The earliest settlers in this area were the Ayers, with continuous ownership of their homestead until 1968 when Gordon Betty Weinkauf purchased the one hundred seventy acre farm. In 1977, twenty-two dairy farms populated this area. Today, the Weinkauf’s farm is one of the last remaining dairy farms in the Town of Rochester and is now owned by Mike and Judy Weinkauf. It’s a family affair with Jacob, age twelve, winning Racine County’s Champion Dairy Steer, direct from the dairy herd; Katie, age 10, winning a blue ribbon for her Hereford Steer, which sold for $1.55 per pound and Trevor, age 8, while too young for 4-H winning in the Open Class at the Racine County Fair.

Ed Ayers, former owner of the Weinkauf farm, was in the race horse business for many years and no doubt raised hay and oats on this farm for their animals. Mr. Ayers owned a barn and racetrack a short distance from the northwest shore of Echo Lake in Burlington. He kept and trained his Trotters and Pacers here.