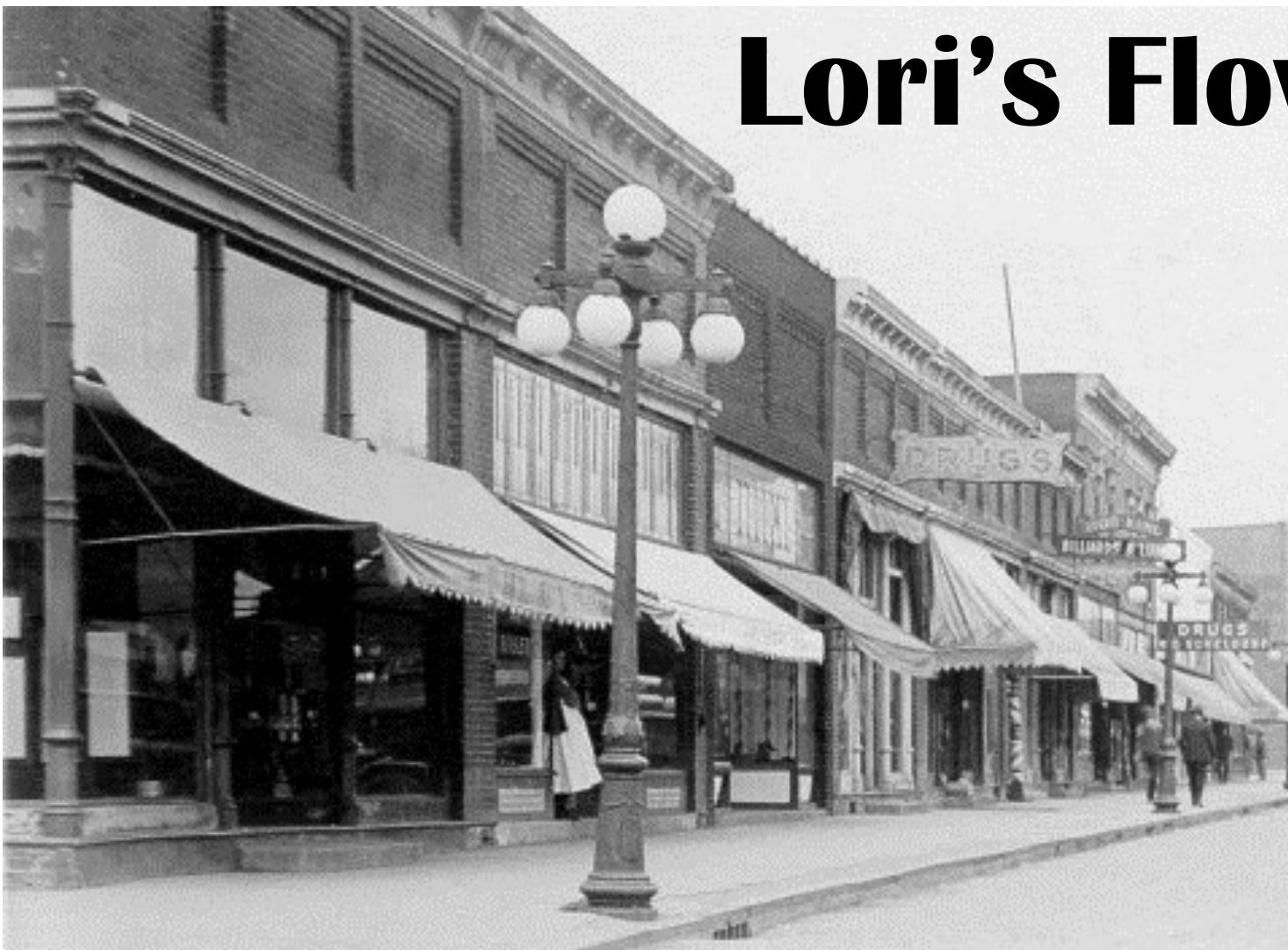


Lori's Flowers



Left is a historic photo of building at 306 Main St. (circa 1910-1920s).

Below, the building 1930.

Below, left, Following 2014 Revitalization project.



306 Main St., - Wehrmann Building has been occupied by

- Johnson's Shoes,
- Manning Bootery
- Lori' Flowers

The building is likely one of the brick store buildings built by C.D. Dewing, after the 1891 fire destroyed all the buildings fronting Main Street in Block 5. The building is best known for its association with two Manning shoe stores, those of William Wehrmann and Chris Johnson. In 1896, William Wehrmann took over his father's boot and shoe store, "one of the largest boot and shoe establishments of the county."

In 1908, Wehrmann traded his house and business for a farm in Harrison County. The man he traded with was Chris Johnson, a shoemaker by trade, who had been in the shoe business in Council Bluffs for 15 years before buying a farm to regain his health. In 1913, Johnson bought the "Wehrmann Building" for \$5,000, and eventually, Johnson's son, C.M. Johnson, joined him in the business. He purchased the store outright in 1945.

In 1953, C.M. Johnson sold the store and business to William G. Hallet, Mark B. Christiansen, and Emmett Mullen of Denison. The group announced plans for the store to be "completely remodeled and restocked" before opening as the "Manning Bootery." It was probably around this time that the ribbon window bearing the Johnson name was either removed or covered over. In 1960, Mullen became sole owner.

The building now operates as Lori's Flowers, owned by Kelly Sybesma who purchased the property in 2007.