***EMMET COUNTY CITY & COUNTY COURT HOUSE***

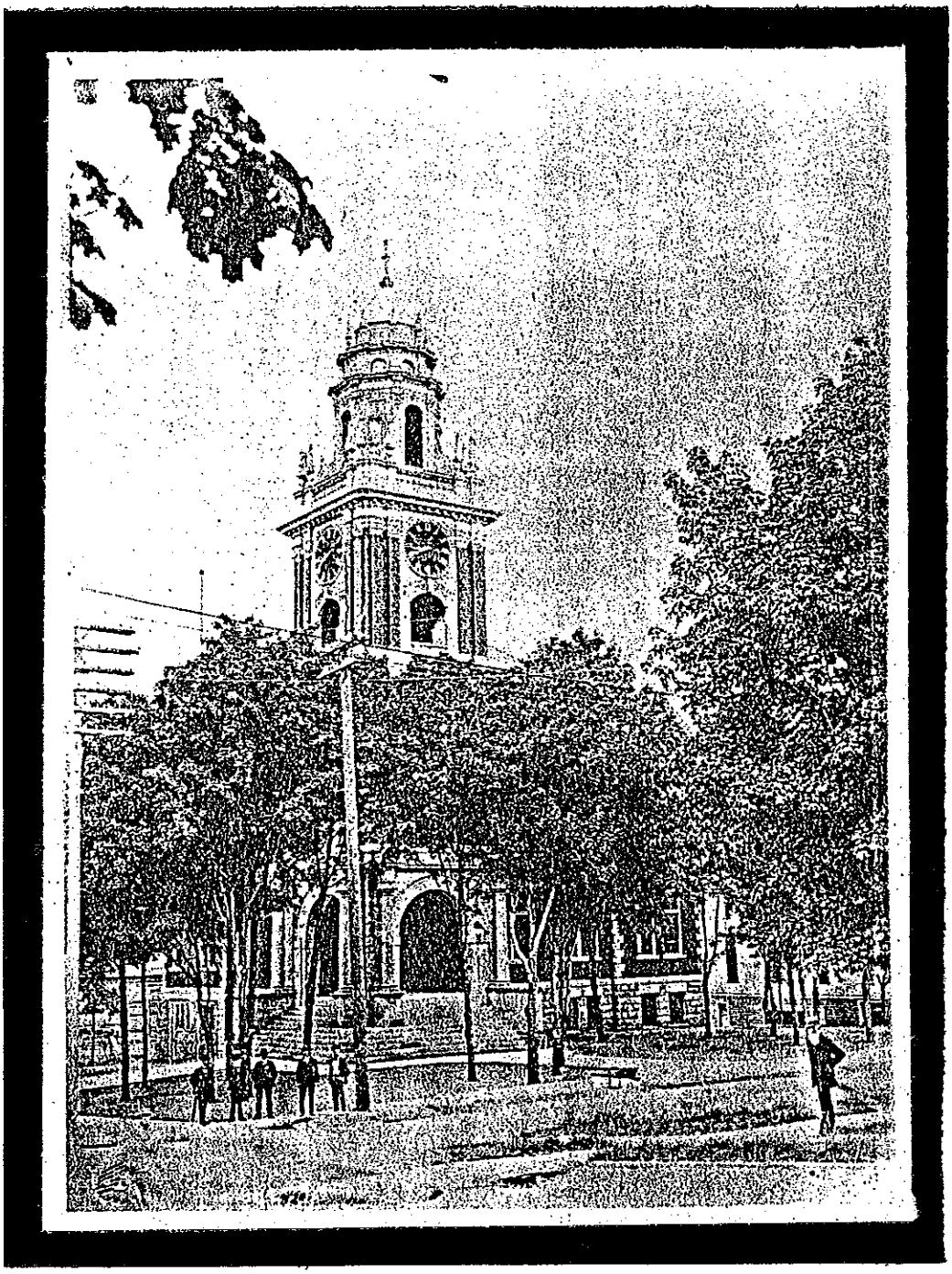
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*PETOSKEY OLD COURT HOUSE* *1902*

*Intersection of Lake and Division Streets*

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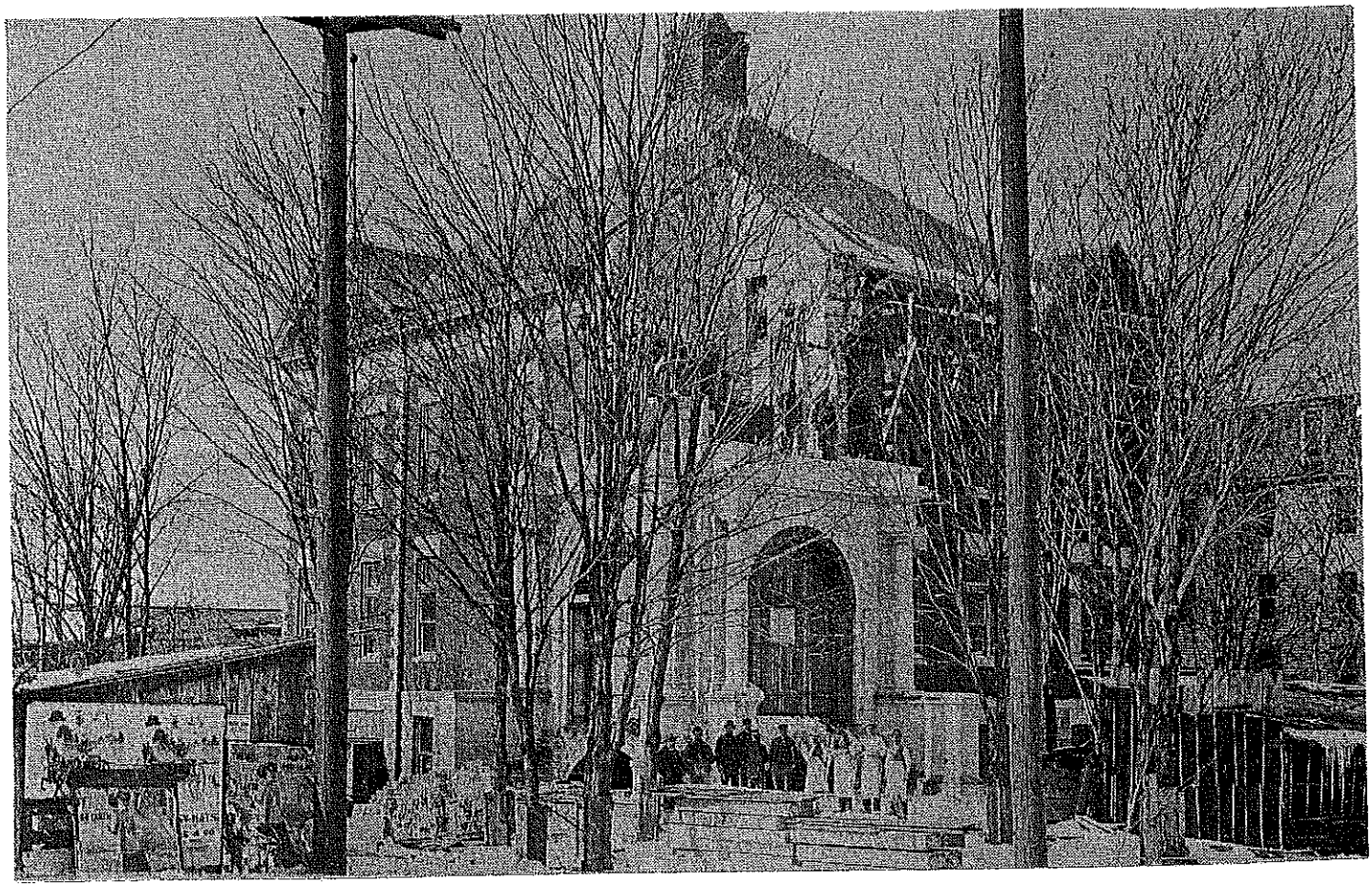
**EARLY PHOTO of the old court house just after it was completed in 1902. The intersection of Lake and Division Streets are dirt while the original clock faces are black with white Roman numerals on it. At the far left can be seen the old double folding wooden doors of the fire department while the building at the far right is believed to have been a church.**



