

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For HCRS use only

received JUL 24 1980

date entered SEP 23 1980

1. Name

historic Antwerp Norfolk and Western Depot

and/or common Antwerp Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad Depot

2. Location

street & number W. Water Street not for publication

city, town Antwerp vicinity of congressional district Delbert Latta

state Ohio code 039 county Paulding code 125

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical Society

street & number

city, town Antwerp vicinity of state Ohio

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Paulding County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Paulding state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date October 10, 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records WOBC Historic Preservation Office

city, town Celina state Ohio

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

The building must be moved by October 31, 1979.

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This one story frame depot has board and batten siding, found rarely and used mainly for railroad depots in this part of the state. Built around 1880 in the last county to be settled in Ohio, it has a roof with a wide overhang supported by triangular brackets at the gable ends. Lattice-like bargeboard at the peaks, and oversize brackets and knobs at the eaves line decorate its exterior. The handsome three sided bay area with recessed panels above and below the windows allowed the stationmaster in his office an excellent view of the tracks. The freight room has two sets of double doors with a cross and diamond pattern in the diagonal siding in four panels, one on the north side of the building and one on the south side. Diagonal siding is also used below a high wainscotting that encircles the whole building.

Today the baggage room is on the west end and the passenger waiting room is on the east. Historic photos from around 1900 indicate that at one time the spaces were reversed in their use. It seems that an addition was built at the west end which matches quite well the original building except that the bracketing is heavier and less elegant. Now the bay area is no longer centralized on the tracks side and two sets of double doors were added to accommodate freight parcels.

The mast of the station order board still stands, but the arms are now gone. Historic photos show that the station at one time had a metal ball signal from which the term "high balling" was derived. The name of the town ANIWERP is painted on the east gable of the building in faded letters.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates circa 1880

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This station is a classic example of the small town depot, traditionally the center of the commercial activity in these Black Swamp railroad towns. Its decorative trim and large size indicate that this town of Antwerp was the metropolis of the county until 1890 when the trees were harvested and shipped east by railroad.

This station has clearly defined spaces for passenger transportation, operator-agency functions, freight, express and mail services which are unchanged since the depot closed about 1976. The local historical society has purchased the building from Norfolk and Western who want it moved from their land. Plans are underway to relocate the station on the west edge of town in a park along the railroad tracks.

The depot was relocated by the present owners after continued negotiation with the Norfolk and Western Railroad were unsuccessful in obtaining any commitment for its preservation. In fact the rail line was preparing to demolish the structure, thereby forcing the local historical society into action. The depot was moved in December 1979 and placed on a new foundation approximately 200' west of its original site, preserving its original relationship to the railroad, in January 1980. The owners are currently interested in obtaining an emergency grant for roof restoration.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Adaptive Reuse of Existing Structures in Ohio, DECD, June 1979, pp. 43-44.
 Morrow and Bashore, Historical Atlas of Paulding County, Ohio, 1892.
 Interview with John Keller, Allen County Historical Society, 10, 1979.
 Gonzalez and Frase, "The Fate of Depots", Columbus Dispatch, 2/20/1977.
 Wrenn and Mulloy, America's Forgotten Architecture, National Trust, 1976, pp. 134-153.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than one

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Antwerp

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

Original Site

A	1 6	6 8 9 5 0 0	4 5 6 1 0 6 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

Present Site

B	1 6	6 8 8 9 0 0	4 5 6 0 8 5 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of the area within 50 feet of the foundation of the depot.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Ann Brown, Director and Jeff Darbee, Ohio Historic Preservation Office

organization WOBC Historic Preservation Office date 10/79

street & number St Rt 703 telephone 419-586-2365, Ext. 53

city or town Celina state Ohio

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David L. Bood

title SHPO date 7/21/80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray Juice
 Keeper of the National Register date 9/23/80

Attest: Paula Stover Reed
 Chief of Registration date 9/22/80

Property Antwerp Norfolk and Western Depot

State Ok, Paulding Working Number 7,24,80,1946

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 6
Maps 1

HISTORIAN

A good late 19th century railroad depot - ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
an example of a vanishing type. It is a moved structure but new site
seems appropriate and the move was apparently unavoidable. Map shows

new site to be about 200' west of original. Form says ARCHEOLOGIST
200'. Call for clarification; otherwise Accept. P. Reed 9/22/80

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

Called Dave Simmons who said
that map designation is correct.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept. P. Reed 9/22/80

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered SEP 23 1980



ANTWERP

Norfolk and Western Depot
Antwerp Depot
Antwerp, Paulding, Ohio
Mary Ann Brown, WOBC #6, 6/80 1/6
Depot on new site east of town
South side that faces N & W tracks

JUL 24 1980

SEP 23 1980



perfect and western Dept
Antwerp Depot
Antwerp, Paulding, Ohio
Sandra Temple, ^{Co.} 10/79
Argus-Bee, No. 2/6 JUL 24 1980
South side and bay
Photog facing northwest

SEP 23 1980



Antwerp Depot *perfect and Western Depot*
Antwerp, Paulding, Ohio **JUL 24 1980**
Sandra Temple, ^{CO} 10/79
Antwerp Argus-Bee, No 3/6
Exterior west end of south side
Photog facing northeast

SEP 23 1980



North and Western Depot
Antwerp Depot
Antwerp, Paulding, Ohio
Antwerp Argus-Bee, 10/79
Exterior north side, No 4
Photog facing southeast
Sandra Temple

JUL 24 1980
4/6

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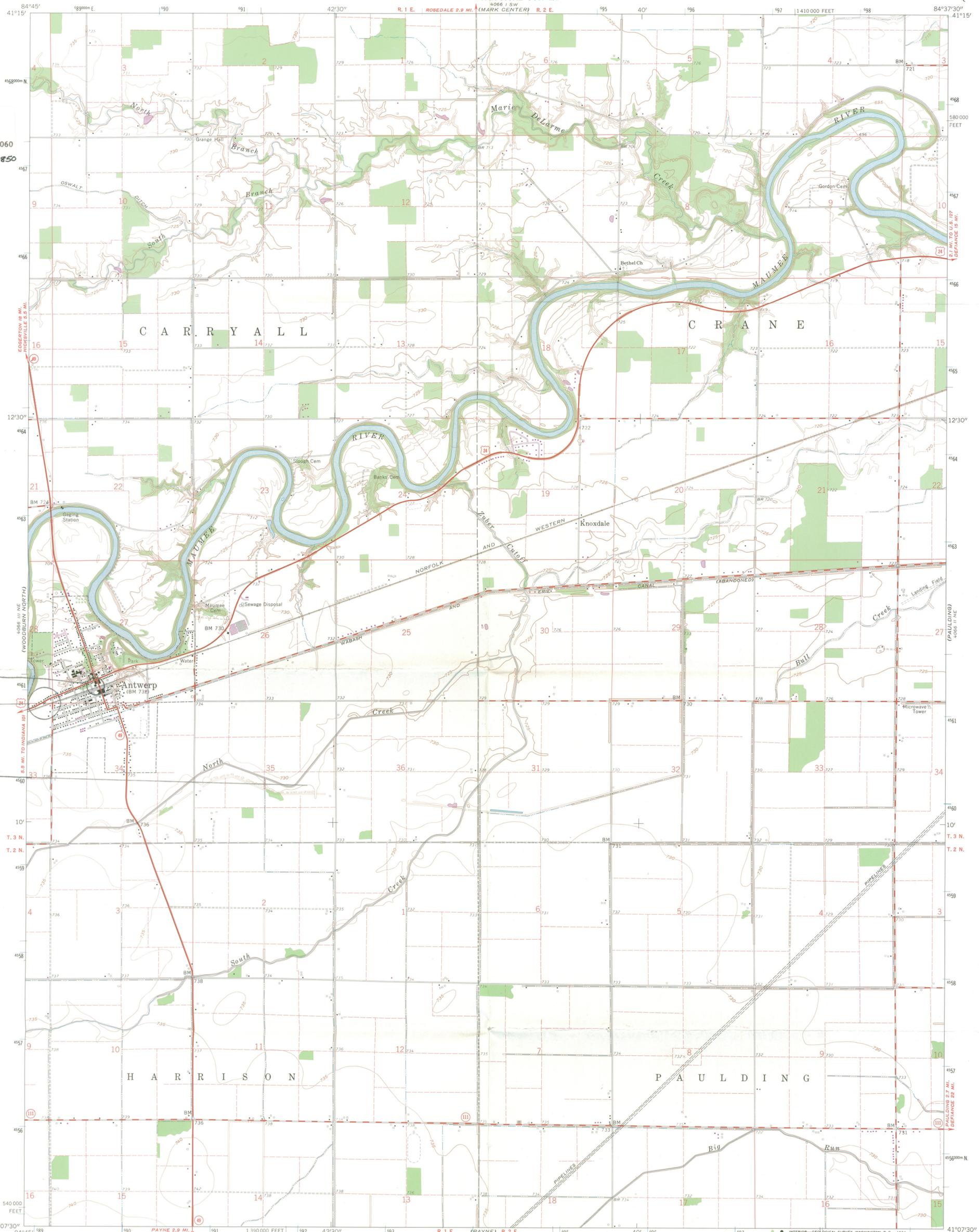
Norfolk and Western Depot
Antwerp Depot (Historic Photo)
Antwerp, Paulding, Ohio
Photographer unknown, ca. 1900
Antwerp Argus-Bee, No 5/6
Photog facing north JUL 24 1980
South side of depot



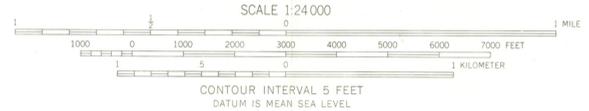
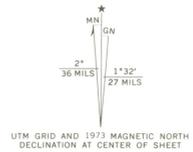
Norfolk
Antwerp Depot *and Western Depot*
Antwerp, Paulding, ^{Co.} Ohio
Sandra Temple, 10/79 JUL 24 1980
Antwerp Argus-Bee, No 6/6
Interior of bay office area
Photog facing tracks and south

SEP 23 1980

ANTWERP, OHIO DEPOT
Paulding County
A
Zone 16 689500, 4561060
B
Zone 16 688900, 4560850



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1959. Topography by planetable surveys 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Entire area lies within Congress Lands
Land lines based on the First Principal Meridian
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1973. This information not field checked

ANTWERP, OHIO
N4107.5—W8437.5/7.5
1960
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 4066 II NW—SERIES V852



SEP 23 1980

WAYNE S. NICHOLS
300 GREENGLADE AVENUE
WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085

November 5, 1979

R. G. Ross, Industrial Representative
Norfolk and Western Railway Company
Industrial Real Estate
P. O. Box 6119
Cleveland, OH 44101

Dear Mr. Ross:

It is my understanding that your office has given the Antwerp depot to the city with the provision that it be moved to a new location. As is usually the case, the local historical society has been slow in raising the needed funds so that the deadline has not been met. I can understand your concerns.

Our national historical preservation program relies upon small groups of dedicated citizens to provide the funding and leadership for preserving those historic structures which are of value. Limited government funds are involved. In Europe such programs are normally funded by the federal government and involved large expenditures of tax accumulated funds. I believe the American program of local citizen involvement is preferable, but we must as good citizens try to assist the local officials. Otherwise, we may find the federal government moving into this area as it has done in other countries.

Would appreciate any assistance you can give in helping the Antwerp city save their depot.

Sincerely,

Wayne S. Nichols
Member
Ohio Historic Site
Preservation Advisory Board

WSN/law
cc: Mary Ann Brown



Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board

November 7, 1979

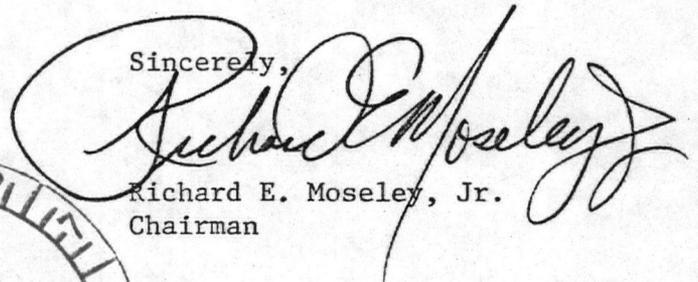
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Norfolk and Western Railway Company
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Cleveland, Ohio 44101

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Sincerely,



Richard E. Moseley, Jr.
Chairman

REM:djd
xc: Mary Ann Brown
Sandy Temple



Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-8727

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July 22, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
W434
Washington, D. C. 20243

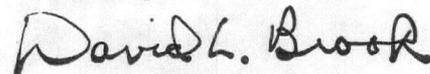
Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is an emergency nomination for the Antwerp N&W Depot, Paulding County. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed and the nomination has been approved by the state review board. The owners are anxious to have the review of the nomination expedited since they are applying for an emergency grant request.

Along with the regular nomination materials are enclosed the following items: an emergency grant request; a brief history of Antwerp railroading; an article from the Antwerp Bee-Argus; correspondence from the chairman of the state review board; and correspondence from a member of the review board.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



David L. Brook
State Historic Preservation
Officer

DLB:DAS:djd
enclosures

JUL 24 1980

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D JUL 24 1980

____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

____ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

Morgan B. ...

