

204 W 1st Street

(previously 111 S Chestnut Avenue)

The former Kuethe & Kuehl Machine and Pattern Shop at 111 South Chestnut has since been demolished and relocated in an Astylistic Utilitarian style building, built in 1895, at 204 W 1st St. Historically known as the Lang and Scharmann Foundry and Machine Shop and later the Kohs Machine Shop, owned by A. L. Kohs in 1939. The former Lang and Scharman Foundry building was purchased in 1961 and Kohs Machine Shop moved to that location of 206 W 1st Street in 1966. The business has specialized in welding and making parts and machines to order plus small engine repair. The business filled government contracts during WWII. Also associated with the machine shop was K&K Sporting Goods in partnership with Harold Kalsched. This business sold boats and Johnson outboard motors plus did repairs. The Toro Dealership and repair was also part of Kohs Machine Shop as was a Lenox Furnace Dealership in the 1940's and 50's. The business and later the buildings were purchased by William Kohs in the mid 1970's who operated the business until his death in 1983. At that time, it was purchased by his nephew Jeff Will, who continues to operate the business at present.



50 YEARS AGO TODAY

Fire power, at least 50,000 pieces a year, is Lang-Scharmann Company's contribution to the war effort. The company manufactures adapter fuses for bombs and Navy shells and plans to continue its all-out production as long as it is necessary. With the final drive of the European war under way, the Lang-Scharman Company schedule calls for 15,000 bomb fuses and 3,000 A.P. plugs for Navy shells each week. In order to maintain that schedule, the company has sub-contracted the rough machining of the shell fuses to the Kohs Machine Shop and the William Conway Repair Shop, both located in Marshfield.... In a letter to his

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