**FIRST EMMET COUNTY COURT HOUSE**
**Early 1900's**

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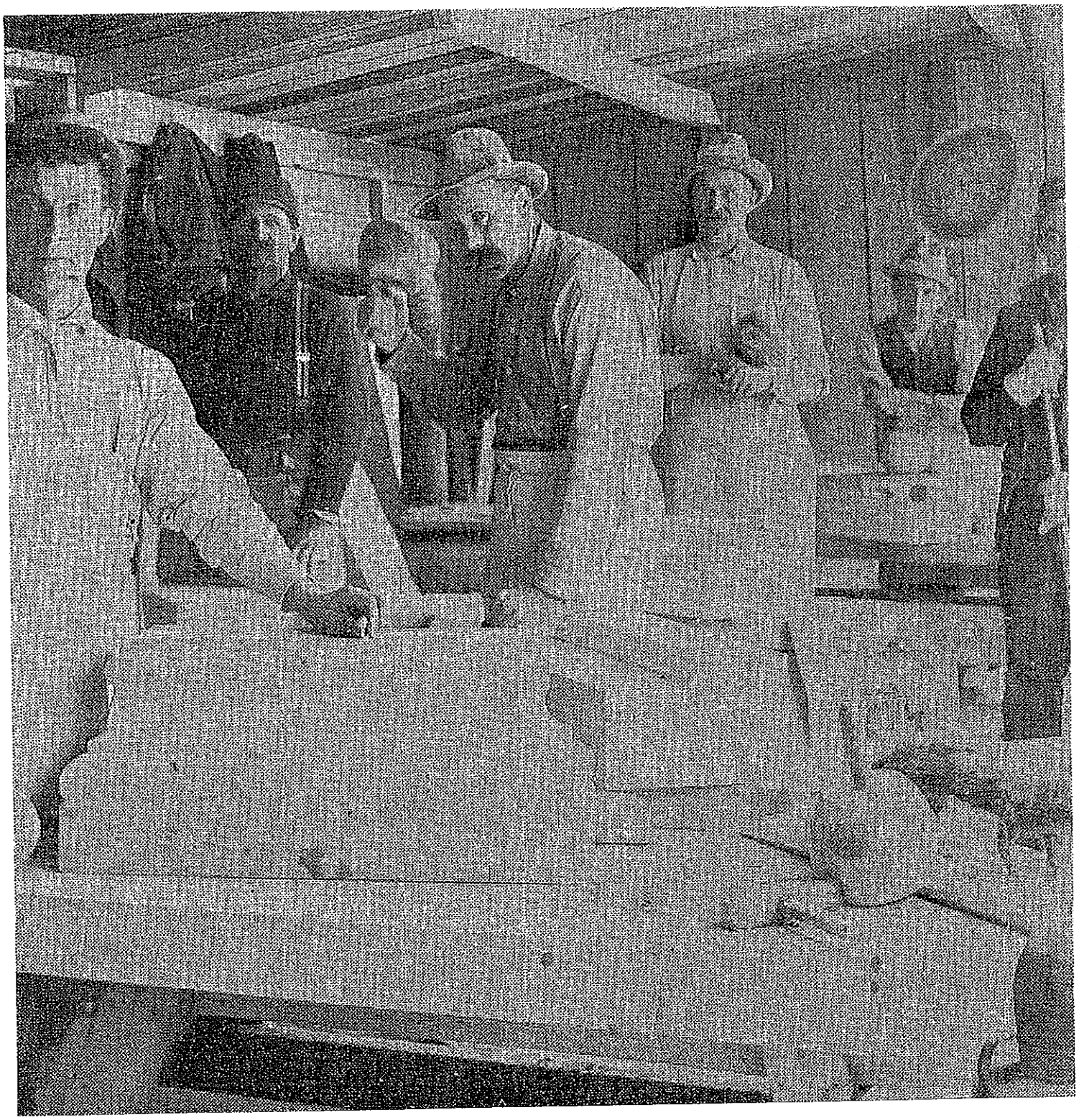
**EMMET'S COURT HOUSE has disappeared and a new one is rising,
but these photos were taken in the early 1900's when the old one was being built.
Workers, including stone masons {in white aprons} are shown here.
There was no town clock in the tower at this time.
Signs at left advertise G.R. & I. Railway {also long gone},
Mineral Springs Bath House, "The Best $10 Cloak on Earth."
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**STONE MASONS**
**Working on Petoskey Court House**

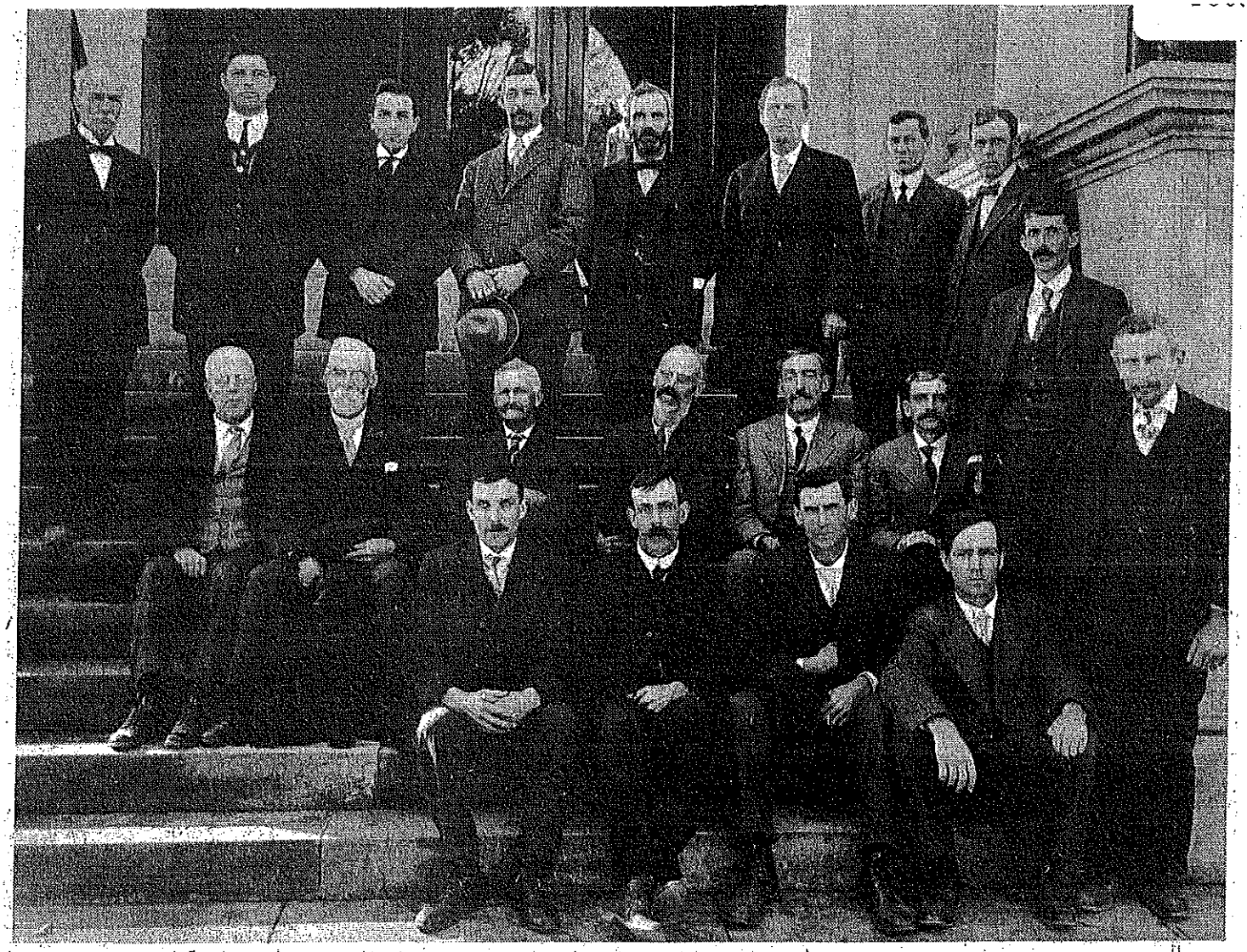
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**STONE MASONS are shown working on the Court House.**
**With his mallet raised is Fred A. Weber of Wolverine who also did the lettering on the old Petoskey Post Office.**
**[Photo belongs to Constance Gallop, R-1 Boyne Falls}**



# EMMET COUNTY SUPERVISORS & COUNTY OFFICIALS
## On the steps of the New Emmet Court House 1902
## Held their first session in the building

**Petoskey News-Review**
**Thursday, August 17, 1967**
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HISTORIC PHOTO. Mrs. Frank Radloff of Petoskey owns this photo taken in 1902 on the steps of the then new Emmet Court House as county supervisors and county officials held their first session in the building which was razed in 1965 for the new one.

Top row, left to right: B.J. Halstead, Carl Trautman, Will McDermott, Supervisor Evans of McKinley, Lewis Tubbs of Resort, Rufus Myers of Alanson, Lewis White (then supervisor, later county treasurer), Supervisor Burnett of Cross Village.

Center row: Charles Lusk, deputy county clerk; John Waldron, Charles Casky of Harbor Springs, Irvin Collins, William Hurd of Petoskey, Fred Schmalzried of Carp Lake, Frank Miles of Center.

Front row: Charlie Zuber of West Traverse, Frank Ward of Readmond, William Harris of Springvale, George Kilborn of Bear Creek, John Klink of Maple River.

# PETOSKEY'S TOWN CLOCK

**Petoskey News Review, page 1**
**Wednesday, March 9, 1960**

## Donor to Finance Fixing Petoskey's Silent Town Clock

An anonymous donor has agreed to put up $985 to get Petoskey's town clock electrified and running again, City Manager Ernest L. Neumann revealed today.