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL
AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

7-30-80

ACTION SLIP

BUREAU

HCRS

Please prepare response for signature of Gary R. Catron, Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs.

Include a copy of your final response for CL files.

This correspondence should complete the surname process at bureau level and Assistant Secretary level and arrive in CL no later than:

DUE DATE IN CL

8-13-80

REMINDER: Pursuant to Mr. Catron's memorandum of December 10, 1979, to all Bureau Heads, if an interim response is necessary because information is needed from the field, please so advise Ivy, Amy or Nancy in CL (x6667 or x2065) immediately. This office will then prepare the acknowledgement letter to avoid the lengthy surname process.

CL, Room 6253
x6667 or 2065

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
July 28, 1980

Mr. Gary R. Catron, Director
Congressional and Legislative Affairs
U. S. Department of the Interior
C Street between 18th & 19th Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Antwerp, Norfolk and Western Depot
Antwerp, Ohio

Dear Mr. Catron:

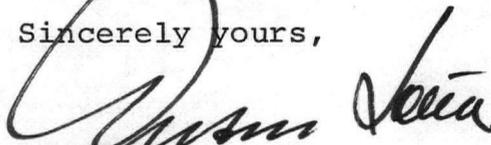
It is my understanding that the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board has recommended to the Department of the Interior that the above-mentioned structure be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As you will note by the enclosed newspaper articles the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society has been extremely busy in their efforts to save this railroad station.

Needless to say, anything you can do to expedite this matter would be deeply appreciated by all concerned. I look forward to hearing from you in this matter.

With all best wishes, I remain

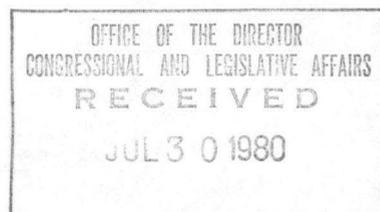
Sincerely yours,



DELBERT L. LATTA
Representative to Congress

DLL:bk
Enclosures

BOR Mail Control No. Por 8642



Ehrhart Museum
Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County
Historical Society
Antwerp, Ohio 45813

7 January 1980

Delbert Tath,

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for your effort to save the Antwerp Depot. Your concern and support was a real inspiration to our society and friends. It looks like we'll be finishing the foundation this week. Enclosed please find clippings and pictures and a copy of the letter to Dana Corporation, who have informed locally of our exact financial needs. A special thanks to Barbara for her concern!

Sincerely yours,

Sandra K. Temple
James S. Temple

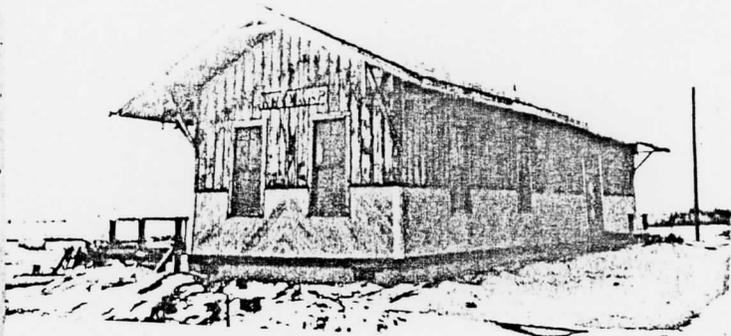


**Presidents Day
February 18, 1980**

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**Eye
On
Main Street**
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Restoration of Antwerp Depot

Feb. 1980



TUESDAY, February 12, 1980, was the first day that two trains began making regular stops in Antwerp again.

The two trains will be chugging into Antwerp around 2:00 in the afternoon and another in the morning.

One train from Fort Wayne, Indiana will drop off box cars in Antwerp, while the other train will come from Defiance and pick up the cars to take back to Defiance.

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NO MORE LATE trains whistling through Antwerp at 1:00 o'clock at night.

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NORFOLK & WESTERN is the train now going through Antwerp -- formerly the Tabash.

Motorists and pedestrians please note to check before crossing for trains crossing or switching.

0 0 0

Movers Of Depot

EYE ON MAIN STREET

"WELCOME to our end Antwerp Depot!" read the sign at the A & W Root Beer stand as the depot rolled by Tuesday (December 4, 1979) morning.

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MARK NOLL, of Antwerp, was a telephone contestant on 21 POWW! on channel 21, Fort Wayne, Indiana, last Monday.

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LOREN SAUDER, Archbold mover, took the Antwerp Wabash Railway Depot down West River Street like the old Wabash Cannonball.

It took quite a bit of turning, and a little twisting, for the depot to get around the corner at Cleveland Street Tuesday morning, but after straightening away it was full steam ahead.

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RON HUSTON, Channel 21 reporter, whose pictorial story about the depot helped keep the campaign alive, was on hand Tuesday for the move down West River Street.

Ron Huston was joined in the T.V. coverage of the moving of the depot by RAY STEUP, son-in-law of F. N. (Mike) Hertel, Jr., Antwerp postmaster, who reports for Channel 55.

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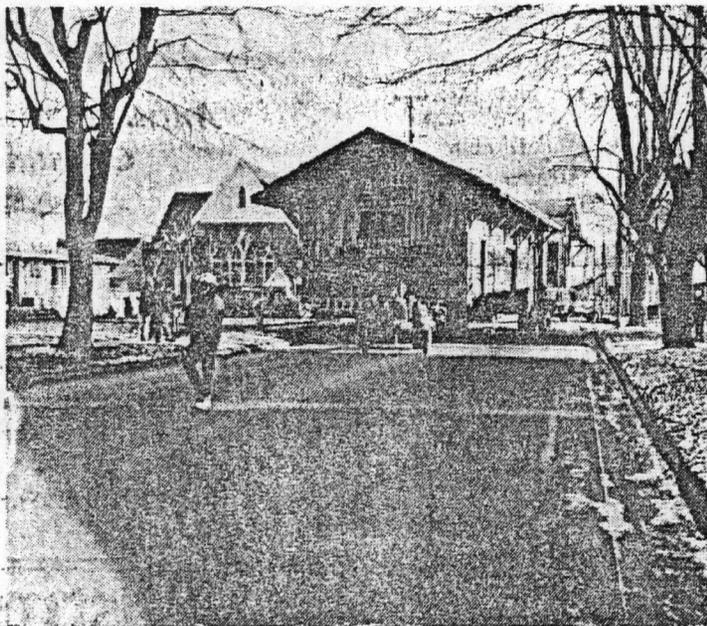
TRACTOR for moving the depot was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Aldon Ramsier, R-1 Antwerp.

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Loren Sauder and company are pictured in front of the Antwerp Depot which they moved Tuesday to the new site. Pictured are Loren Sauder, Archbold and Dale Britsch, Archbold and Larrie Skates, Delta.

Depot On River Street



The Antwerp Depot is pictured on West River Street. The site was purchased by the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society, who spearheaded the project to restore and move the Antwerp landmark for over 100 years.

Ehrhart Museum
Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County
Historical Society
Antwerp, Ohio 45813

15 November, 1979

Dana Corporation Foundation
4500 Dorr
Toledo, Ohio 43697

Dear Sir:

The Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical is involved in moving the Antwerp Depot to a new site here in Antwerp.

The society has been forced to move the depot in the last two months by the Norfolk & Western Railroad after having given the depot two years.

Fund raising has been slow but sure. We have paid for the new foundation, but are still raising the amount for moving.

It is to be moved next week and have run into restoration problem of buying new wood, which we had anticipated till we could get on the National Register, which we anticipate to be Dec. 2, 1979.

We would appreciate receiving an application for a grant if available.

Sincerely,

James S. Temple,
President

Ehrhart Society Acquires Land For New Site Of Antwerp Railroad Depot

A site for the Antwerp Railway was acquired by the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society, Inc. The land was purchased from W. E. Parrett and is located on West River Street and the railroad.

The purchase agreement for a lot between West River Street and the railroad was signed Tuesday by W. E. Parrett and James S. Temple, for the historical society. Attorney James Spriggs represented the local historical in the negotiations.

The site committee containing historical society members, and others will meet this week to plan for building a foundation for the railroad depot.

After the foundation is constructed the depot will be moved to its new location.

The Ehrhart historical society was given the railway depot by the Norfolk and Western Railway providing it was moved from its present location.

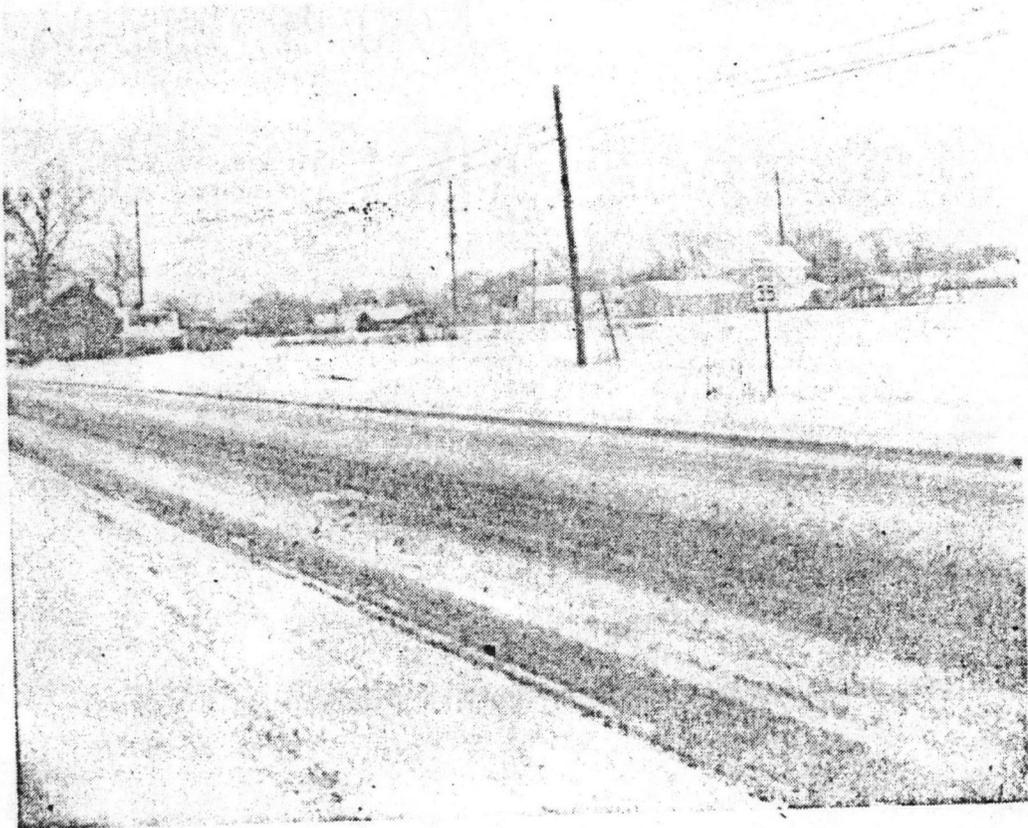
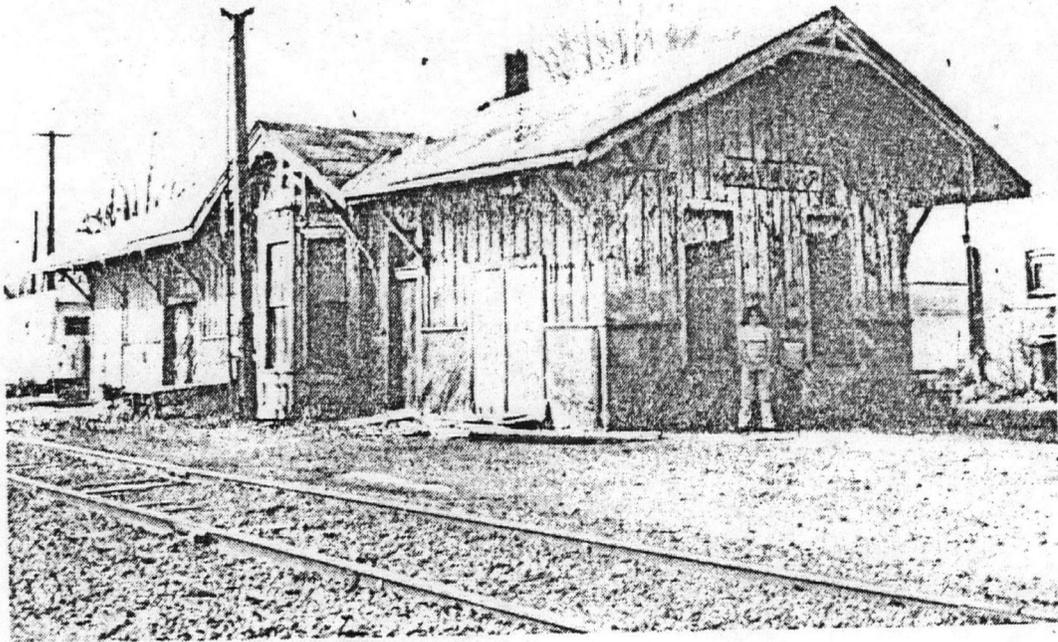
The society has plans for its restoration to good condition and landscaping the lot.

