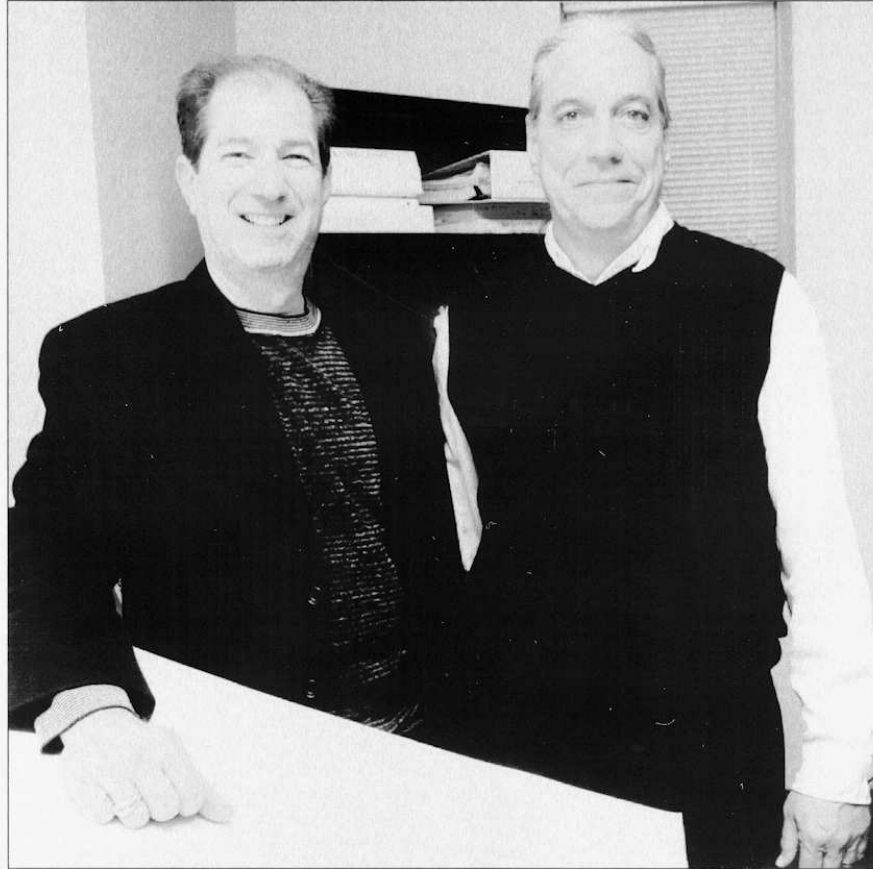


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Company rises along with buildings



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Steve Pitlor, left, is president and Don Moore is executive vice president of N. Pitlor and Son, a mechanical contracting firm in business for 100 years.

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Many of downtown Omaha's commercial and government buildings contain a little of the N. Pitlor and Son company.

"You can just about go to any corner in Omaha and pick out buildings we've been involved with over the years," said Steve Pitlor, president of the mechanical contracting firm that celebrates its centennial this year.

Nathan Pitlor started the company in 1908. Steve Pitlor represents the family's third generation to operate the business.

N. Pitlor and Son installs mechanical systems — the plumbing, heating and air conditioning networks that can make up as much as 40 to 50 percent of a new building, Pitlor said.

The company, which employs about 100, specializes in the new construction and retrofitting of hospitals, institutional buildings and large office buildings, Pitlor said. It has completed "literally thousands of projects" around the city, and its officers have a history of involvement in community activities, he said.

"We believe in the community... (and) giving back."

Pitlor, for example, served as president of the Omaha school board in the early 1990s.

Pitlor said the company has grown significantly, in terms of revenue, employment and projects undertaken, since Pitlor and Don Moore, executive vice president, joined it more than 30 years ago.

It is one of the oldest mechanical contracting businesses in the Midwest, Pitlor added.

Moore said the company's longevity stems from its diversity of projects and clients and its willingness to adapt, especially to new technology.

The mechanical systems of new buildings are growing more complex because of the increased attention to energy management, Pitlor said.

Pitlor said he sees continued growth for the company, which is building an addition to its headquarters near 108th and I Streets.

N. Pitlor and Son has persevered through the Great Depression and numerous recessions with the support of the Omaha community, Pitlor said.

"We're proud to be a part of Omaha and truly, truly believe in this city."