

Soll's Service



217 Main Street—

**T.D. Parkhouse Garage and
Machine Shop, c.1920**

**Historically: Parkhouse/
Frahm's Garage, T.D.
Parkhouse Garage &
Machine Shop**



This c.1910 broad front commercial building was built by Thomas D. Parkhouse to house his auto sales, service, and repair shop. Parkhouse moved to Manning in 1895 and engaged in the harness business until 1905, when he switched from serving horse owners to selling automobiles. Parkhouse became the town agent for the Auburn automobile, and soon after established a garage and repair shop on Main Street. Parkhouse continued in this business until 1921, when Herman Frahm and Arnold Witt bought him out and opened the Frahm & Witt Garage. Henry Frahm went into the automobile garage business.

Some time later, Arnold Witt left the business and John Frahm joined brother Henry in running the Frahm Brothers Garage. The Frahms sold Studebakers and introduced Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles during the 1920s. The brothers also sold accessories, Goodrich tires, and operated a repair shop. In 1945, the Frahm Brothers dissolved their partnership, and Herman Frahm continued Frahm's Garage on his own, which was in business until 1960.

Later businesses located in the building were two veterinary offices. Jim Soll purchased the building in 1993 for Soll's Service, a plumbing, heating, and electrical service. It was purchased by his son Ron in 1999. Dr. Marty Ahrens rents the north side of the building for his dental office.