The person responsible, he said, had sworn him to secrecy. Neumann would only say that the person is a resident of Petoskey.

Neumann said Tower Clock Service Co. of Springfield, O., will make the changes with an electric motor and pre-made gears which will turn the hands and operate the strikers. Two huge counter-balance weights which had to be cranked back up the clock tower to keep it running will be removed as no longer needed. Besides, they are considered dangerous.

ANDREW HOFFMAN, 1030 Hoffman-st., got it running this week, but it didn't stay running. He volunteered his services for free and he cleaned and oiled the mechanism, cranked up the weights and was figuring out ways to get it repaired. He even offered to start a fund drive with cash to get donations to pay for electrification.

**The clock stopped back in 1947, according to News-Review records. At that time, the article said, "last time it started it ran for 40 minutes and quit and sometimes it had to be started three times a day."**

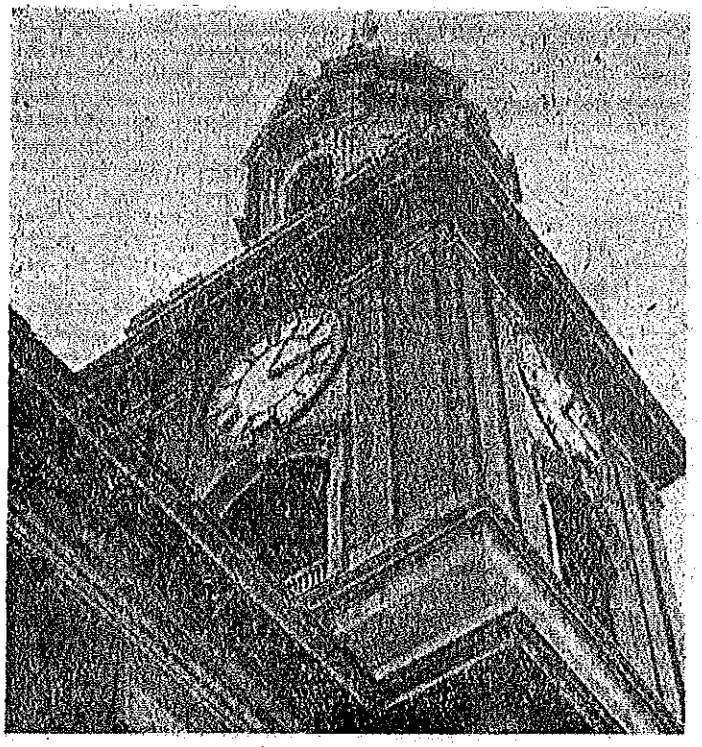
Screens were placed in the belfry to keep pigeons out. Some years ago the tower, a dark, dirty place, was cleaned up and the pigeons chased out.

FIREMAN A. M. "WESTY" West had the job for many years of climbing the ladder to the top of the 57 year old court house and cranking up the counter-balances. He also repaired it numerous times, reported the bearings in the hands were in bad shape because snow and cold on the north side often stopped the hands.

The clock is a landmark here and its striking each hour has been missed by many.

**Last year, a clock fixer had promised to stop in and check it over but never showed up.**

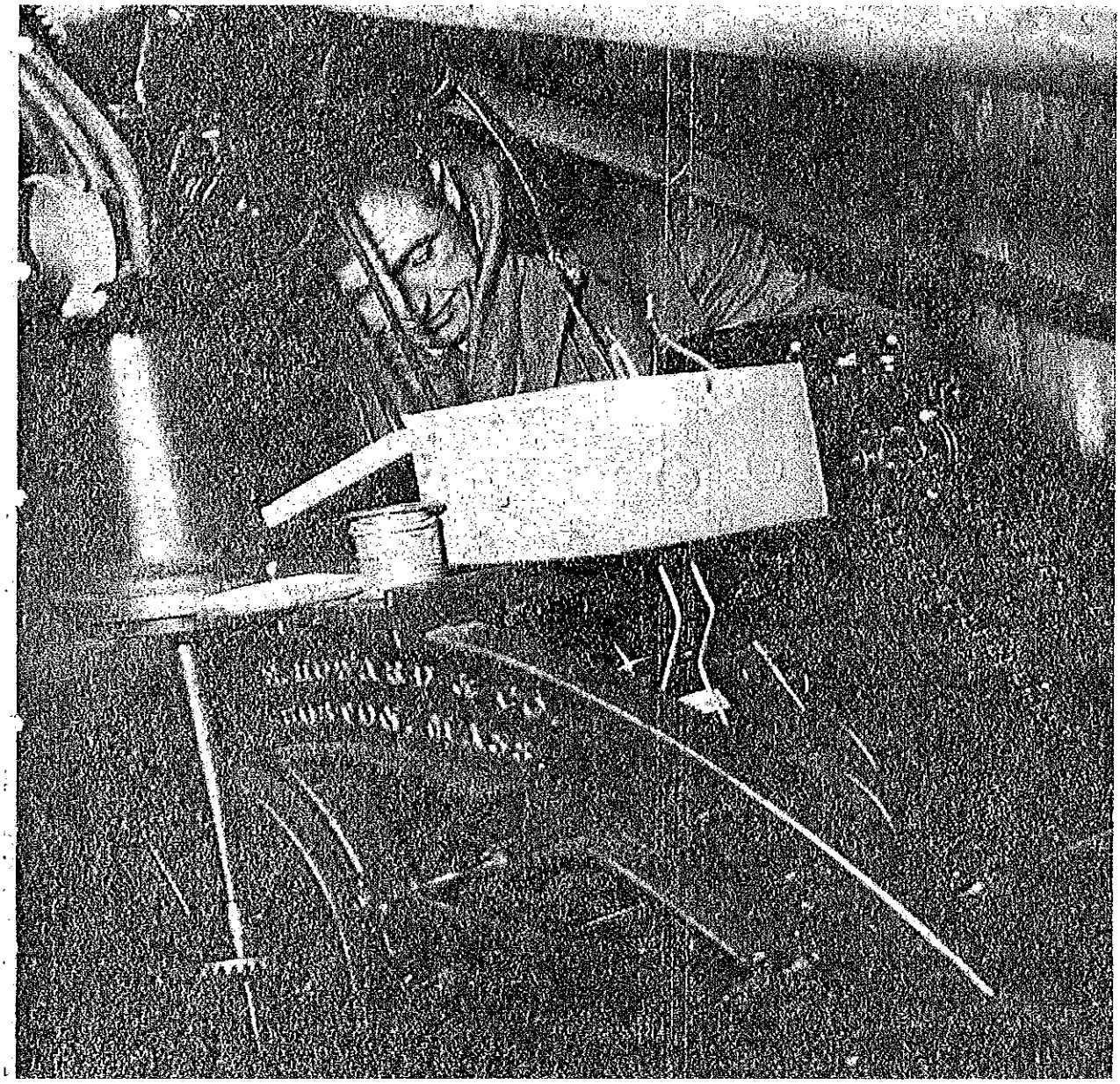
A sinking fund has been started for a new court house within the next few years. What will happen to the present structure isn't known yet.



PETOSKEY'S TOWN CLOCK

# PETOSKEY TOWN CLOCK TICKS & STRIKES
# ALL BY ELECTRICITY NOW

**Petoskey Evening News, page 1**
**Friday, March 25, 1960**



**MAKING FINAL ADJUSTMENTS to electrify Petoskey's Town Clock is Walter Hyser, service engineer of Tower Clock Service Co. of Springfield, O. One of the two motors may be seen under his arm. The shafts near his head run to the four clock faces. The room where this photo was taken is a tiny one, some 70 feet above the ground. {News Review Photo by Fred Lovelace}**

# PETOSKEY TOWN CLOCK TICKS & STRIKES ALL BY ELECTRICITY NOW

**Petoskey Evening News, page 1**
**Friday, March 25, 1960**

The city clock, electrified after several years of being idle, is running once more, thanks to an anonymous donor who supplied the money to get the ancient mechanism running again.

Walter Hyser, service engineer for the Tower Clock Service Company of Springfield, Ohio, completed the task in less than eight hours Wednesday night and Thursday.

His first task was to remove the old winding mechanism and pendulum, then the weights which were suspended on either side of the bell tower. The striker weights totaled 650 pounds and were in 50 pound sections. The time weights were smaller, totaling 250 pounds.

In the place of this bulk of cables, cable drums and various parts went two small motors, one no larger than that of a hand drill. The small motor is 1-100th horsepower while the larger one operating the striking arm, is ¼th horsepower.

## IN SMALL ROOM

All of the clockworks are confined to a small room, about five feet square, suspended on 12 inch wide planks about 15 feet above the open balcony seen from the ground. Still above this on another level is the clock, a 3,500 pound mass of bronze with a 48 inch skirt which was donated to the city in 1992 by the Chalmers Curtis family. The old original bell, much smaller in size, is still hanging above the big bell but has not been in use for nearly 60 years.

Prior to electrifying the clock, city firemen had to make a trip once a week six stories up to the clockwork room to wind up the weights. Three of the stories are confined to the building proper while the remaining flights are nothing more than wooden ladders in the bell tower.

