

OLD MAIN STREET SEGMENT 3 – BUSINESS BLOCK EAST

1. INTRO – OLD MAIN STREET—Compiled by Sandy Austin, Historian

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**“CAMPBELL’S OLD MAIN STREET  
SLIDE PRESENTATION  
Compiled by:  
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2. Intro to Business Block East – Segment 3 of Campbell's OLD MAIN STREET

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WELCOME TO SEGMENT #3  
CAMPBELL'S  
"OLD MAIN STREET  
BUSINESS BLOCK – EAST"

3. EAST SIDE – business block—we're going to start with the horse and buggy photo [post card] this was as far back as I could find – guessing about 1905 – note the horse and buggies; the hitching posts and the muddy road.

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4. PIC W/ OLD CAR – this was about 15 to 20 years later; -- note the buildings are a little different. Note the improved road surface. The last 2 buildings are gone and replaced with a larger one.

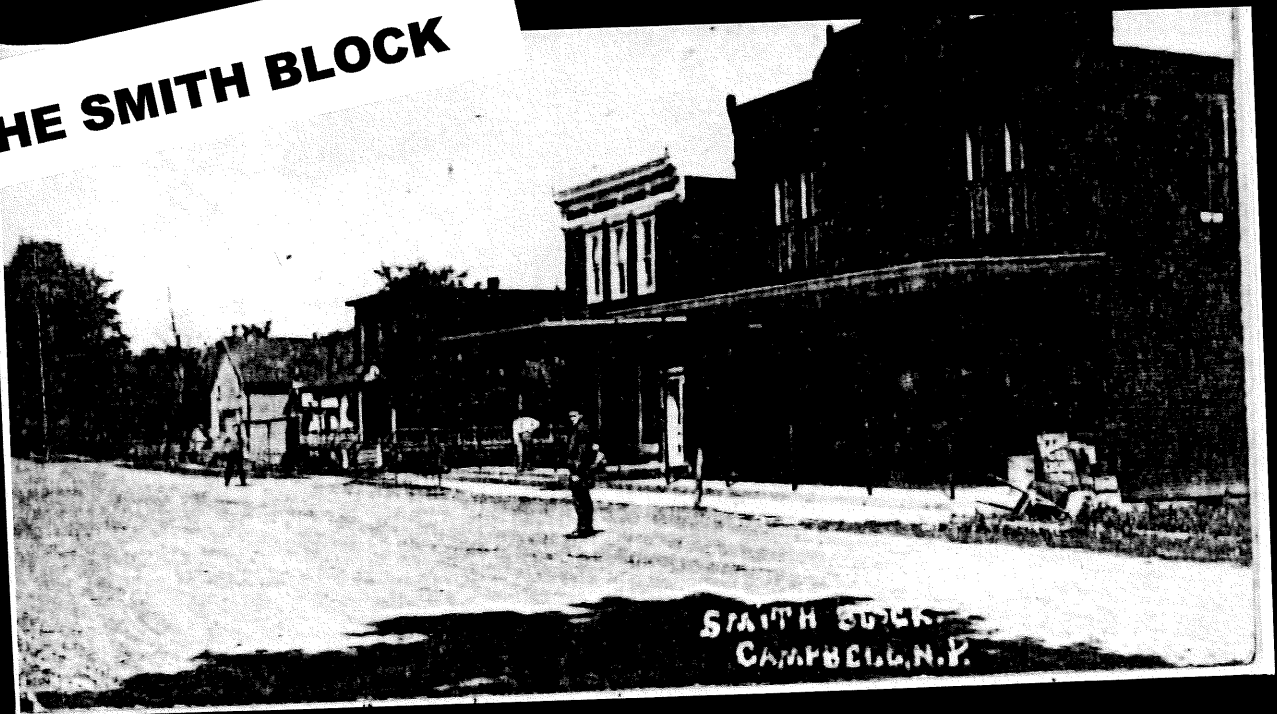
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5. SMITH BLOCK – this next picture [also a post card – guessing the date to be about 1905] shows those same 2 buildings in the foreground; the farthest down is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrett Hall pic I'll be showing you; then there's what I believe is the old Vine Hotel and the grocery and then the Smith building--- it's called the Smith Block named for a doctor in town, Dr. Charles S. Smith; he married a local girl—Mary Walling, and decided to stay in Campbell. In 1893 he had a medical practice here. He had the "Smith Hall" built as an income property and he planned to open an office in his home [in which house, I do not know.] In 1912 he died at the age of 47; from Ptomaine poisoning from bad oysters. -- [Remember that name as we go down the street--- Dr. Charles S. Smith.]

