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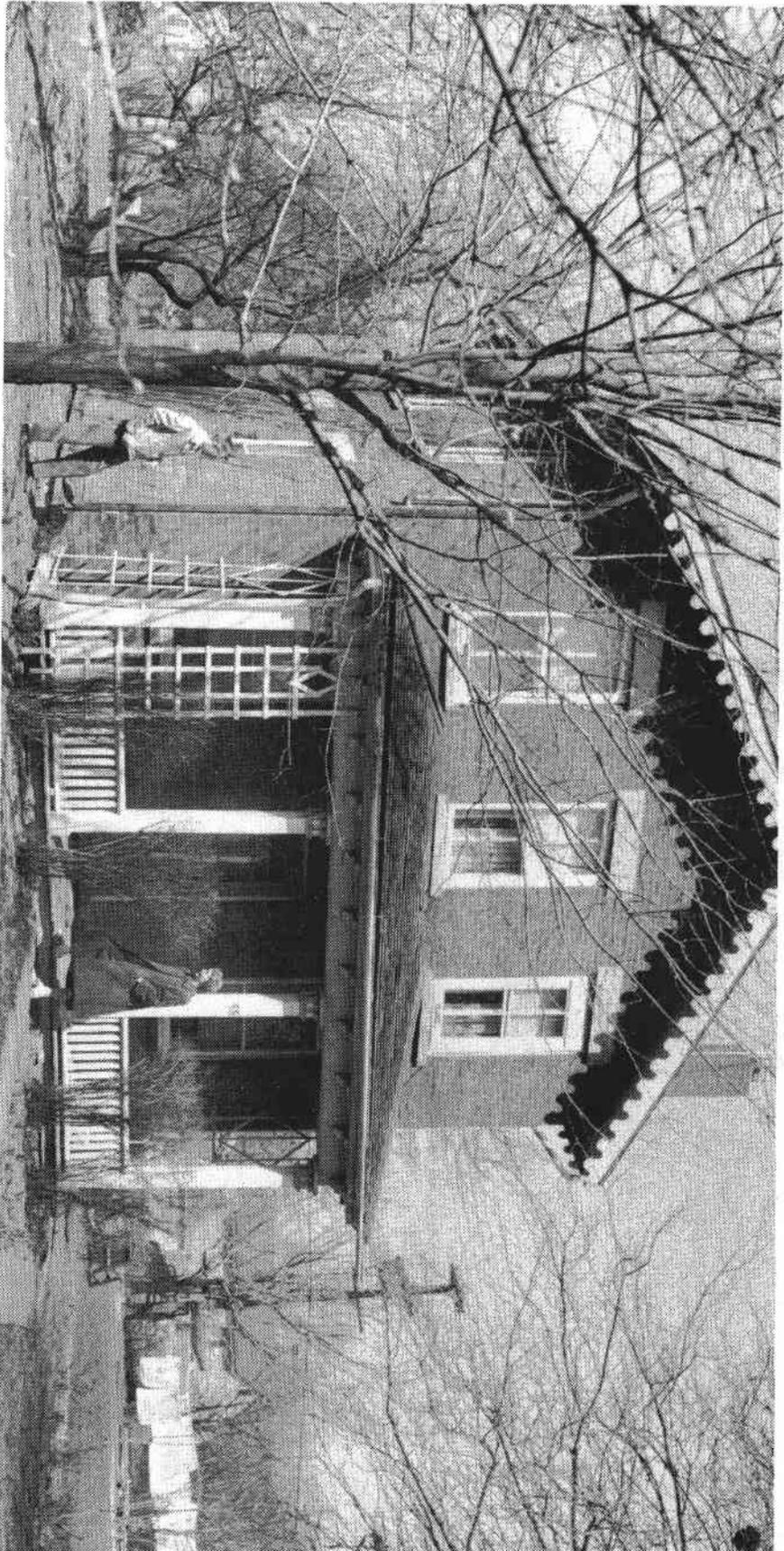
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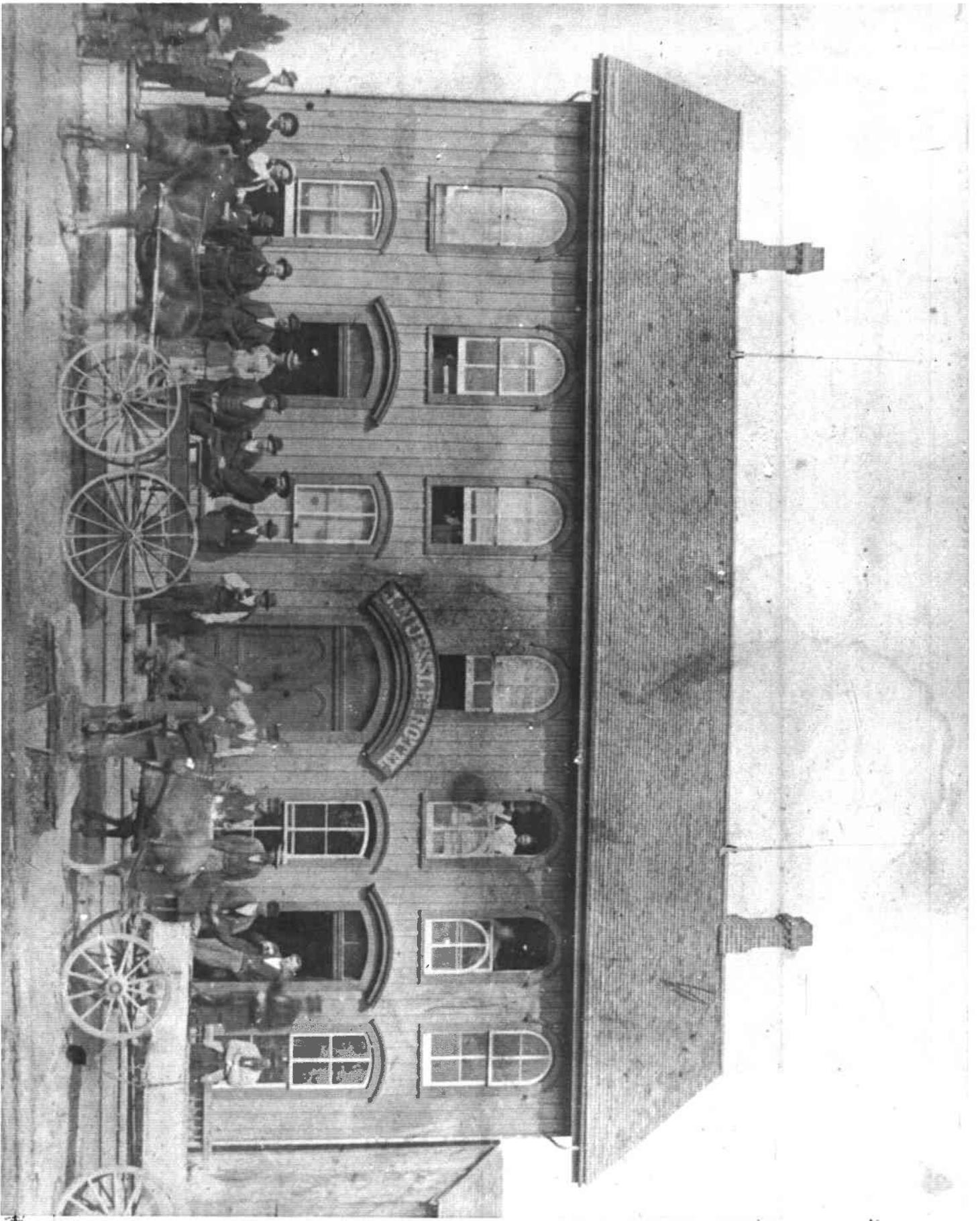
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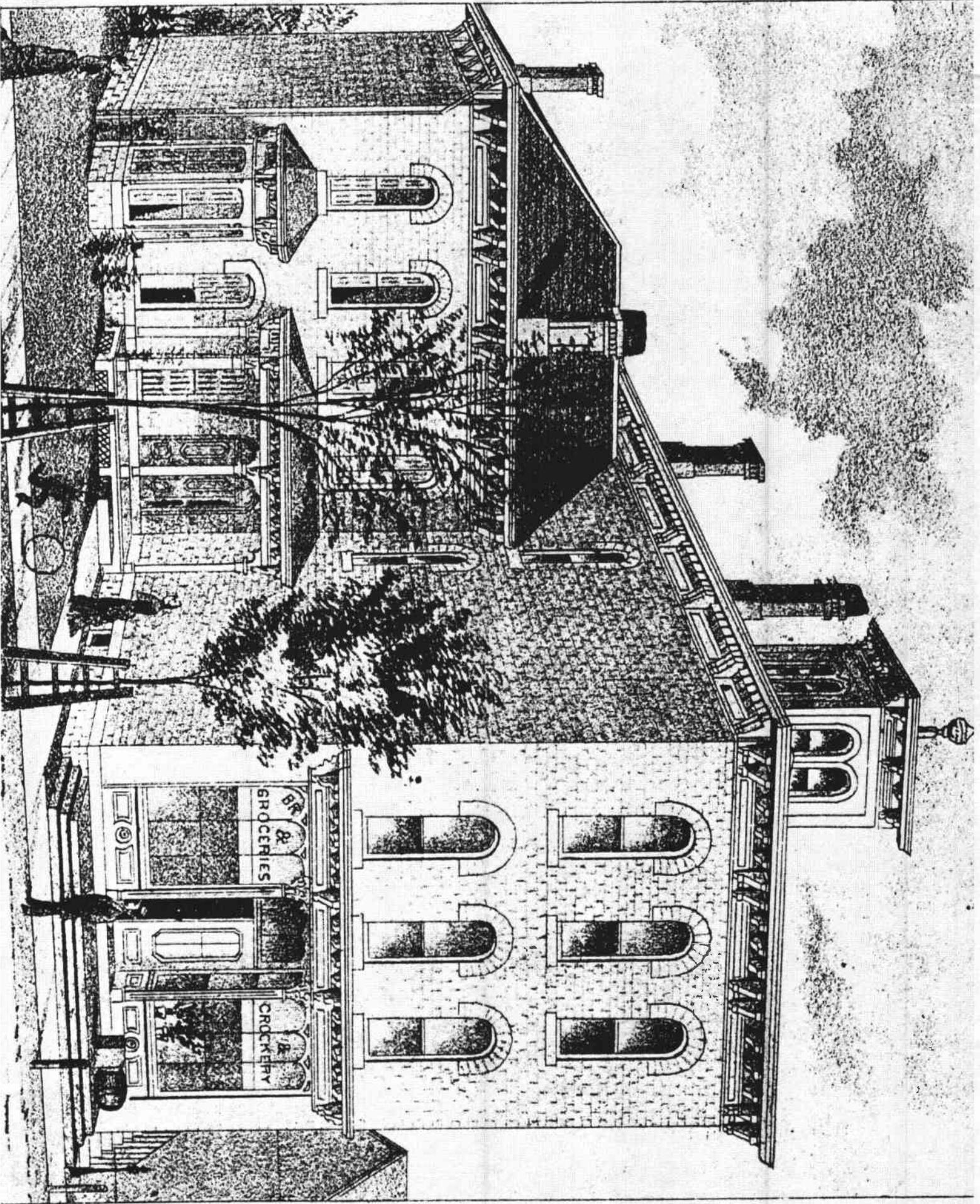
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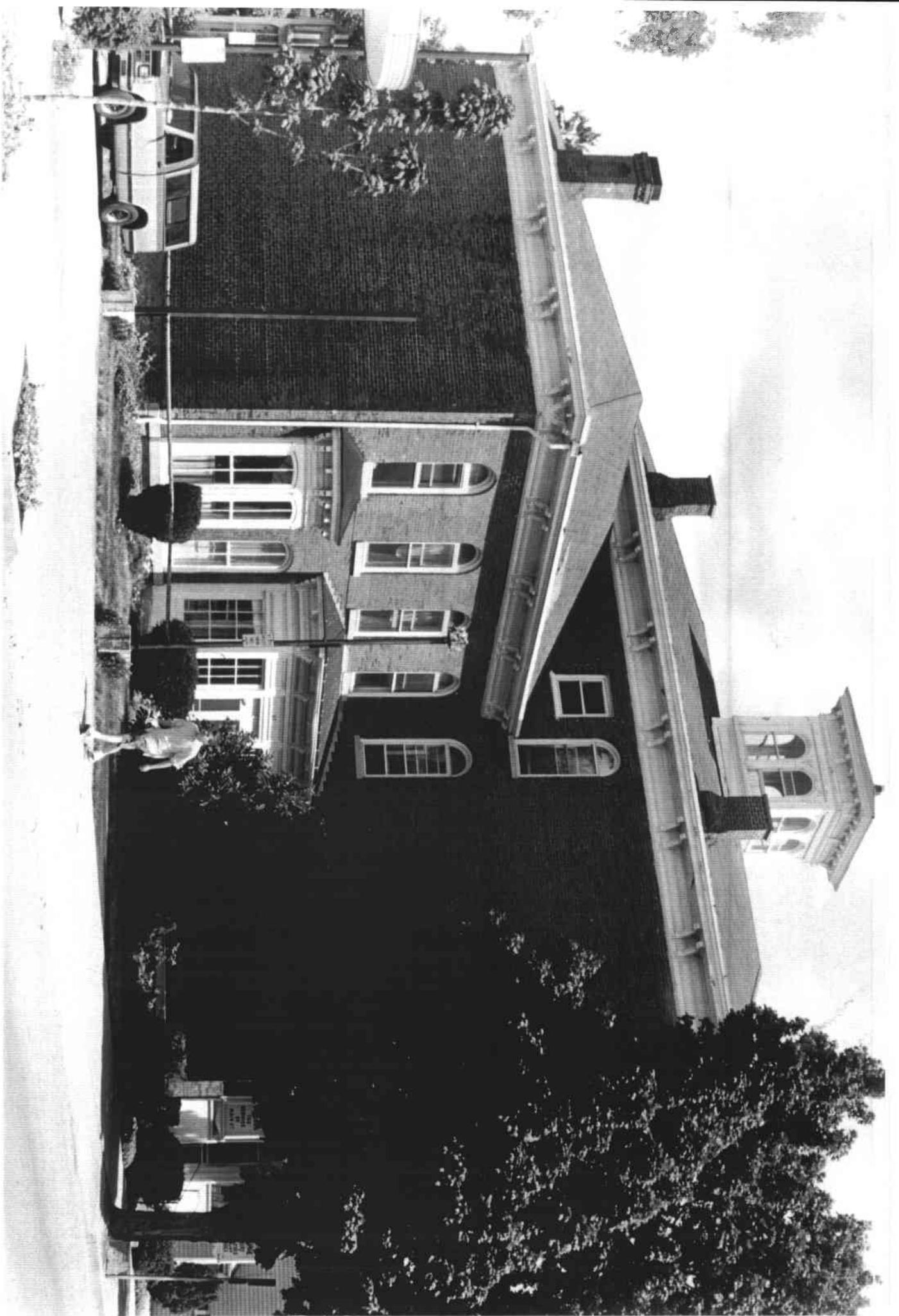
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THIS FIRST SCHOOL BUILDING IN HAMBURG WAS ERECTED IN 1849







