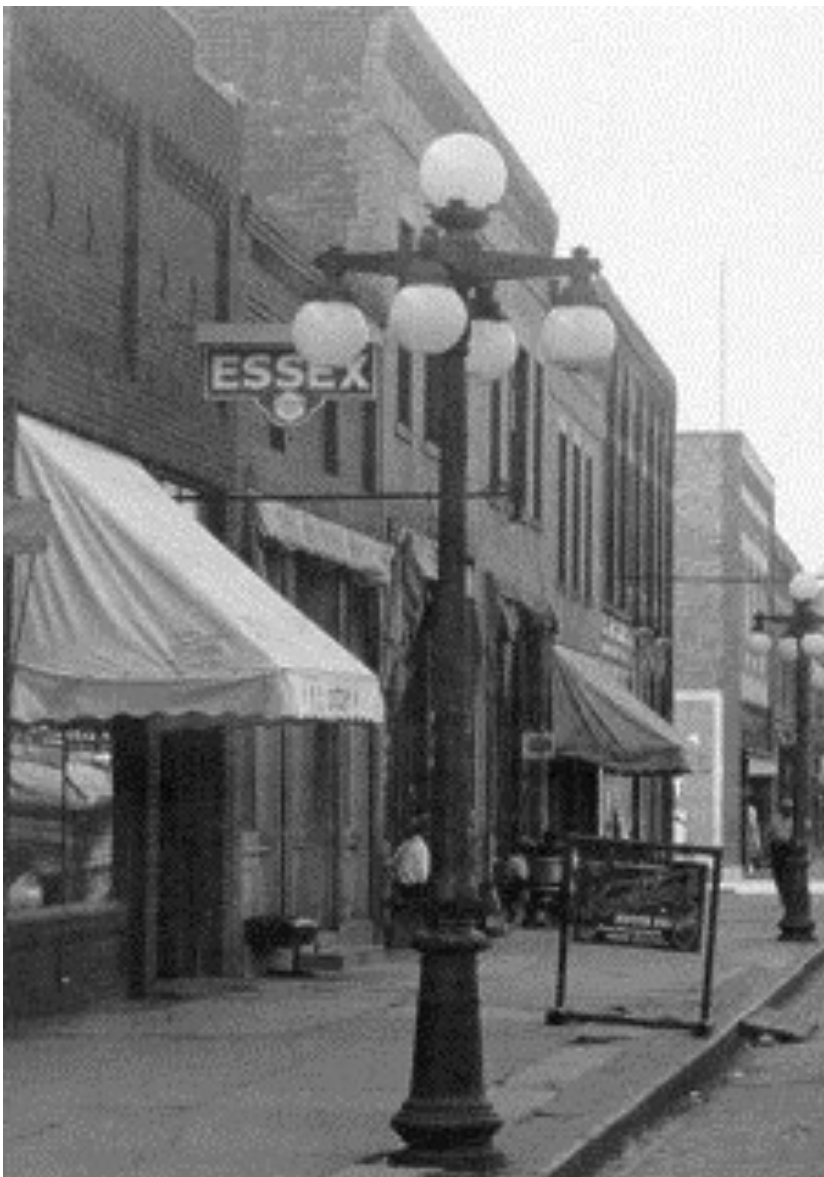


Schulte's Barber Shop

413 Main Street . Historically: J.J. Vossbeck Blacksmith Shop
Below, (far left in foreground) Vossbeck Building c.1910



In September 1895, a fire destroyed nearly all the commercial buildings in Block 7 on the west side of Main Street, including the wood-frame building that housed J.J. Vossbeck's blacksmith shop. Like many of the victims of the fire, Vossbeck rebuilt in brick and reopened for business in 1896.

By 1899, Vossbeck owned "the leading and largest blacksmith shop in the city," using machinery run by gasoline engine. Horse shoeing and plow work was his specialty. Over the next three decades, businesses in this building continued to serve the town's horse owners. A blacksmith shop was located there until at least 1913 and well into the automobile era, but such businesses were increasingly obsolete and, as a historic photograph of Main Street shows, Manning Tire Service later occupied the building.

In 1961, the building was purchased by Gerald Schulte, a young barber, who continues to operate Schulte's Barber Shop at that location today.