Hyser does nothing but travel all over central United States repairing clocks. He has one in Indiana that is 200 feet in the air which can be reached only with a ladder. "I made 25 trips once on this clock and it's quite a haul up that ladder, especially when you have to lug all your tools."

## SUICIDE IN CLOCK

He has run into several odd happenings in his work such as removing dead owls and birds of all types as well as cleaning and oiling the clockworks. In one city, he received a call that there was an odor coming from the tower. He climbed to the clockworks room and found nothing but still higher, behind the face of the clock, he found a man who had committed suicide apparently about two to three weeks before.

## NOVEL INVENTION

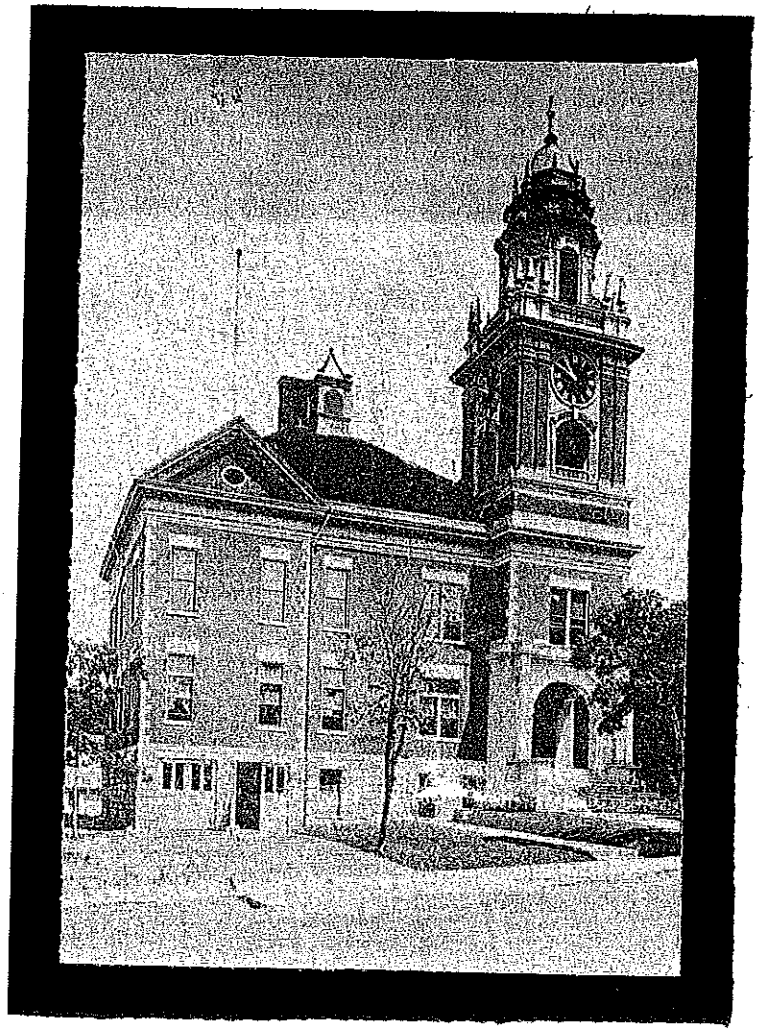
In another case, one clock tender was tired of climbing the tower each week to wind the clock. He "invented" a heavy spring which was stretched across the tower room and pulled taut by means of a cable and pulley at the base of the tower. One day, the spring broke, went through the side of the brick tower and about wrecked the entire clock. "I knew this would happen some day and was glad I was not in the room when it happened," Hyser said.

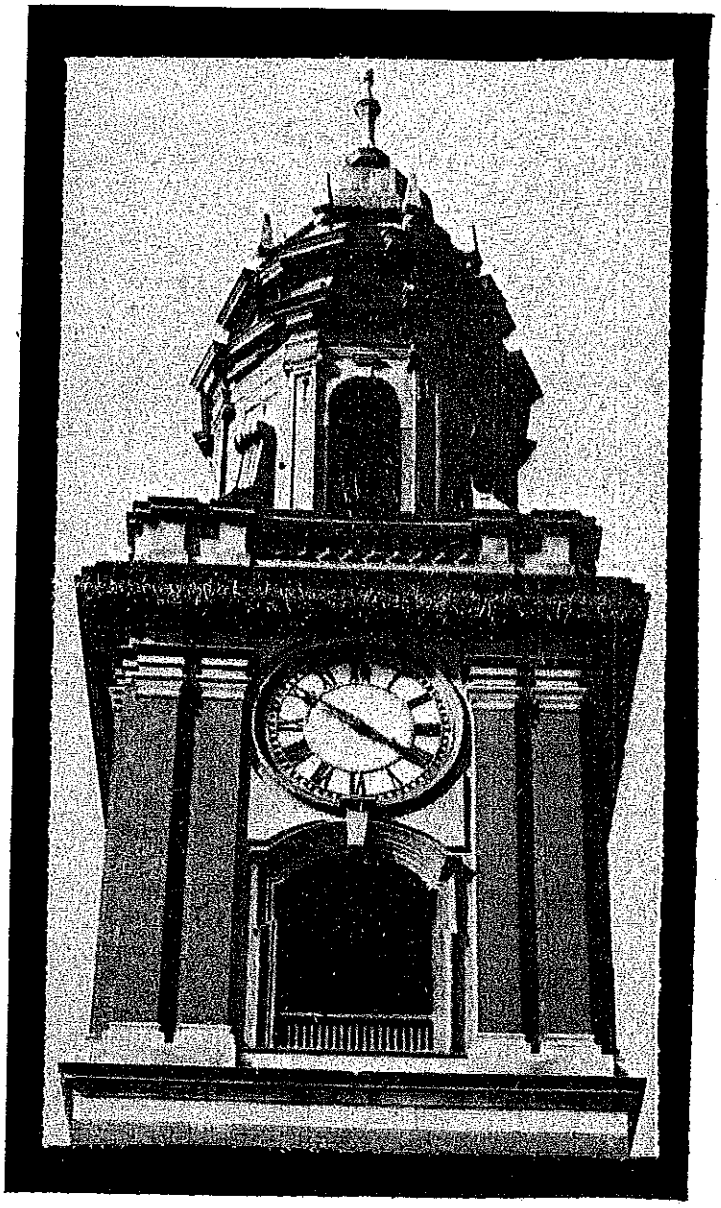
With only an occasional trip to oil one motor and the clock works, Petoskey's city clock will now be in shape to run for several more years, he said.

# PETOSKEY COURT HOUSE TOWN CLOCK

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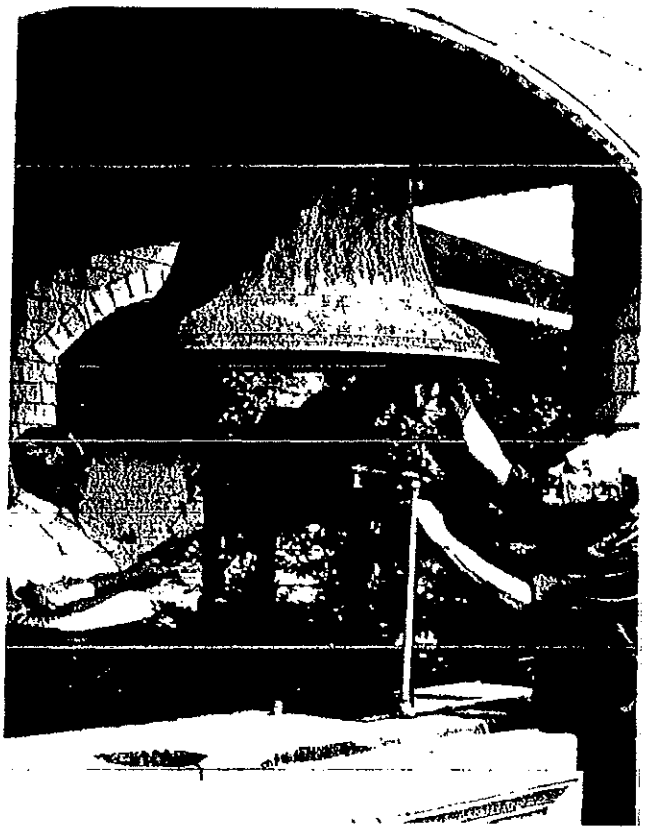
**PETOSKEY'S OLD town clock had two faces.**
**The closeup shows it shortly before the building was razed,**
**note the hands are dark and the clock face is light.**
**But in the 1908 photo, the hands are light and the clock face is dark.**
**Now, another mystery.....note the closeup shows no cornices sticking up from the corners in the 1960's.**
**The 1908 photo shows four at each corner. What happened? When were they removed?**
**How come the differences in the clock face?**
**Anyone with such knowledge should contact the News-Review.**



