

Neighborhood Timeline



Hippodrome



Avon - 1915



Olympic



Typical Lafayette St. theater interior

c.1920 Movie theaters made their debut along Lafayette St.

1925 City directory listed a veterinary hospital at 411 Broadway operated by Drs. Walter G. Hollingworth & Walter J. Chynoweth.

1924 New Utica Police Station opened, designed by Bagg & Newkirk Architects. A new city hall/government complex was also proposed by Olmsted Bros. but plans were abandoned in 1929 with the onset of the Great Depression.

Steel framing for commercial buildings came into wider use in the early part of the 1900s. This allowed for larger windows as glass making methods also improved.



301 Columbia St. @ Bway.- then



301 Columbia St., Utica Paint extant



Central Markets- Columbia St.



401 Columbia St.- then



401 Columbia Pl., RCIL- extant

By the mid-1920's, one could buy almost anything on Lafayette, Columbia, and surrounding streets- from apples at the Central Market and mom & pop groceries (no food desert here) to furniture at E. Tudor Williams and wringer washing machines at H.D. Morehouse & Sons. As technology advanced Lockner's on Columbia St. kept pace, selling the latest in radios & electric refrigerators. They also sold bicycles. Several restaurants served the neighborhood and a sweet treat could always be enjoyed at Weber's on Lafayette St. Printing businesses thrived in the area.-



Morehouse & Son- 1928



Lockner's- c. 1932



Weber's ad -1925



327-331 Lafayette St. Then



327-331 Lafayette St Now-extant

By the early 1920s livery stables that had dotted the neighborhood gave way to parking garages, automobile dealerships, auto parts and auto repair businesses. Harry Heiman's dealerships and others were fixtures on Lafayette St.

c.1930 Berger's Department store expanded and remodeled in the Art Deco style popular at the time. Linne Kinne, AIA was the architect. The design used porcelain enamel metal panels on the first floor facade which can still be seen today. Kinne's original architectural drawings for the remodeling at 338-358 Columbia St. are in the collection of the Oneida County Historical Society.



320-22 Lafayette St.-1925 ad



Harry Heiman Inc. car dealer- Lafayette St.



333-362 Columbia St.- Berger's-1930s



333-362 Columbia St.- extant

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