A "Save the Antwerp Railway Depot Fund" has been set up and donations toward it may be contributed at the Ehrhart Society's first project, the Ehrhart Museum in Antwerp City Hall or at the Antwerp Bee-Argus. A membership card will be given at that time.

All contributions will be accepted. The society is happy to report that Kathy Reeb made \$20 toward moving the depot by donating a porcelain Christmas tree which sold for that amount at the Hoot Owl Gift Shoppe in the Ehrhart Museum. Kathy said she remembers going down and mailing letters at the depot, and she wanted to help save the landmark.

Good landmarks of historical value are the sign of a flourishing community because it not only honors the past but is a sign that business, industry, education and tourism work together to make a better community for all to live in.

The Ehrhart Museum in the City Hall is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. The depot is the second project of the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society and as its first project, the Ehrhart Museum it pledges to work with clubs, organizations and schools in preserving the past and knowledge to all who desire it.



New Site

Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board

RECEIVED
DELBERT L. LATTI, M.C.

NOV 16 1979

November 7, 1979

WASHINGTON OFFICE

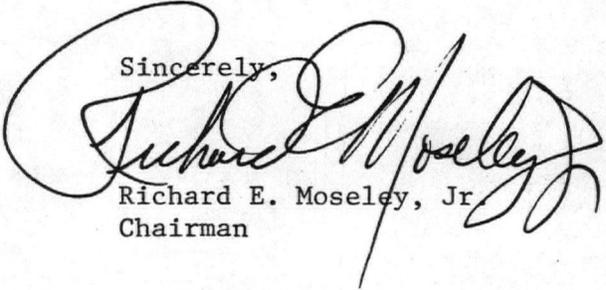
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Congressman
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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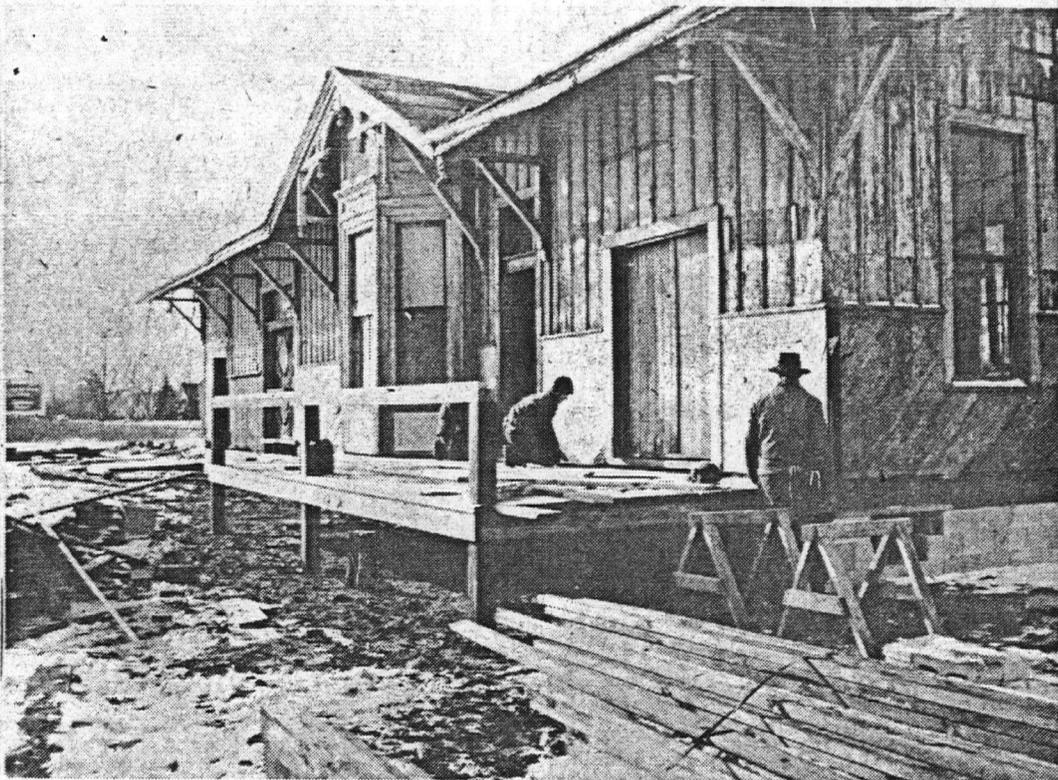
Richard E. Moseley, Jr.
Chairman

REM:djd

xc: Mary Ann Brown
Sandy Temple

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-8727



The Schmuckers of Milan Center, Indiana are busily restoring the Wabash Railroad Station with great zeal the past few weeks. The historic building is to be restored to original condition and Steve Schmucker and John Schmucker are taking great efforts to keep the 1870's in their minds. Officials of the Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical Society have received favorable compliments on the restoration. Photo by James S. Temple.

Historically Speaking



by The Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society

This is a new column to the Ehrhart Museum this week in the Bee-Argus and it hopes to become a regular column concerning the past history of the area and what is going on to preserve history now in the county and subjects of historical interest.

The calendars are here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates.

railroad track side.

We are still accepting contributions and these names will be added to a permanent roll at the depot and will be listed in this column, too.

We appreciated the support and encouragement we have received in preserving an historic building for this area.

The Ehrhart Museum is busy cataloging obituaries and if you have old papers with deaths in them Dora Mae Trutwin or Blossom Crabtree would like to see them.

The Hoot Owl Gift Shop is well stocked for the casual visitor or the most discriminating shopper. They are open for your convenience 10 - 5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The museum is located in City Hall.

Til next week. S.T.

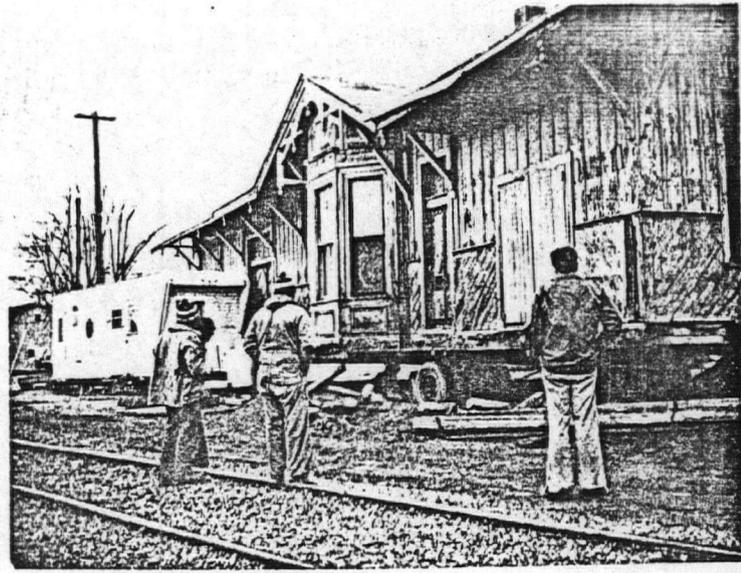
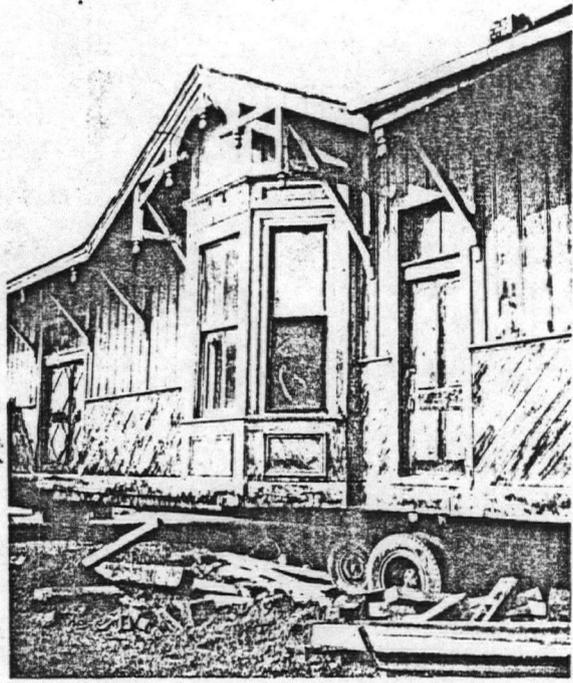
Members of the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society

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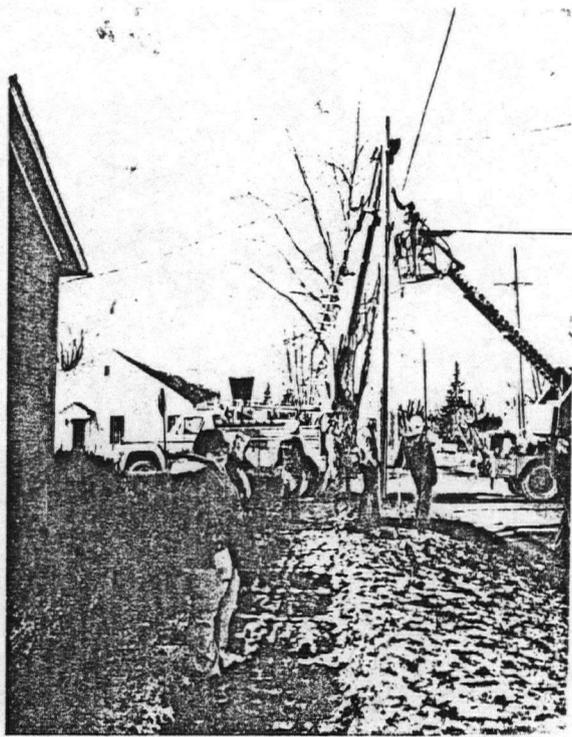
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Getting Ready to Move Antwerp Depot



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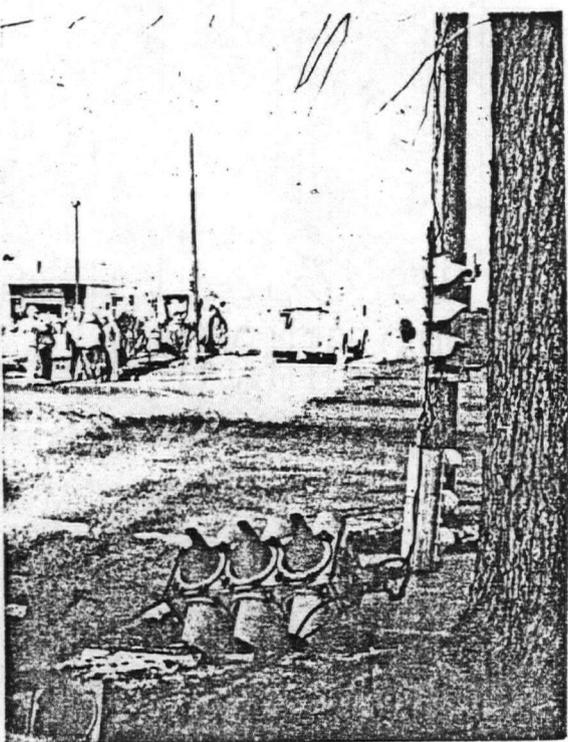


