

History of DeFlippo's

Part I

In the winter of 1945, **Dominick & Barbara DeFlippo** were forced out of their apartment on West Ave. (presently Capelli's Salon) because of their growing family. Destitute, needing a home and place to run his ice business, Dominick struck a deal with Al Kudel for an abandon building at 326 West Ave. , presently the restaurant. He then moved his family and business into a home with no working plumbing, holes in the walls (later patched over with window shades and wall-papered), and barely any heat.

The children remember wearing their snowsuits to bed and also used oven heated bricks wrapped in a towel to warm their feet.

To make ends meet, after the ice route each day Dominick would haul mail from Union Station to the Post Office twice a day, delivered fire wood and hauled leather scraps from E. H. Ferree & Co. in his rickety old truck.

With refrigeration well on it's way, a mortgage to pay, 3 young children and a truck needing constant repair, Dominick told his wife, out with the ice business and that they would turn part of their home into a bar and restaurant. **That was 1946, DeFlippo's Restaurant was born!**



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