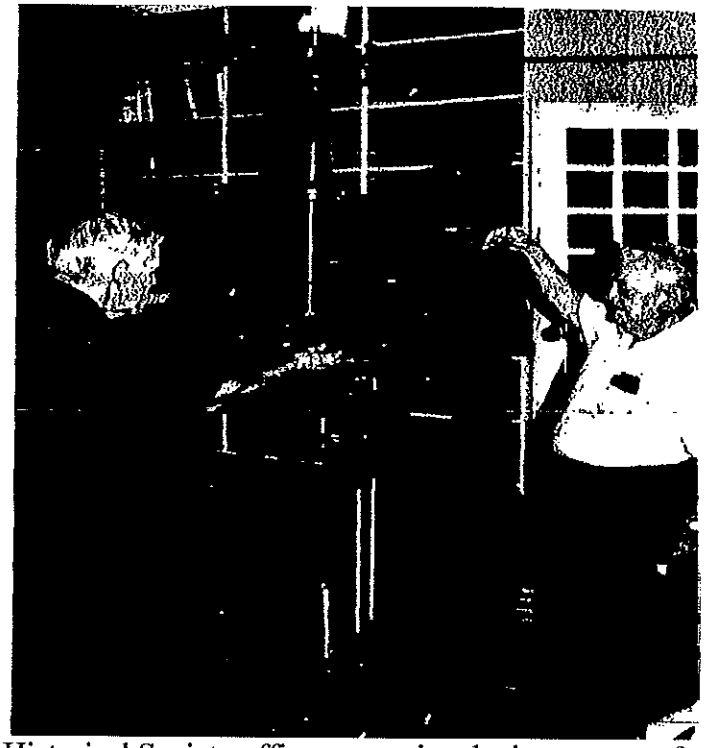


# OLD TOWN CLOCK EXPECTED TO START RINGING THE HOUR

**Petoskey News-Review**
**Friday, August 8, 1980 Front Page**



Leroy Voorheis {left} and Newell Saigeon of the Little Traverse Regional Historical Society make final adjustments to the bell's striking mechanism. {News Photo by Dave Guzniczak}



Historical Society officers examine the inner parts of the museum clock located on the second floor. The clock is being connected to a large 1,500 pound bell on the first floor. The bell will once again toll the hour beginning sometime this weekend.
{News Photo by Dave Guzniczak}

By DAVE GUZNICZAK

Since its resurrection in 1977, the old town clock has towered silently over Little Traverse Bay from its stately perch atop the historical museum. But starting this weekend, the clock will be silent no longer.

The Little Traverse Regional Historical Society is having the clock connected to its 1,500 pound bell located in the arehway entrance to the museum.

Newell Saigeon, society president, says the hook-up is nearly finished and expects by this weekend the 1902 replica of the Liberty Bell will ring the hour once more.

The clock and bell, made by the E. Howard Clock Co, were purchased by the late Mrs. William L. Curtis at the Buffalo Exposition and donated to Petoskey in 1902.

For many years the mammoth clock and bell kept time in the old court house building. When the building was razed in 1965 to make room for the new city-county building, the old timepiece was put into storage.

The society installed the bell in the museum in late 1975 as part of a Bicentennial project to ring in the 1976 year. Some $20,000 collected in a massive fundraising effort allowed the society to bring the clock to the museum three years later.

The society's annual meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the waterfront museum.

# COUNTY-CITY BUILDING

Petoskey News-Review, front page
Thursday, September 9, 1965

## County-City Building Bids $100,000 High

### Seek Cost Cutting Solution

Omega Construction, Grand Rapids, was the low bidder for the general contract on the new County City Building following the opening of bids this morning by the building authority, headed by Judge Edward H. Fenlon.

However, the entire amount of the total low bidders ran to $1,380,307 or roughly $100,000 more than anticipated and members of the City-County Authority and supervisors were to confer today in an attempt to find ways to reduce costs.

The second low bidder for general construction was Barnes Construction of Grand Rapids at $915,450.

Omega recently completed the construction of the new Lockwood – MacDonald Hospital while Barnes is currently working on the new Petoskey Senior High School.

The lower bidder for mechanical was Arms and Cole of Traverse City at $341,446 while Wares and Sons, Traverse City was second low at $347,000.

Davis Electric Company was low bidder on the electrical at $123,400 followed by Normsmith Electric of Cheboygan at $124,900.

Jail equipment low bidder was Decatur Steel and Iron at $21,995 with Southern Steel second at $23,338. Kitchen low bidder was Paul Garthe, Traverse City at $4,300 followed by Rhoads Equipment at $5,627.

Members of the County-City Authority present included Judge Fenlon, James Clarke, Harbor Springs and Raymond Conley, Petoskey. All members of the building committee of the Emmet board of supervisors including chairman Ward Walstrom, A. D. Banwell, Hugh Heynig, Robert Greenwell and Bill Zipp also were present.

It was said the Authority hoped it could reach a favorable agreement with low bidders through continued meetings this afternoon.

Petoskey News-Review, front page
Wednesday, September 29, 1965

## To Save Town Clock, Works

## *Moving Day Set At Court House*

Moving day for the offices of the county has been set for next Monday or Tuesday and the work of demolishing the 60 year old court house will start around October 11, according to supervisor Bill Zipp.

Members of the building and grounds committee met with the Emmet City-County Building Authority in an informal session last night to review the progress report to date.

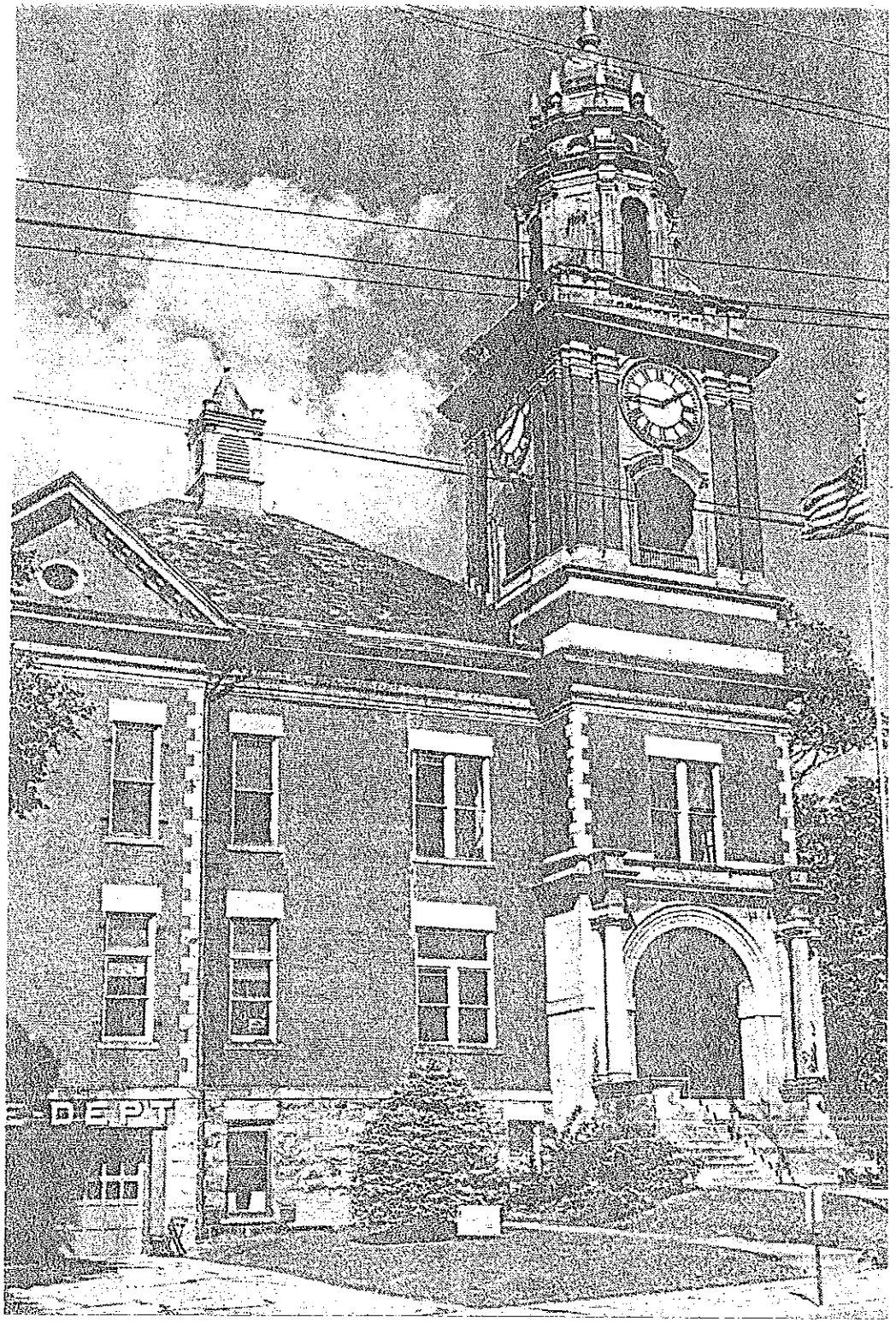
At the present time, the Omega Construction Company of Grand Rapids will have the temporary county office department completed in the basement of the city building by the first of the week and transfer of the county offices will be done then, Zipp said. The vault contents will be store on the second floor of the jail under lock and key. Other space will be used in the former Zaiger apartment next to the jail on Division-st.