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**THE SMITH BLOCK**



**Dr. Charles S. Smith 1869-1912**

6. INFO –DR. SMITH –In the 1920's, the building was bought by a William Wood and it became known as Wood's Hall [note from Town Board minutes 9/10/1931—The Town Board designated Wood's Hall as the polling place of the first election district and E. Campbell Cheese Factory as the polling place of the 2<sup>nd</sup> election district.

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**In later years, the Smith Building became Wood's Hall—it was a multi-use building:**

**A place for round & square dances; gatherings, concerts**

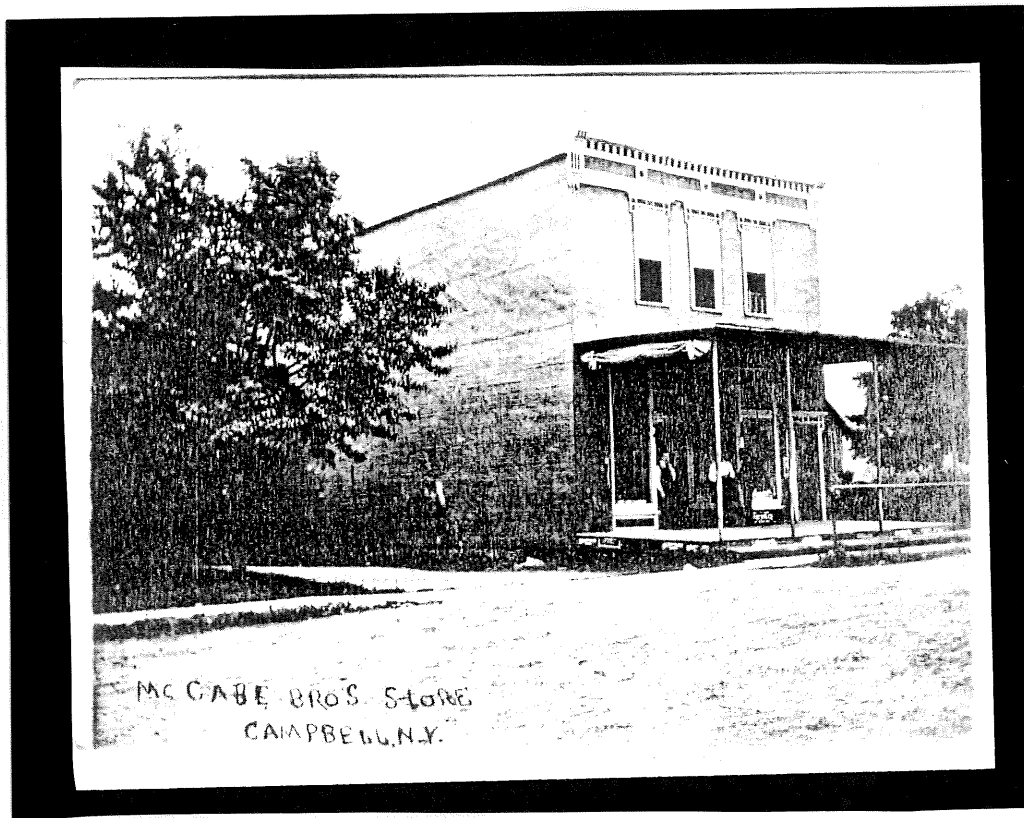
**A room to shoot pool**

**A polling place for voting district #1**

**A room with a barber chair**

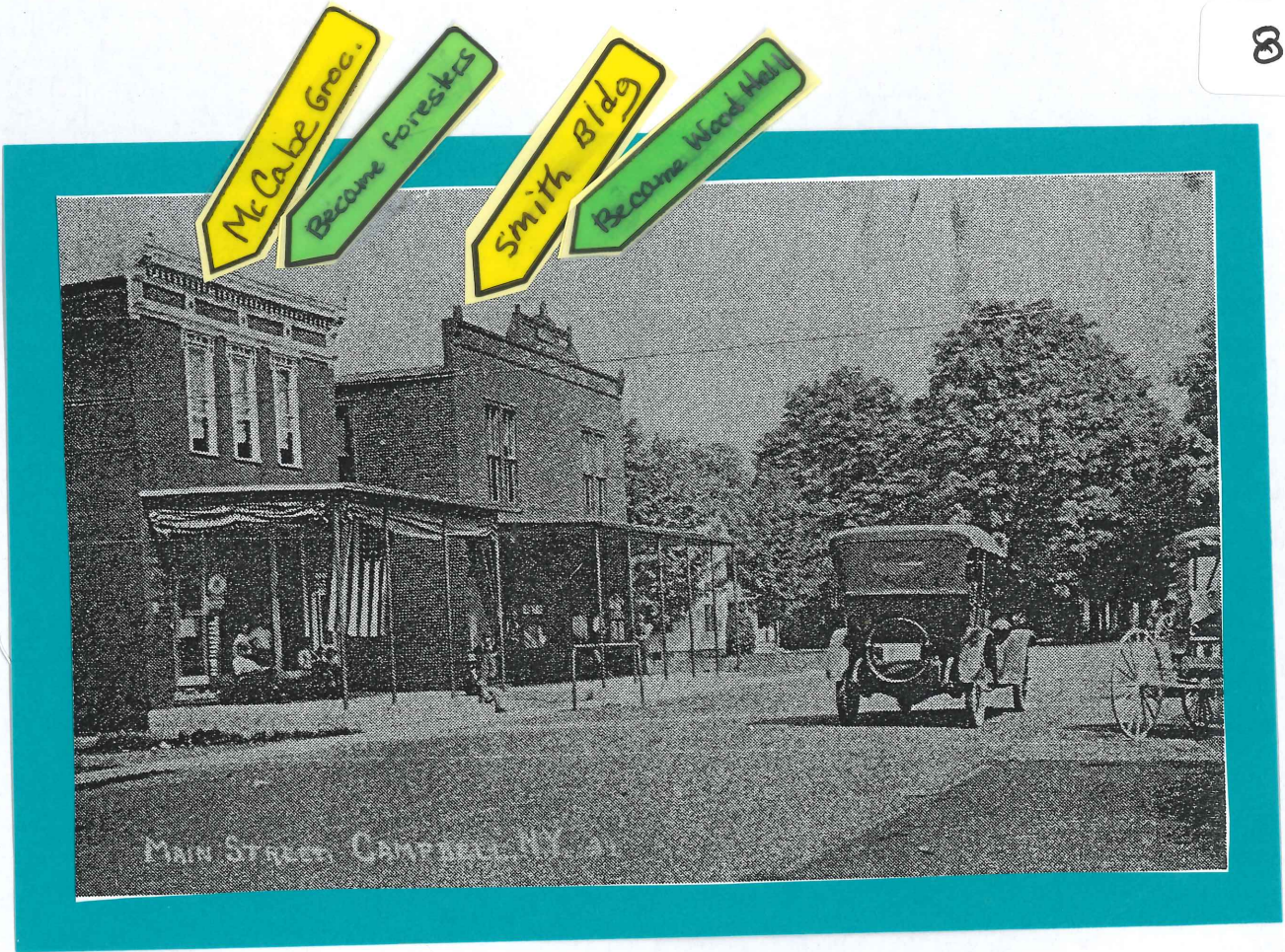
7. McCABE GROC—remember the artist rendering I showed you a while back of the McCabe Grocery? This might be another artist's rendering.

