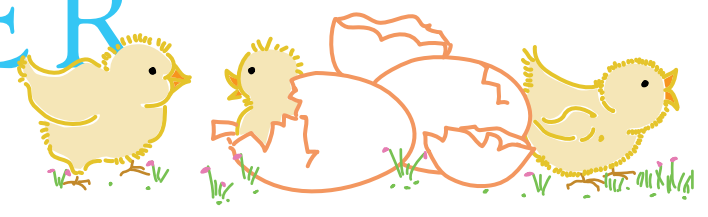


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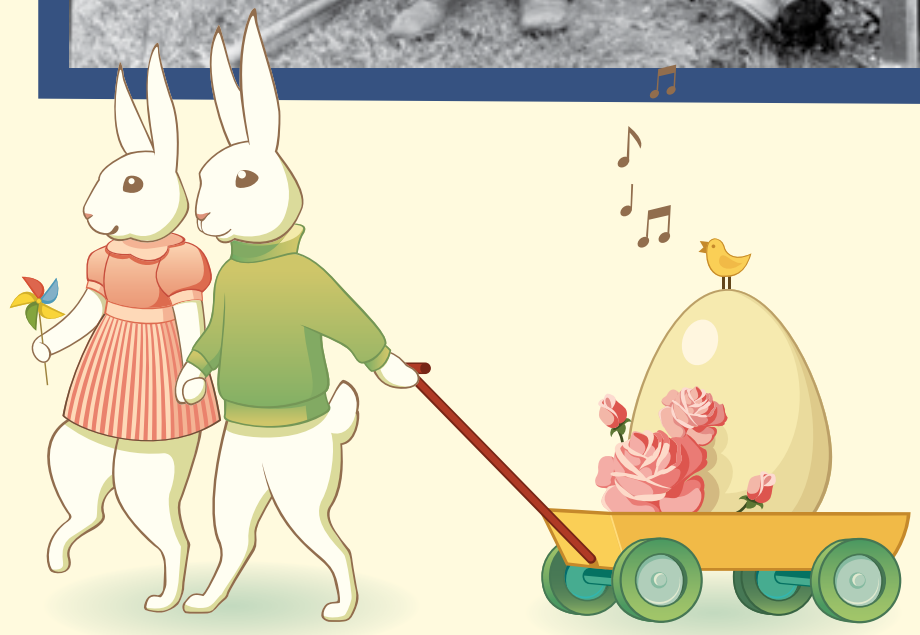
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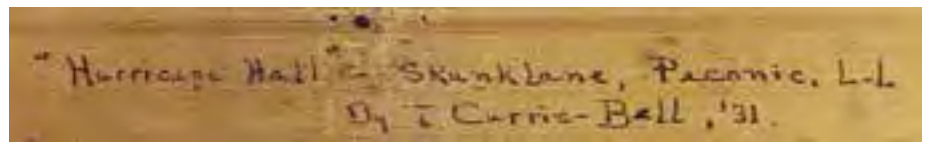
The above photo shows a painting done in 1931 by local artist Tom Currie-Bell, that hangs in the Southold Historical Society.

In our March 2019 issue we printed the following:

“The Southold Historical Society is looking for any info on a Tom Currie-Bell painting that is named “The Hurricane House in Cutchogue”. If anyone has any information about its location or history, please share.”

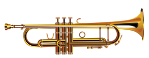
We are so pleased that Peter Sterling stopped by with a Sterling Seed Catalog seen on page 3. The back cover provides a great story about the “Hurricane Hall” house, owned by his grandfather Ralph Sterling.

Thank you, Peter, for sharing!



Identification found on the frame of the painting.
 Photos courtesy of the southold Historical Society

On the Cover



THE SOUTHOLD MARCHING BAND

This photo, circa 1930, was probably taken after a Southold Parade (possibly on the front lawn of the Town Hall where IGA now stands).

Seated (and not smiling!) from left to right:
 Bud Warner, Bill Moffat, Ed Lucy, Ken Tuthill

Standing left to right:
 Renny Terry, Howard Terry, Warren Sterling, Gerald Hobson, Bob Moore, Francis Strasser, Frank (?), Hayden Allen and Edgar Smith.



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This home, combining the quaintness and charm of early colonial building with the convenience and modernity of present-day design, is located on the shores of Baldwin's Creek in Peconic. A sign reading on a standard among giant trees in the front yard informs the visitor that he is approaching "Hurricane Hall."