Capitol Wrecking of Grand Rapids will have the demolishing job of the court house. Plans are to remove the clock faces, clock works and connecting mechanism from the tower and it will be stored for future plans, Zipp said. The remaining structure will be then demolished.

The Petoskey Fire Department is scheduled to move to their new temporary quarters on Elizabeth-st. in the near future.

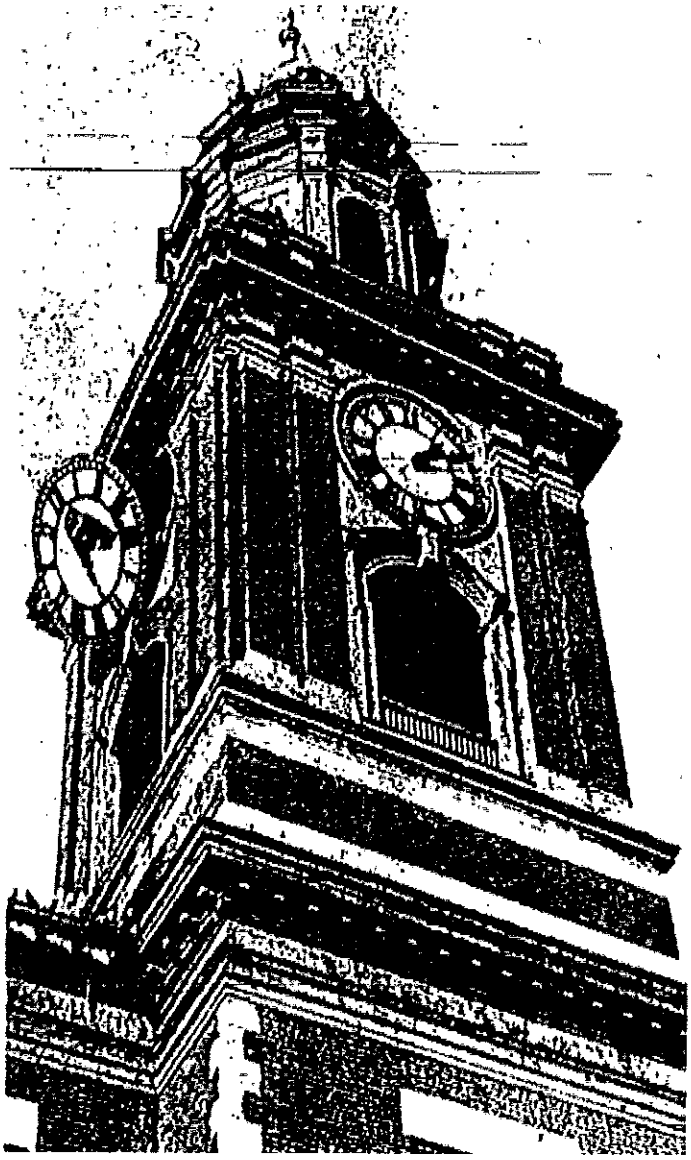
**Petoskey News-Review, front page**
**Thursday, September 30, 1965**

**EMMET COURT HOUSE, built as a city hall by the City of Petoskey in 1902 at a cost of $40,000 is to be torn down starting in a few weeks to make way for the new city-county building which will cost $1.5 million. The county will pay $1,050,000 the city $450,000 as its share through payments and rentals to the building authority which will build and operate the building until paid for. The old town clock and striking bell purchased by Mrs. William M. Curtis from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co. of Boston from the Buffalo Exposition of 1900 for $700 is to be taken apart with the clock faces and saved. The clock has been electrified but once required a man to climb the 87 foot tower and hand crank the heavy weights back up the shaft. The bell was made by the McNellian and West Co. of Troy N.Y. and carries an inscription of the 1902 gift. A 40 pound hammer hits the bell, Note the slab above the entrance....it still says *"city hall"*. Petoskey firemen will be moved from the present location to the former Resort-Bear Creek fire hall on Elizabeth St., until the new building is ready. {News photo by Fred Lovelace.}**



# OLD PETOSKEY COURT HOUSE REMOVAL

**Petoskey News-Review**
**Tuesday, October 19, 1965**
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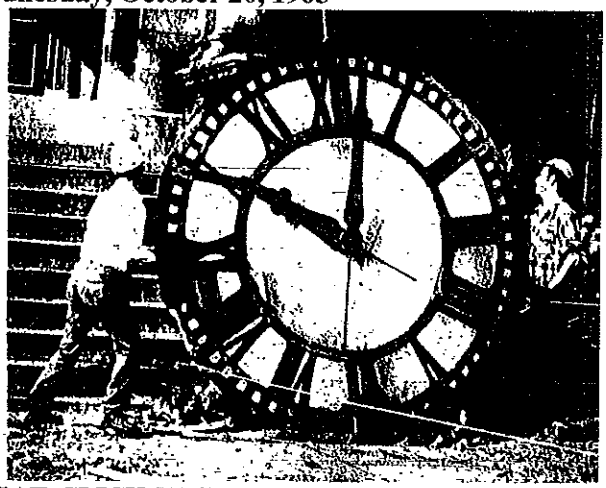


**CLOCK FACE REMOVAL started late yesterday with workers from the Capital Lumber and Wrecking Company, Grand Rapids, swinging one face, on the west side, of the tower trim. The center of the face was broken to get at the hands of the clock. {News photo by Fred Lovelace}**



**SIZE OF THE CLOCK FACE at the court house is compared with the figure of a worker standing in the opening while the face is lowered to the attic floor. With the exception of the center of the faces, the huge platter like clock faces were lowered intact and will be stored for future use by the historical commission.**
**{News photo by Fred Lovelace}**

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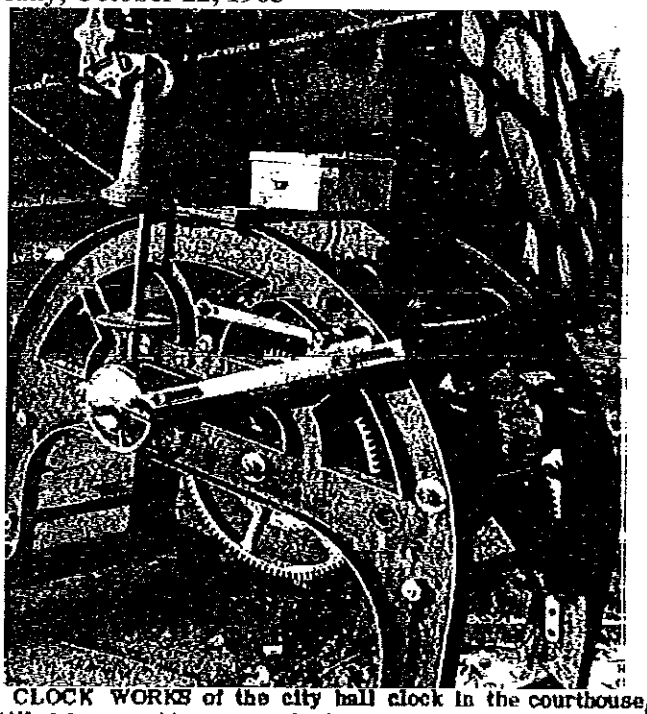


GREAT CLICK FACE at the court house reaches ground safely despite a large crack in the center of the glass face which apparently has been there several years. Two of the four faces were removed unbroken by workers of the Capital Wrecking and Lumber Company, Grand Rapids. Size of the face can be compared with workers. The face weighed 500 pounds and had cast iron numerals with wood clock hands. Additional photos of the removal are on page five. {News photo by Fred Lovelace}



GOING . . . GOING . . . GONE. The final clock face of the city hall clock in the court house, a landmark for over 60 years, was removed yesterday by Capital Wrecking and Lumber Company of Grand Rapids. The top photo shows the face clear from its position on the tower. Center photo shows the path of the clock face, brittle with years of use as it is lowered to the ground and finally, in the bottom photo, it nears the resting place on the courthouse steps. In the foreground is foreman Pete VanDrunen of Capital Wrecking guiding the 500 pound face to the ground. Two of the four faces were removed intact. (NEWS photos by Fred Lovelace)

Petoskey News-Review
Friday, October 22, 1965



CLOCK WORKS of the city hall clock in the courthouse, stilled by wrecking crews last week, come to a rest on the ground after spending over 60 years in the tower, first as a mechanical works and later converted to electricity. The shaft on the left went upright to the governor that controlled the movement of the hour and minute hands which operated off a gear mechanism. The works, together with the four clock faces, will be stored by the historical society for future use. (NEWS photo by Fred Lovelace)

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THIS STUBBORN ELM TREE near the entrance of the Divesion St. side of the courthouse, refused at first to make way for progress until Walt Poquette of Hodgkiss and Douma undermined the rocks that had become entangled in the chimney and basement walls. All trees are scheduled to go along with continued demolation of the 60 year old courthouse.
{News Photo by Fred Lovelace}

