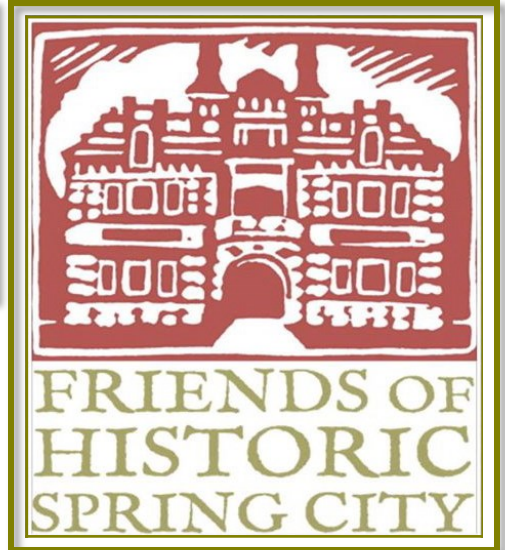


# Friends to Friends Quarterly

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**“Preserving our past, restoring for the present,  
ensuring our future”**



On May 16, the Friends cleaned the Old School in preparation for Heritage Day, sweeping floors, vacuuming, and washing windows. This year we used the 2nd floor for the Art Squared auction and art craft sales. Good work, everyone!





# Heritage Day, 2015

Antiques sale on the first floor



Craft Sale on the second floor



Our gross income from Heritage Day 2015 was over \$36,000. Once we pay the artists, our net is about \$25,000, a jump of about \$10,000 over last year! We are seeing great momentum in our fundraising; we've set up a GoFundMe crowdfunding site where we are closing on our goal of \$10,000. Check it out at <http://www.gofundme.com/springcity>

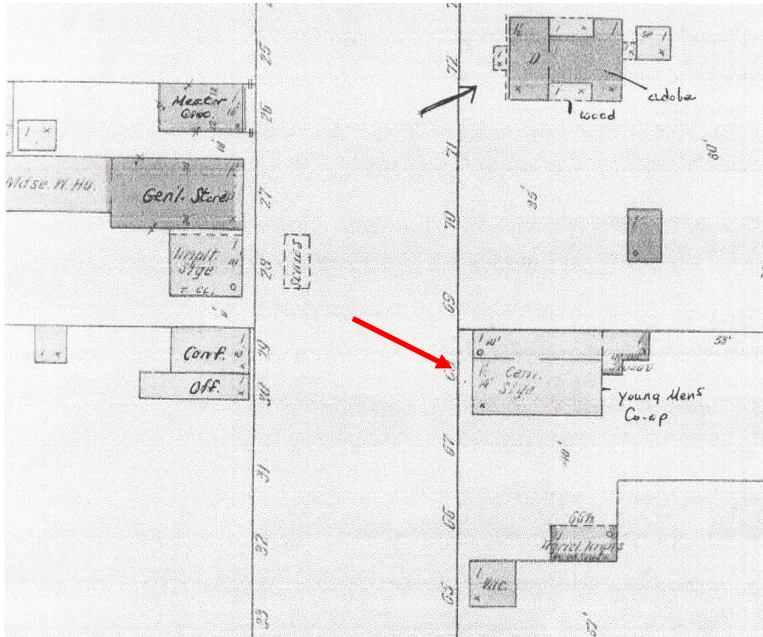


Pioneer Day festivities and the Car Show and Blue Grass Festival also proved beneficial to the Old School restoration efforts. Zona Barrio Grill donated to the Friends, one dollar for every burrito sold during those days. Pictured here is a check for \$400!



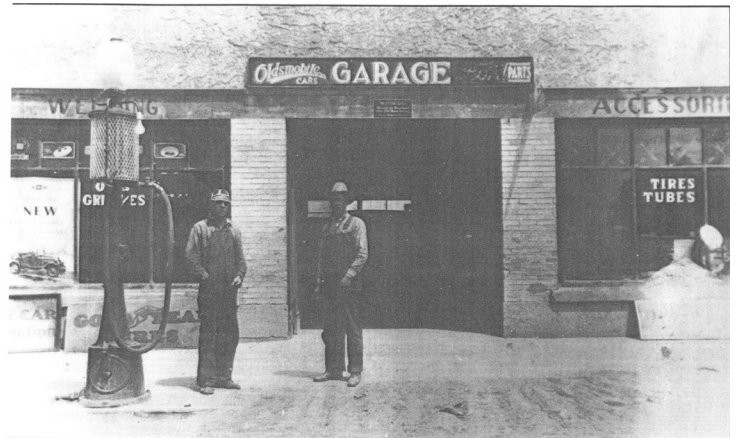


Young Men's Co-op Store, 1889-1912  
 Strate's Garage 1919-1961+  
 Spring City Arts Gallery Co-op, present day



Sanborn fire insurance map, 1917 online digital collection Marriott Library, University of Utah.

The Young Men's Co-op building became the Johnson Mercantile and moved from the east to the west side of Main Street. It later became the Beck Mercantile which burned down in July 1929.



Rulon (left) and Everett (right) ca 1919

Johnson's Merc, formerly the Young Men's Co-op was probably demolished to make room for the Strate Garage around 1919.

Everett Strate's Garage was the only car dealership for between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

(Information about the Strate's Garage came from *Life under the Horseshoe* and from the compiled history binder located in the gallery.)





Andrew Everett Strate was born October 12, 1897, in Spring City. He died November 24, 1961. Everett Strate sold Pontiac and Oldsmobiles and other cars, Goodyear and Firestone tires, batteries, and other equipment, in addition to gasoline. The pumps were located in front of the garage on Main Street. Massey-Harris tractors were also for sale for a few years. In addition to this business, Everett was busy with his sheep and farm.

At one time, a liquor outlet also operated in the garage, but was taken out because of employee problems. After Everett's death in 1962, the garage passed to his sons; however, it soon closed because of the difficult economic conditions and other problems.

At one point, Strate's Garage was the only car dealership in Sanpete County.

This business had its share of adventures. Salt Lake Tribune, August 23, 1939 reported that parolee:

*Tom Ingerfield, about 40, borrowed a car from Roy Allred of Mt. Pleasant, drove to the Everett Strate service station at Spring City and ordered 15 gallons of gasoline. When the attendant returned with Ingerfield's change, he was confronted with a rifle and a command to hold up his hands. He then took all the money in the cash register, \$8.65.*

*The robber then told his victim to load a "case of whisky" in the car and to hand over money from the cash register. The attendant complied under protest.*

*Driving south at a high rate of speed, Ingerfield was pursued by Melrose Pritchett of Spring City. At Moroni, Pritchett picked up State Highway Patrolman Morris Anderson to aid him.*

*Catching up to the fleeing car, the two tried several times to run him off the highway, but were unsuccessful. Arriving at Mt. Pleasant, Ingerfield's machine went out of control and smashed into a utility pole.*

*Unhurt in the accident, he was taken into custody aided by Sheldon Monson, Mt. Pleasant city marshal.*

A luxury Pontiac Streamliner Model sold for as high as \$2,764.43, the Torpedo coupe models started at \$1,775.30.

The August 6, 1937 edition of the Mt. Pleasant Pyramid advertised: *If Strate's Garage and Service Station does your work, you will be satisfied. Good work in the 18 years of the garage's business life has been its owner Everett Strate's main road to success.*

*Mr. Strate deals in Standard gas and oil and maintains complete repair services and does body and fender work.*

The building is currently partly empty, but has been converted into an Art Gallery, operated by Spring City Arts members.