



BUILDINGS



FIRST REEVE in 1874. W. H. Storey a few years later built his splendid home on Mill St. which is now Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home. It was owned by the Great War Veterans Association and was later a hotel.

THEN & NOW



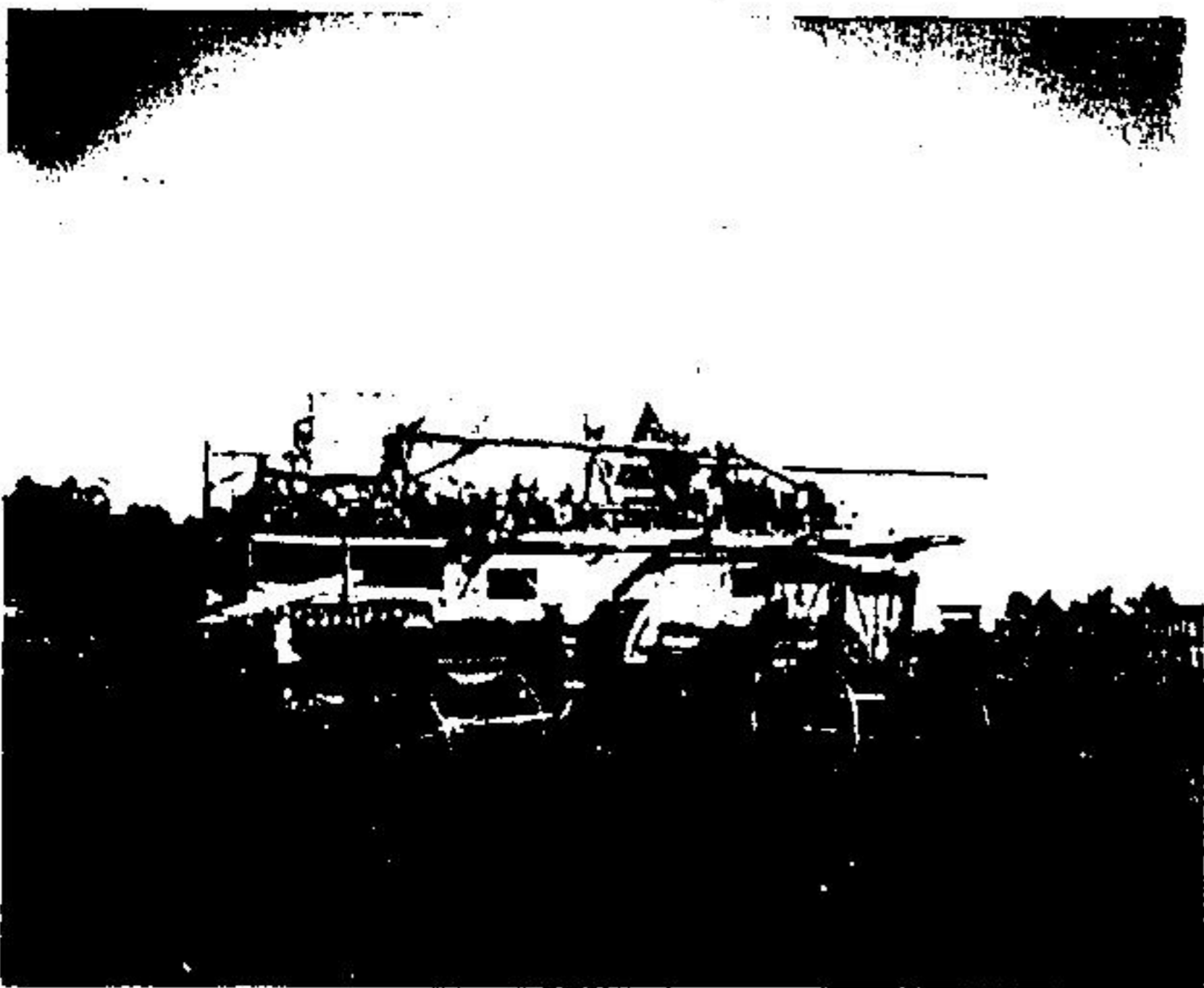
CHANGES ARE EVIDENT in a 1974 picture of the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, taken from the same angle in June 1974. Acton Home Furnishings replaces the livery stable on the corner now.



THE CORNER OF Mill and John St., photographed April 6, 1900. It was the occasion of the opening of the first chartered bank, The Merchants' bank. Before this banking was carried on by private bankers such as Christie and Henderson in a room in their store, just off the millinery parlors. The store on the corner was the Misses Perryman's fancy goods shop and they owned the building. The adjoining lot was vacant until the YMCA was built in 1934. At the bank door are manager Wallace, assistants Mr. Gentile and Rueben McNabb, with Mr. McNabb's dog Tip.



BERTIE SPEIGHT stands in the doorway of her father's shop.



BARN RAISING bee often set teams against each other, with results recorded in the Free Press.



FAIRVIEW PLACE was built well over 100 years ago by Sidney Smith Sr. The building is now part of the Robert Little school. This was the first house to have a system of water-works, giving 40 years of inexpensive service. Beautiful gardens and a decorative pond surrounded the home. The Smiths left after a disastrous fire in 1925.