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Dean Kirschenman (left) and Ted Weber dish it out at Ted and Wally's, 312 N. 12th St.

Ted and Wally's - worth the wait

Yet another dessert shop has been added to Lincoln's growing list of places to buy sugar-rich calories, and this one is a welcome addition.

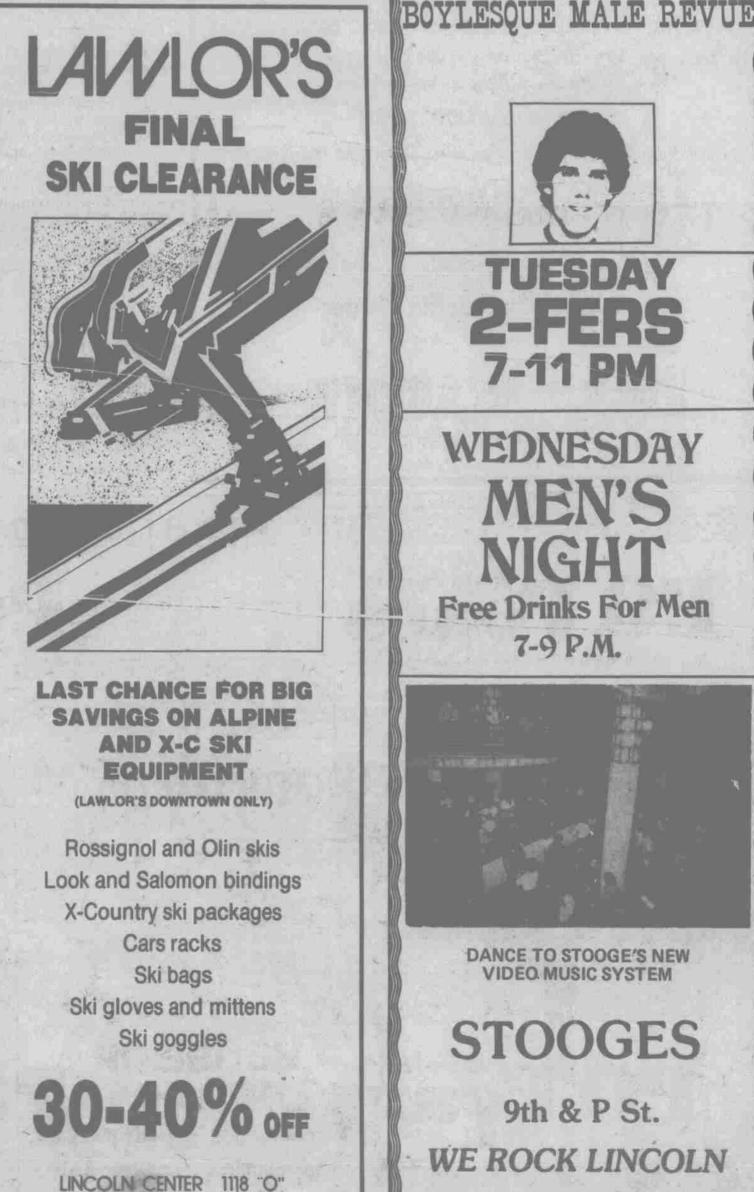
Ted and Wally's, 312 N. 12th St., stirred the curiosity of many passers-by for quite a while before it opened. The store looked ready to open in December. Even though ice cream wasn't a particularly appropriate dish in those frigid days, homemade ice cream can warm a palate in the coldest clime.



Dean W. Kirschenman (W. for Wallace) said he and partner Ted Weber were ready to open in December. But they decided a vacation would be a better option than opening an ice cream store in the worst part of a bad Nebraska winter. That accounts for their healthy tans.

I ordered a scoop of vanilla and a scoop of butter fudge pecan with a Snickers bar mixed in. The Snickers bar added taste and consistency to the already good ice cream. The whole thing was mashed together, so I recommend asking for one flavor unless you're adventurous.

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Ted and Wally's opened March 8. It has been busy every time I've passed since.

Last weekend, Ted and Wally's ran out of ice cream. For this weekend, Kirschenman said, he would be ordering four times as many ingredients. The ice cream is made in two five-gallon electric freezers, which sit in the front window.

Ted and Wally's ice cream tastes great — it has that homemade flavor. The cost reflects that. But when one considers the time and energy it takes to crank ice cream by hand, it's well worth it.

The menu offers a variety that challenges Baskin-Robbins and the taste leaves all 31 flavors at the bottom of the churn.

Each day, Ted and Wally's offers different flavors. Some are original concoctions, Kirschenman said.

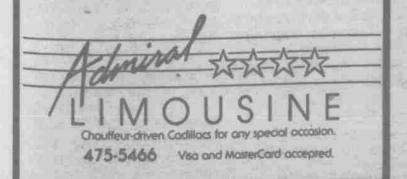
There were eight flavors the day I went. In addition, one can order a "mix-in." The store has a long list of candies, chocolate bars, nuts and other things to order mixed in with your sundae or ice crean.

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