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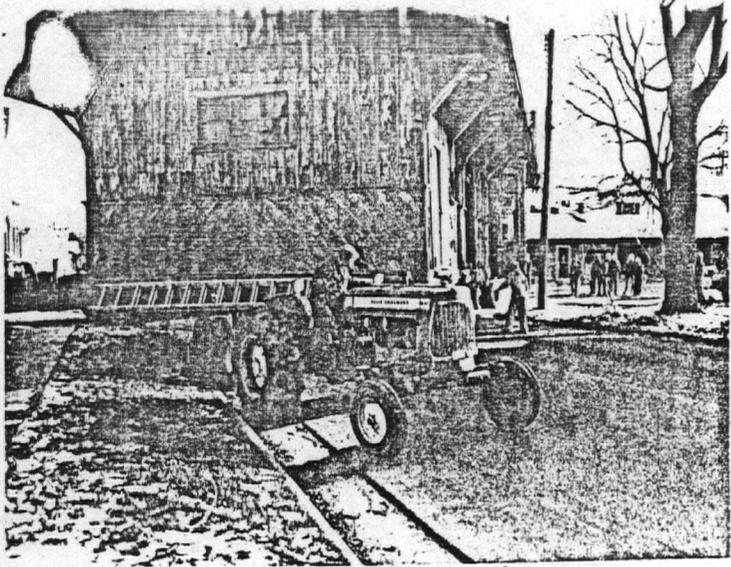
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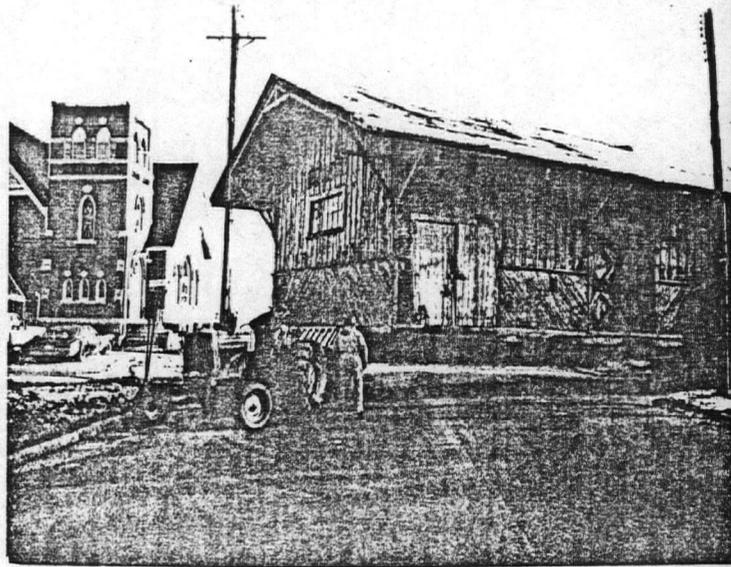
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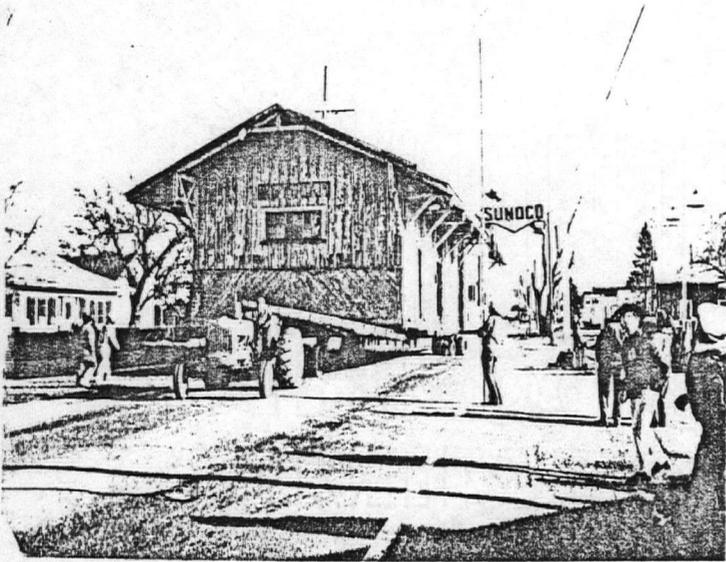
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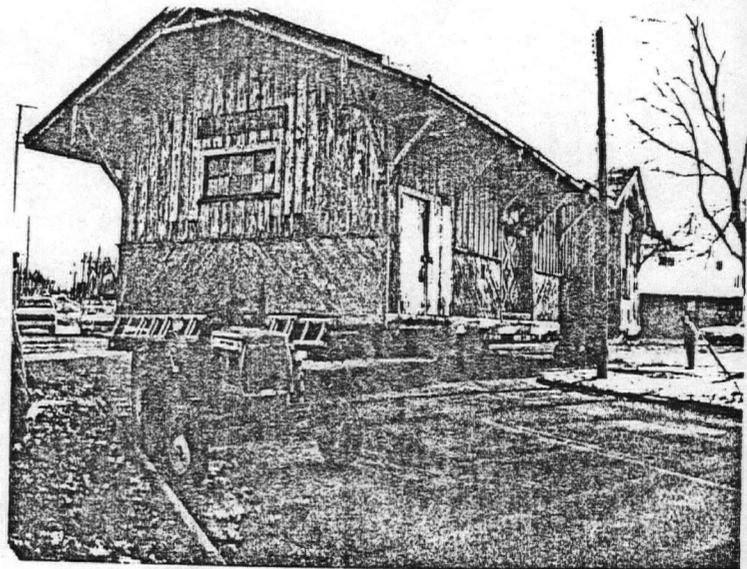
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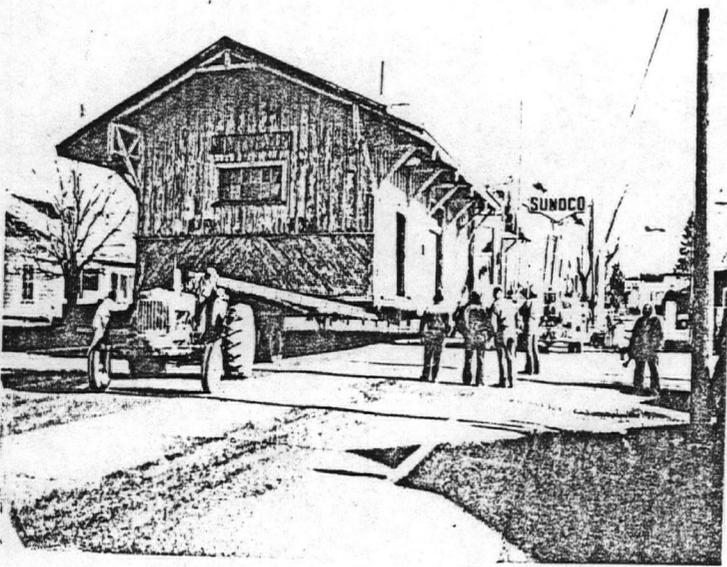
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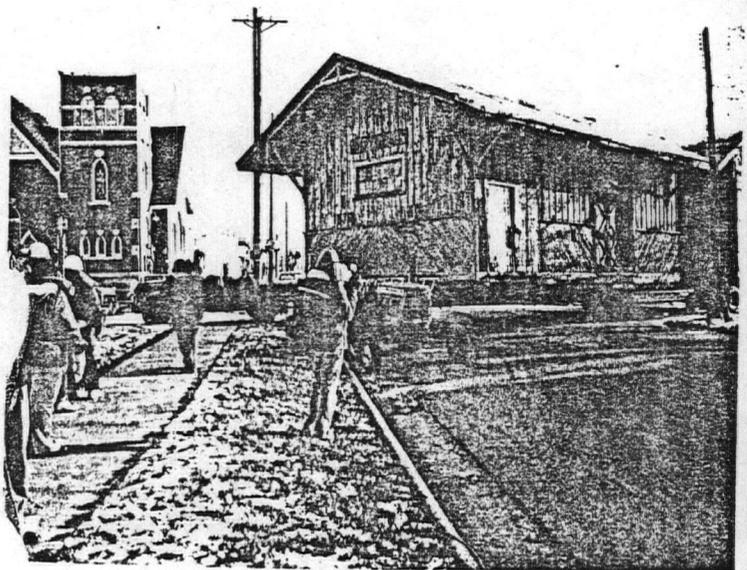
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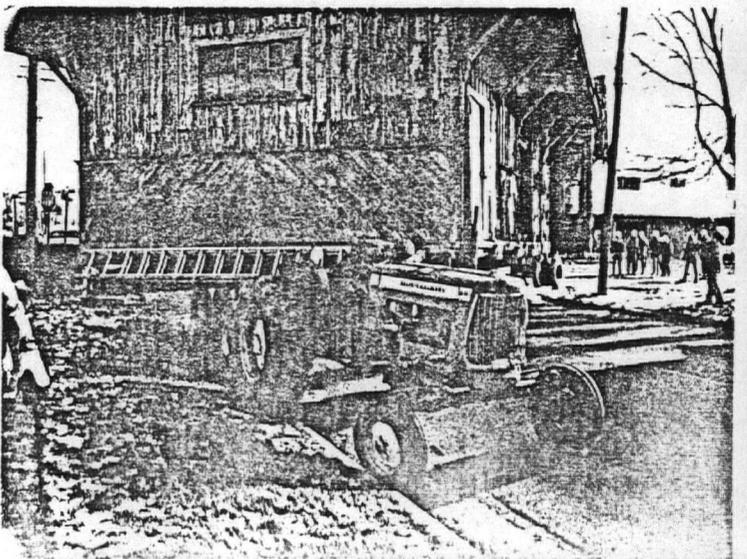
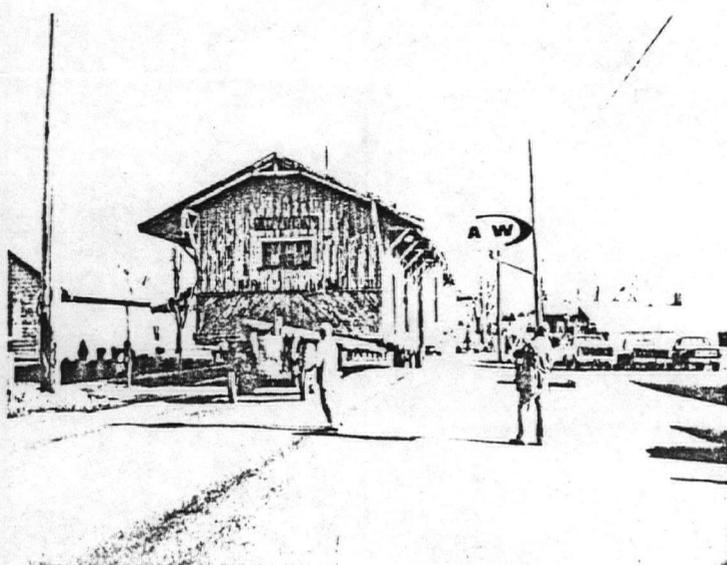
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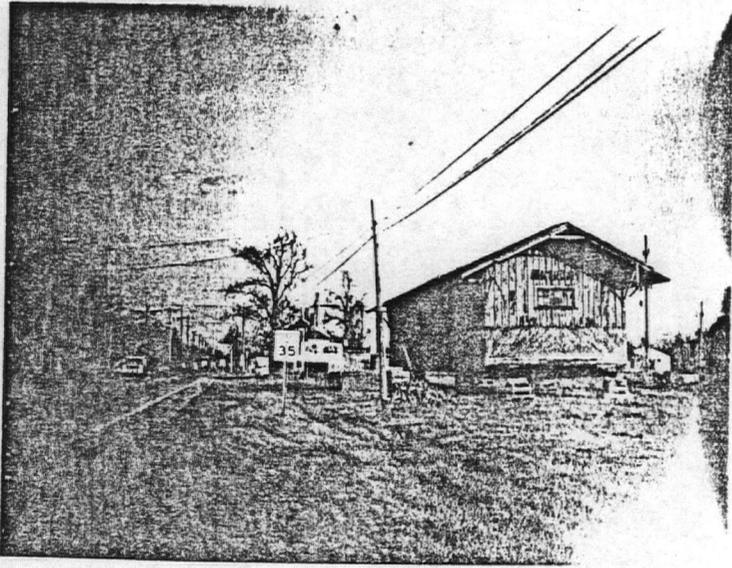
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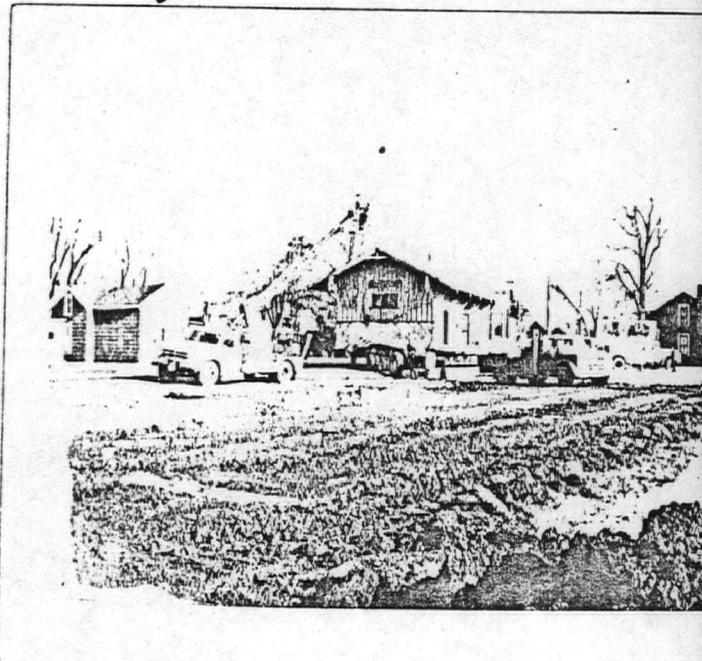
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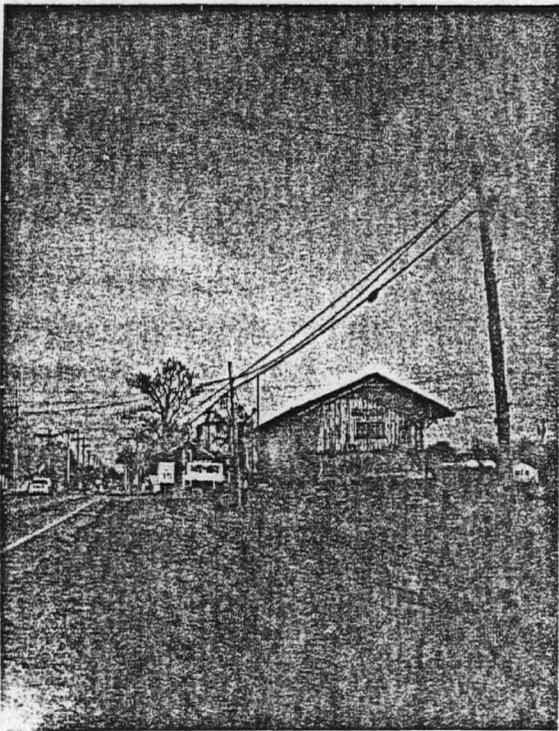
New Site



Going in to new site!



at Home



at Last!