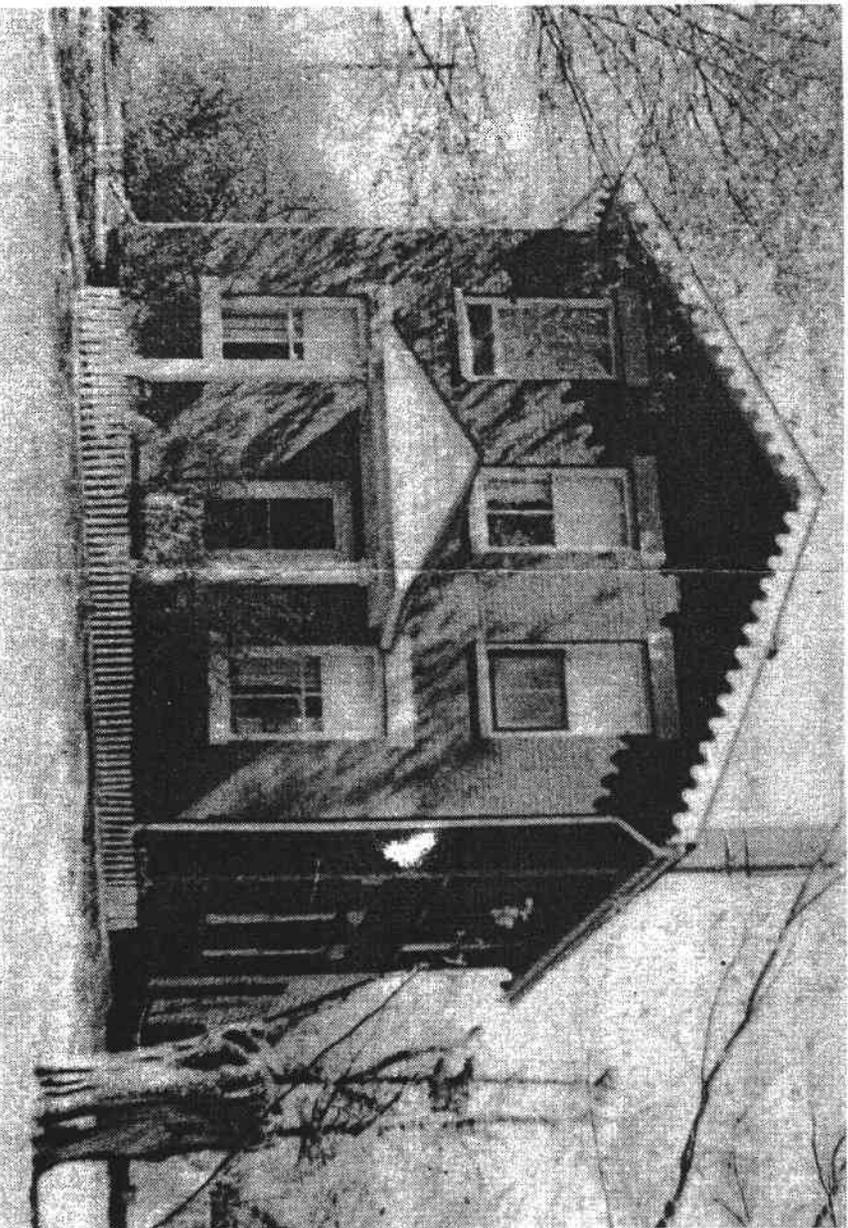


Out of the Past

1849 Schoolhouse

This brick schoolhouse, built in 1849, still stands (as a residence) at the rear of 59 Main Street in Hamburg Village; it is apparently the second Hamburg school building, the first having stood on the south side of East Main Street west of Pine beginning about 1820, on land now owned by SS. Peter & Paul Church. The 1849 schoolhouse shown above was replaced by the Hamburg Academy in 1868, on the site of the present Union Street school.

The three structures (including the 1849 school) on the north side of Main Street set back from the street have raised the question of Main Street at one time being on a more northerly line than at present; there is no evidence that this is the case. The large house behind 53 Main was moved back from its location closer to the street when Stapell's Liquor store was built; the structure behind Millar Bros. Pharmacy at 71 Main appears originally



to have been a barn and probably has always been at the present distance from the street.

Photograph: Town Historian's file

Reference: Village of Hamburg Centennial Book (1974)

From The Archives...

August 21, 1885— Erie County Independent: Announcement from Hamburgh Union School: Fall Term opens Monday, Aug. 24, 1885. Beginning classes in Latin, German, Geometry, Algebra, Civil Government, American History, Physiology, and Rhetoric.

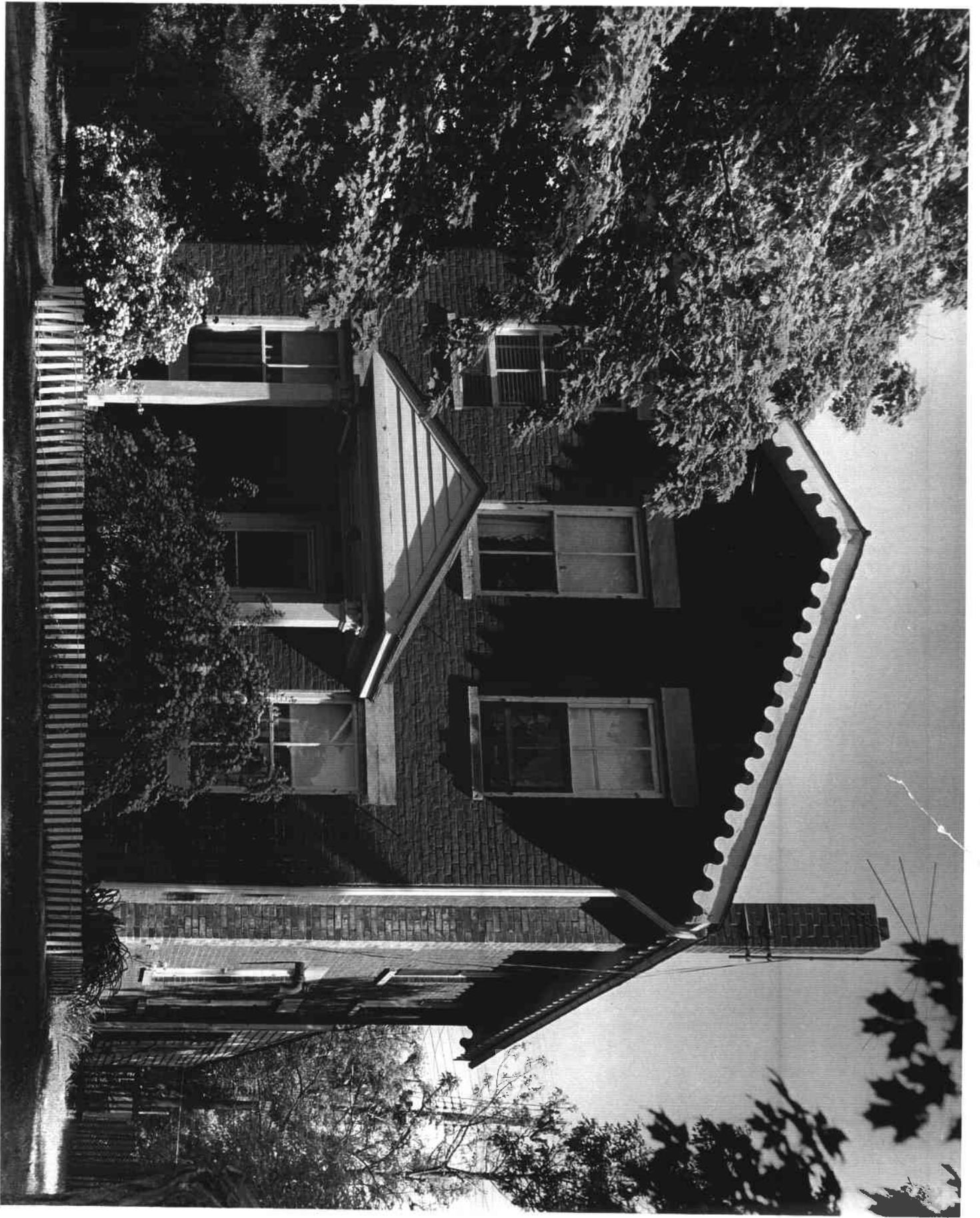
During the past school year, 30 pupils have received, or are entitled to receive, the Regents Preliminary Certificate, which is granted to those who pass in Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Reading and Spelling.

Each teacher of the Academic Department has but four recitations each half day; thus allowing time for thorough treatment of the lesson.

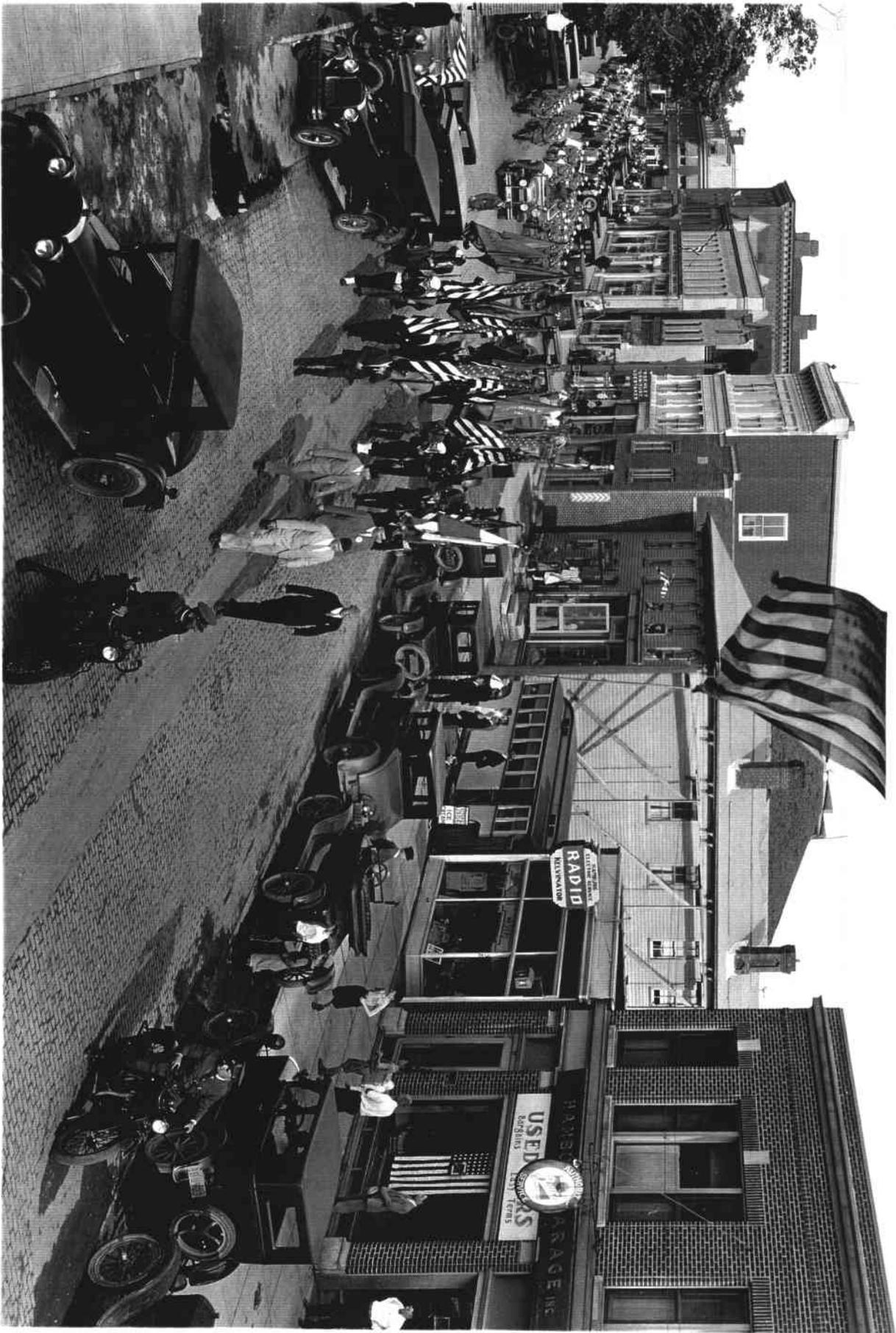
August 28, 1930— Erie County Independent: Dear old golden rule days will commence Tuesday. Truant officers of Hamburg and the South Shore will put their hands on their gats and drive the reluctant children into the torture chambers, where they will often cry aloud for mercy.

A few among the older students return to school without fear of the authorities, for they have very definite goals to achieve. They still suffer under the illusion that with the MD's, PhD's, DD's, etc., peace comes to the soul, and that eminence will reward their efforts. Some of them are anxious, even, to get back in harness!