The name, according to Ralph W. Sterling, owner of the property and the sixty-odd surrounding acres lying between Baldwin's Creek and Little Creek, is derived from the circular hallway which is the architectural feature of the structure. People came from far and wide, a hundred years ago, to see this unique foyer.

The original house, Mr. Sterling's inquiries have revealed, was built around 1700 by William Wells, second in the long line of Wells, who have borne that surname. The family owned immense tracts of land in and about Cutchogue, and the stout dwelling remained in their possession until 1812 when Barnabas Horton, who had married Deborah Wells, took title. He made a number of changes, creating, among other things, the "Hurricane Hall," through the center of the house.

Descendants of Barnabas lived in the house and farmed its lands for many years, the family retaining possession until 1900. Then followed a succession of owners and in 1934 Mr. Sterling purchased the property for development.

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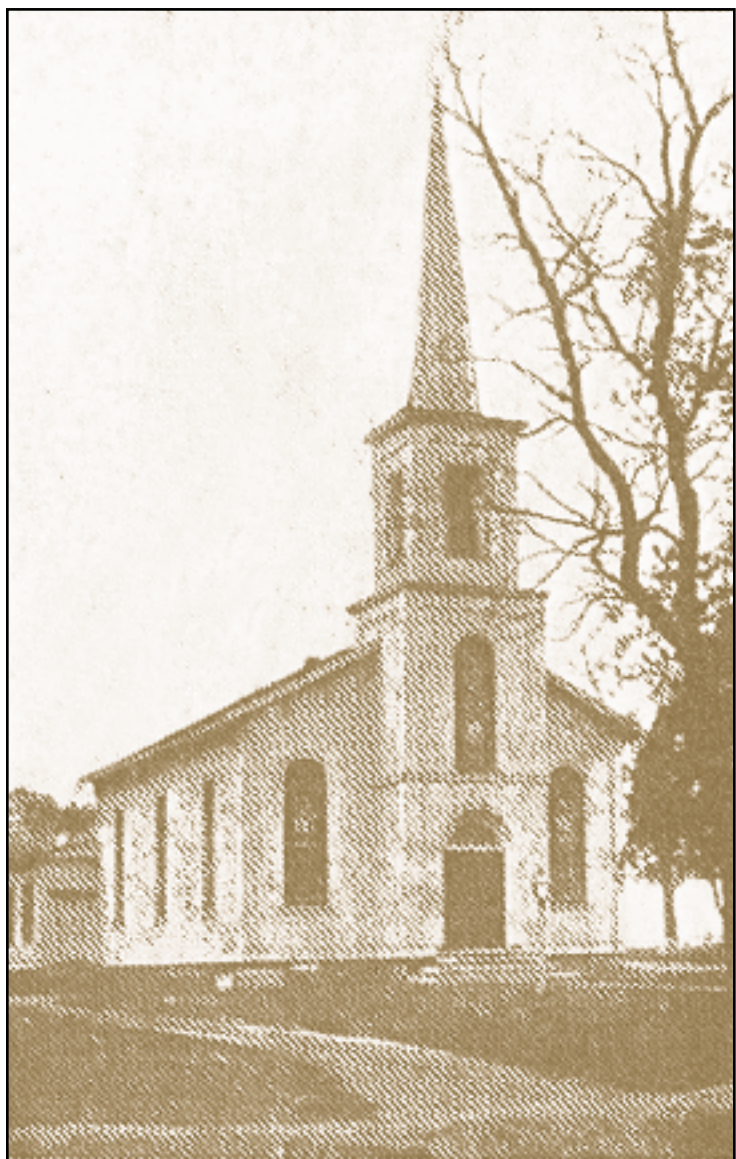
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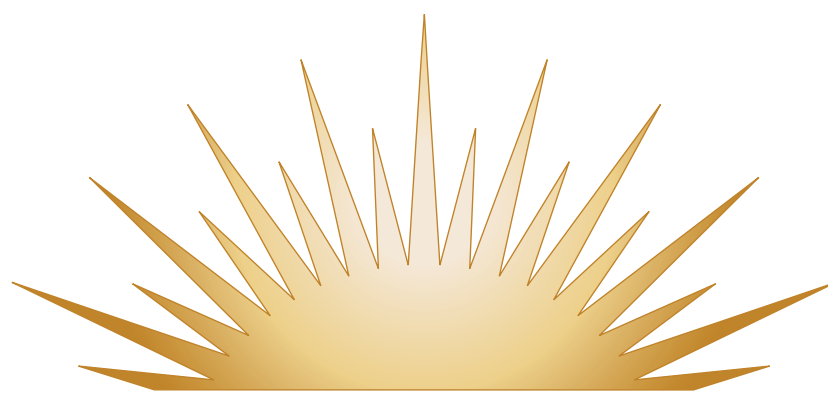
Cutchogue United Methodist Church