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8. McCabe and Smith buildings are pictured here.... McCabe Grocery went on to be Forester's Grocery, and the Smith building went on to be Wood's Hall.

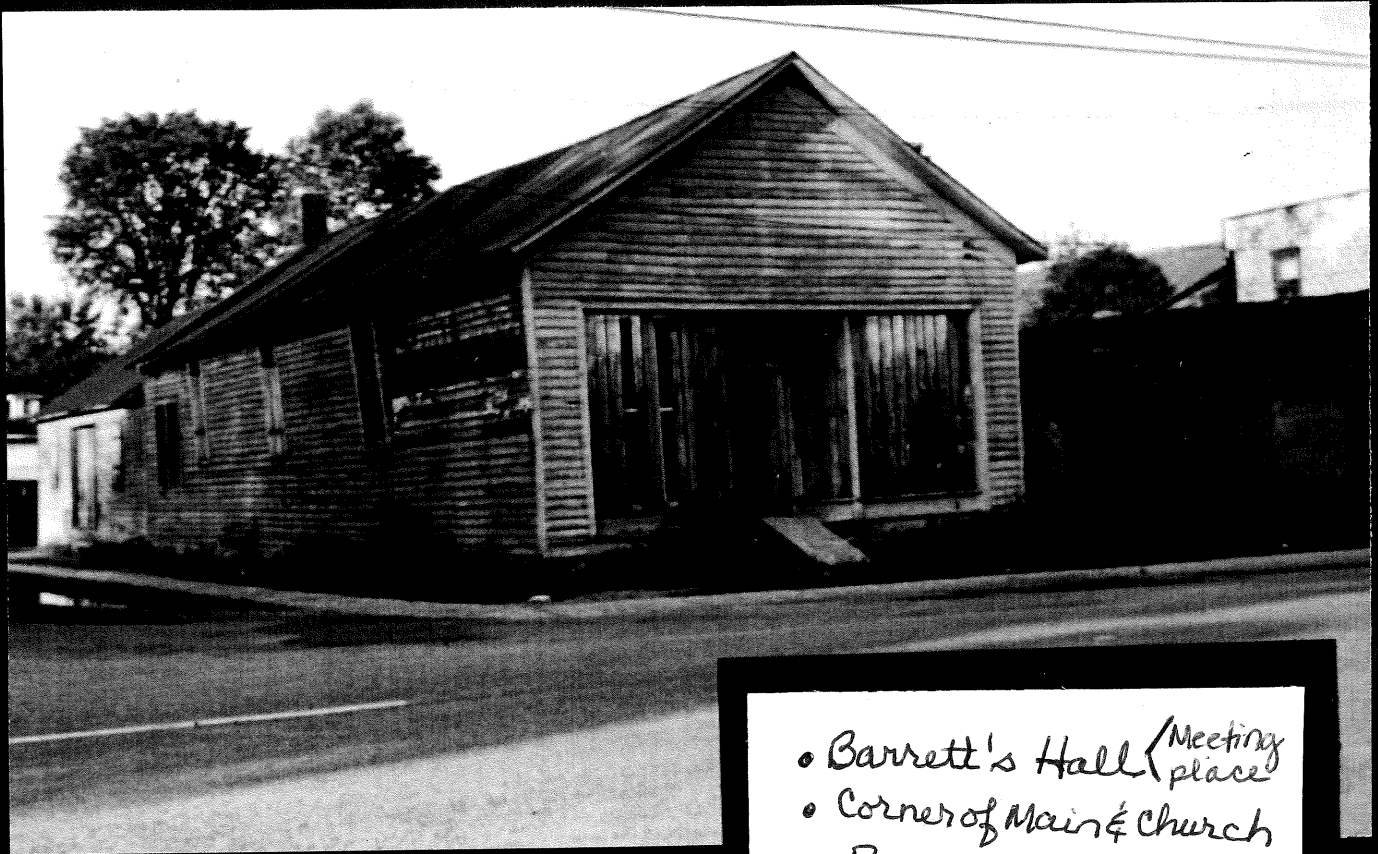
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9. Barrett's hall ---Back at the corner of Main and Church Street was Barrett's Hall. This one was torn down in 1961.