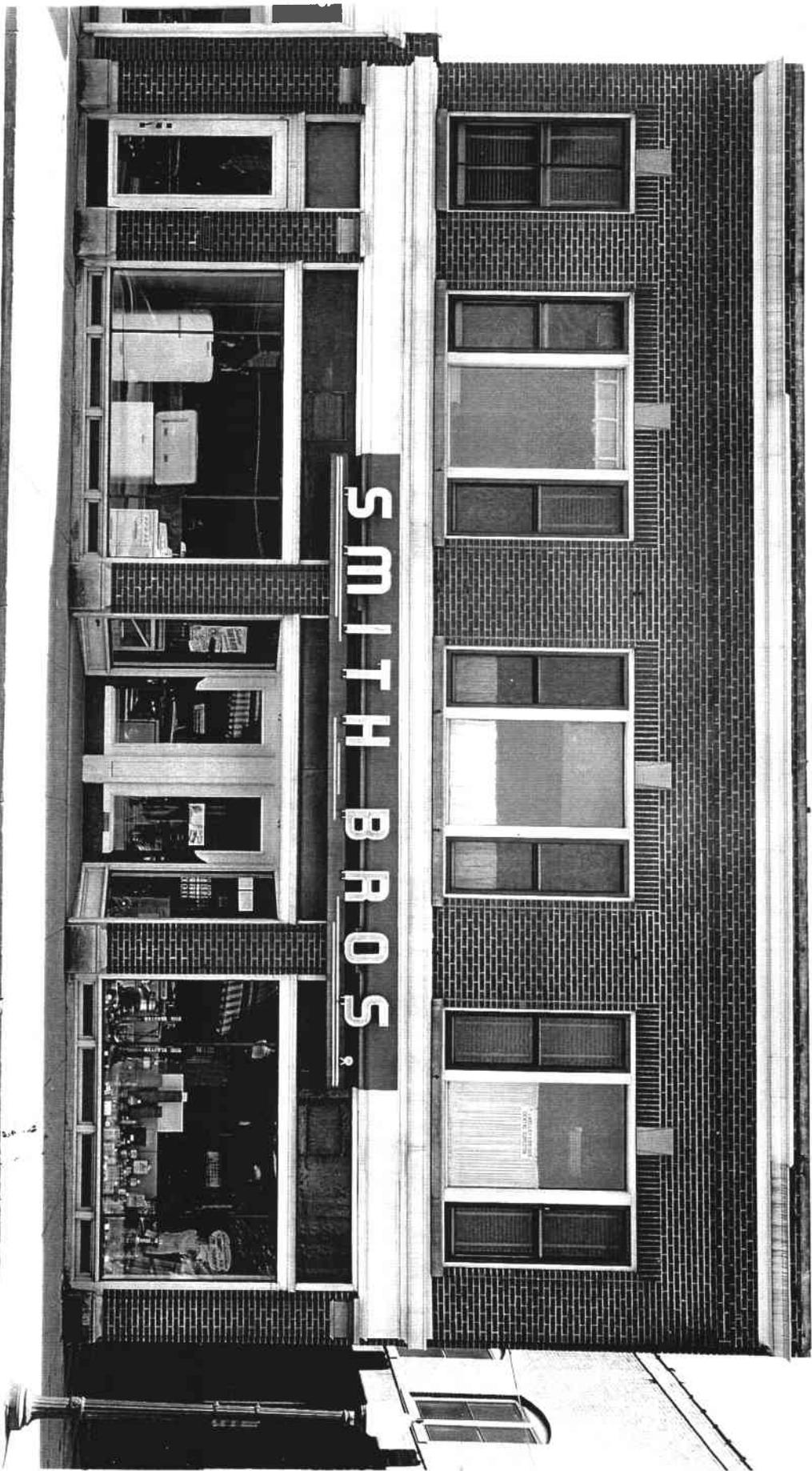
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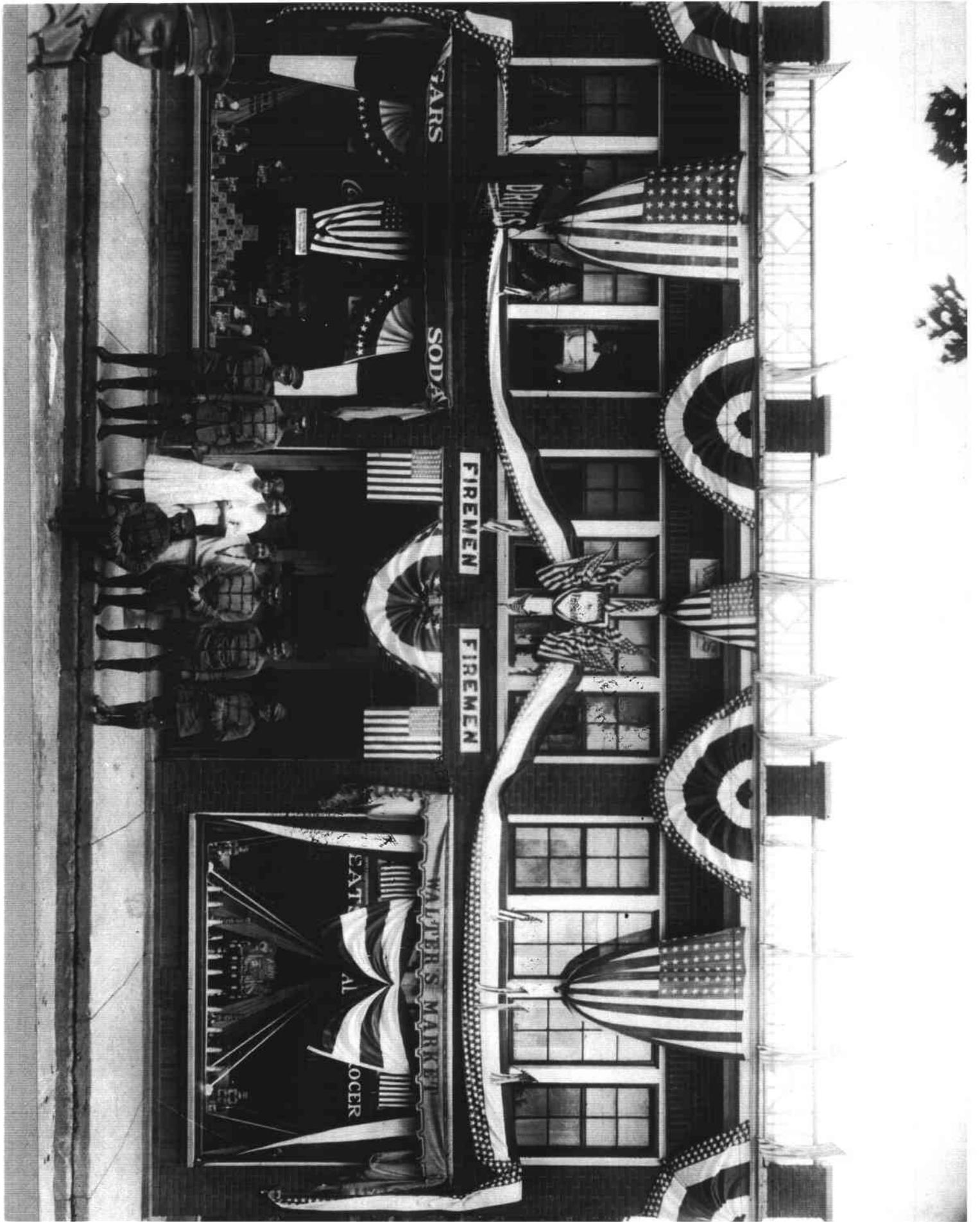








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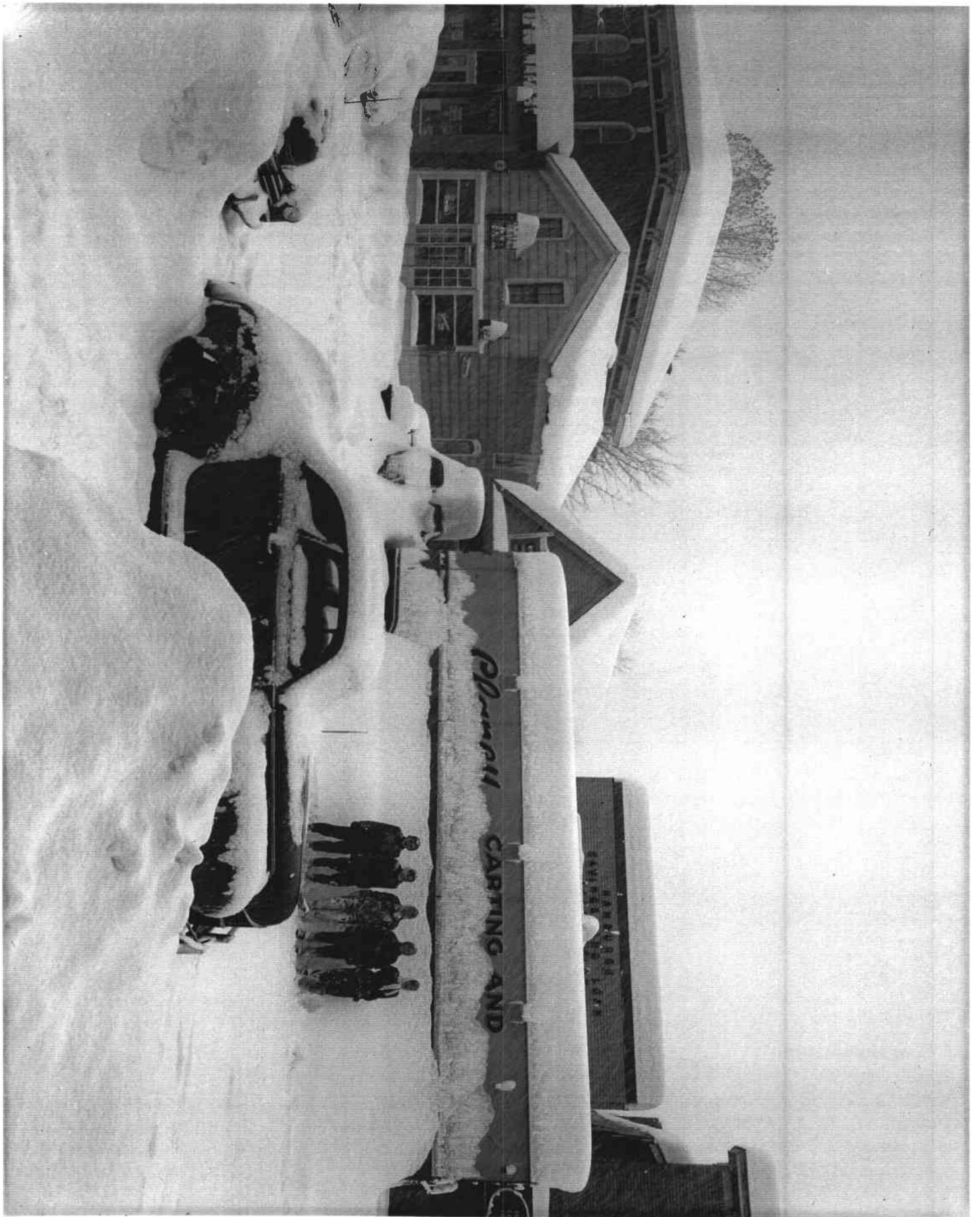
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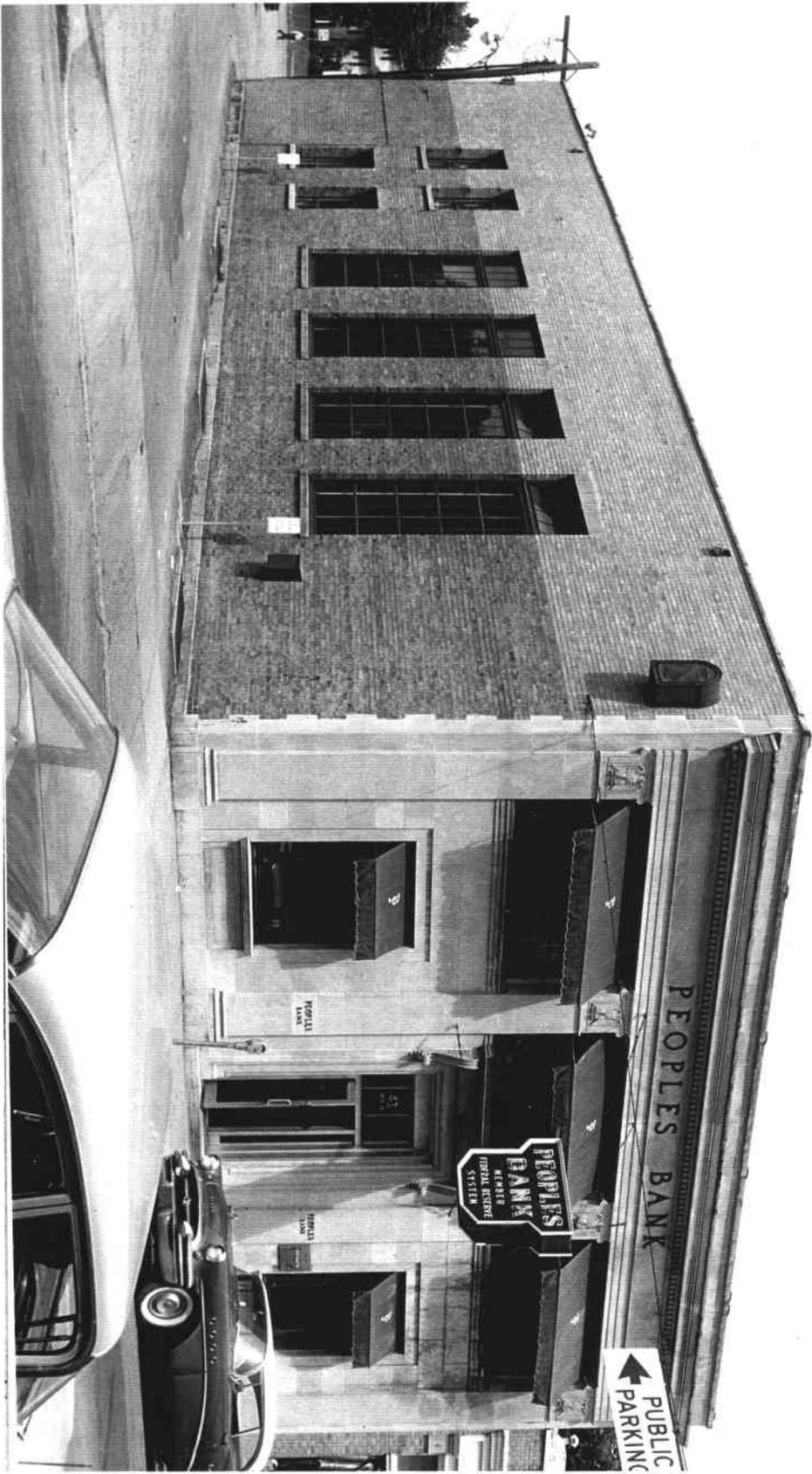
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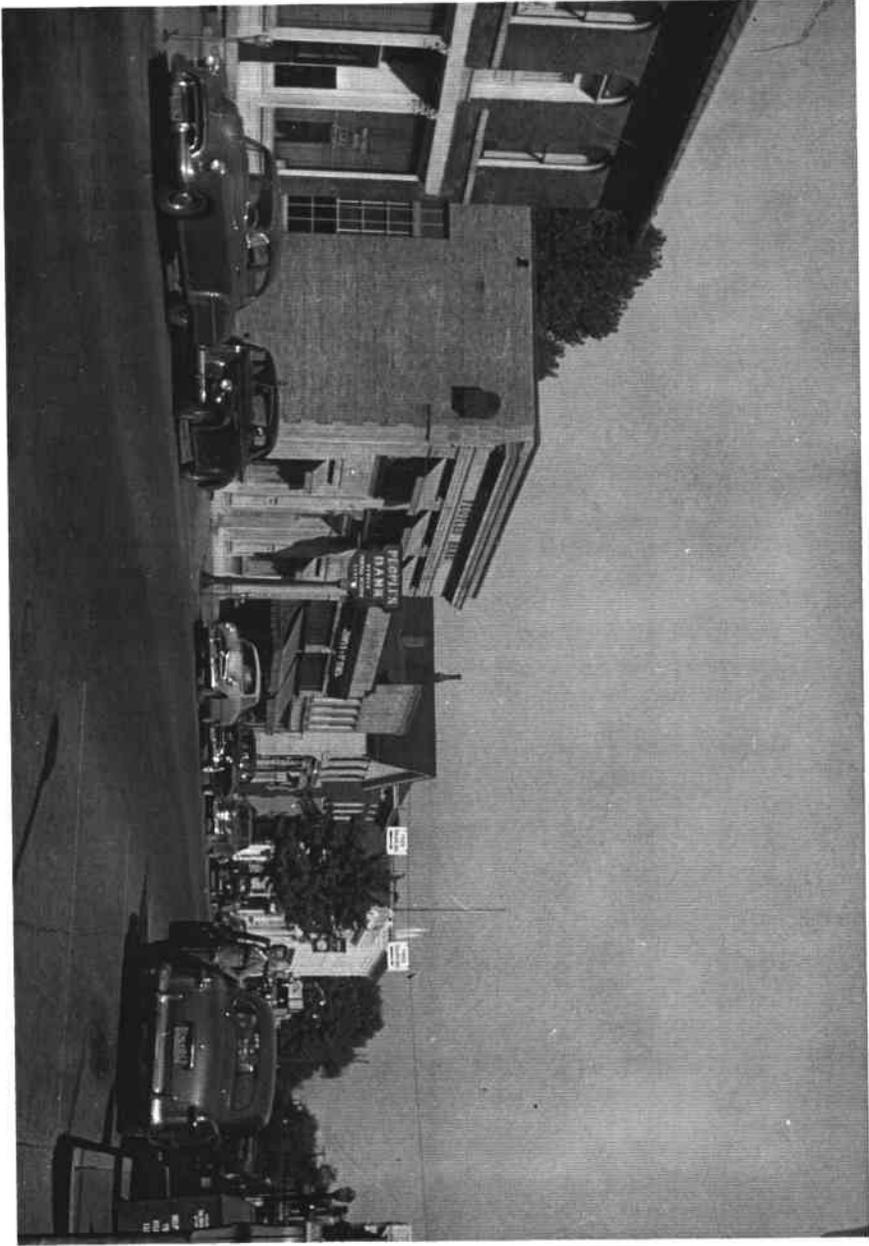
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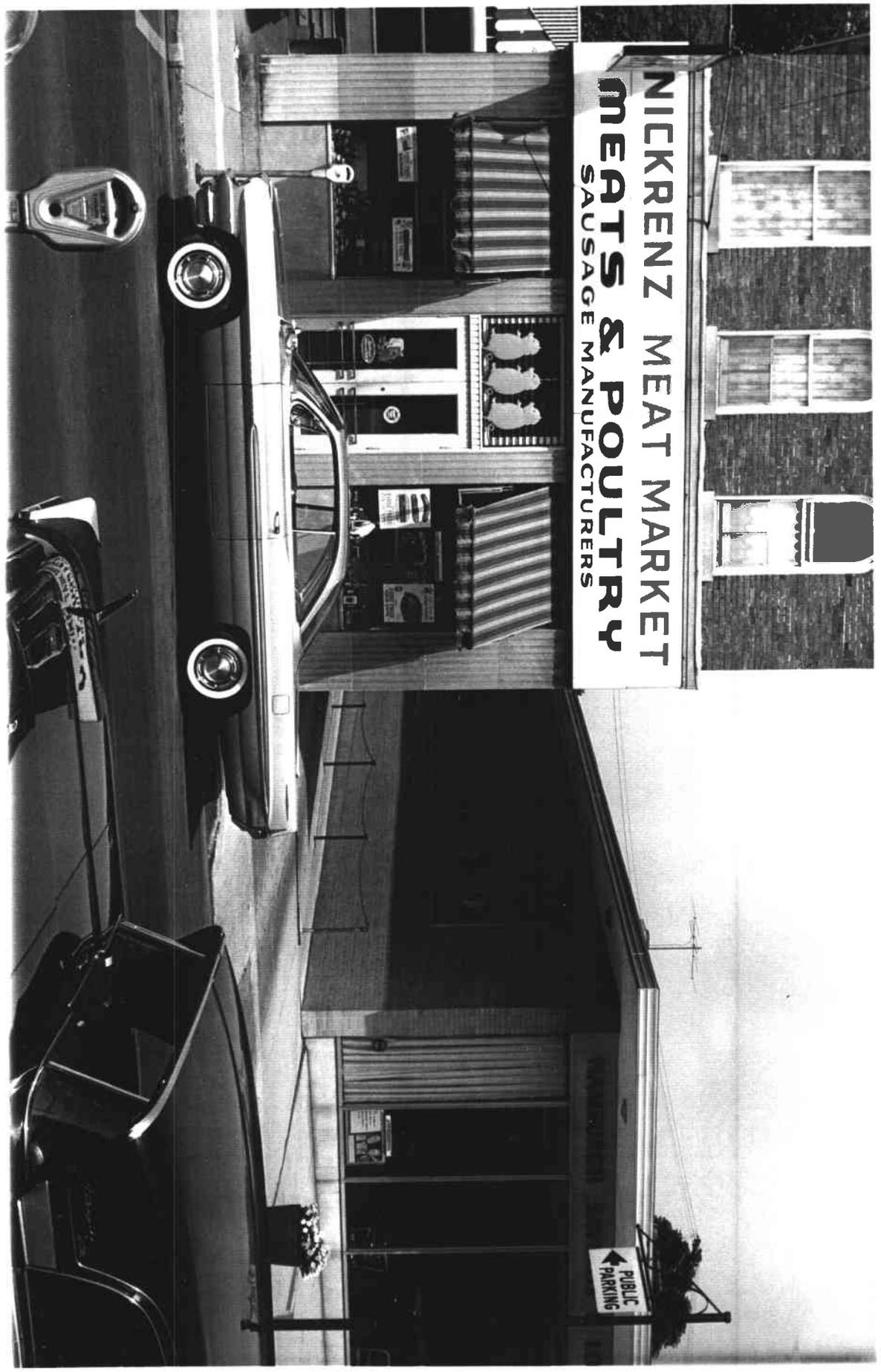








