

Pub 500

500 – 510 South Front Street

Originally five buildings and a grain elevator stood on the southwest corner of Cherry and South Front streets. The J.G. Koller Grain Elevator was constructed in 1888 on the west half of 502 South Front Street. The grain elevator changed

owners

until the

late

1920s

when

Charles

A.

Nachbar

began his

business which continued until 1966. The Front Street corner portion of 502 contained a confectionery store from 1908-1930; followed by a filling station until the early 1950s.

The buildings at 504 and 506 contained barber shops and second hand stores in the early to mid-1900s. In 1929, a Dry Cleaner moved into 508 and quickly expanded into 510. The Wandersee family took over the dry cleaning operation in the late 1940s. The Windmill/Wandersee Florist shop moved into 510 in 1965. In 1974 the dry cleaning business closed and Wandersee Florist expanded into 508; operating until 1983.

In
1970, the
Park Plaza
Office
Building
was created
at 502-506
South Front

and housed the headquarters of Happy Chef; the Mankato based restaurant created by Sal Frederick.

The buildings were razed in 2000 by the Frederick family and Pub 500 was constructed; it is owned and operated by Tom Frederick, Jr., nephew of restaurateur Sal Frederick.