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- Barrett's Hall (Meeting place)
- Corner of Main & Church
- Razed 1961

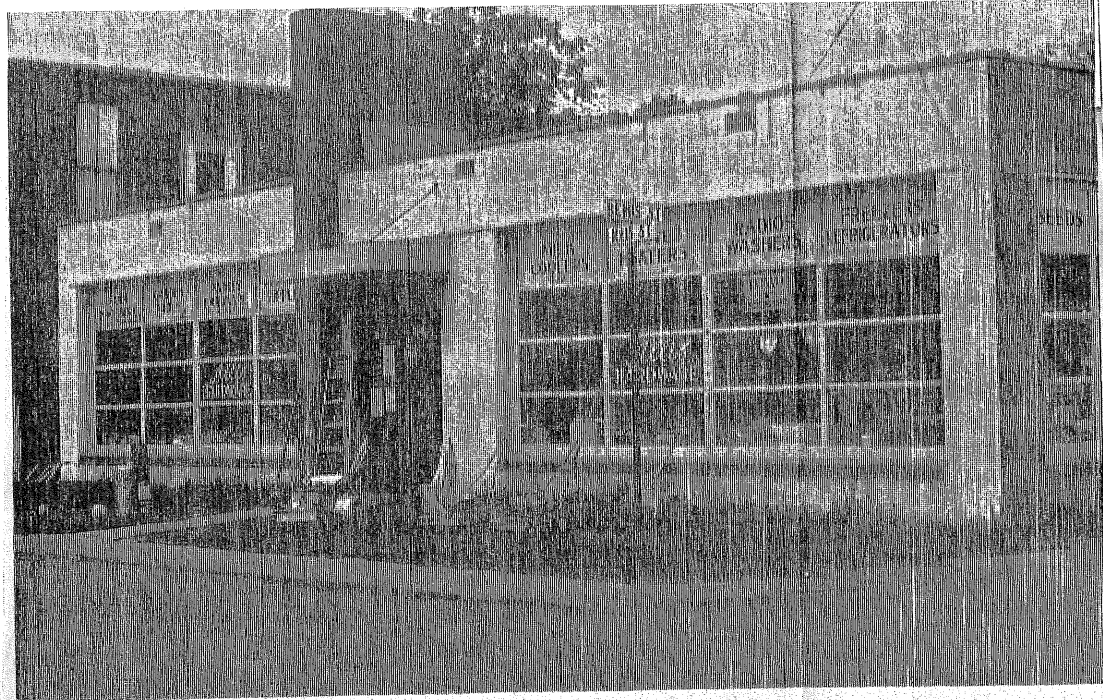
10. ANOTHER BARRETT HALL – A while ago I came across another Barrett Hall -- but I think that this was a prior building that burned in one of the fires on Main Street. [If you recall, one building was owned by Charles Barrett.]

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11. ALLIS HARDWARE. This was the Allis Hardware building built on the corner of Main Street and Bemis—in about the 50's or early 60's.

