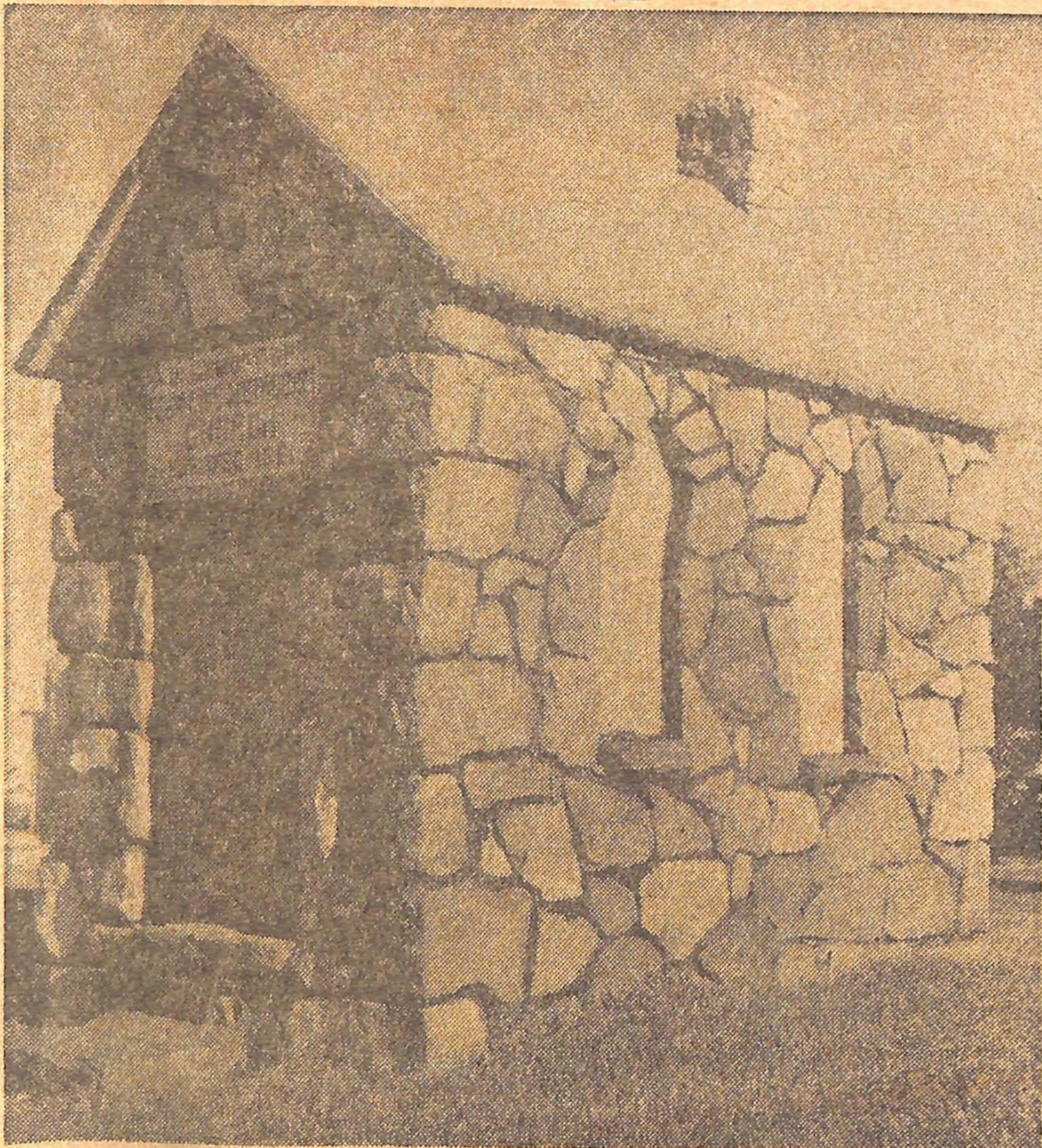




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MARKS CHURCH SITE—This stone chapel, five by three feet and little under six feet high, stands in the West Zorra Town Line Cemetery, marking the spot where the Town Line Methodist Church once stood.

Stone Art Area Heritage

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HARRINGTON, Dec. 18 — A tiny stone chapel which stands in the centre of a small cemetery on the boundary between West Zorra and East Nissouri townships was erected about 1925 to mark the spot where the old Town Line Methodist Church once stood.

But while the chapel officially marks the old church site most of the people in this area like to think of it as a monument to the men of a fast disappearing art — stone masons.

It was stone masons who built the little chapel and stone masons built the scores of picturesque homes whose colorful stones decorate the undulating land of this section of Perth and Oxford counties.

The Town Line Methodist Church, a red brick building which was erected in 1861 on the West Zorra side of the boundary between the two townships, was torn down shortly after church union came into being in the early 1920's. Church members joined with other district congregations to form Lakeside United Church.

The small stone chapel is on the spot where the front door of the church once stood. The old cemetery which surrounded the church is maintained under sponsorship of descendants of pioneers whose family burial plots are there.