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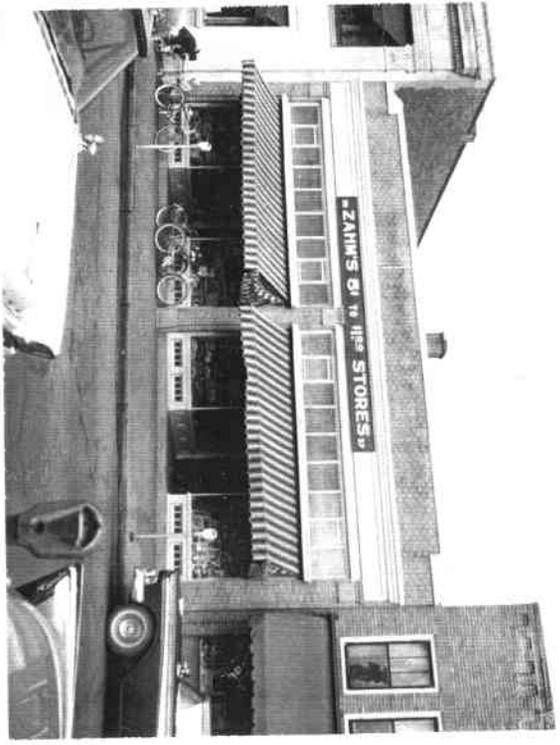
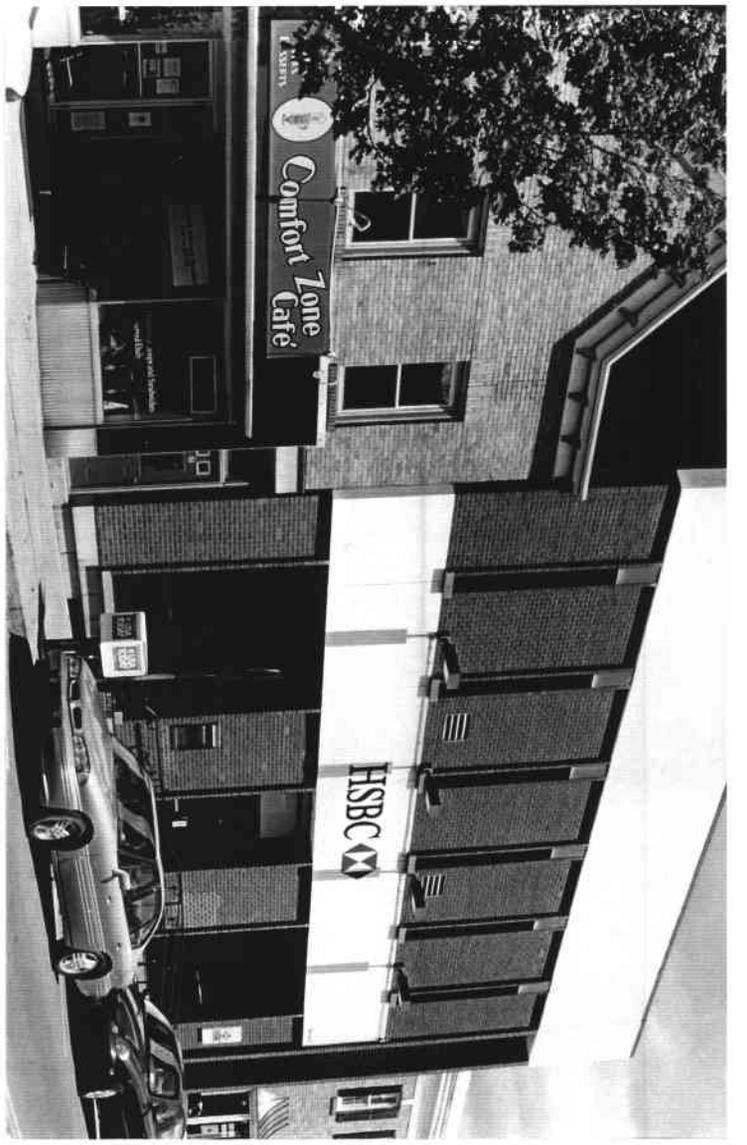
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Looking East on Main Street
Past Subject Property



Looking North on Buffalo Street
Subject Property on Main Street
One-Half Block West.





