

Lark



F.C. Saenger Feed Mill - Louie Saenger in doorway

Grist Mill

A grist mill was another enterprise built and operated by F.C. Saenger. L.M. Saenger was hired to run the machinery in grinding feed. Several years later the building with equipment was purchased by L.M. Saenger, who also added a planing mill. He later sold it to William Thiele. Thiele moved a house to Lark from his father's premises and added an addition to the residence.

Later the mill was purchased by L.R. Nohr who then sold it to William C. Nohr. W. Nohr operated the mill until it was no longer profitable. He sold the machinery and old lumber in the building. He had the building removed and used the plot for a garden.

Lark Service Station

An exclusive hardware and machinery business was established by L.R. Nohr when he built a hardware store next to his residence. A Lark service station was added to the business when Mr. Nohr purchased the NW corner lot from William Luebke and erected a building. In 1947 an additional building was added to house the greasing and welding business. Gilbert Wendland rented this property for his welding and auto repair service from 1943-1948. The garage proper was sold to Mike Roffers and then Mrs. Wm. and son Roland who uses it as a private garage. The office section of the garage was transferred to Way-Morr Park in 1960, where it is used for storing park equipment.

About 1936 Mr. Nohr also started a bus line, beginning with one bus, adding another smaller bus the next season and later two large Mercury buses in the summer of 1947. After Mr. Nohr's death, the busses were sold to Daenen in De Pere and Mrs. Nohr operated the hardware store until 1953. She sold the business to William Schmelter. The present owners, Don & Nancy Conard, purchased the shop for their plumbing and heating business in 1964.

Peper's Hardware Store & Residence

The construction of another early store and adjoining residence was that of H.A. Peper Hardware Co. At first

they handled hardware exclusively, but later it was realized this was not a profitable enough business alone. Therefore, an undertaking establishment was started with William Behl working as the embalmer in company with H.A. Peper. Behl later moved the undertaking business to the Village of Morrison (to the current Nickel's Funeral home site) and the partnership was dissolved. The hardware business was also discontinued and Mrs. Peper started a small grocery store. Mr. Peper then took up the occupation of carpeting.

The Peper building became very rickety and in 1926 the entire structure was removed and a new store was built. An additional residence was added in 1936. Gerald Klekhaefer purchased the store from the Peper's in 1967 and in turn sold it to Art Heinz in 1975.

The Coop

In 1890 Charles Pelischek built a tavern in the NE corner of the township, (Stark area) that became known as Pelischek's corner. Succeeding owners were Joseph Vanderplas (1932), Timothy Gallagher (1932-1944), H. Kersey (1944-1946), Roy Clark (1946-1947), Rupert Pagel (1947-1949), Leo Leiterman (1949-1976) and Leeland & Carol Leiterman (1976-1998). In 1998 the tavern changed hands to the current owner, Pete Matzke.