

## ***HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARDS***

1908 - **Commercial Building "Feed Store,"** 118 South Villa Avenue



Pascal Skemp operated the Villa Park Feed & Milling Co. from this location in 1908. In the early years, the store sold chicken feed and fertilizer to the local farms and fruit orchards, and milled their grain. In 1947, Bud Bowes purchased the business, and later sold it to McDonald in 1963. Since 1965, the Pioneer Garden & Feed Supply Co. has been a Leston family owned business. Villa Park has always been known as the "Garden Village." Green-thumb residents and members of the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park are among the people who have regularly patronized this long-established business to buy flowers, vegetables, and other garden products. The original grain chutes exist today, and the conveyor is still being used.

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