building was torn down, making way for the 2008 Habitat for Humanity home built by area women.



Photo: Shirley Norman Stewart, GF

6 *Wilder Elementary* · 1009 N. 3rd St.

Originally built in 1891, Wilder Elementary was the city's third school. Besides a principal and teachers, the earliest Wilder School boasted a Superintendent of Drawing and a Superintendent of Music. William Wilder, a long-time school board leader, believed that strong, attractive schools would draw newcomers. A fire destroyed the first building, replaced in 1895 by a 10-room school. That building served students for nearly seven decades. The current school, built in 1964, enlarged Wilder School to eight classrooms, a lunch room, library and multi-purpose room at a cost of \$237,767.



Photo: Grand Forks Illustrated

7 *The Horse Trough*

N. 5th St. & Gateway Dr.
New York actress Minnie Madern Fiske campaigned to improve the lives of workhorses and donated more than 100 troughs across the U.S. in the early 1900s.

Grand Forks' 5-ton granite trough was first placed downtown near the original, 1879 Grand Forks County Courthouse. When cars outnumbered horses, our trough was moved out of the way to Sweet Clover Creamery, by the river. Later Ed Bohnhoff, a Central High School coach and radio personality, led the charge to relocate the trough to its Gateway site.



Photo: Sandra Taylor, GF

8 *Minnesota Dairy* · 1601 Gateway Drive

Minnesota Dairy started with a single cow barn in the Riverside Park area in 1923. Drivers would collect 10-gallon cans of milk from near by farms and bring it to town to process and bottle.

Horses pulled milk around the neighborhood until 1957, said the company's Tom Hagness. The Gateway Drive building holds milk, butter, yogurt, ice cream and other goods, which truck drivers pick up five days a week.



Photo: Colleen Abar, GF

9 *C&R (Trolley Barn)*

1010 N. 5th St.

C&R Cleaners and Laundry has been in operation here since 1955. In the 1960s, the business bought Model Laundry, which had operated since 1897. (The photo shows a decorated, horse drawn, display wagon.)



Photo: Marcia Gunderson

At one point C&R's building was used to house the city's fleet of trolley cars. You can still see where large doors would open to accommodate the cars.

The last trolley ride in the city was on July 15, 1935.

10 *The Kegs* · 901 N. 5th St.

Harry Muzzy of Crookston spent \$350 to build the single "Barrel" eatery here in 1935. Each barrel was made of 117 pieces of one-by-six-inch tongue and groove fir lumber. The outer shell was formed by 16-foot boards. Originally the barrels were stained and varnished.



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The small chain of "Barrel" drive-ins was hurt by gas and sugar rationing during World War II. So, the family closed its Wadena, Minn., drive-in and moved that barrel to N. 5th Street. After that, locals called the double barrels "The Kegs."

11 *Red & White Grocery*

N. 5th & 7th Ave. N.
The neighborhood was once full of small family-run grocery stores, like this one from the 1930s. Usually families lived above or behind the stores. The Dippe family grocery was kitty corner from the Henry family store at the intersection of N. 4th St. and 7th Ave. N. Some were free-standing stores.



Photo: Grand Forks Public Library

Before the shop at 809 N. 5th St. became Pavar's Shoe Repair in the 1950s, it had been the White Star Grocery. In 1929 it was known as the Dean and Warren grocery. The brick building at N. 5th St. and University Ave. was once Hugo's Piggly Wiggly.

12 *St. Michael's Catholic Church* · 520 N. 6th St.

St Michael's is the oldest Catholic parish in North Dakota. This Romanesque style church marked 100 years in 2009. It is the third St. Michael's church built on this block. The first church on this site was destroyed by wind, the second by fire.



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A downtown church, at DeMers and N. 6th St., was built in 1879 and looked like a "machine shed with a freestanding bell tower," said Father Bill Sherman, historian and retired St. Michael's priest. **NR**

13 *Grand Forks Auditorium*

502 N. 5th St.
Now St. Michael's parking lot, the first city auditorium was built in a record 31 days. The hasty building schedule was a condition for financing, according to Grand Forks historian Ted Jelliff. The building was spurred by the need for space for the Forks Oratorio Society's popular two-day May Musical. Later politicians from Teddy Roosevelt to Eugene V. Debs appeared here, as did social reformer Jane Addams and jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong. It was used for agricultural shows, boxing, wrestling and was home to the National Guard. Before it was torn down in 1958, just about everyone had gone roller skating in this building.



Photo courtesy of GF Herald, Valley & Beyond

14 *M&H Gas Station* · 423 N. 5th St.

A long-time neighborhood fixture, M&H has had three buildings on this site. One store was so narrow that customers had to turn sideways in order to squeeze by each other.

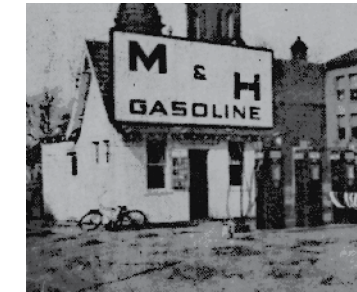


Photo courtesy of M&H Staff, from a Grand Forks Herald article, ca 1978

During the Depression, M&H gave away glass premiums with gas sales. Every now and then a customer will bring in a vintage coffee cup and saucer, a reminder of tough times made easier over a mug of java. Miller and Holmes, Inc. has headquarters in Hudson, Wisconsin.

15 *Washington Elementary School* · 422 N. 6th St. **NR**

Now used as apartments, this Classical Revival style school cost \$39,000 to build in 1907. During the city's boom in the early 1900s, debate flared about where to add classrooms. Ideas were to add a story on the original "Central School," or to squeeze a 12-room schoolhouse next to it. The school board's James Dinnie, north side builder and future mayor, pushed for building a new school near St. Michael's, where the city owned property. Architect William J. Edwards designed Washington School, St. Michael's School, and the Central High School built at its current site in 1917.



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16 *Antenna Building (Assembly of God Church)* 401 N. 7th St.

Church members had hurriedly raised a small wood building with no foundation here right before Christmas, 1935. This 1949 building was the Assembly of God's second church. Over the years, the congregation steadily outgrew this space. It moved to its south end location in 1979. A selfhelp organization bought this church and renamed it the Antenna Building. When the organization had trouble making the mortgage, members turned to the church, which reduced payments. Hundreds of people attend a variety of meetings here.



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