Sandra Temple being
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Freight Depot Ready To Be Moved

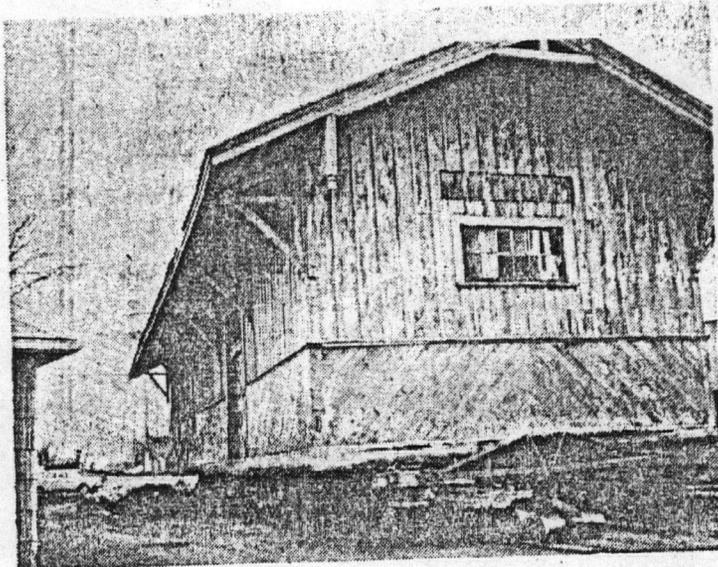


PHOTO BY SANDRA K. TEMPLE

The Freight Depot and Passenger Station at Antwerp is ready to roll to its new location site on West River Street. The 1800 structure has been a landmark in downtown Antwerp for many years. According to the Ehrhart Historical Society funds are still being solicited for any amount for membership and charter memberships of \$100 being accepted. Those donating \$100 or more will have their names included on a special plaque. Those donating over \$500 will have their own special plaque in the depot when restored.

The railroad has been named by the Ohio Historic Preservation Board for having unique architecture and "would certainly be eligible for the National Register and benefits from this listing." New charter members are the American Legion Auxiliary and Carl Ankney of Paulding.

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Paulding Progress

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1979

Antwerp depot finds new home

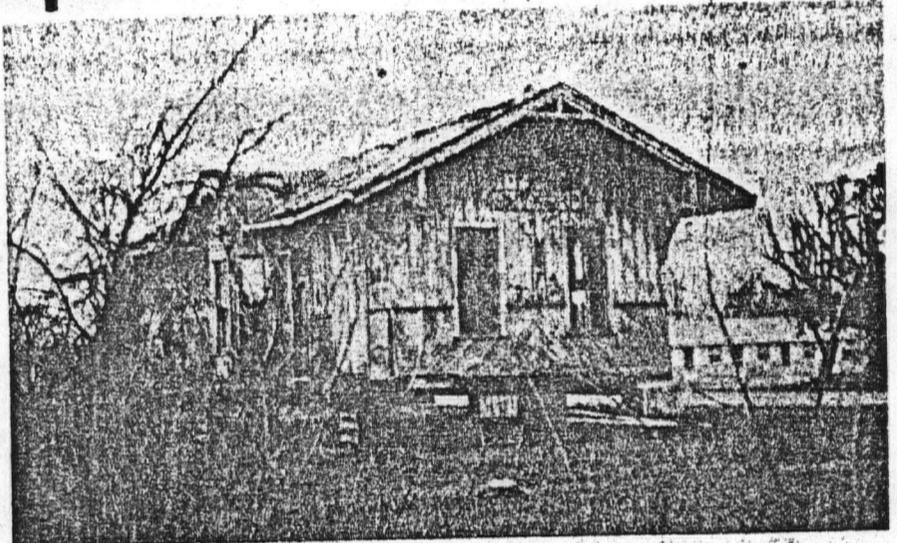
By Diane Norris

Ordinarily, when a train leaves the depot, it does not make news. But, when the depot leaves the train and goes rolling off down River Street ... now, that's news! Such was the scene in Antwerp Dec. 4, when the freight depot and passenger station left its familiar downtown site.

How does one move a railroad depot? First, Mother Nature must cooperate. Rain would have spelled disaster, for the building might have been mired in mud until spring. The Department of Highways was contacted to detour the traffic on busy U.S. 24.

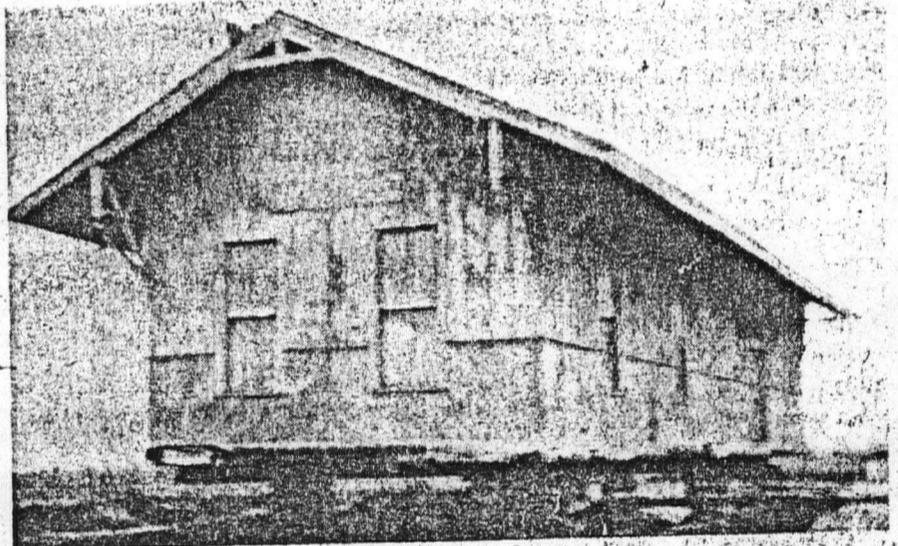
Loren Sauder of Archbold, the man of the hour, was in charge of transporting the 1880 structure. This was quite a large order for the professional building mover. Making the turn at Cleveland and River Streets was especially difficult. Inch by inch, the depot cleared the buildings, trees and utility poles. From there, it was a smooth ride down U.S. 24 to its new address, next to the railroad tracks, just west of Wentworth Road.

The week's events culminated two years of dreams and hard work by members of the Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical Society. According to Sandra Temple, the society's secretary, this merely marks the completion of the first phase of the project. Next on the society's list of priorities will be the construction of a good, solid foundation for the building. Then the roof must be repaired. With that accomplished, the remainder of the work may be completed at leisure.



Takes cooperation

This is the Antwerp Depot as seen from the railroad tracks. Officials of the Otto E. Ehrhart Paulding County Historical Society hope to refurbish the landmark for use as a railroad museum, craft store and genealogical and historical library.



Big job to move

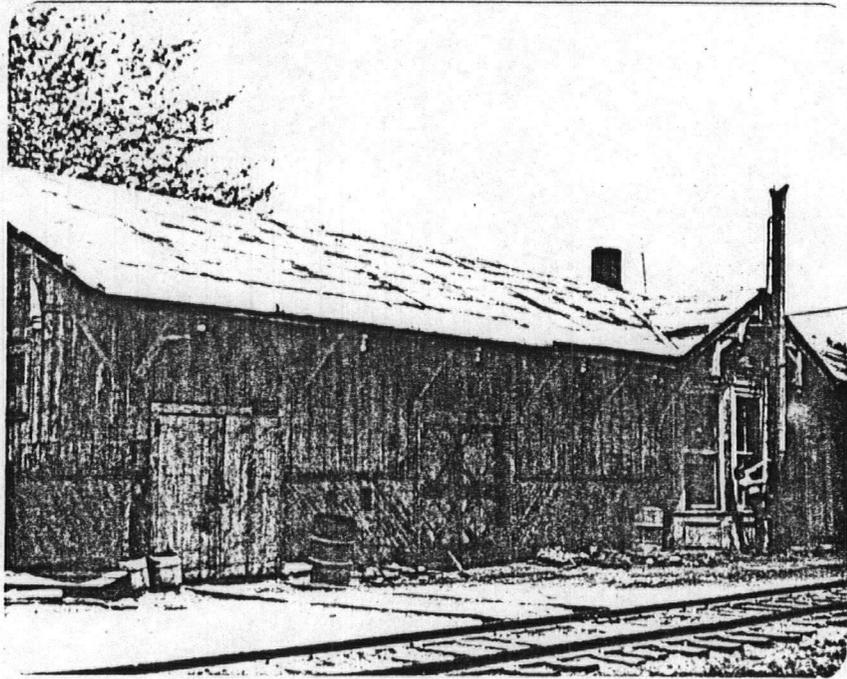
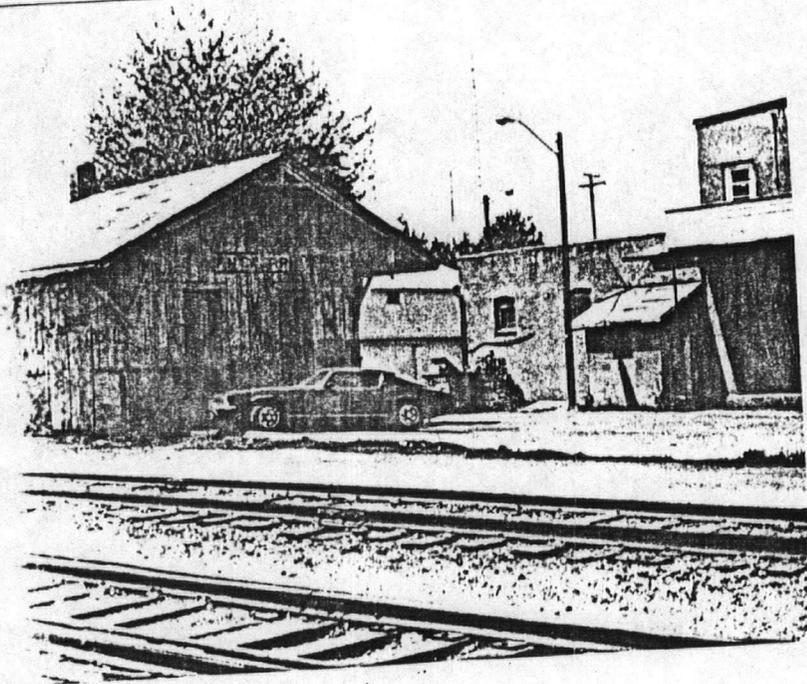
The Antwerp Depot is sitting on blocks awaiting a new foundation. The depot was moved to its new location on U.S. 24 west on December 4.

ASCS Community Committee election results

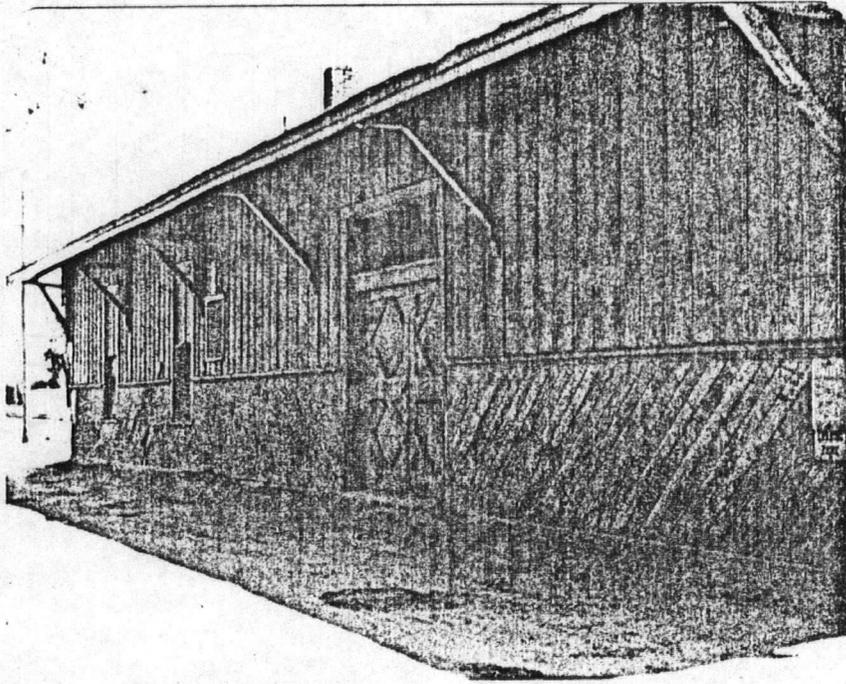
Results of the December 3rd election of ASC community committee-persons for 1980 were announced today by Dick Overmyer, chairperson of the Paulding County

county ASC convention to be held at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17, at the ASCS Office, 315 N Walnut St., Paulding, where community com-

