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HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM

May 10 - 14, 2021 is American Craft Beer Week

The Olt Brothers and Heidelberg Distributing Co.

A family of beer brewers and a distributor resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery



The Olt Brothers Brewing Co.

Charles Olt, like his brothers Frederick, William, Edward and Oscar all worked in a different line of business before opening their own brewing company.

Charles learned the butchering and grocery business and later became bookkeeper for the

Heidelberg Distributing Company

Albert Vontz, Sr. was a German immigrant who came to the United States in 1907. The Heidelberg Brewery Co. was located in Covington, KY and Vontz would drive a truck every day from the brewery in Kentucky to deliver the popular Student Prince Beer to grocery stores and restaurants in Dayton.

at the Schantz Brewing Company, moving up to manager and staying there until 1906.

Edward Olt became a bookkeeper at Patterson Tool and Supply Company before moving on to the Seybold Machine Company where he held the same position.

Charles, his brothers, along with their father John incorporated the Olt Brewing Company on November 6, 1906. Charles was elected president of the company, William was elected vice-president, and Frederick became secretary and treasurer.

With \$50,000 in capital stock, the Olt brother's repurposed a warehouse on East Second Street between McGee and Irwin streets and ran their brewing business. The Olt's Superba Beer line was one of the most popular brands in the city.

When the brewery sold in 1946 he bought the delivery route and kept the Heidelberg name supposedly "to save on stationary and the cost of painting his trucks."

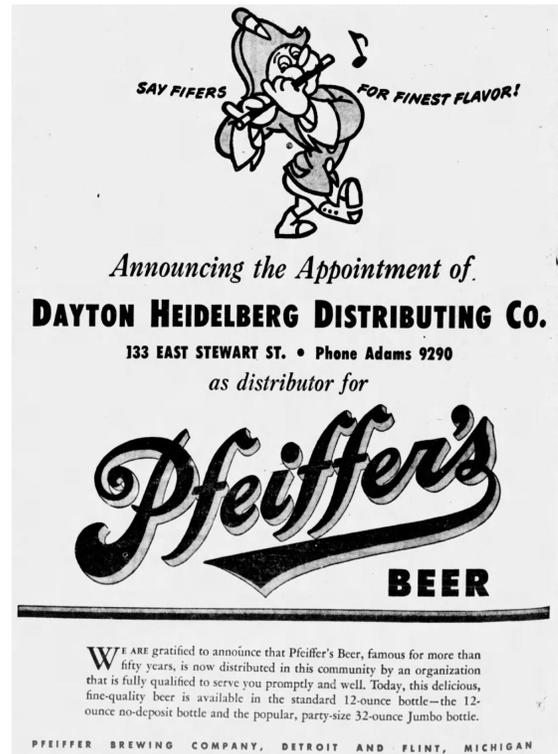
Vontz soon found new beer and wine products to distribute. After WWII, Albert Vontz, Jr. joined the company and helped his father build the business in both Dayton and Cincinnati, acquiring the rights to distribute Anheuser-Busch products in 1959 in Cincinnati and in Dayton in 1961.

In 2012, the company expanded its warehouse and purchased the old Cooper Tire & Rubber Company building on Dryden Road, clearly visible from I-75.

Today, Heidelberg Distributing is still a family-owned business celebrating over 80 years in business. The company employs over 1,700 people in Ohio and Kentucky, including 300 in Dayton.



Above: an Olt Brewing Co. beer delivery truck.
Below: Olt's Superba Beer packaging



March 17, 1949: a Dayton Daily News newspaper ad announcing Heidelberg Distributing Co. to provide distribution of Pfeiffer's Beer.

The Olt and Vontz families are resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery.

Charles and Fred Olt are located in Section 133 and Section 101 respectively.

Albert Vontz, Jr. is located in the Mausoleum.



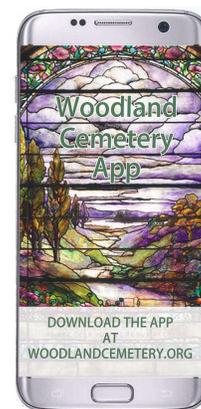
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