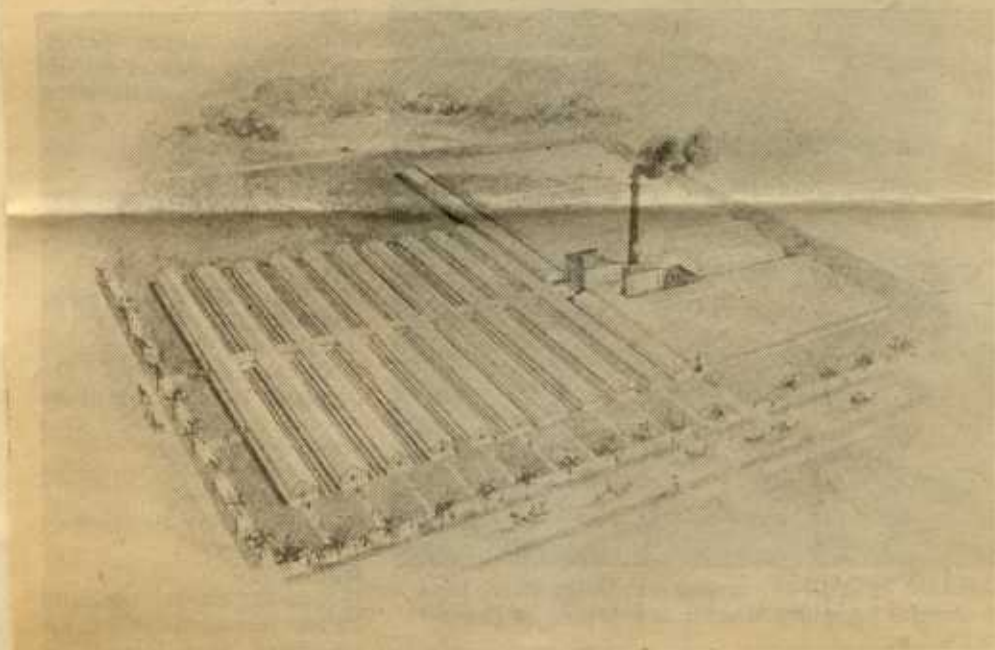


Lakeview Rose Gardens Were Once Impressive Local Business



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The Lakeview Rose Gardens, the largest of their kind anywhere, were located on the site of the present Broadview Estates. The site today has been transformed into beautiful homes and lawns.

Four acres were covered with about 300,000 square feet of glass. This called for extensive heating facilities, water and electric lines, pumps and boilers and operation of machines and carpenter shops.

Many of the skilled employes were part time, spending the summer operating steamboats. Most of the pilots were skilled engineers and, along with the engineers not needed to overhaul the steamboats, were assigned to

the rose gardens to repair pumps and steam lines, and also to install electric lines and keep electric motors in repair.

The steamboat firemen were needed to fire the five large boilers used for heating and operating the many water pumps. Some of the steamboat men were Glen Solomonson, Harry Courson, Albert Lindquist and LaVerne "Porky" Lindquist, all skilled mechanics.

The Rose Gardens operated for many years, according to William A. Broadhead, who inherited the Broadhead interests. He stated it became impossible to continue because of problems getting fuel. As near as can be learned the closing was in the early 20s.

Mr. Broadhead, along with others, established the Broadview estates and personally laid out and named streets and planted trees. He also designed and built the first six houses.

The streets were paved with brick from the Jamestown Shale Paving Brick Co., also a Broadhead enterprise. These pavements are still in use and are in good shape considering these

were two and a half inch brick laid flat.

The rose gardens were founded by Almet N. Broadhead who took over active management until his death. The company also maintained an office and retail store on North Main Street.

Following is a condensed account as written sometime in the late 1890s.

The Lakeview Rose Gardens have been in existence nearly two years, ground having been broken Sept. 20, 1898. The gardens, located on the outskirts of Jamestown, are a model of their kind.

The growth of these gardens has been so rapid that it is difficult to realize so much has been accomplished in so short a time, the plant being equal to other concerns of 40 years growth and development.

The site was formerly a veritable swamp, low marshy ground, full of springs. This swamp has been filled to a depth of ten feet with clay and gravel, ample drainage being provided by a 24-inch sewer that carries the water 2,000 feet away to the lower lands that connect with the Jamestown sewers.

There are 40 houses in all, a long span to the south 21 feet wide and 300 feet long with connecting houses 20 feet long between forming a continuous pas-