

# How Bloomington got 3rd Street Park

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bo. Then three "angels" suddenly materialized. Banker William H. Adams furnished the money for a swimming pool. His sister-in-law, Anna Adams, bought extra adjoining lots for the park. She did ask that the Spankers Branch be covered up. A trombone playing lumberman, Lew Hughes, provided a trombone and money for a bandstand.

The park, bona fide at last, had two dedications in 1928, one

for the swimming pool and one for the bandstand.

One mystery remains. Who was the "Friend of the People"? In 1925 Mayor Harris died in office. The council chose one of its own, Len Lewis, a Democrat to succeed Harris.

That year the Republicans had four mayoral candidates in the primary — T.A. Faulkner, John "Shorty" Nichols, James Wells and John Hetherington, who was elected mayor.

And W.N. Showers eventually got his very own park after all.