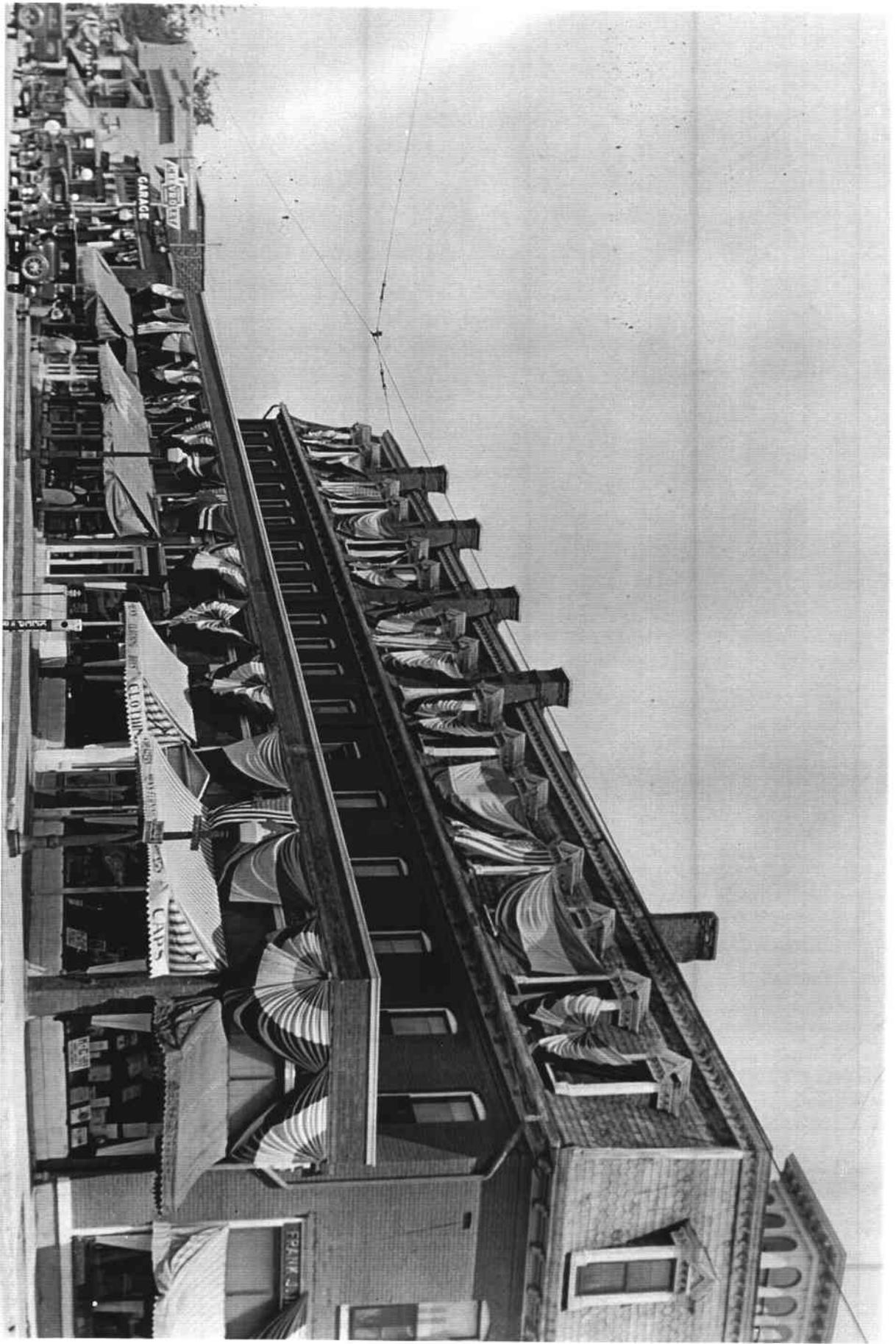


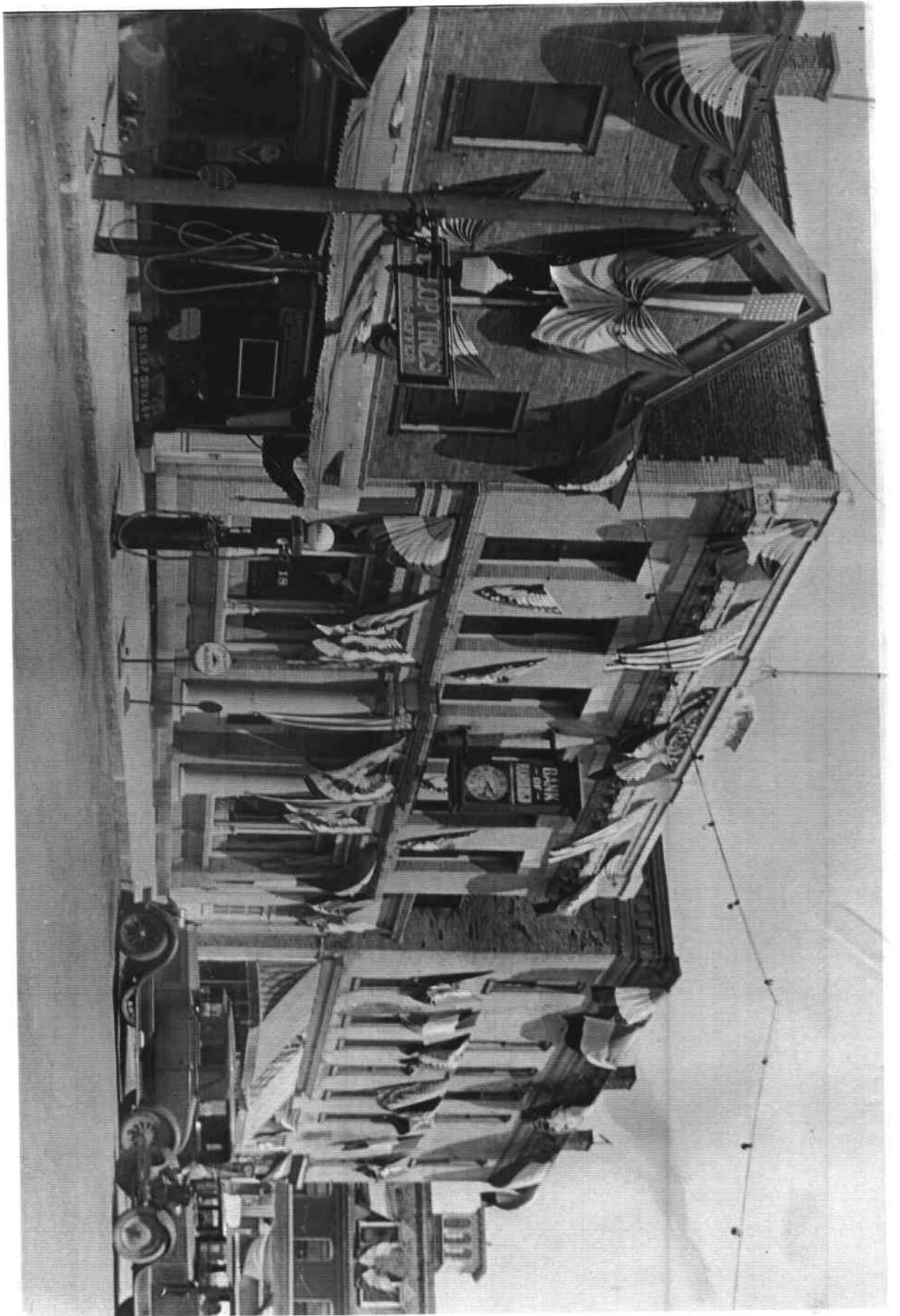


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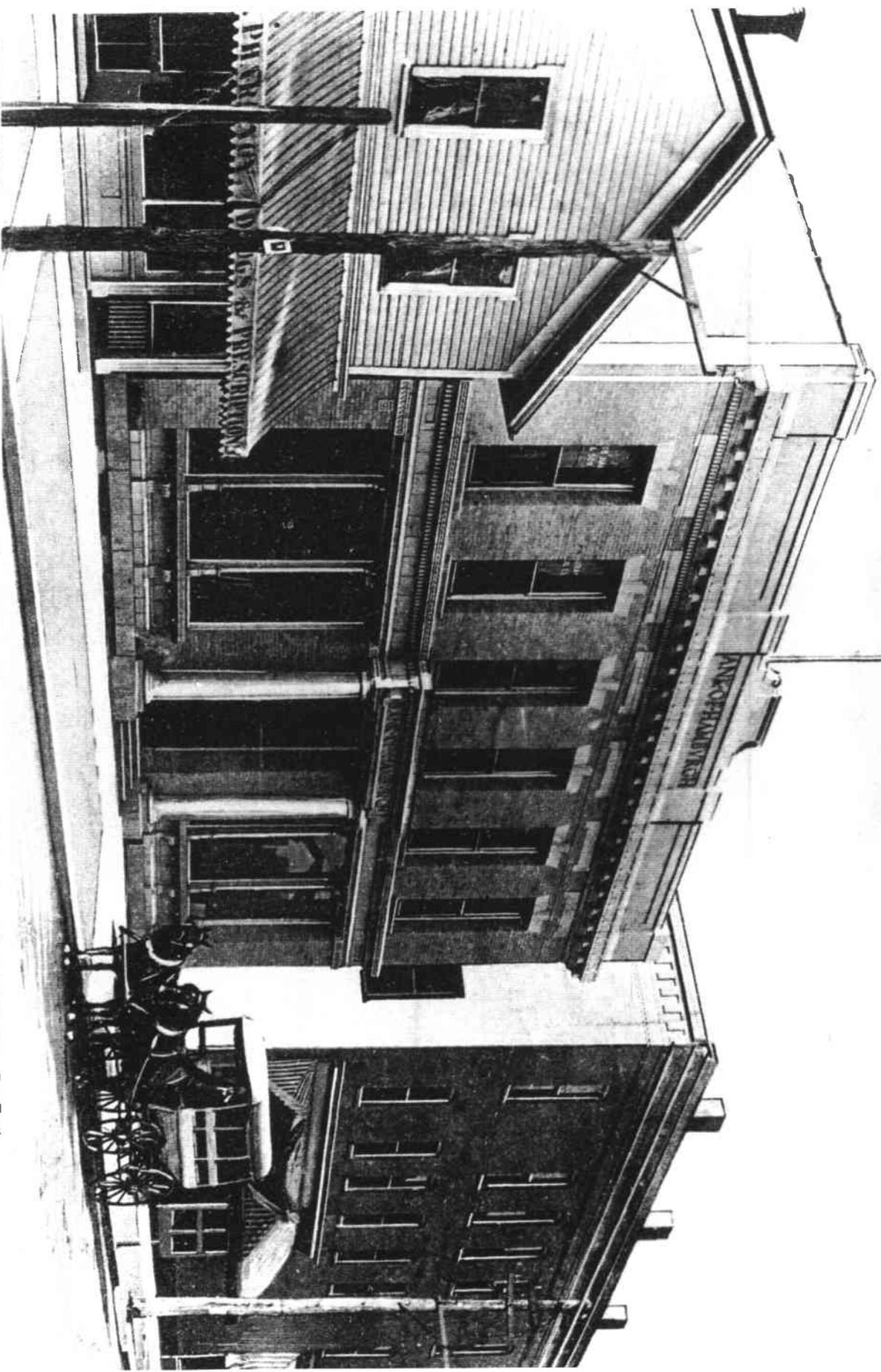




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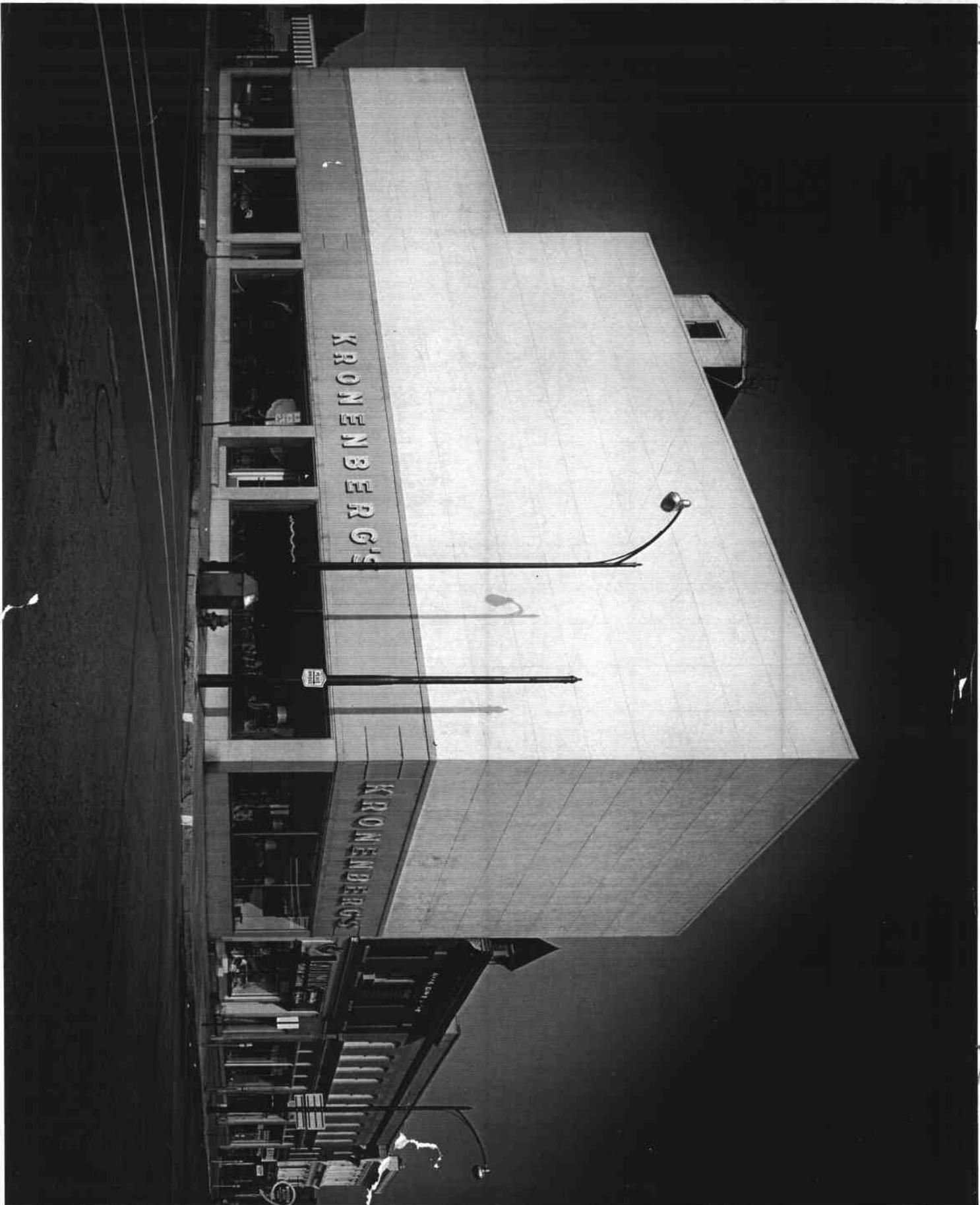
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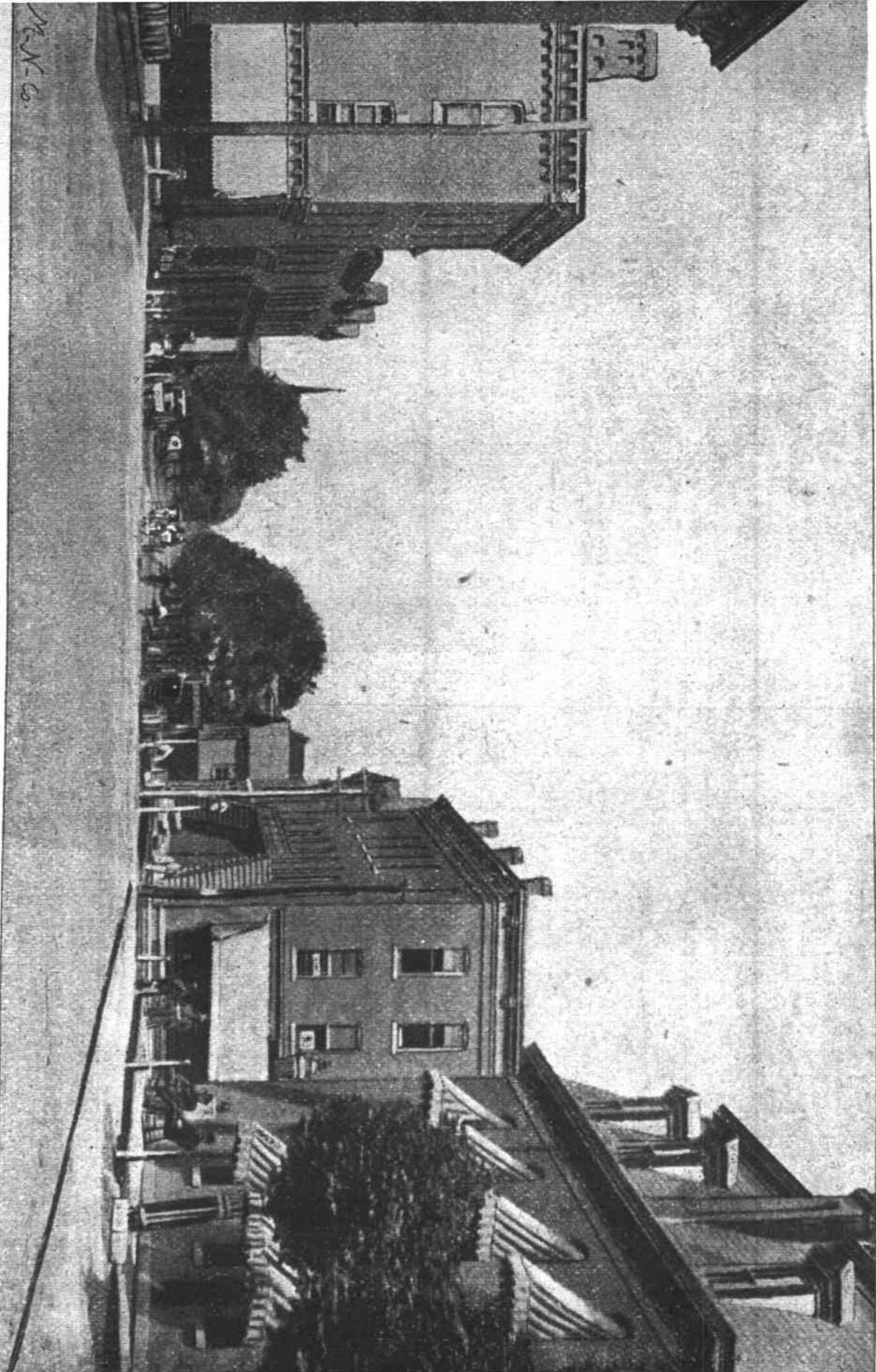


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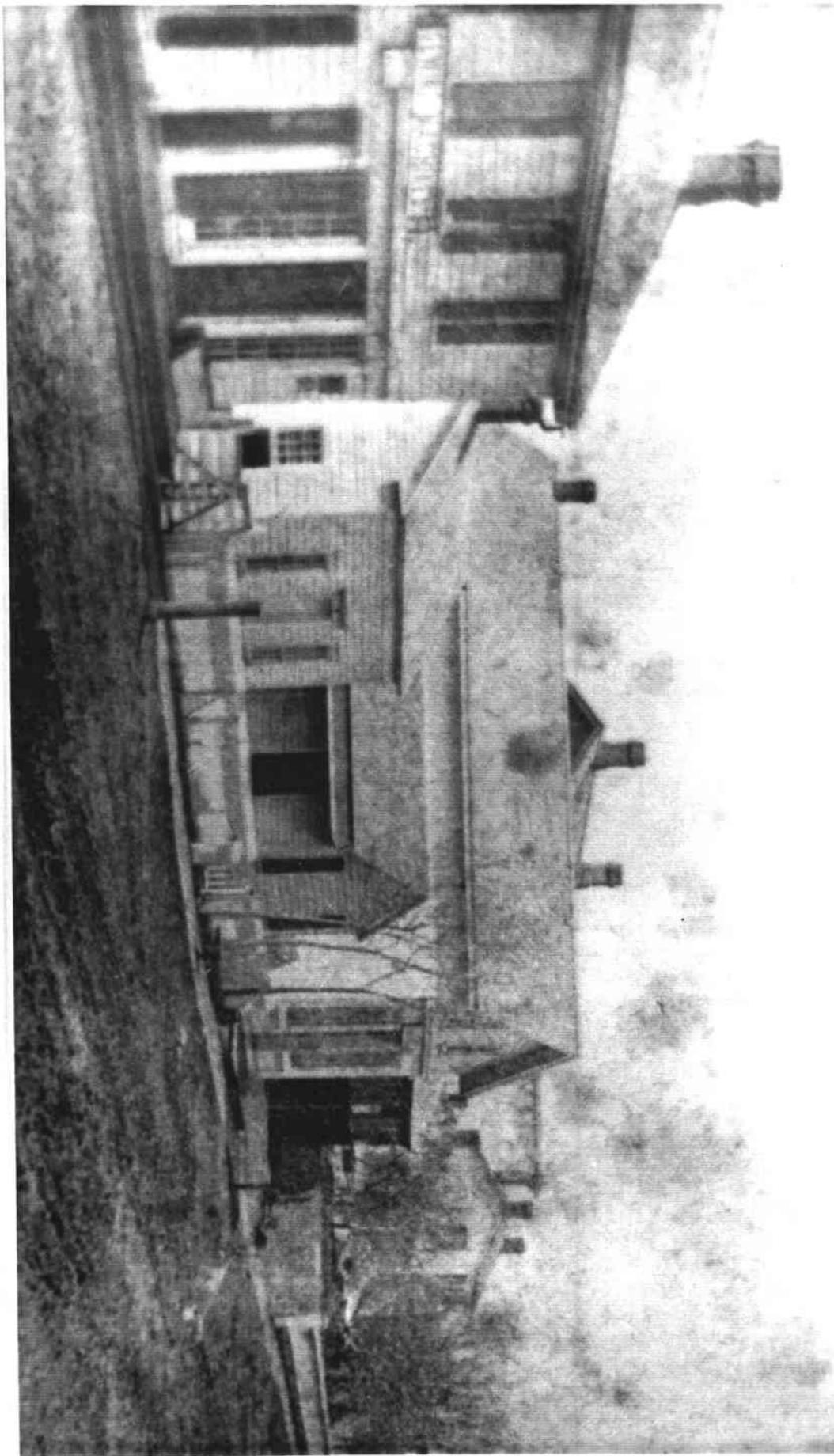
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THE KRONENBERG'S
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LOOKING WEST ON MAIN STREET, HAMBURG.







