

FORD MOYNES

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on the

MAIN STREET



... Years ago hundreds of eyes were raised to the "Big Ben", the large four-faced clock, in the tower high up above the old post office. Occasionally a local watchmaker climbed up the long ladder in the tower to reset the big iron "hands" and lubricate the mechanism. Whenever the clock ceased to function, citizens hollered their grievances.

It was part of the landscape. Business men set their watches by the clock, housewives listened daily to its stentorian tones and school boys and girls looked up at the clock and either quickened or slackened their pace and shortened or lengthened their strides.

When the post office gave way to a super-market many

citizens expressed the view that this historic clock should be preserved. The "Town Fathers" at the time according to some residents, failed to show good judgment and piled the apparatus in the cellar or "dungeon" in the town hall and there it has been resting and probably rusting for the past ten or more years.

It has been suggested that the clock be resurrected and set in place at the Armoury, a good idea. Other suggestions are that the clock be placed on iron stilts at the west end of the Town Hall and another that the clock be mounted in front of the County Museum. Another idea, that the clock be placed on top of the K of C building at the foot of Kent Street, if the building could withstand the strain of weight. In any case public opinion appears to favor setting the old clock in motion again, providing it is feasible. Perhaps it is time for less procrastination and for thoughtful debate and discussion.

Town council recently decided it was economically not feasible to mount the post office clock on the Armoury as suggested by the senior citizens.

The residents of Uxbridge are currently pondering a similar problem with the dismantling of their post office.