The first Methodist Episcopal church in Cutchogue was organized in 1829. Having no dwelling of their own, the members congregated in a building on the corner of Cox and Main. Later in 1851, the original edifice (newsprint photo to the left) was built with a new England style steeple and white clapboard siding. However after many years of worship, disaster struck twice. Starting on July 7, 1927, lightning caused an inferno that the Mattituck and Southold Fire Department could not save. (The Cutchogue Fire Department was not yet organized.) The building burned to the ground. The damage included the recently acquired pipe organ valued at \$10,000, bringing the total damage to approximately \$35,000, an incredible amount of money for the time. Later that year on December 28, the parsonage caught fire and also burned to the ground.

The Methodist congregation moved to temporary quarters west, by renting the Congregational Society's church next to the Village Green, then in use as the public library. After the construction of the new church was completed in 1928, the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library resumed its operations, where it remains today, adjacent to the Village Green.

The new church was designed and built by a Peconic native who was both an architect and builder, S. Edgar Tuthill. A member of the Cutchogue Methodist Church, Mr. Tuthill was considered to be one of Suffolk County's leading citizens and businessman. This new structure boasted an open belfry with a classically designed portico and stands today as one of Cutchogue's unique and charming buildings.

Following photographs of the construction of the new church, all courtesy of the Cutchogue United Methodist Church ...