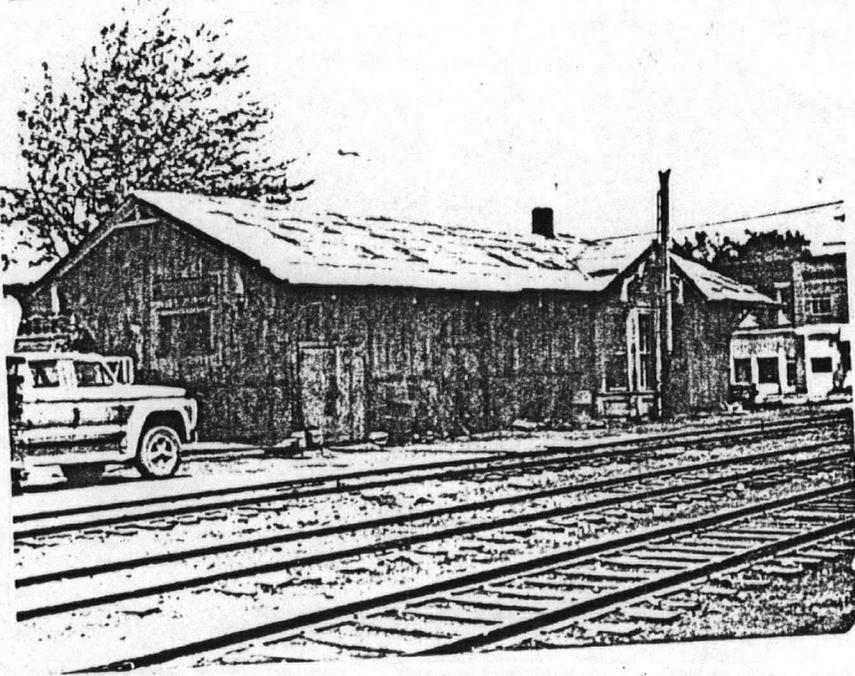
The recently-elected ASC community committee chairperson, vice-chairperson and regular members automatically become delegates to the 1980 annual

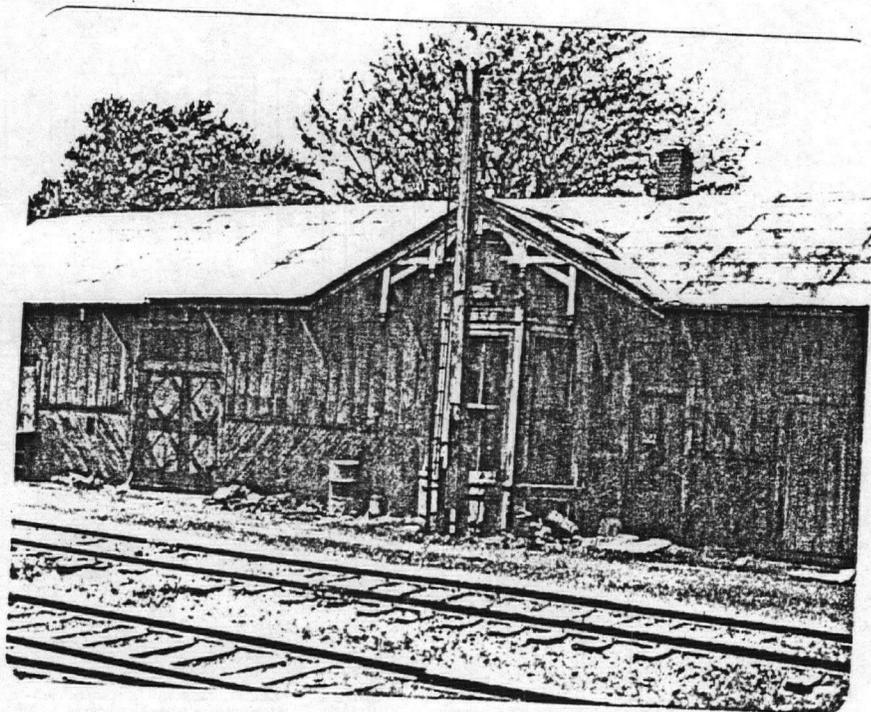
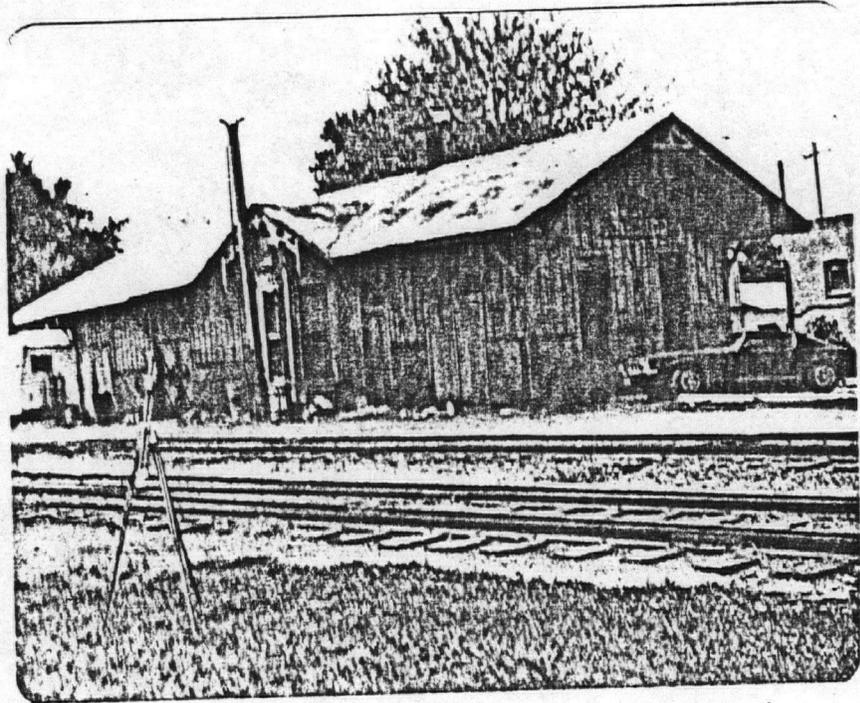


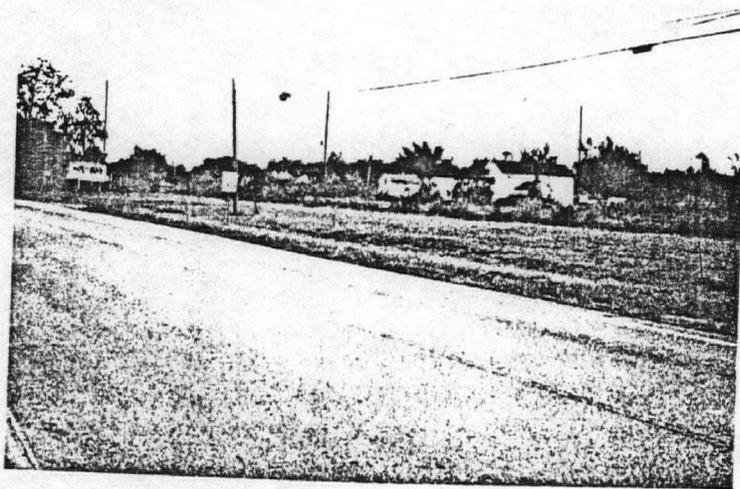
Antwerp Depot
formerly Wabash Railroad
the Norfolk - Western Railway



back view







New Site
for Antwerp Depot
on West River St.
Antwerp, Ohio
Owned by Otto E.
Ehrhard - Paulding
Co. Historical Society

The Antwerp Railroad Depot is scheduled to be destroyed unless quick action is taken by the citizens of Paulding County and surrounding area.

Efforts to save the Antwerp Depot by the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society are being given the test as time is running out.

Federal help through U. S. Congressman Delbert Latta, fifth district (Republican- Ohio) is being solicited by Sandra Kay Temple, Secretary of the Otto E. Ehrhart -Paulding County Historical Society. It is hoped that federal action will relieve the pressure of immediate action of moving the structure and help with financing.

One of Paulding County's Historic Landmarks of the glorious past of Railroad Days might come to an end this month as the Norfolk and Western Railway Company of Cleveland announced the razing of the depot on September 15, 1979.

The Depot was given to the county society with the provision that the depot be moved to a new site. Things began to look brighter when land was purchased in January 1979 for the new site of the depot on West River Street, Antwerp (U. S. 24).

Money is needed to move the depot, construct a foundation and restore the building. Donations have been collected but were not sufficient to cover the terms of contractors.

The Depot was built in the 1880-1890's near the site of the old depot. The railroad was the Wabash and then the Norfolk and Western Railway.

If anyone would like to help they may make donations to Help Save the Depot Fund, P. O. Box 278, Antwerp, Ohio 45813.

The historical society has been paying rent for the land and maintaining insurance on the structure since the Norfolk and Western Railway decided to abandon the railroad depot in May 1977.

Green Thumb workers would do the work on the restoring of the depot and acting as guides at the depot if and when it is moved. Green Thumb Workers now keep the Ehrhart Museum open six days a week and in the future will be open 40 hours a week for the public free of charge.

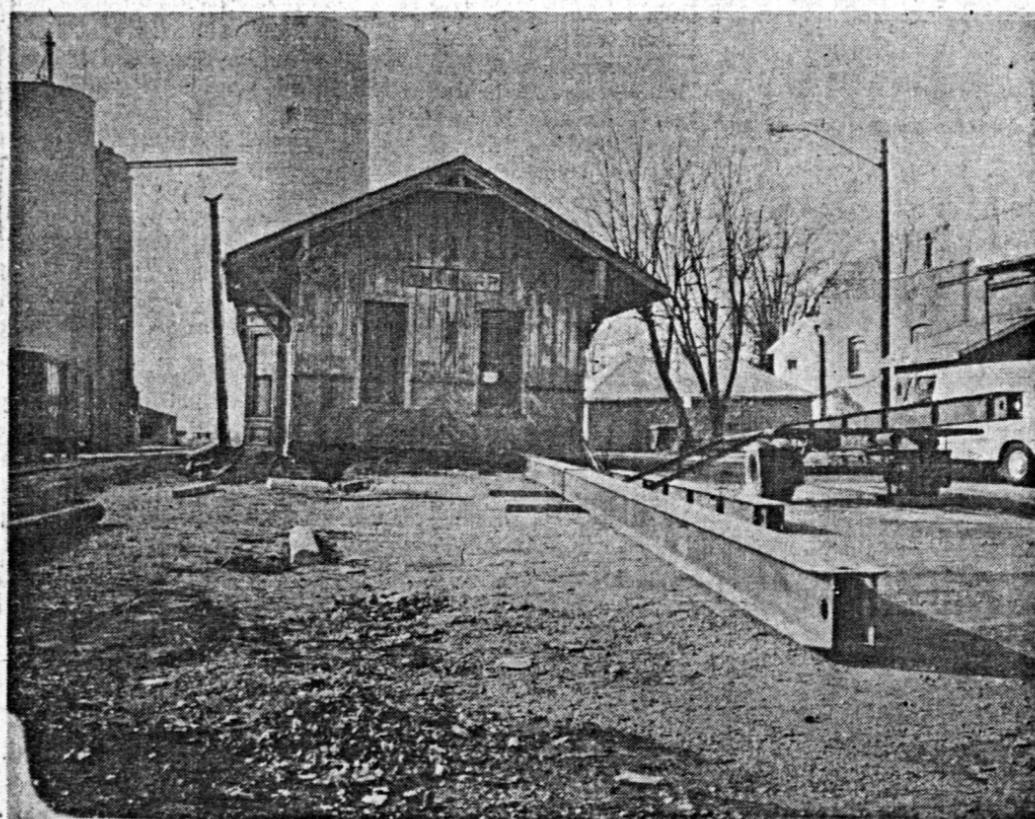
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impact on the 1,800 jobs of the good people employed in the Ottawa GTE-Sylvania facility as more and more TV sets are imported and more Japanese plants are built in the United States," Latta said.

Latta was one of the first to call on the International Trade Commission to look into this growing import problem in the early 1970's and has kept abreast of it ever since. His latest action was to join both labor and industry in urging the President to extend the present quotas which he refused to do.

