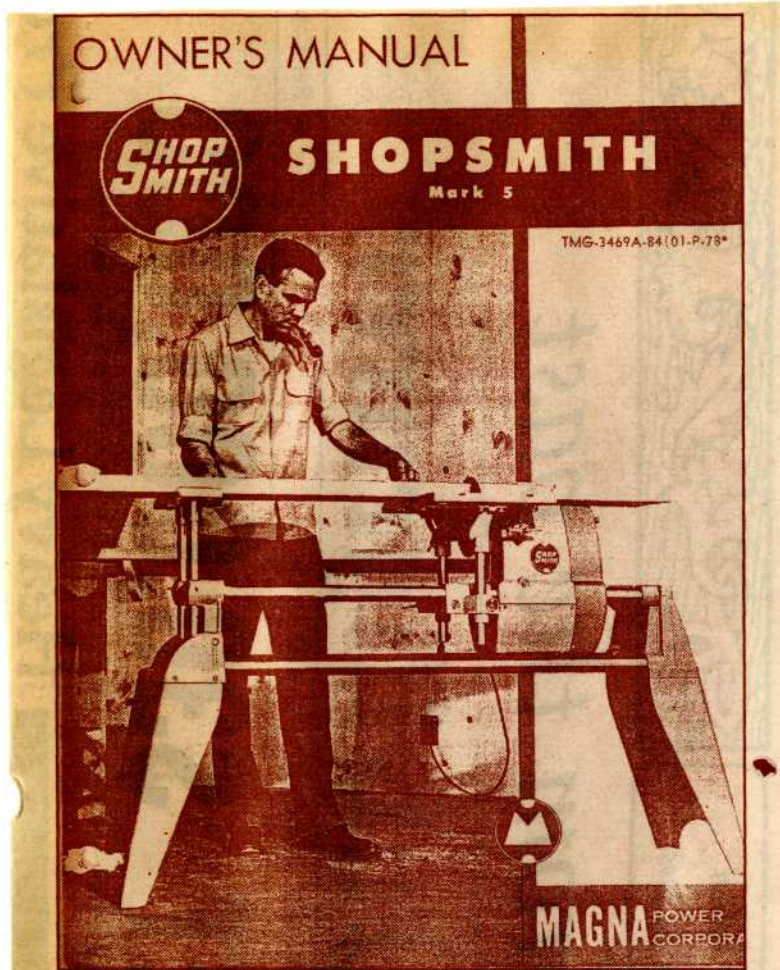


Wills Hardware  
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The Magna Power Tool Corporation's Shopsmith as it looked in 1955 — the all in one tool is similar in design today.

the guest of honor at a surprise stag party held in the Wharf Street Debating Club where he was given "a handsome Mackinaw shirt," The Ontario Intelligencer reports in 1953.

After about 10 years, the Wills brothers found the hardware enterprise wasn't as profitable as it once was.

"The hardware business had run into a lot of problems. It

got so we were just trading dollars so we got out...We got out — but we (kept) the building," Wills says. With the marina, they closed the business and sold the building.

As the city moved into the future of shopping malls and chain stores, Belleville customers surely noticed and missed the two family businesses that offered a wide selection of goods and friendly service.