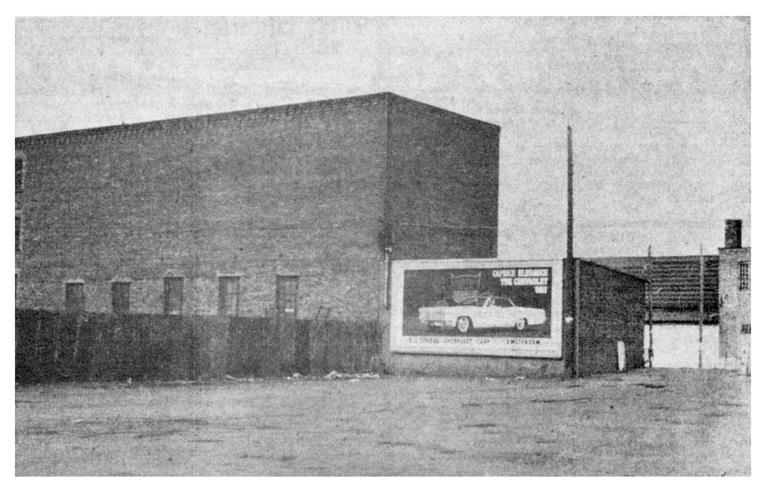
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FORMER BROOM PLANT RAZED - At the foot of Walnut St., east side, already removed from the path of the arterialized Route 5 was this building. It was originally one of four used by the American Broom & Brush Co. in the days when Amsterdam was the first city in the world in the manufacture of brooms. The six-acre site on Walnut St. was selected in 1895 when the business founded (1859) at Fort Hunter by Ebenezer Howard

moved to this city. Production continued, sometimes with as many as 200 broommakers, until the mid-1930's. A section was later used as a warehouse by the Hill & Watson Feed Co., and after that by the Ogden Grain Co. Previous demolitions here took place in 1957 when the property was acquired for parking purposes by M. Lurie & Co. View is westward on the A. & P. parking lot extending from Walnut to Washington St. (Donlon)