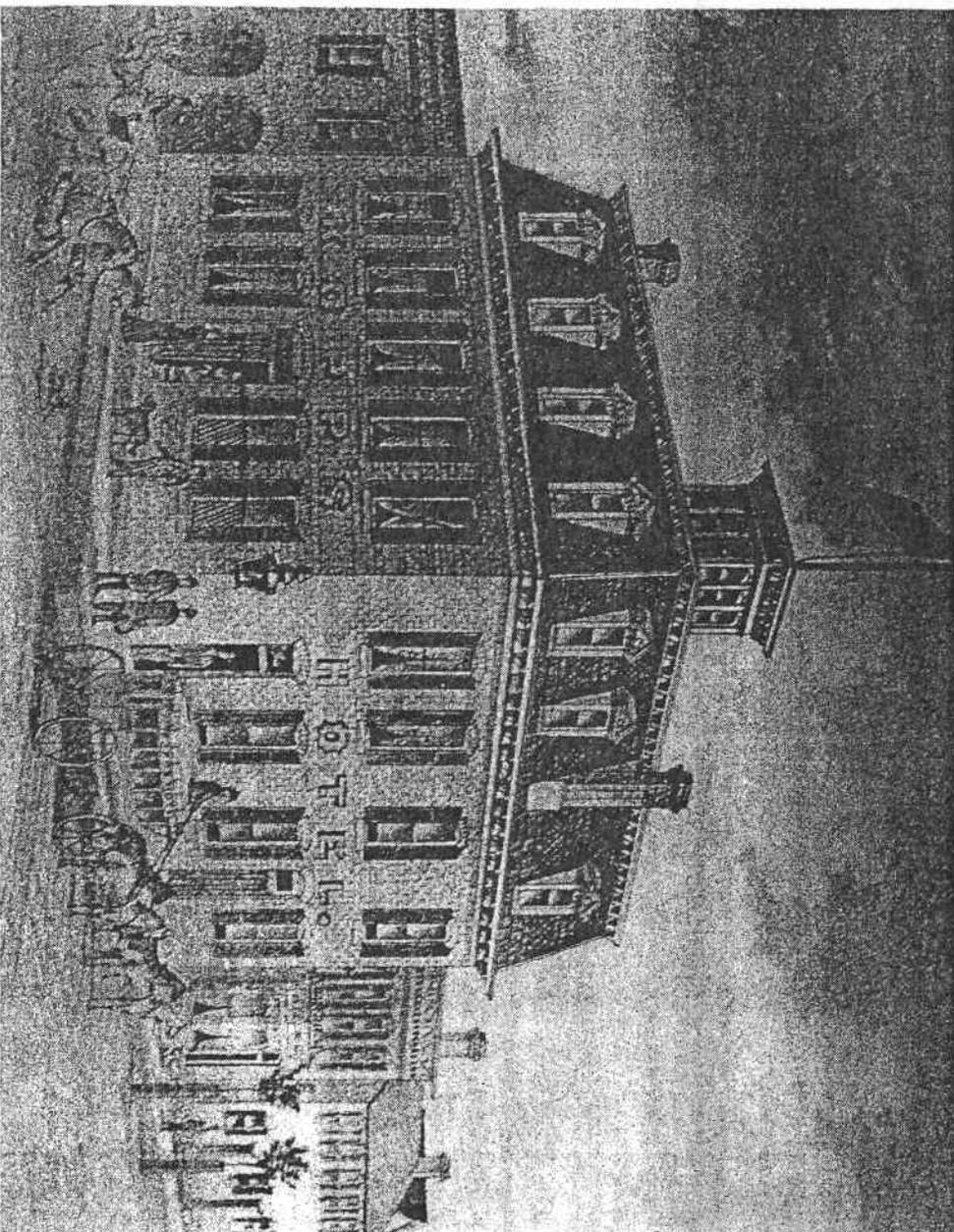
① ca. 1880

Out of the Past

Kopp's Hotel, 1880

This sketch, from the 1880 Atlas of Erie County, shows the earliest aspect of Kopp's Hotel, before the structure was almost tripled in size and became

known as Kopp's Opera House. The building shown here was constructed around 1857; the "opera house" addition was made in 1885.



In its earliest days, Kopp's Hotel (at the N.E. corner of Main and Buffalo streets in Hamburg Village) served primarily as a stop-over for travelers. These travelers might have been farmers from Eden or Collins or Springville hauling wood, cheese and other goods to Buffalo, or they might have been passengers on the Buffalo-to-Springville stage coach line. (The four-horse coach in the foreground of today's picture is labeled Kopp's Hotel and would have been a shuttle coach between the hotel and the railroad station at the foot of Union Street. The Buffalo-Springville stage, also drawn by a four-horse team, would have used a larger coach.)

Farmers going to Buffalo would typically try to reach Hamburg early in the morning — probably stopping for breakfast — and under most circumstances would be able to make the return trip from Buffalo to Hamburg that same evening, staying overnight at Kopp's and heading for home the next morning. As to the stage line, horses were changed at Kopp's every day, requiring not only a large stable — in this case, one able to accommodate 30 horses — but also requiring facilities where stage passengers could rest and take refreshment.

Reference: "Long Ago in Hamburg" by Bessie Schoepperle

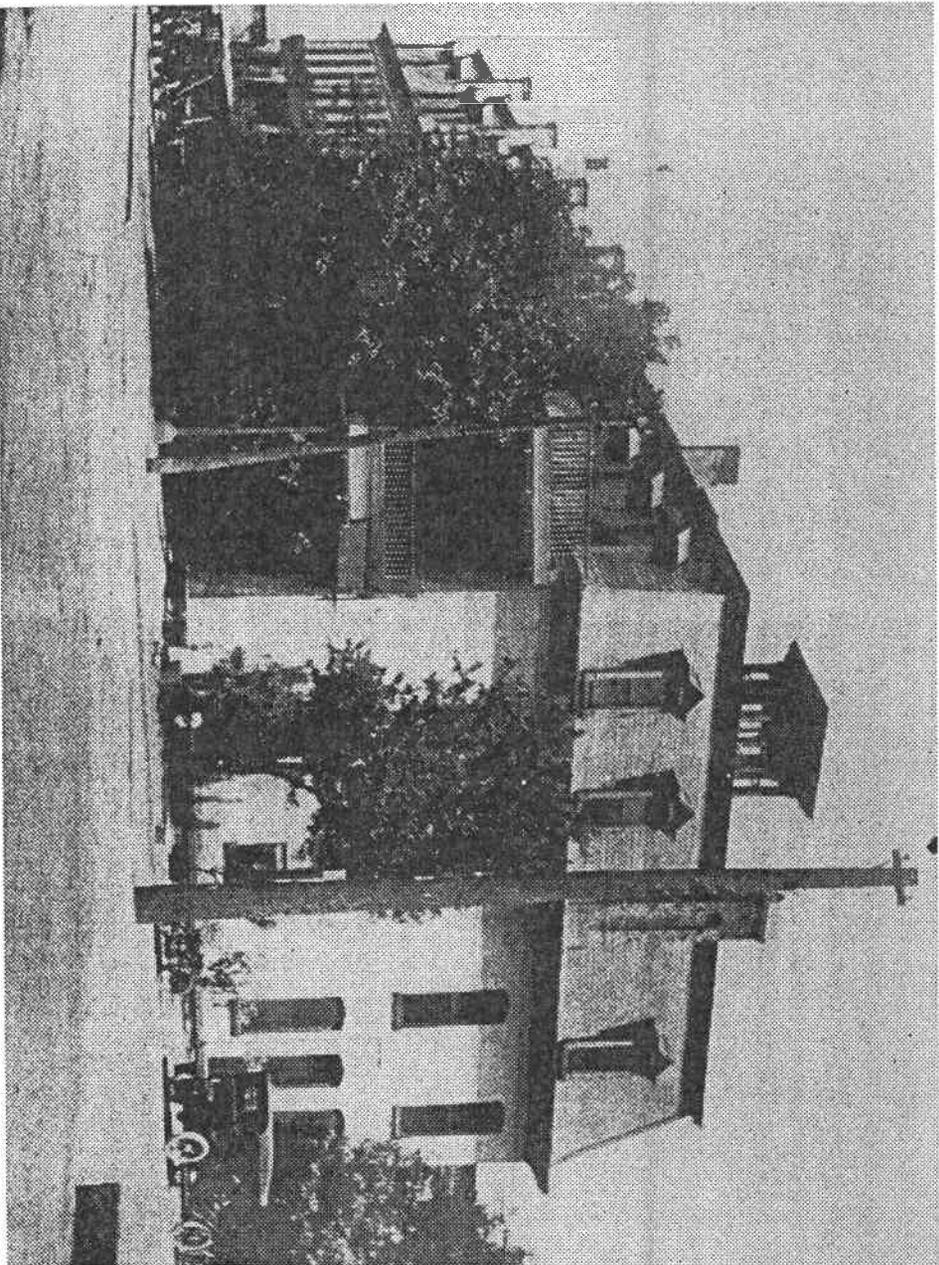
From the Archives...

June 16, 1882 — Erie County Independent: The directors of the Erie County Agricultural Society met pursuant to a call at Kopp's Hotel yesterday and transacted a large amount of important business.

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Out of the Past

Kopp's Hotel, 1907



Continuing what has become a tradition of printing an average of one Kopp's Hotel/Kopp's Opera House/Thiel's Hotel photograph each year since this feature began in 1985, we offer today a 1907 view of the same. (Of course, all the pictures have been different views!) Along with what must have been the earliest automobiles in Hamburg village, note the motorcycle just to the right of the base of the large utility pole; motorcycles were more common than you might think at this time of transition from horse-drawn to motor transportation. (Kopp's was on the NE corner of Main & Buffalo streets in Hamburg village.)

The late Bessie Schoepferle, in her monograph titled "Long Ago in Hamburg," tells us that the original hotel building was constructed in the early 1860s by George Kopp, a German immigrant who had settled here; in the early 1880s, Mr. Kopp's son, George Kopp, Jr., built the Opera House addition, which became the center of social life in the community. The Opera House was on the second floor and had a balcony around it, except on the stage end. The main entrance was on Buffalo Street, with a wide staircase leading to the hall on the upper floor. Rows of movable chairs were set in place for stage productions; heating was from potbelly stoves.

Clarence Thiel purchased the hotel from Mr. Kopp in 1909, and was the owner until 1930. Some interior walls, and foundation walls, are all that remain of the structure; these are contained in the row of stores fronting on Buffalo street.

Photograph: Walter Juergens

From the Archives...

Eric County Independent:
August 1, 1912 — The 4th Annual Convention of the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen met in Thiel's Opera House Wednesday forenoon. Over a hundred delegates and chiefs were welcomed by Chief John W. Salisbury of this village. In the evening they were entertained at a banquet at Thiel's Opera House.

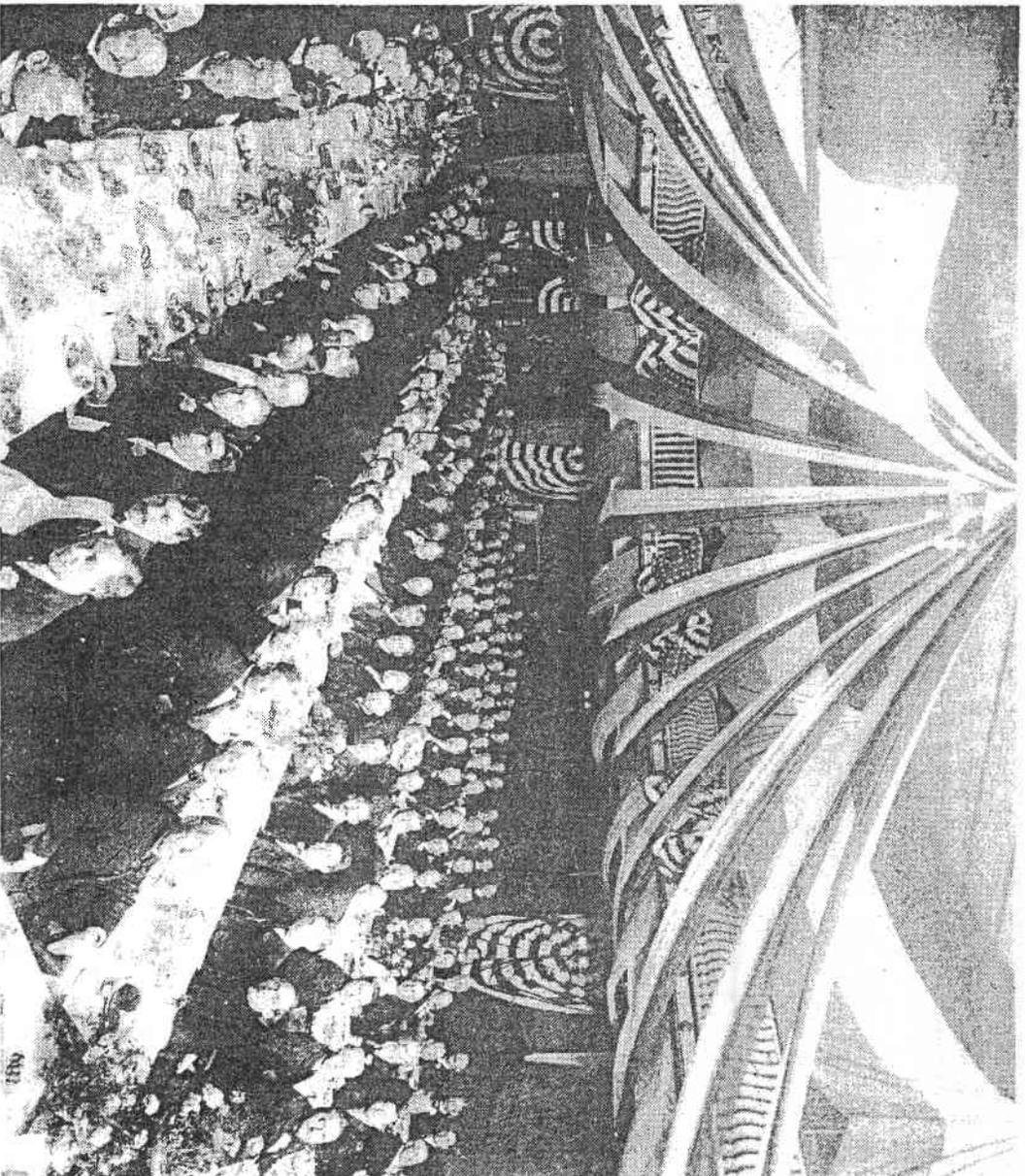
② 1907

③ CA. 1918

Out of the Past

Kopp's Opera House — Thiel's Hotel

As part of a series of articles on the old Opera House (see "Out of the Past" July 4, 1985, and July 31, 1986), here is an interior view of a banquet held around 1918, during the



ownership of Clarence Thiel. More than 200 people can be seen at the tables, and it was said the hall could accommodate as many as 1,200 (presumably seated theatre-style, and probably including the balcony.) It is believed the occasion for the banquet shown in this picture was a celebration of the end of World War I.