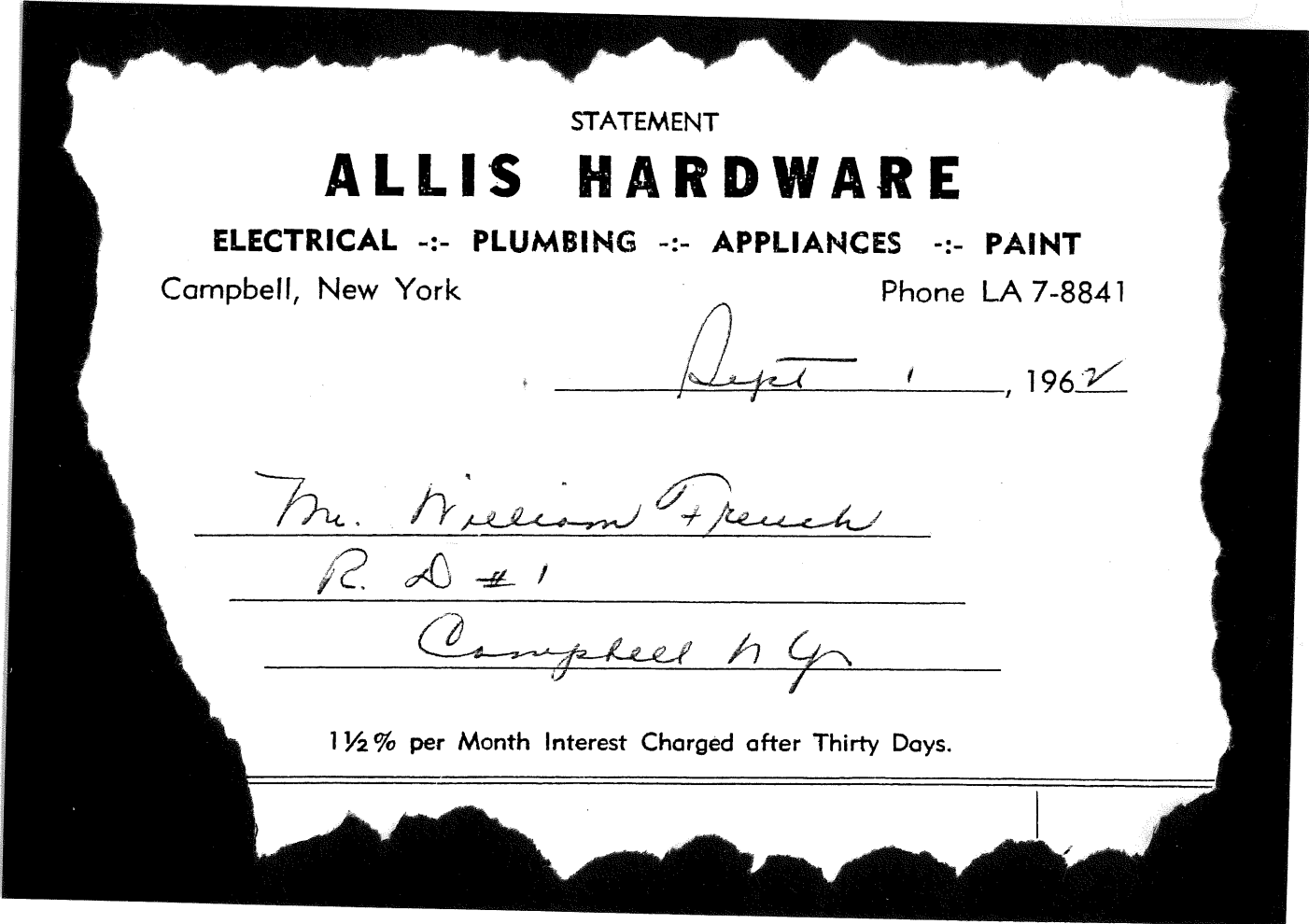
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Frontal view of the Allis Hardware Store in Campbell.

12. ALLIS Statement—This Allis Hardware statement was in 1962; note he was selling general hardware, heating, plumbing supplies and equipment – probably the small-town Home Depot of the day. If you wanted a light bulb, there was probably only one choice.

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13. MJ WARD –This is the front view of the same building—In about 1970, the MJ Ward bought the Allis Hardware building – their store in Savona was taken out to make way for the new southern tier expressway; they also sold hardware and farm supplies.

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Corner of Main & Bemis



NEW SITE of the M. J. Ward and Son mill is in the heart of Campbell, replacing the Savona operation. The large, modern structure formerly housed the Allis Hardware.

