



Some locations in Patchogue saw many changes over the years; the southwest corner of Main Street and Railroad Avenue was one of them.

The large Nathaniel O. Swezey mansion occupied this corner from the 1890's to the 1920's. In 1923 the offices of the Brookhaven Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk and the Town Assessor were located in this building until the new Town Hall was completed on South Ocean Avenue. The Dodge Motor Co. was the next occupant on this spot in 1926.

Patchogue always tried to be a progressive town, but here, the meaning of a "drive-in" restaurant seemed to have been misunderstood. It is safe to assume that the driver of the automobile had to go hungry for a while longer. The scene is at the Hofbrau House Restaurant on the southwest corner of Main Street and Railroad Avenue, about 1947.



In the 1960's the Hofbrau House had become the Home Town Tavern and Restaurant.