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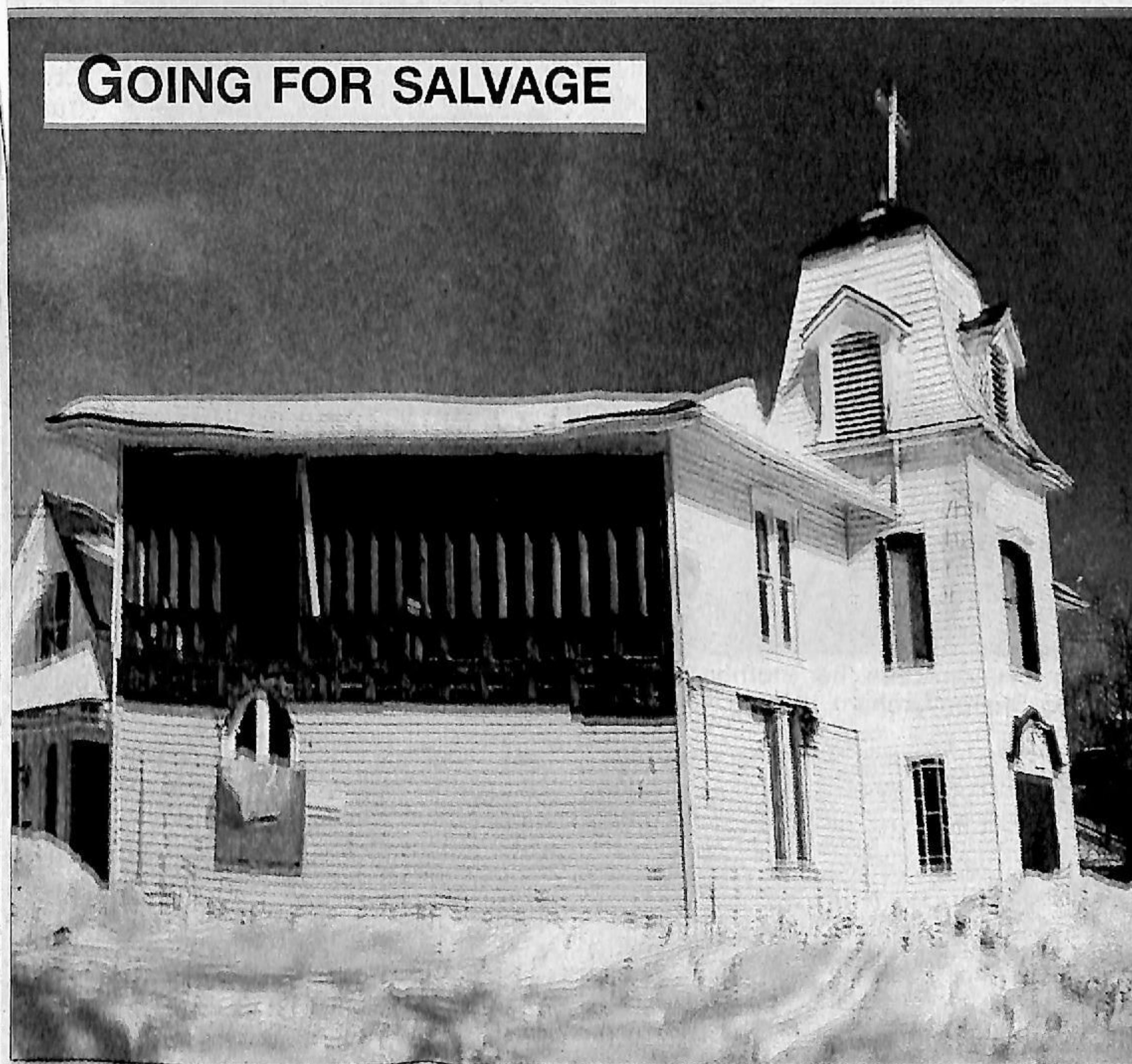


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There is not much left of the back of the former St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, at the northeast corner of Elgin Street North and King Street East in Colborne.

## Colborne landmark is coming down

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A Colborne landmark is being razed. The former St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church will soon be nothing more than a memory on the hill overlooking King St. East in Colborne.

The demolition has had its hiccups. Men hired by Gregory Bilcox, the new owner of the property, and employees of Legacy Building Materials of Cobourg were in the empty building last week salvaging reusable materials until an order to comply was placed by Cramahe Chief Building and Bylaw Officer, Becky Bonisteel. The order was placed because the work was being done without a demolition permit.

The former Catholic Church closed its doors on August 8, 1999. Mr. Bilcox is the second owner since the property was sold by the church. He once lived across the road at 3 Elgin Street and is currently a resident of Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Bilcox was unavailable for comment but his mother, Nancy Ritchie, explained the church had been left in disrepair by its previous owners and was beyond fixing.

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