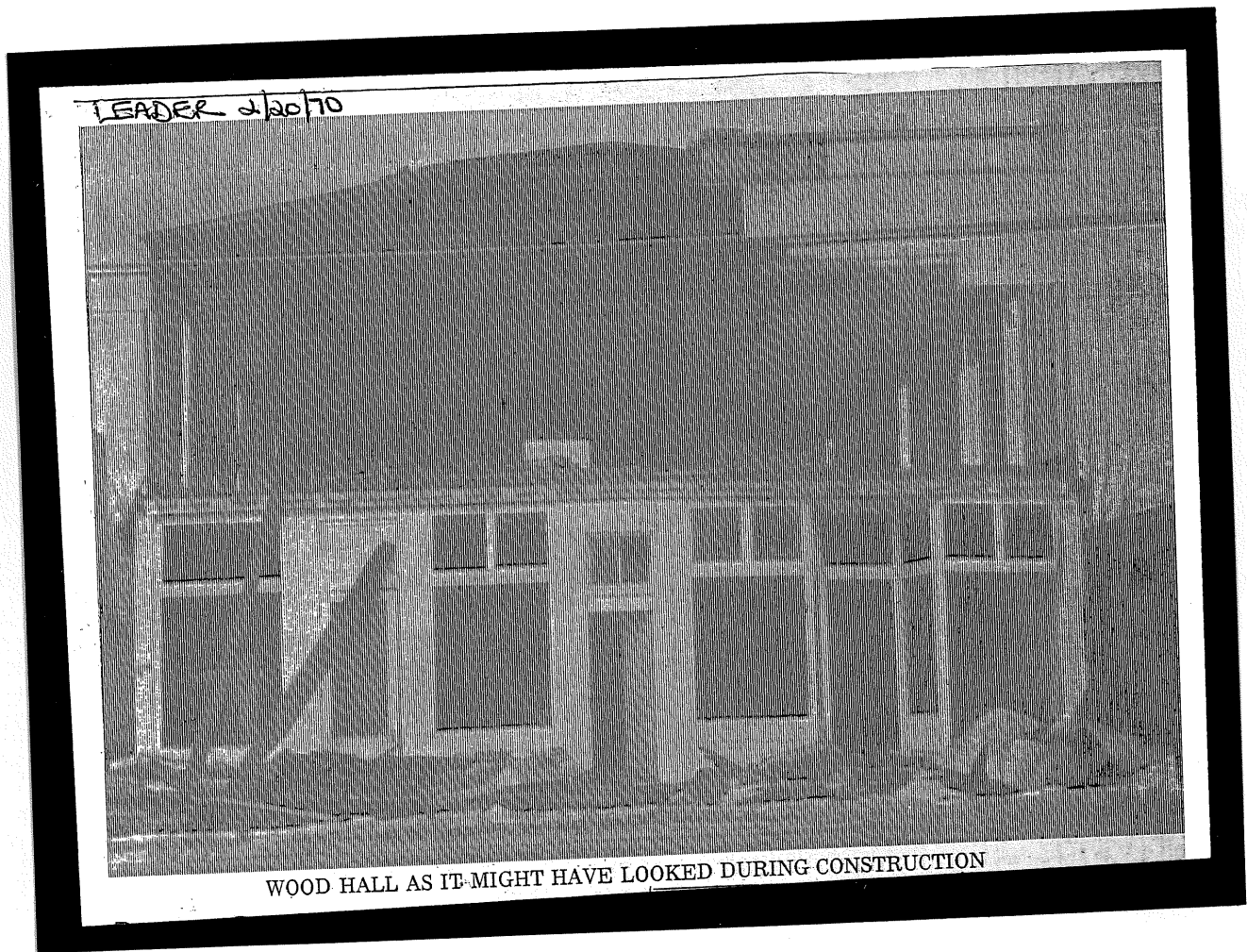
14.MJ WARD -- [This is the back view from Bemis St.] – MJ Ward added to the back of the building –it was extensively enlarged to provide an area for milling and grinding activities.

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15. WOOD'S HALL BUILDING – around that same time, MJ WARD purchased the Wood's Hall Building next door; they said they planned to use the space as a drive-around for the feed mill out back. It was about 1970 when the Wood's Hall building was torn down.

