present fine organ.

The years of Friedens Church have been richly blessed. We are everlastingly thankful to God our Heavenly Father and to Jesus Christ His Son.

Gisch Tin Shop

The Gisch tin shop was on the site of the empty lot west of Reedsville Sheet Metal. Later Fred Maertz enlarged it. It then comprised a barber shop, photograph gallery and dry goods store. It was destroyed by fire.

George and Richard’s Service Station

George and Richard’s Service Station is located on Highway 10 and Mill Street. The business place and living quarters were first owned by W.C. Maertz who sold the two lots to H.C. M. Krueger in 1894. In the early 1900’s, the lots were bought by W.C. Maertz. The lots were sold to August Kienbaum; upon his death and the land ownership passed to his widow and daughters, Bertha Krueger and Lena Bruss. Mr. John Shimek, the girls’ guardian, maintained a tailor shop in his home near to the present service station property. Later Mr. Shimek had his shop in the old bank building on Manitowoc Street.

Acting in the interest of the two girls, Mr. Shimek sold the lots to Herman Frederick with the understanding that the old barn had to be moved. The land was known as the ‘swamp block’.

Fred O. Kiehl purchased the property from Frederick in 1932. At this Highway 10 was being laid out and Mr. Kiehl sold to his son Fred W. Kiehl. After selling portions of the land to the government for the new road, the young Kiehl built a station in 1933. The old home in which the Kiehls lived was torn down to make way for the new business place. Upon completion of the station, he moved his home from Sixth and Mill Streets and enclosed the portion between the station and home which served as the first paint and body shop in Reedsville. Kiehl was a mechanic working on Model A cars.

While Kiehl was owner of the service station, Joseph Shimek worked for him. It was during this time that it seemed Reedsville would become a gold mining town. During the process of pumping water from the 40 foot deep partially dug and partially drilled well, Kiehl discovered gold chips. In the hours after school and Saturday that Joe worked at the station, he was kept busy at the pump in his spare time. He did pump out quite a bit of gold dust into the bag that fastened to the pump. Apparently it came to an end, for Reedsville didn’t strike it rich in that respect. The well is still there and the water is still good although it is not used for drinking since waterworks were put in.

In 1946, the Kiehls sold their station to Edward Zachek who operated it until May of 1949. That is the time Tony and Bernice Denk took over after purchasing the business.

Prior to living in Reedsville and running the service station, Tony and Bernice lived on a farm near St. Nazianz. When Tony was a young man, he worked for Ray Frosch in Grimms where he started learning the mechanic trade. He later attended a mechanic school in Milwaukee. At the time of his marriage to Bernice Walt, he worked at the Reinemann Elevator.

In 1966, the business was sold to George Schisel. He and his grandson Richard Wiex operate the service station at the present time.

H. K. Molding Co. Inc.

H. K. Molding Company was started out in business on October 1, 1973 at the corner of fifth and Mill streets in Reedsville. Formerly known as the old site of Rusch’s Lumber Company, H. K. Molding started as a division of Manitowoc Plumbing Supply, Inc. primarily in the production of Creative Lustre vanity tops. Since then, it has expanded to the production of shower enclosures, bar tops and table tops.