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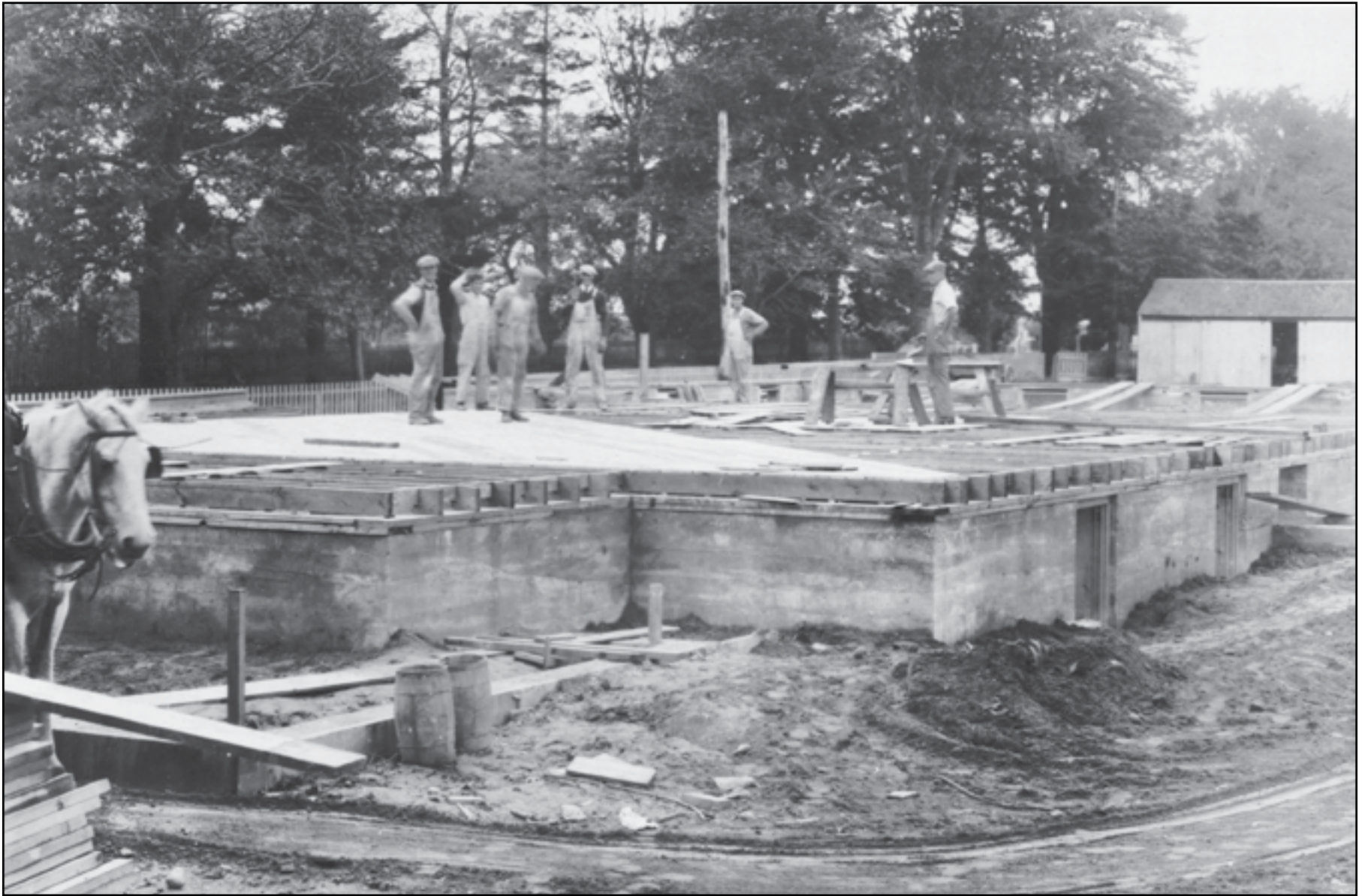
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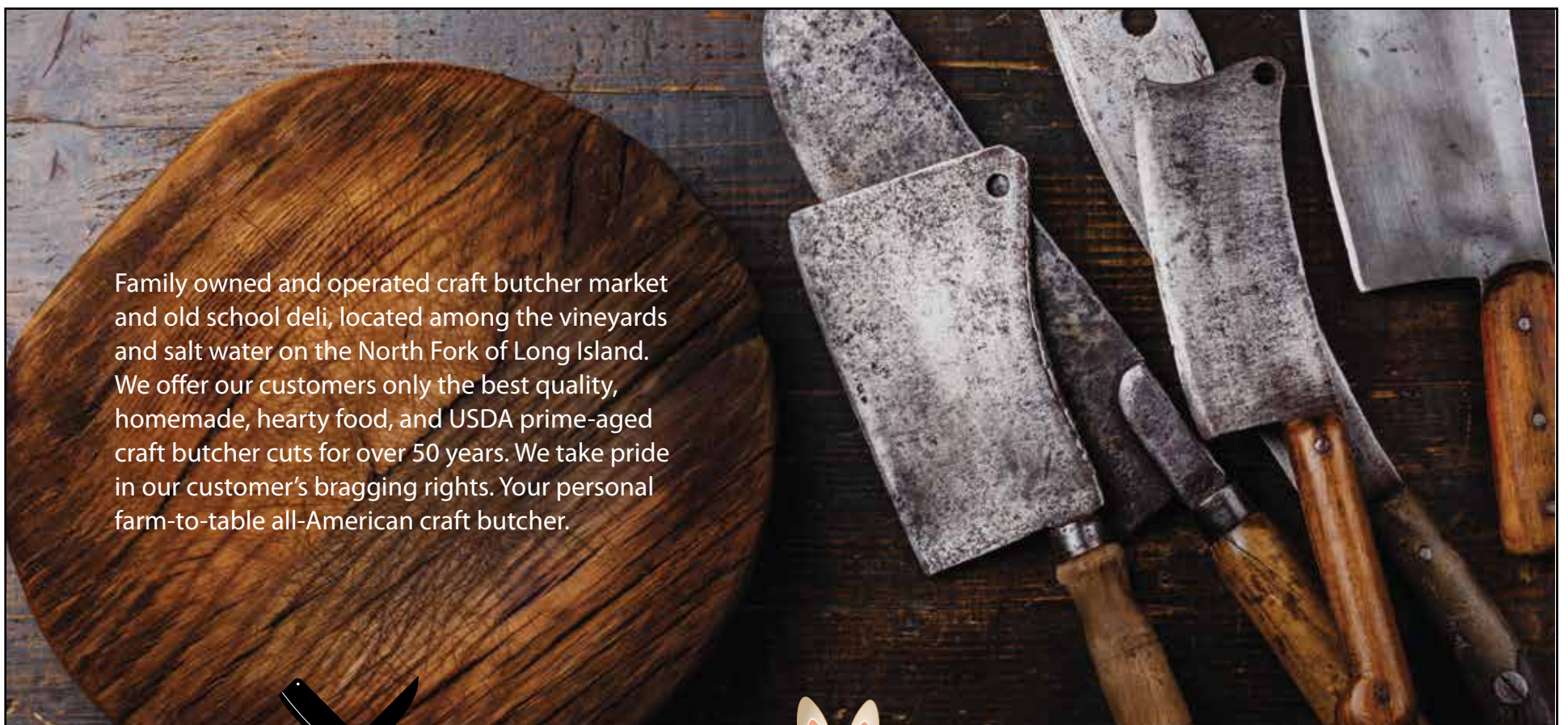