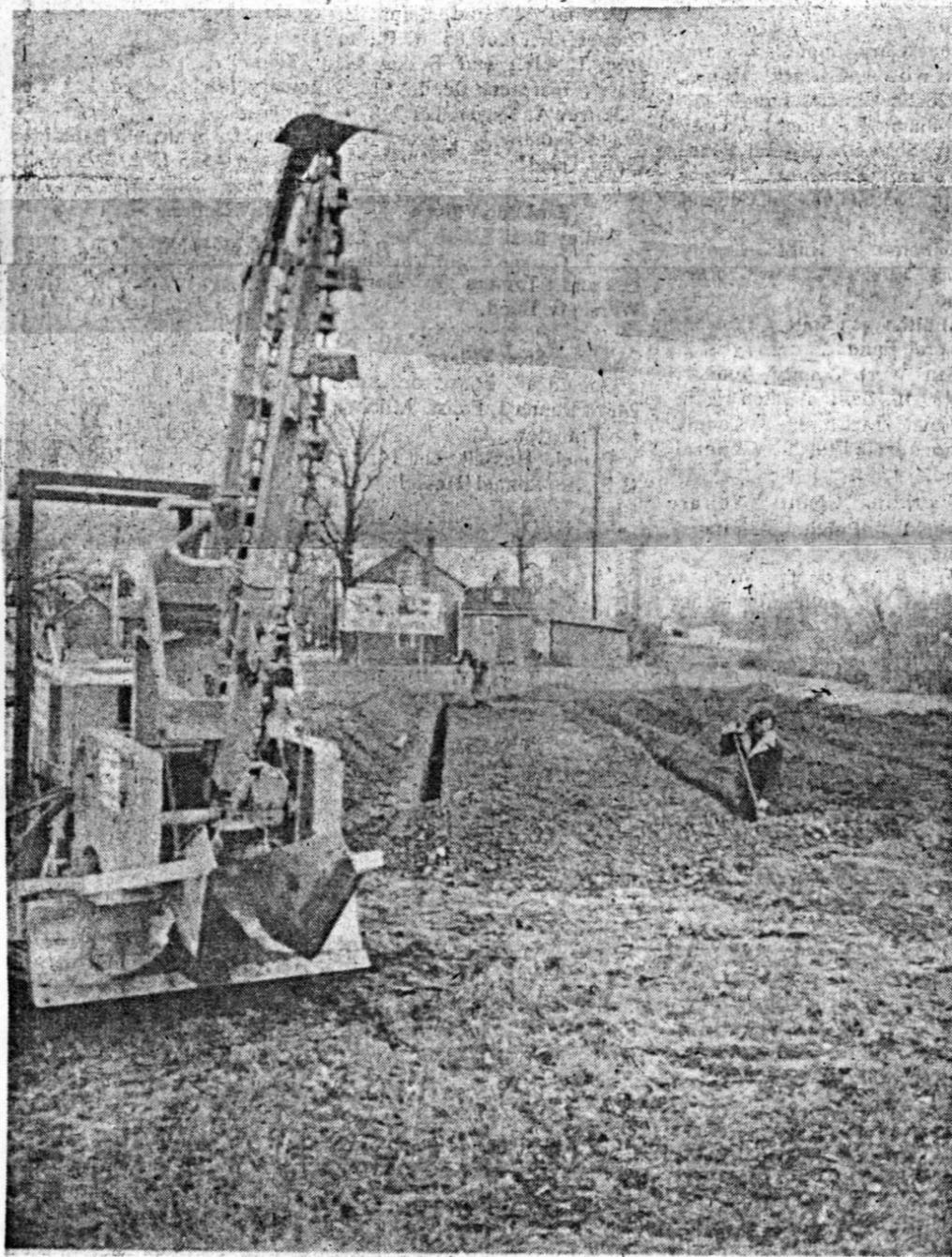
State Board Praises Antwerp Depot Preservation Effort

Moving The Depot



Photos by Rodger S. Temple

New Depot Site Readied



Photos by Rodger S. Temple

The Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board, the governor-appointed professional review board which approves Ohio nominations to the National Register of Historic Places has determined that the Antwerp, Ohio, Norfolk and Western Railroad Depot "would certainly be eligible for inclusion in the National Register", according to Richard E. Moseley, Advisory Board Chairman. Because of a provision in the criteria for National Register listing which requires special exceptions for relocated buildings, the Board was unable to review a nomination for the Depot at their November 2nd meeting. However, in November 7th letters to 5th District U.S. Representative Delbert Latta and R.G. Ross, Industrial Representative for the Norfolk and Western Railway Co., Moseley noted that the building "exhibited an unusually high degree of detail for a small community depot", and that once the building has been securely relocated on a new site, its architectural significance would qualify it for inclusion in the Register. Moseley also expressed the Board's appreciation for Latta's and Ross's involvement in efforts to save the important landmark.

The one-story frame building was built around 1880, and is considered a classic example of a small town freight and passenger depot. It is scheduled to be moved from its present location to a new site on West River Street inside the corporation limits of Antwerp by the Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical Society. Money is now being sought to move the depot, construct a foundation and restore the building.

The National Register of Historic Places is a nationwide listing of buildings, sites, districts and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology and culture. Under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which established the program, Ohio nominations are recommended by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board.

Nominations are reviewed by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior. Properties are placed on the Register by approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The National Register is designed to focus public attention on important landmarks and to help promote their preservation. Entry into the Register does not alter ownership rights or administrative responsibility for the site.

Owners of properties listed on the National Register are eligible to apply to a number of programs offering a variety of advantages: Grants-in-Aid for Acquisition and Development projects, a Department of the Interior fund, is granted on a 50 percent matching basis to purchase or to protect, stabilize, preserve, rehabilitate, restore or reconstruct historic properties; Section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 encourages rehabilitation and discourages demolition by offering tax incentives to owners of certified income-producing structures; owners of properties either on the National Register or determined eligible for the National Register may apply for Historic Preservation Loans through the Federal Housing Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and National Register listing enhances property owners' chances of receiving funds through various other private, non-profit organizations.

Charter Members of the Wabash Railroad Station Society donating \$100 or more
Antwerp, Ohio

Independent Insurance Agents of Paulding County

Antwerp Chamber of Commerce

Antwerp Exchange Bank Company

Dorothy Chester

Kammeyer's IGA

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Mrs. Arlene Joan Nichols Howard

Dr. and Mrs. Williams S. Bricker

Dr. Jack Yager

Nicholas Daeger

American Legion Auxiliary

Professional Services Donated

Bulldozing - Larry D. Gorrill

Trenching - William Parrett

Designer - Sandra K. Temple

Stonemason - Regis Stuck

Otto E.
Ehrhart

Museum

Located in City Hall
Antwerp, Ohio

Monday 10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday 10:00 - 5:00
Thursday 10:00 - 5:00
Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 5:00

Groups by appointment
at any other times, also
The Otto E. Ehrhart
Museum is a free
public museum and is
the first project of the
Otto E. Ehrhart
Paulding County
Historical Society.

Antwerp's Transportation Landmark To Be Destroyed

Text by Sandra Kay Temple, Curator, Ehrhart Museum

Railroad to Raze Depot

Efforts to Save The Antwerp Railroad Depot as a Transportation Landmark to Antwerp's glorious past of Railroad Days have come to an end this month as Mr. R. G. Ross, Industrial Representative of the the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, of Cleveland announced.

The Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society was given the depot with the understanding that it had to be moved and the society could not restore or paint the structure on the premises, nor could they use the structure for flea markets, exhibition, etc.

Much time of the Depot Site Committee which developed out of the local Antwerp Rotary Club was in locating a site for the depot.

Efforts to put it into the local park system failed and a com-

munity center was dropped and plans were made to make the structure an integral part of the retail/tourism/ and commercial setting was planned. It was hoped it would become as popular as the Ehrhart Museum for guests, tourists and local traffic. Plans were made for Green Thumb Workers to work to man the structure for tourists and to do the actual restoring.

Plans to Save The Antwerp Depot came down to that there were two factions in the community. Those who wanted to save the depot and donated their time and effort, Christmas trees, macrame' hangers,

newspapers and must important their time and their donations of monetary.

Then there was the other faction that was going to stop the depot from being moved. They

asked if there commercial money would go toward saving the depot and refusing letters with the "Help Save the Antwerp Depot" stamp on the envelopes.

The Norfolk and Western Railway wants the land the depot is on for development of a structure yet unknown.

The Norfolk and Western Railway asked for rent and the society paid this and the Norfolk and Western Railway wanted insurance that would cover a passenger/ train collision in front of the depot, and this was paid even though it was quite high risk insurance.

The society purchased a plot of ground adjacent to the railroad and across from the Cape Cod Motel from Bill and Carol Parrett to set the depot on so that children would unders-

tand the relationship between the depot and the railroad. It was planned to be faced the railroad as if you were waiting for the train to come and you are standing there with your ticket in hand after purchasing it at the ticket window.

In ten years or maybe even two years people of the community will realize the significance of keeping a community's landmarks. The curator at the Ehrhart Museum explained it this manner. A school desk was donated to the museum. It was the type that was mounted on runners. One piece of furniture was a seat for the desk in front and a desk for the next student. Children came in and said I've seen them what are they doing in a museum. In two years children were asking what the desks were.

The depot would have been visible on U. S. 24 and could have been restored as a landmark that people would remember the town of Antwerp.

The oldtimers will have to remember to band playing at the depot in their minds. They will have to look fondly back to the time that they arrived in this community to settle in. They'll have to think about their boy friend coming in on the train as they waited at the depot.

The depot was the hub of the community and according to some old articles in the Otto E. Ehrhart - Historical Library a going away party was held at the depot before a family moved out west.

Twenty years ago mail came to Antwerp four times a day by train.

The train in its heyday put the canal out of business. The Six-Mile Reservoir remained and Antwerp Dynamiters blew up the reservoir. They took the law in their own hands and brought the Governor Foraker to Antwerp to investigate, and now Paulding County is known as the "No Compromise" county.

The Norfolk and Railway forces will raze the depot on September 15, 1979, and if the depot is moved before the railway company wants \$45.00 more dollars for rent.

The Norfolk and Railway was charging rent to the society for the land and depot and using the facility during this time for railroad use it was found just recently.

The difficulty in moving the depot was not financing, but the financing terms put on the

society and they would like to make this clear.

James S. Temple, president of the society has been temporarily disposed of his duties as Head of the Depot Committee because of illness and other members could not be reached for comment.

The society had asked the Norfolk and Western Railway to help move the depot on the railroad since the deadline was coming nearer and the reply was forces would be available to bulldoze but it has now been changed to raze the structure.

The curator of the Ehrhart Museum, Sandra Temple said the only light at the end of the tunnel visible for hope was that a new structure be built to the depot's specifications and built on the site as it was done in

Lebanon, Ohio where the depot is a craft shop open the famous Golden Lamb Inn, the oldest inn in Ohio.

The depot money will be used to pay off the loan on the land which has been changed to a higher interest and half of the principal due in October 1, 1979 at the Antwerp Exchange Bank Company.

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FIRST HOUSE

John Lincoln built the first house in Antwerp in 1841, which was a one story high log cabin. It is located on Canal Street, the second home on the right. The original log cabin is still standing.

OTTO E. EHRHART MUSEUM

The Otto E. Ehrhart Museum, including historical library was opened to the public on July 4, 1964, and was formally dedicated by Governor James A. Rhodes on August 19, 1965.

The local museum is based on the collection of Otto E. Ehrhart and is operated by the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society with funds raised by popular subscription, by memberships, by sales at a gift counter, and when available some funds from the village and county.

The museum space, formerly the fire hall was remodeled with money obtained from the Antwerp Days Committee, and many local organizations have contributed money, material and personnel to support the museum.

Mr. Ehrhart, who died May 15, 1963, contributed his collection of more than 500 mounted birds of northern Ohio, 7,000 insects, butterflies and moths, 1200 bird eggs of Ohio birds, practically all wild animals and snakes common to the area and other historical and pictorial material.

The museum has put Antwerp on the map as the place to visit in Northwestern Ohio.

Small children walk in. Their faces light up with curiosity. Teenagers walk in. They gaze in awe and disbelief. Adults walk in. They stand for a moment and as if reminiscing and then move from exhibit to exhibit in amazement. What is it that these visitors find themselves in wonderment about when they come into the Ehrhart MUSEUM? The delightful surprise is to discover in such town like Antwerp, Ohio (population 1,761), such a first-class natural history collection.

If anything stands out when a visitor passes through Antwerp, it is the corporation markers stating, "Antwerp, Ohio, Home of Otto E. Ehrhart, Naturalist."

BEGINNINGS OF ANTWERP

IF WE WOULD TAKE A TOUR of the Antwerp area many centuries ago, we would need a boat. Yes, this entire area was covered with water, probably a receding glacier lake. This lake, which included all of Lake Erie, emptied to the West. Then, by an act of nature, a new outlet was created through the St. Lawrence Channel. This event caused several unique things to happen. It caused the lake to recede to its present level, it formed the Maumee Valley and changed the courses of the St. Joe and St. Mary's Rivers from West to East, forming the Maumee River.

Then during centuries of time, a beautiful fertile valley was produced by nature including dense forest, wild game and animals. The forest was so dense that sunlight did not penetrate and a swampy condition existed which was known as the Black Swamp. This area was unpassable by wagon til it was drained.

Our first visitors were Indians including Potowatomies, Ottawas, Chippewas and Miamis. Then there followed the French, English and eventually General Mad Anthony Wayne, clearing the area for early settlers.

Ohio was admitted to the Union in 1803. Paulding County was formed in 1820. Carryall Township was organized in 1829 with David Applegate being the first settler. General Horatio N. Curtis first settled in Crane Township, but, after the surveying of the Wabash and Erie Canal during the 1830's, he moved his trading post along the proposed Canal. General Curtis, Issac Woodcox, Samuel Riceland and two surveyors, William Wilshire Riley and his brother James Riley made the survey and platted the original plat of Antwerp. The Village was named in 1841 by these men while sitting on a log debating on a name not already in use anywhere in the U.S.

With the aide of a postal guide, they found the city of Antwerp, Belgium. Since this name had not been used before, the village was officially named Antwerp. It is interesting to note that there is still only one other Antwerp in the postal guide and that is in the state of New York.

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Honorable Delbert L. Latta
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Latta:

Thank you for your letter of July 28, 1980, on behalf of Mr. James S. Temple, concerning the nomination of the Antwerp Norfolk and Western Depot, Paulding County, Ohio, to the National Register of Historic Places.

On August 5, 1980, the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service published notice in the "Federal Register" that the property is being considered for listing in the National Register. Interested parties are given 15 days from the date of publication to present written comments on the significance of the property. At the end of this period, the nomination will be reviewed by the National Register staff. We will notify you if the Antwerp Norfolk and Western Depot is entered in the National Register.