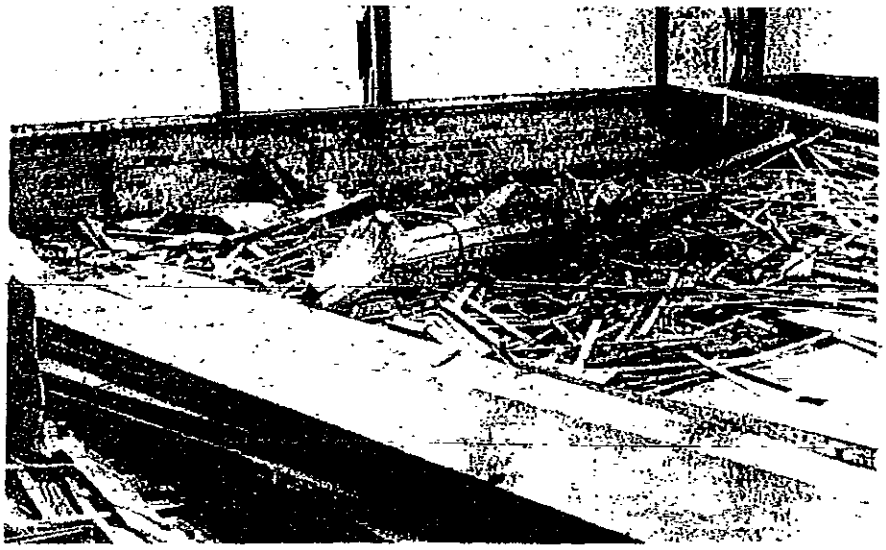
# EMMET CITY-COUNTY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
# $1,5 MILLION PROJECT

**Petoskey News-Review**
**Monday, April 11, 1966**
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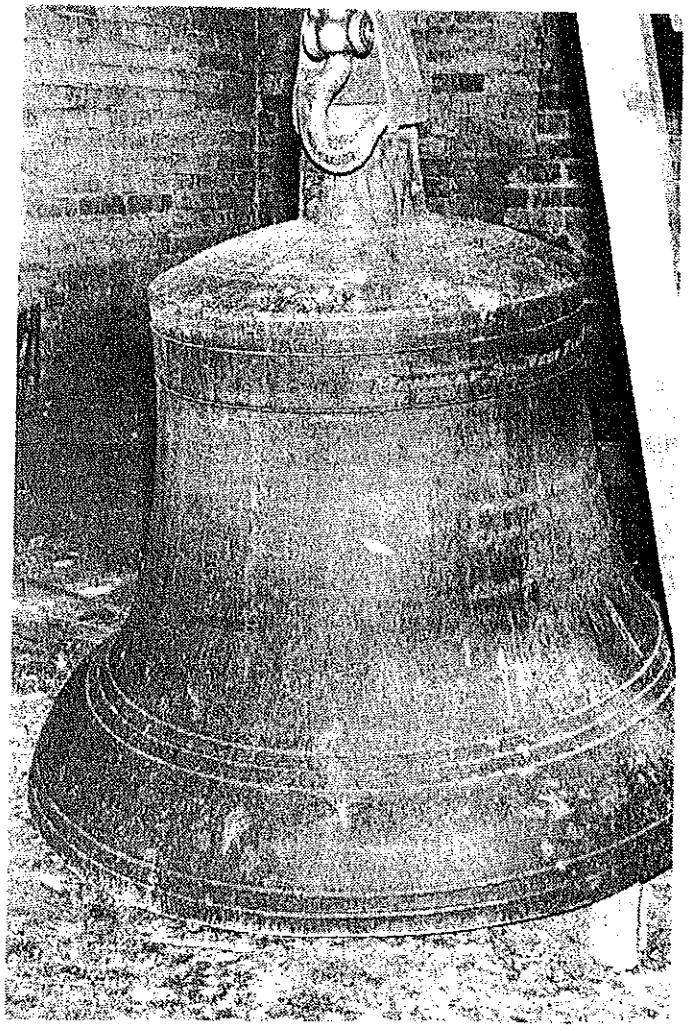


BIRD'S EYE VIEW of the construction of the new Emmet City-County Building was taken off the top of the city vault, the first of three vaults completed. From here can be seen the sheriff's residence taking shape in the upper left corner and the footings have been poured for the main jail portion. In the foreground bricklayers are putting up some of the outside walls. Omega Construction of Grand Rapids is the prime contractor for the $1.5 million project due for completion in 1967. (NEWS photo by Fred Lovelace)

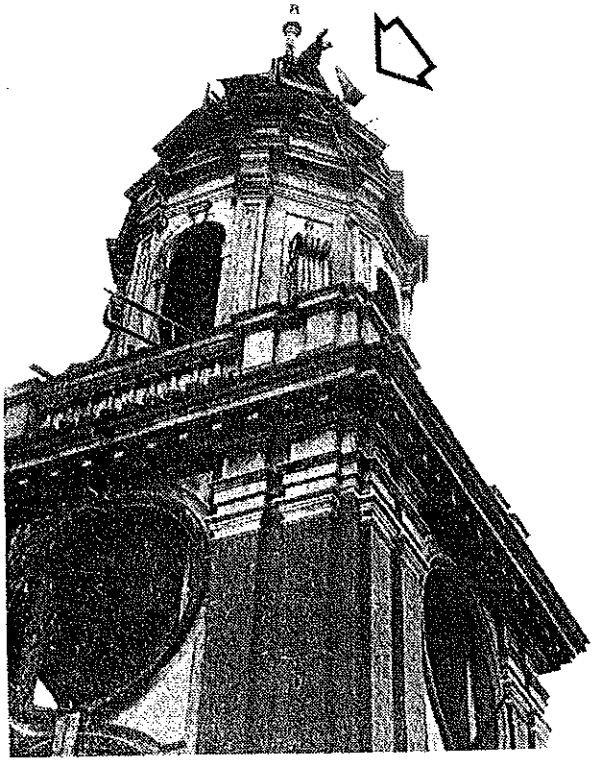
**Petoskey News-Review**
**Friday, October 22, 1965**



**COURT HOUSE SPIRE on top the cupola came to a crashing rest on the floor of the gutted court room on the second story yesterday and when it hit, the tin sides opened up like a banana in the rubble. It was about eight feet tall. {News photo by Fred Lovelace}**



CLOCK BELL of the court house came to rest this week on the attic floor at the base of the clock tower and was to be moved to the ground today by a crane. It was solid bronze, measuring about four inches thick and on its side was the inscription "Donated to the City of Petoskey by Mrs. W. L. Curtis, 1902" and the manufacturer's name of Mennelly and Ward. It weighs an estimated 1,350 pounds. (NEWS photo by Fred Lovelace)



CLOCK TOWER of the old Petoskey courthouse fell yesterday with workers of Capital Wrecking and Lumber Company, Grand Rapids, finding the cupola made only of galvanized tin formed over hemlock and cedar boards. Here a worker drops one of the spires off the dome base (note arrow). (NEWS photo by Fred Lovelace)

# OLD TOWN CLOCK TO RING AGAIN HERE IF FUND DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

Petoskey News-Review
Friday, October 24, 1975
Page 1 Price 10 cents

## Old Town Clock to Ring Again Here

By JIM DOHERTY

Petoskey's Bicentennial Commission last night gave its endorsement to a revised plan to restore the old town clock in the waterfront museum.

Action came quickly after a presentation by Bill Barney, Merton Carter and Bill Porter of the Little Traverse Regional Historical Society.

Earlier, the society had proposed moving the old tannery water tower to the waterfront and installing the giant four-faced clock on it. Matching funds were sought from the Michigan Bicentennial Commission, but they weren't authorized. The clock has been stored since the old court house was razed and the city-county building built.

Under Barney's new plan, the center peak of the depot would be raised 10 or 12 feet and the clock tower placed under the peaked roof.

The commission last night also authorized preparing a new application to seek matching funds from the state as a Bicentennial Project. Barney said the society planned to go ahead with the project and would raise the funds whether there was matching grants or not. Total cost isn't yet known.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble raising the money," he stated. He said plaques and memorials are planned at the museum for donors and he started if off by pledging $50 now and $100 next year.

Carter told the group that installing the clock in the depot would not change its basic design and the clock would be visible from the marina, Lake-st., and Sunset-blvd. He also felt the 2,500 pound bell, which is struck by a 70-pound hammer, could be placed at the front of the building where people could watch it work.

He said the giant pendulum could be hung down through the library, perhaps encased in glass, and would be an attraction for the public to watch.