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16. TOWN HALL – in the 1970's, business had died out in this area of Main Street. The buildings were getting old; in disrepair; and about that time the Town Board was looking for a place to build a town hall. So there was Les Forester's store—he was looking to retire and so the plan came up for a new town hall. By then, people were by-passing the Main Street route by going Route 415; In about 1932, the new and improved road between Corning and Bath opened; it was the US Rte 15 going from Corning to Rochester.

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### *New On Campbell Scene*

NEARING COMPLETION in Campbell hamlet is the new town hall. The new building, scheduled to open soon, contains room for town offices and a meeting room. It is located on Main St.

1979



17. TOWN HALL [later] – Pic from about 2001 – by then a courtroom addition had been added.

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18. TN HALL [today] – The Town hall takes up the space that was in 1886, multiple shops and the Barrett’s Hall on the corner of Church and Main.

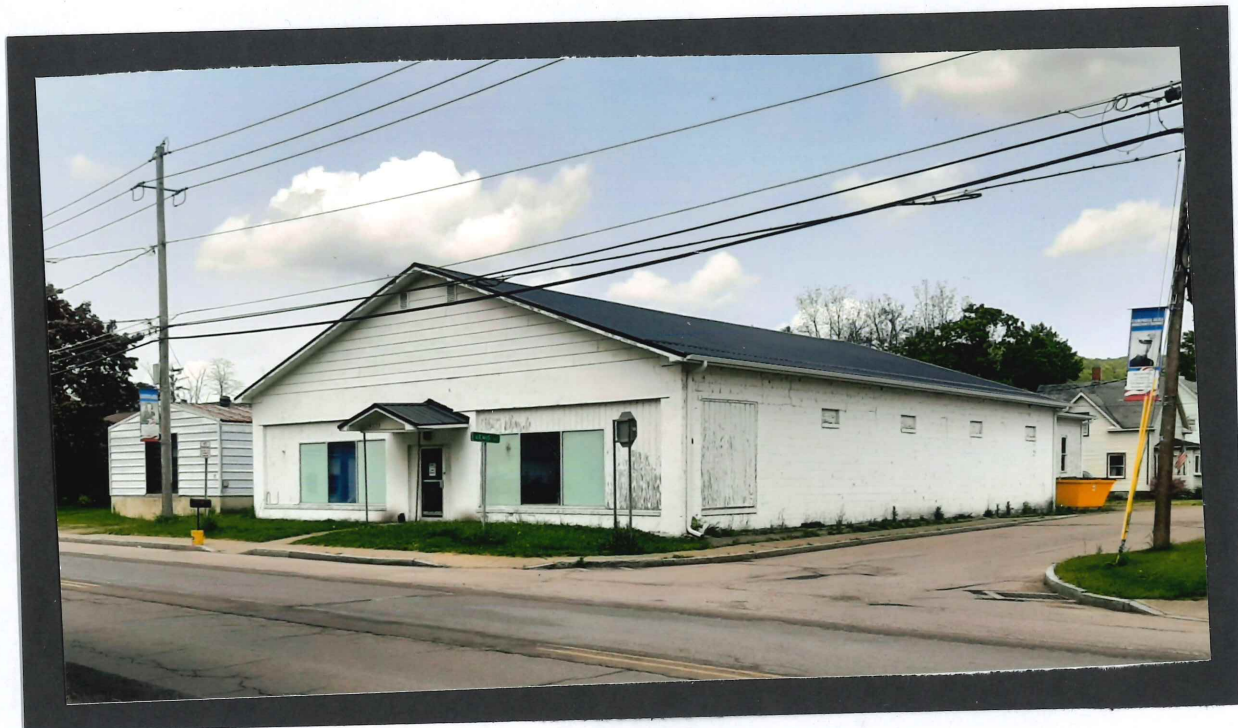
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Town Hall  
2023

19.MJ WARD –The small white building was initially the drive-around to the mill out back which was between the Town Hall and the old Allis Hardware.

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20. We have reached the end of the business block . Next time we'll be looking at the Col. James S. McKay house – today we know it as the LaVarnway house. --- The continuation will be from Col. McKay's house [now LaVarnway] to the end of the street.

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**UP NEXT: McKay [LaVarnway] House to  
The Railroad**