

# Dorn & Kirschner Inc.

## Newark & Union, NJ

- 1920 Dorn is a business owner and musician and Kirschner is a musician who came to the US from Austria in 1900 (census).
- 1926 Dorn & Kirschner is incorporated on 8/13/26 (opencorporates.com). This was started by William (Billy) Dorn (1893-1971) and Samuel D. Kirschner (1894-1970).
- 1927 The store is at 79 Springfield Rd in Newark (photo 1 is from the July *Musical Merchandise* magazine). At this time, they were selling brass instruments by William Frank, C. G. Conn, and Buescher. Frank and Conn would make special instruments with the D&K name (photos 2 & 3 are a Frank Classic model trumpet with their name added [spelled wrong]). Both professional musicians, Dorn played xylophone and Kirschner played trumpet and xylophone (*MM* article).
- 1930 An undated catalog from c.1930 lists brass instruments from Buescher (higher price), ToneKing, and Harmony (lowest price). The ToneKing brand could either be Pan American stencils like the cornet shown in photo 4 or those made by Keilwerth of Germany (photo 5). The Harmony line may be the same as sold through the New York Band Inst. Co (photo 6) and made in Czechoslovakia.
- 1933 Dorn & Kirschner Band Instrument Company is incorporated on 1/18/33 (opencorporates.com).
- 1950 William O. Dorn, proprietor of music store. Samuel D. Kirschner, proprietor of music store (census).

### Other Notes:

They also had a location at 1565 Union Ave in Union, NJ.

I found mention that they sold instruments with the "DeKay" name (answers.com). These may be ones found that appear to be from Art Musical Instruments in Elkhart started by F. A. Buescher (below).