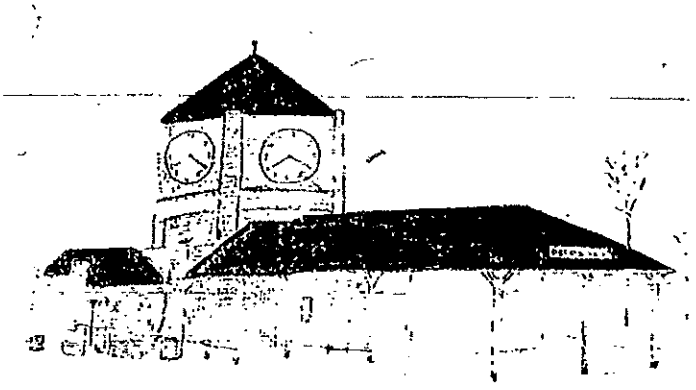
William Porter, an East Jordan construction contractor and a clock buff, has the works of three clocks similar to Petoskey's. He has volunteered his time and talent to help restore the clock and said some missing parts could be duplicated by using some of his clock parts as patterns. He described how the clock would run (mechanically or by electricity) and felt the mechanical method was cheaper. He felt mechanical repairs could be made next year.

The clock, made by the E. Howard Clock Co., was purchased by the late Mrs. William L. Curtis from the Buffalo Exposition where it operated around the turn of the century. Later she paid for illuminating it and replacing the black glass face of the four-faced clock with white so it could be seen at night.

George Zipp and Dr. B.B. Blum are serving on the society's committee with Barney. Whether the finances can be raised and the project completed in time for the July 4, 1976 Bicentennial isn't known at this time, but Barney said the drive would be launched shortly.

In other action of the commission last night, Jack Perry appeared on behalf of the Crooked Tree Arts Council to discuss several upcoming projects. He was authorized $200 for advertising help in promoting the musical "1776" which the council will present here Saturday, Feb. 14. This is a traveling cast of Continental Theater representing all the people who signed the Declaration of Independence.

The commission approved $100 to purchase vinyl covers for holding sheet music for the 60 members in the newly formed Bicentennial Chorus which will have its first public appearance here Dec. 18 with a tree lighting program downtown.



THIS SKETCH shows how the Petoskey town clock would look installed in the old C & O Depot (now a museum) on the waterfront. By raising the center section 10 or 12 feet, the lighted four faced clock (each face eight high) would be visible in any direction.)

# OLD COURTHOUSE BELL TO RING IN NEW YEAR 1976

**January 1, 1976**
**Copied from Petoskey District Library Records**

By JIM HERMAN

Five men leaned forward and pushed with all of their might in an effort to slide a hulking, 800 pound bell onto the prongs of a front-end loader.

The metal bell was finally inched onto the machine and the five men stood back as the loader lifted it to a reinforced beam at the entryway of the Little Traverse Regional Historical Society Museum, located at the waterfront in Petoskey.

One of the men--Bob Greenwell of the Greenwell Machine Shop--climbed above the bell and helped fasten it to a metal holder.

Once that was done, Bob climbed back down the ladder and looked over the finished project. Museum curator Merton M. Carter stood nearby.

"There, Merton," Greenwell said. "I told you we'd have it up in time."

The bell is Emmet County's own replica of America's Liberty Bell, and was presented to the city of Petoskey in 1902 by Mrs. William L. Curtis after she had purchased it from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Co. at the Buffalo Exhibition. For a number of years it was stored in a city building out of sight and out of mind.

The society then decided to resurrect it in observance of the Bicentennial Year and place it for all to see at the front door of the growing museum--an old train depot rebuilt by the society in recent years. They also decided to tie the bell-raising to a fund-raising in an effort to finance raising of the old town clock.

Carter and society members wanted the job completed by New Years Eve, so they could literally ring in 1976.

So Greenwell hustled for over a month to fabricate the iron mount to fit a large wooden beam rocker. In the meantime, other steps were taken as well.

"Everything has been reconstructed in the same size as the Liberty Bell, using drawings and photographs as reference," Carter said. "Then last week, city light department workers moved the bell from the old diesel electric plant where it has been stored since 1965 when the old courthouse in Petoskey was torn down."

On Monday, members of the city's street department gave up their lunch hours to help out. Then the five men, including Carter, museum custodian Joe Keller and Greenwell, heave-hoed the bell onto the lifter and into place.

The accomplishment will add a bit of history to Petoskey's Bicentennial Year. Plus, it will held mark the success of the clock-restoration fund-raising.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, officials of the society will be on hand at the museum to ring the bell. Then on each day beginning on Jan. 1, the bell will be rung at noon if $100 is raised for the clock project.

Carter said the fund-raising is off to an excellent start. Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Curtis of Naples, Fla.--whose grandmother donated the bell to the city in 1902--have mailed a $5,000 donation to ring the bell on 50 days during 1976 in memory of Mrs. William L. Curtis. The Curtis family owned the First National Bank in Petoskey for almost 75 years.

There are others for whom the bell will toll. On Jan. 2, the bell will ring for the Petoskey Rotary Club, the first service club to donate to the Clock Restoration Fund. Then at noon Saturday, Jan. 3, the bell will ring in honor of Boese Wood Products of Petoskey, the first industry to make a cash pledge to the project.

Others are expected to donate and ring in the new year.

"We have received several pledges to help us ring the bell in 1976," said society President A.T. Washburne. "And they will all be duly recognized. We have delayed our official fund drive for various reasons, but before the year 1976 is over, everyone will have an opportunity to make a donation to restore the old town clock to working order."

Bill Barney, a member of the Old Town Clock Committee, has announced a plan to use the bell as an indicator of how the fund drive is going.

"We will ring the bell at noon every day that our pledges total $100," Barney explained. "For example, if every resident of Emmet County pledged at least one dollar, we would be able to ring the bell on 207 days."

Carter said the original Liberty Bell, after which the Petoskey version is designed, was cast in England in 1752. It cracked, Carter said, during testing and was melted down again and recast. On July 12, 1776, the bell was rung to alert the people of Philadelphia of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, and it thus became the national symbol of liberty.



**AT ABOUT** 3 p.m. on Monday, December 29, the hulking bell was in place at the entryway to the museum at Petoskey's waterfront. Curator Merton M. Carter, Bob Greenwell and museum custodian Joe Keller look it over. (NEWS photo by Jim Herman.)

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# It Happened in Petoskey

The committee selected by the Emmet Board of Supervisors to judge entries submitted for an Emmet county seal from more than a dozen which were submitted, spent a grueling afternoon session yesterday trying to chose the one best-suited to adorn the new city-county building.

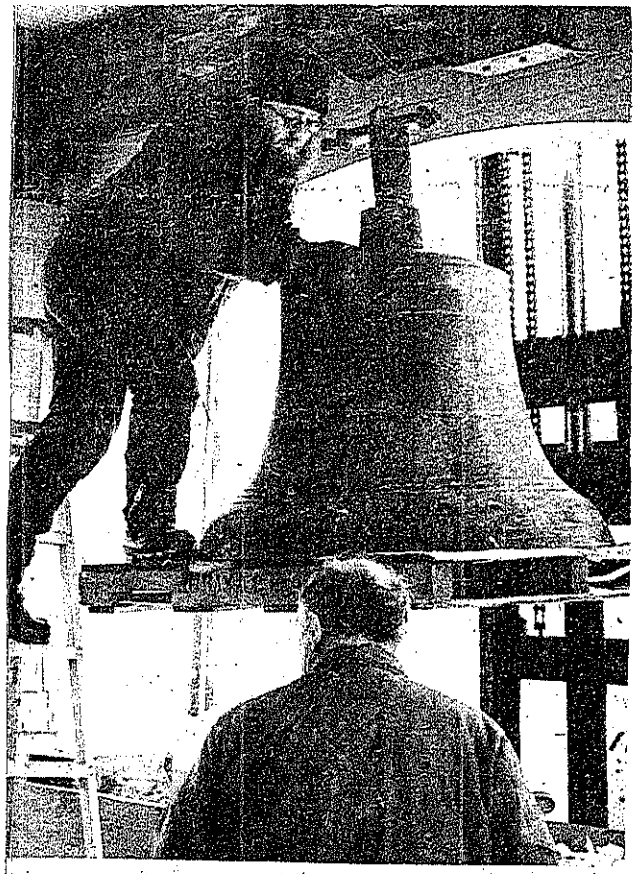
According to Dr. H. Carl Spitler, chairman, the best they could do was to pick two and these two drawings will be studied by architects. Following their recommendations, the winning entry will be named.

Assisting Spitler on the committee were Miss Harriet Kilborn, Mrs. C. Lester Johnson and Robert Engle, art director at Ohio Wesleyan College and Bay View. Kenneth Teysen of Mackinaw City was also a member of the committee, but was unable to attend because of the drowning Wednesday of his son, Kenneth, jr.

Spitler said the committee was very impressed with the high calibre of drawings which were sent in, and that the architects would have to break the deadlock of the judges in determining which was most appropriate to be the official emblem on the building.



LITTLE TRAVERSE REGIONAL Historical Society Museum curator Merton M. Carter, left front, and Petoskey businessman Bob Greenwell, right front, heave-ho in an effort to slide an 800 pound bell onto a front-end loader. (NEWS photo by Jim Herman.)



A WORKER nudges Petoskey's replica of America's Liberty Bell into line below the beams designed after the holder on which the original hangs in Philadelphia. (NEWS photo