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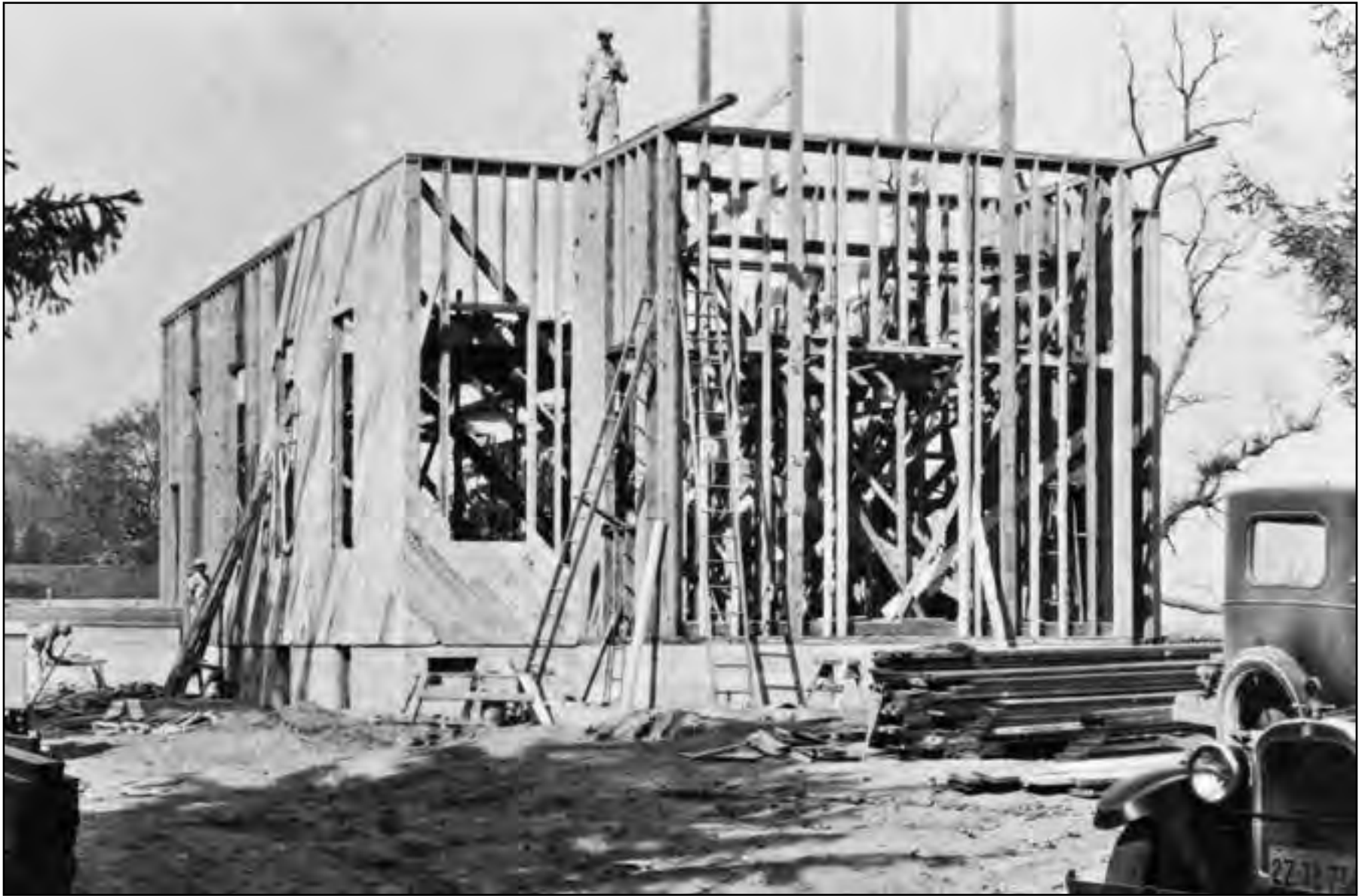


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