If we can be of further assistance to you or Mr. Temple, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Sincerely,

(SGD) GARY R. CATRON

Gary R. Catron
Assistant to the Secretary
and Director of Congressional
and Legislative Affairs

cc: Mr. David Brook
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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Paulding County

Also Notified

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.
Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum
Honorable Delbert L. Latta

State Historic Preservation Officer
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The Ohio Historical Society
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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

A Brief History of Antwerp Railroading

The Toledo Wabash and Western Railroad built their railroad through Antwerp in 1855.

With the coming of the railroad shipping facilities increased.

The population in Antwerp in 1880 was 1223.

On the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway - Eastern Division in 1879, a through express, a Pacific Express and a fast express arrived in Antwerp.

On Fast Express - Pullman Palace Cars from Toledo (and Antwerp) to St. Louis and Quincy without change; Day coaches to Peoria and Burlington without change.

Pacific Express - Pullman Palace Cars from Toledo to St. Louis and Quincy without change; day coaches to Peoria and Burlington without change.



The Wabash Railroad

1856

changed name to *Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad Company.*

1879

consolidated, forming the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway Company.

August 1, 1889

consolidated and formed the Wabash Railroad Company.

1857

Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway

leave Toledo

arrive Antwerp

-Local Freight - 8:50 o'clock

Livestock and Through Freight - 10:00 o'clock

Mail Express

Fares

New York and St. Louis Express

1866

Toledo, Wabash & Western Railway

Westward Trains

Express 2:05

Mail 4:45

Eastward Trains

Express 10:53

Mail 1:16



1881

Paulding & Cecil Railway

General offices - Cecil
Flat Rock - Furnace - Paulding
connection - with Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway

1883

The Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway operating Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway *connected with Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railways.*

1883

Through Car System

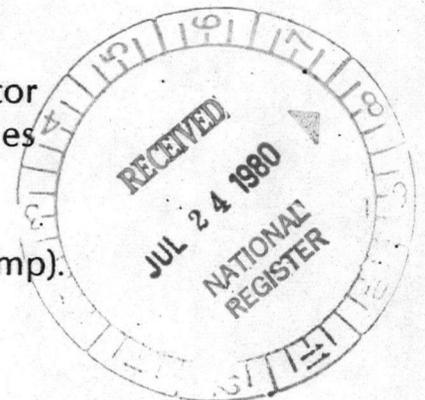
Toledo and St. Louis line -
train leaving Toledo 7:20 a.m. daily except Sunday, has Smoking Car and fine Day Coaches.

train leaving Toledo 5:45 p.m. daily has Pullman sleepers and Day Coaches Toledo to St. Louis. New York and Boston Sleepers are attached to this train at Toledo, also *Chair Car Toledo to Peoria, Burlington and Keokuk.*

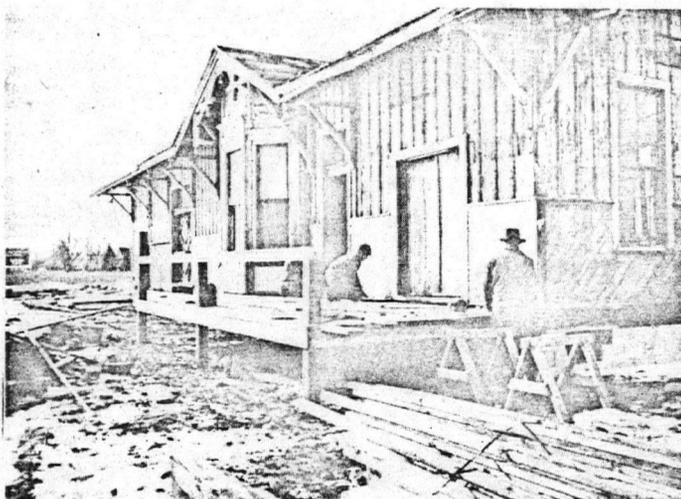
train leaving Toledo 3:25 a.m. daily, has Reclining Chair and Day Coaches Toledo to St. Louis.

Antwerp and Puckerbrush Railroad

Thos. G. Fitzsimmons, owner and operator
from Swamptown to Woodpile - 3½ miles
articles transported
wood - 30,000 tons
(Shipped timber out of the old Black Swamp).



Restore Depot



The Schmuckers of Milan Center, Indiana are busily restoring the Wabash Railroad Station with great zeal the past few weeks. The historic building is to be restored to original condition and Steve Schmucker and John Schmucker are taking great efforts to keep the 1870's in their minds. Officials of the Otto E. Ehrhart-Paulding County Historical Society have received favorable compliments on the restoration. Photo by James S. Temple.

this week.

Fred E. and Irene F. (Hooker) Gordon
Frank L. Bernardin
O.C.C.L. Tears and
Tenderness Club
Other new contributors
this week

\$25.00 - contribution to
the Antwerp Depot
Fund given by Mrs.
Grace Curts in memory
of her husband, Robert
Curts, who was a
telegraph operator and
station agent on the
Wabash Railroad for 45
years.

Anonymous - \$25.00.

Paulding Progress -
\$20.00.

Rev. Gilmore K. and
Marcia (Temple)

Creelman - \$25.00.

January 31, 1980

To the Wabash
Depot Museum Fund
Antwerp, Ohio:

Enclosed find our check for \$100.00 for restoring the depot. We spent many years near it and hold Antwerp in our fondest memories.

Fred's parents (Harvery and Rosa Gordon) lived three miles East on 24.

Fred worked at the J. B. Johnson Furniture factory which gave him his knowledge to later own his furniture store in Fort Wayne known as Kramer's, until a stroke struck him 13 years ago.

We now are retired to memories!

Please add our names to the Charter Plaque.

Sincerely,

Fred E. and
Irene F. (Hooker) Gordon
5130 Starwood Dr.
Fort Wayne, Ind. 46815

January 31, 1980

Historically Speaking



by The Otto E.
Ehrhart - Paulding
County Historical
Society

railroad track side.

We are still accepting contributions and these names will be added to a permanent roll at the depot and will be listed in this column, too.

We appreciated the support and encouragement we have received in preserving an historic building for this area.

The Ehrhart Museum is busy cataloging obituaries and if you have old papers with deaths in them Dora Mae Trutwin or Blossom Crabtree would like to see them.

The Hoot Owl Gift Shop is well stocked for the casual visitor or the most discriminating shopper. They are open for your convenience 10 - 5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The museum is located in City Hall. Til next week. S.T.

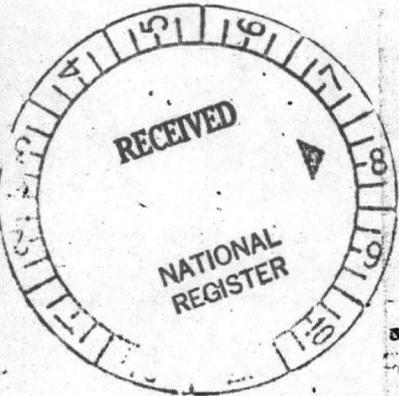
This is a new column to the Ehrhart Museum this week in the Bee-Argus and it hopes to become a regular column concerning the past history of the area and what is going on to preserve history now in the county and subjects of historical interest.

Some of the dates this month are February 12 - 1873 - Hub and Spoke Factory was incorporated.

February 7, 1936 - Village of Antwerp purchased island to Riverside Park.

The calendars are here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates. Members should come here with historical notes on dates.

Members of the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society To Help Save the Wabash Railroad Station Antwerp, Ohio Donating \$100 or more



Presidents Day February 18, 1980



TUESDAY, February 12, 1980, was the first day that two trains began making regular stops in Antwerp again.

The two trains will be chugging into Antwerp around 2:00 in the afternoon and another in the morning.

One train from Fort Wayne, Indiana will drop off box cars in Antwerp, while the other train will come from Defiance and pick up the cars to take back to Defiance.

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NO MORE LATE trains whistling through Antwerp at 11:00 o'clock at night.

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NORFOLK & WESTERN is the train now going through Antwerp -- formerly the Wabash.

Motorists and pedestrians take note to check before crossing for trains crossing or switching.



Emergency Grant Request

The owners of the Wabash Railroad Station and depot, the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society, are requesting an emergency grant for a structural renovation of the building.

The building was built around 1878 and is now of structurally sound foundation, walls and ceilings and most floors.

This winter the society has replaced all poor siding, door jams and panels to the building and preserving the old along the new. Three new doors were made and the doorways restored to their original use.

The society felt the work should be done to preserve the building from future deterioration.

Now the work done is being threatened by a leaky, storm damaged roof. The roof is not the original one and patching and repairing the roof would require as much labor as putting a new roof on.

The new roof being considered is a cedar shake roof or imitation wood roof. The one required depends upon the structure of the beams of the building.

The new siding put on this winter is now exposed and should be painted as well as the old part being scraped and painted to preserve the wood.

The estimated cost is the following:

new roof, including labor - \$5,000.00 \$5,480.00

painting of outside - \$4,500.00

scraping (donated labor) - \$4,500.00 PAINT \$2,000.00 OTHER 1025.00

Cleaning and painting of the lobby and agent's room is to be done by volunteers this summer.

donated labor - \$1,500.00

paint - \$150.00

Antwerp Railroad Station and Depot formerly the St. Louis, Pacific and Wabash Depot

On December 4, 1979 the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society had the railroad station moved to its new site. This in itself was an accomplishment as it was hard to secure a mover on such short notice to meet the Norfolk and Western's demands for quick removal of the structure. The society secured the services of Loren Sauder of Archbold, who has moved other depots and historic structures. The depot was moved to a site on West River Street.

The depot then awaited a new foundation. The depot was close to the railroad tracks and the foot had already been poured, but it was decided to build a new footer on the north side and move the depot over to it to save any further grief with the railroad. The foundation blocks were then laid the week after Christmas on the north side and then the present side south side. Then on January 8, 1980 the depot was moved to the new foundation by Mr. Loren Sauder and then the new south wall was put into place. After this was completed the depot was lowered to the foundation.

Then carpenter work began on replacing poor siding and doors. This was recommended by the Ohio Historical Society and the carpenter contractors as rot travels in old buildings. Money from private donations was used for this and the society had borrowed from a private individual the cost of moving. Money is to be raised this summer to cover the cost of the lumber used in the new platform and in the new siding. If work had not begun it was afraid there would be no building to preserve in another year.

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The depot has caused a psychological uplift in the community. The neighbors of the depot have expressed an interest in the way the depot looks now and some are the volunteers to scrape and paint the depot. The depot has made an emotional impact on the climate of the county. People now look and say I see it was worth moving and saving and wasn't that era beautiful. People are starting to look to the past with wonder on what they learn from the past to help them understand where they are going.

It is hoped that money can be raised so that the depot will house a small railroad museum, a senior citizens craft store and library for the Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society. It also could feasibly house a few offices for the community.

It is hoped with more room for research we could work more closely with the school in the county on Ohio History and Paulding County History. We have been working with the Ohio Teachers Association and expressed our willingness to help. Green Thumb workers at the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum already are cataloging deaths, identifying pictures and doing some research on a limited basis besides keeping the museum open to the public.

We have a critical need for painting of the depot outside this spring 1980 to preserve the new and old wood and a new roof so all our efforts will not be in vain.

Antwerp now has its first revitalized landmark in her midst and she can be proud that this railroad station will be admired by visitors coming to the community and by her young people, a learning experience, and for the older people a preserving of memories of days gone by.

Community Support

The Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society has received very good comments and financial support from the business and professional people and organizations of the community.

The Weatherhead Company, a division of Danar Corporation, has expressed an interest in making the Antwerp Railroad Station and Freight Depot a community project. They have looked into the possibility of covering the cost of moving the depot. A grant application was sent into the Weatherhead Foundation, and Weatherhead officials have been kept abreast of current changes in the depot.

Congressman Delbert Latta was instrumental in saving the depot from being razed by the Norfolk and Western, and in trying to get the depot on the National Register and securing funds.

Larry Manahan, 79th District Representative has expressed an avid interest in the depot and personally visited the old depot site and the new site. He also returned to see it at the new location.

The Otto E. Ehrhart - Paulding County Historical Society has been receiving funds from the county and the village of Antwerp for support of the Otto E. Ehrhart Museum, which houses 500 mounted wild life animals and birds and historical artifacts in the City Hall. The society now receives \$250 a year for the museum from the county and \$325 from the village of Antwerp for the museum. The museum is open 6 days a week to the public.

The society received \$500 emergency monies for the 1980 funds the county at the first reading of the request of the Paulding County Commissioners last week.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Weatherhead Company, Rotary, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Paulding County Women's Democratic Club, the Child Conservation League, etc. and private individuals have \$100 or more to move and restore the depot.

The Antwerp Rotary Club pledged to repaint the Antwerp signs on the depot and the signs were put into place in February and welcome visitors to Antwerp.

The depot is on West River Street (U. S. 24) and in its backyard is the Norfolk and Western railway. The agent's window faces the track as it always did. The platform toward U. S. 24 was reinstated. The platform originally was used by merchants who pulled up there in horse and wagons and loaded merchandise from the freight room to their wagons.

All possible ways are used to make this depot the environmental atmosphere of the 1880's and historically accurate.

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