The Opera House (at the north-east corner of Main and Buffalo Streets,) the social center of Hamburg village from 1885 until about 1920, was the scene of theatricals, lectures, political meetings, banquets, Hamburg Academy graduation exercises, the Library Ball, the Masonic Ball, even basketball games. Regarding the latter, the Village of Hamburg Centennial Book (1974) states: "...the spectators were protected by nets suspended from the high ceiling to the floor to separate them from the action on the court. The games were followed by dancing, with piano music often provided by Mrs. Simon Rose, organist of SS. Peter and Paul Church for 30 years."

Photograph: Historian's file

From The Archives...

January 21, 1887 — Erie County Independent: Miss Jessie Bonesteel will appear in "Trixie" at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, 1887, introducing her many songs and dances, which are sure to please. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents.

January 13, 1921 — A General Gymnasium will be held at Thiel's Hall next Tuesday night, the 18th. Prof. Howe of the High School to be in charge. The affair will be open to all and for general use.

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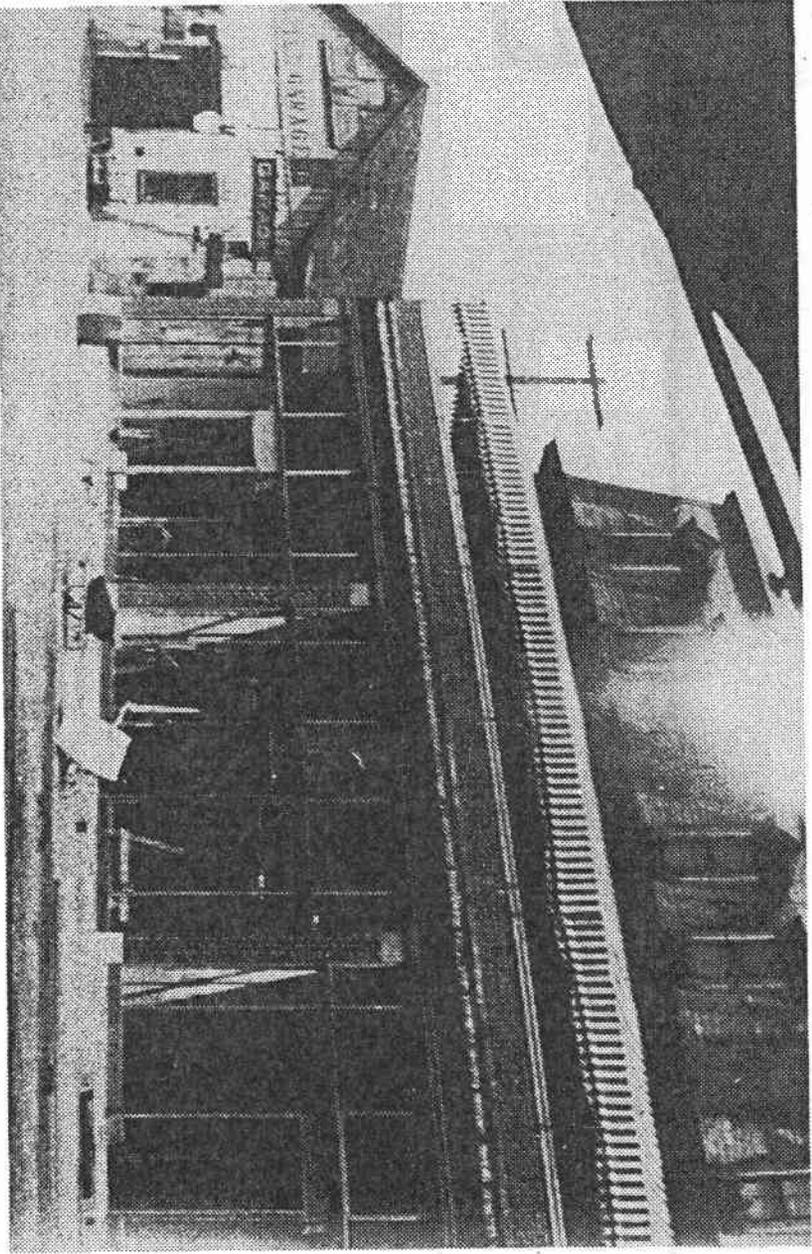
(H) CA. 1920

Out of the Past

Kopp's Hotel Construction, c. 1920

Adding to our long-running file of Kopp's Hotel/Kopp's Opera House/Thiel's Hotel articles, here is one that shows the construction of the row of stores fronting on Buffalo Street around 1920.

The advent of Prohibition in 1919 meant that establishments, such as this one, which had depended on the income from the sale of spirits, were now at some pains to replace this lost source



of income. In the case of Kopp's/Thiel's, the solution was to construct a row of retail shops at the front of the property, in hopes of retrieving a return on the investment in the establishment. As a result of the later removal of the upper two stories of the structure, sometime after 1940, this row of stores — along with some interior walls and foundations — is all that remains of the former "social center of Hamburg."

Also of note in today's picture is the Hotel Garage, formerly the Hotel Stables. The Hotel Garage evolved into a Chevrolet agency, and today the building houses Gagen's religious-goods store.

From the archives...

June 2, 1921 — Erie County Independent: Veterans of the World War, Spanish-American war veterans and survivors of the Civil War and members of the N. J. Swift Women's Relief Corps joined in memorial services at the park. At the cemetery services were held at the grave of Comrade Henry Michael, Civil War veteran and Howard Suter, World War veteran. Flowers were strewn on the veters in memory of the unknown dead, whose lives were lost in naval battles. Following these ceremonies, the veterans repaired to the Odd Fellows Temple, where a sumptuous dinner was served by the N. J. Swift Women's Relief Corps.

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⑤ CA, 1922

Out of the Past

Sugar Bowl — c. 1922

The Sugar Bowl was an ice cream and soda fountain located in the row of stores in front of the Thiel Hotel on Buffalo St. in Hamburg Village. (It will be recalled from previous articles about Kopp's-Thiel's that, with the advent of Prohibition in 1919, a row of stores was added to

the front of the old hotel-tavern in order to generate income to replace that lost by the banning of alcoholic beverages. The Sugar Bowl, and Harry J. Galle's butcher shop next door to the right, were two of these stores; out of view to the left would have been another, Palmer's barber-

shop.)

Oscar Klein has recalled a Friday-night ritual from the 1920s: Walking from his home in Water Valley to Mr. Biehler's Palace Theater for a movie, then going to the Sugar Bowl for a 5' soda or a 10' milkshake. The curb-side bicycle rack in front of the Sugar Bowl tells us that Wheat's Ice Cream was served there.

The first Palace Theater, built in 1916, was on the site of the building which now houses Helthco and second-floor law offices; the "new" (and present) Palace was built across the street in 1926, about the time that "talkies" were replacing silent movies.

Photograph: Historian's file

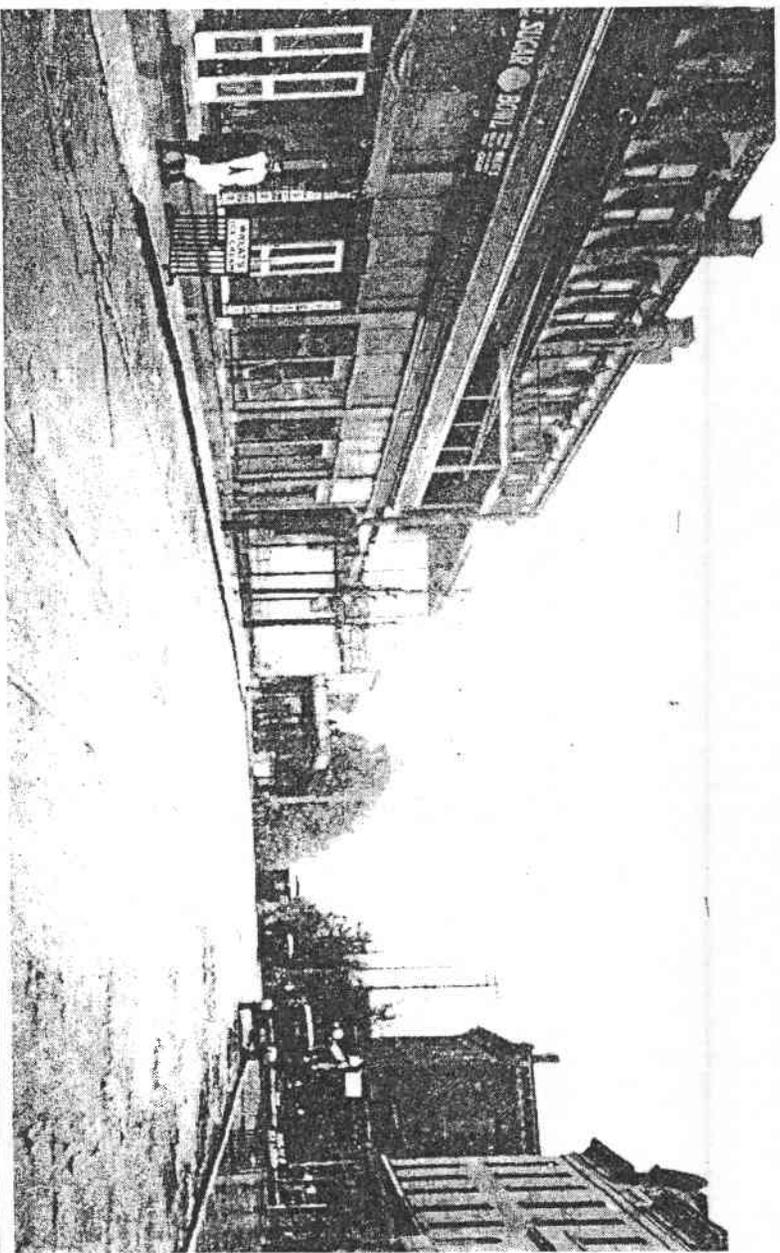
From The Archives...

March 30, 1922 — Erie County Independent: Letter received by Mr. J. G. Palmerton, Pres., Eden Rod & Gun Club: "Dear Sir, As there has (sic) been conflicting articles published lately in the various papers relative to the open season for trout, I would suggest that you have the following published in your local papers — Section 232 of the Conservation Law says:

Trout not less than six inches may be taken and possessed from the first Saturday of April to August 31st, inclusive; A person may take not to exceed 10 pounds of trout in one day.

Very truly yours,
F. W. Hamilton, Insp. Div. #10"

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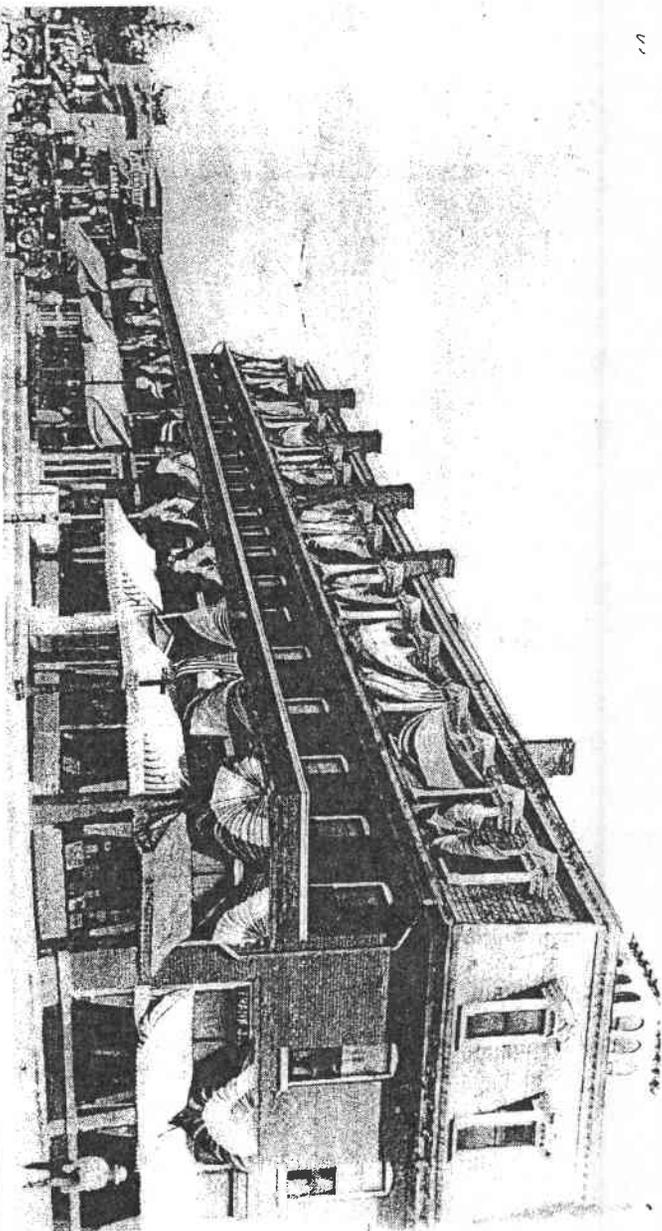


Out of the Past

Thiel Hotel-Legion Convention, 1927

The supply of photographs of the old Kopp's Opera House/Thiel Hotel at the NE corner of Main and Buffalo streets in Hamburg Village is seemingly inexhaustible. We have featured this

structure in a variety of poses perhaps half-a-dozen times over the last six or seven years, and could probably continue at the same pace for the rest of the decade without repeating a picture.



This frequent exposure seems justified because the building was such a prominent part of the Hamburg scene for so many years.

In this June 1927 photograph, the Thiel Hotel is decorated (as was all of downtown Hamburg) for the annual county convention of the American Legion, held that year in Hamburg. Some 1,500 Legionnaires met in the Hamburg High School auditorium (Pleasant Avenue building) in the morning, paraded over a Pleasant-Buffalo-Main Lake route in the afternoon, and gathered in the evening to view combat motion pictures taken by the United States government during World War I. Col. Charles Lindbergh was among the invited guests.

From the Archives...

June 23, 1927 — Erie County Independent: The Legion convention will bring to Hamburg a large number of strangers and the local Legionnaires are anxious to give the visitors a good welcome. One of the ways in which the public can help on this day is to decorate as for a patriotic holiday. It is desired particularly that places along the line of march be decorated.

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⑥ 1927

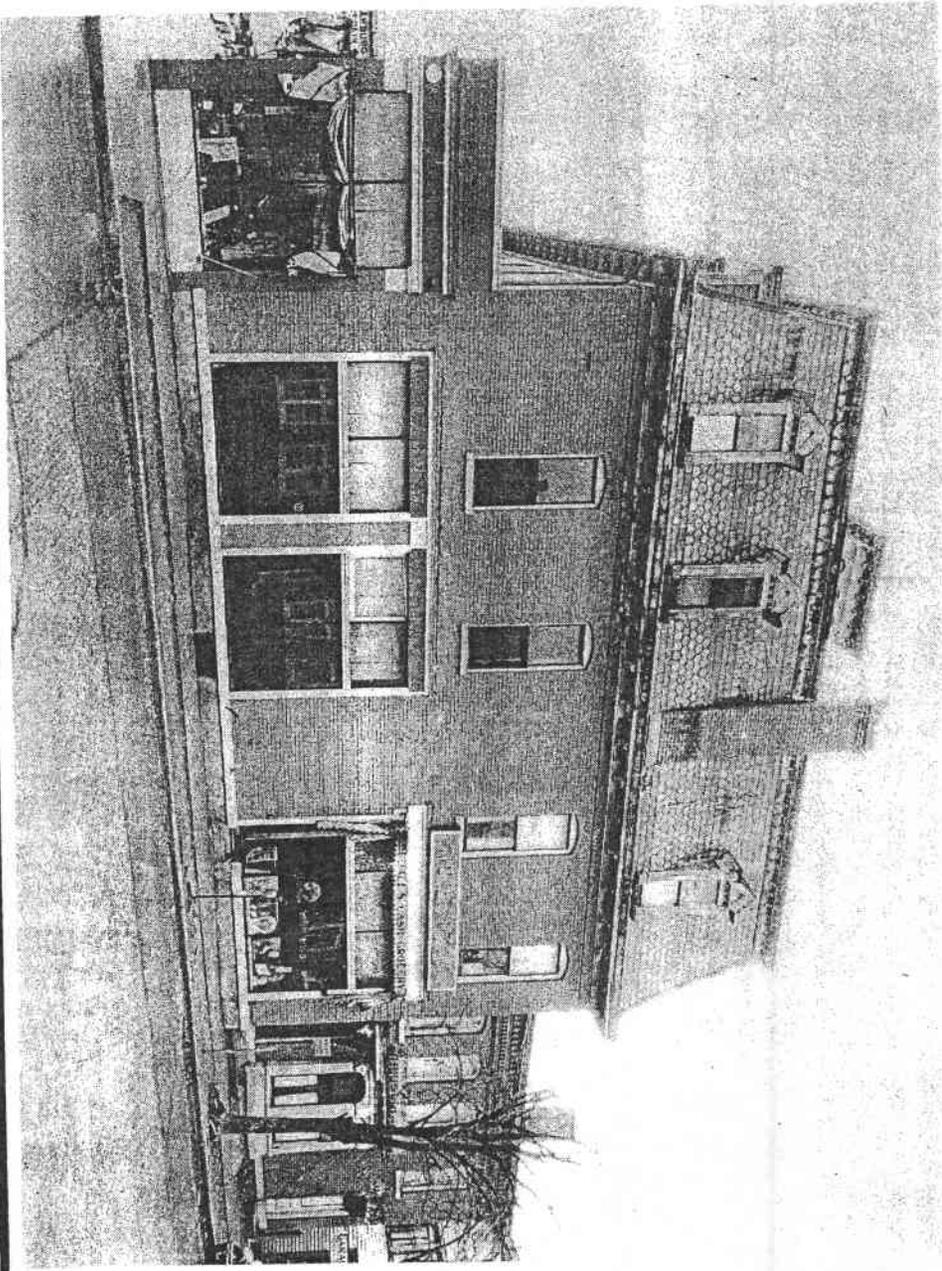
① CA, 1932

Out of the Past

Thiel's Hotel, c. 1932

This is the fourth time (see "Out of the Past" for 7/4/85, 7/31/86 and 1/15/87) we have featured Kopp's Opera House/Thiel's Hotel in our series, and the historian trusts the views have been sufficiently varied so as not to bore

the reader.
Today's picture, taken on a rainy day about 1932 (note the model "A" Fords both right and left) is from an East Main Street perspective; at the extreme right is a sign for Francis



Klispie's Garage, later moved to Camp Road and now operated by Kevin Klispie. Note the magnificent bay window of the residence which is between the hotel and Klispie's entrance.

By the time this picture was taken, the old hotel was showing serious signs of deterioration, particularly at the level of the Mansard-style roof and the "Victorian" cornices. As mentioned in a previous article, the two upper floors were dismantled about 1949, and all that remains behind the present Buffalo Street storefronts are some interior and foundation walls of the former "social center of Hamburg."

Photograph: Historian's file
From The Archives...

August 18, 1932 — Erie County Independent: A beauty shop (not Hamburg!) opened in a new building from which not all the building supplies had been removed. A customer came in who wished a "White henna" treatment (this is a treatment to burnish white or light-colored hair; they say a paste is applied to the hair and after a certain time, removed).

The operator opened a closet, got some material from a bag and made a paste. After it had been applied, the discovery was made that the stuff happened to be some sort of plaster of paris left by the workmen. It hardened quickly and firmly. In fact, the customer had to be removed to a suite where an operation could be performed with a chisel.

The chipping was done as considerably as possible, but the hair was chipped off with the plaster. In the end the woman had to have her head shaved.

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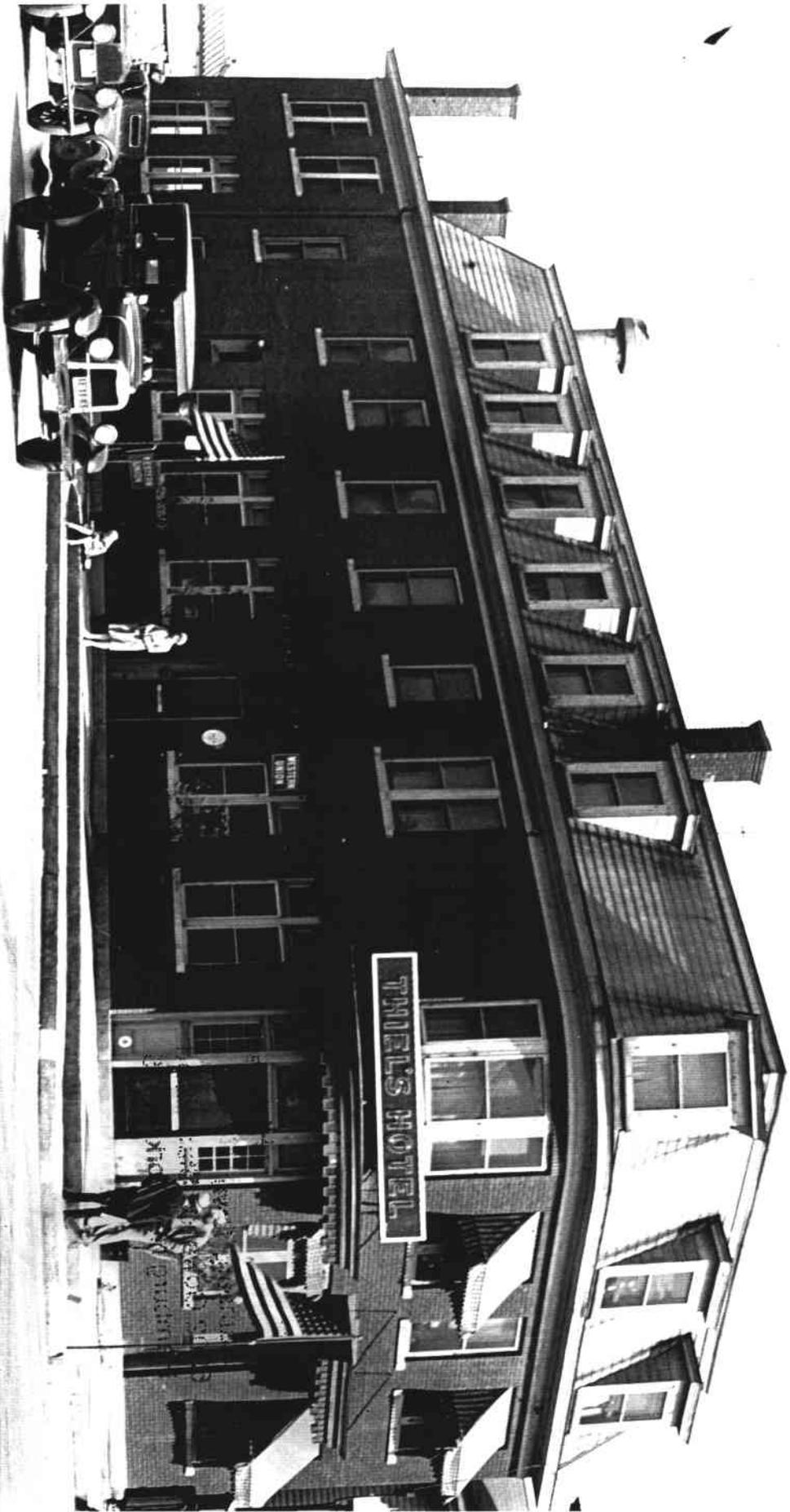
HAMBURG
REPAIR

MADALE'S HOTEL

MADALE'S CASH GROCERY

GARAGE





THE HOTEL

WESTERN
HOTEL

WALK
TO THE BEACH

WALK
TO THE BEACH





The view is from the west side of Buffalo Street looking north, ca. 1926. The Palace Theater, on the opposite (east) side of the street, would have been new at this time.







HOME OF FRATERNAL LODGE.....This 1926 photo shows Hamburg's Masonic Temple as it looked just after its completion. The handsome building, considered on of the finest in Western

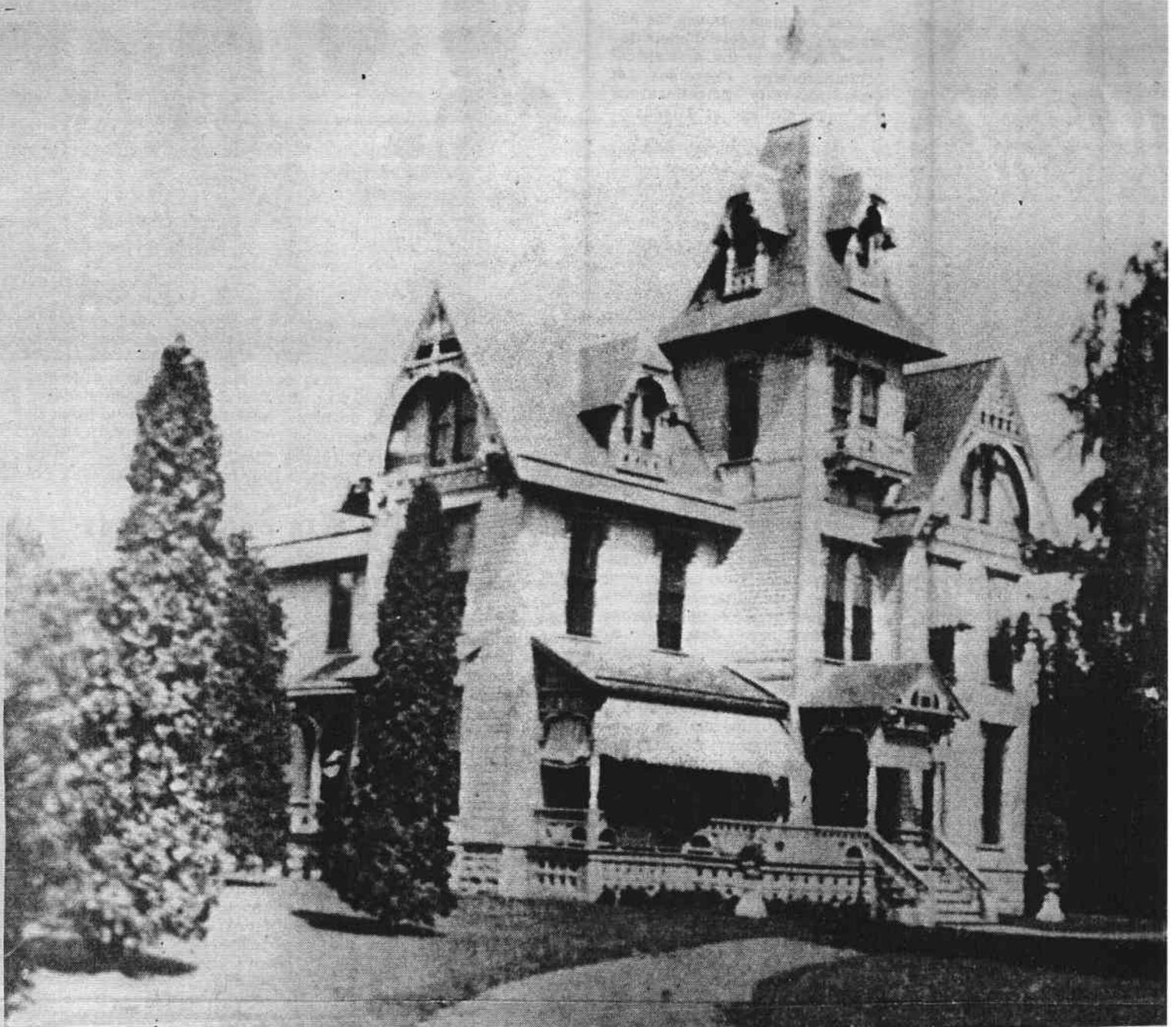
New York of its type also serves as the home of Beulah Chapter No. 176, Order of the Eastern Star and Hamburg Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons.



REMEMBER WHEN?

These were Hamburg Village Scenes

The Hamburg Sun is indebted
Mrs. Marjorie Sipprell of the
Hamburg Historical Society.



GRAND OLD MANSION.....Some rooms of the Jacob Peffer home shown in this 1880 photo and which stood on the present site of Masonic Temple here at Buffalo and Union Sts., form a portion

of the Union Street wing of the Temple. This view is of the Buffalo Street side of the handsome home. The Temple was built during the years 1925 and 1926.

