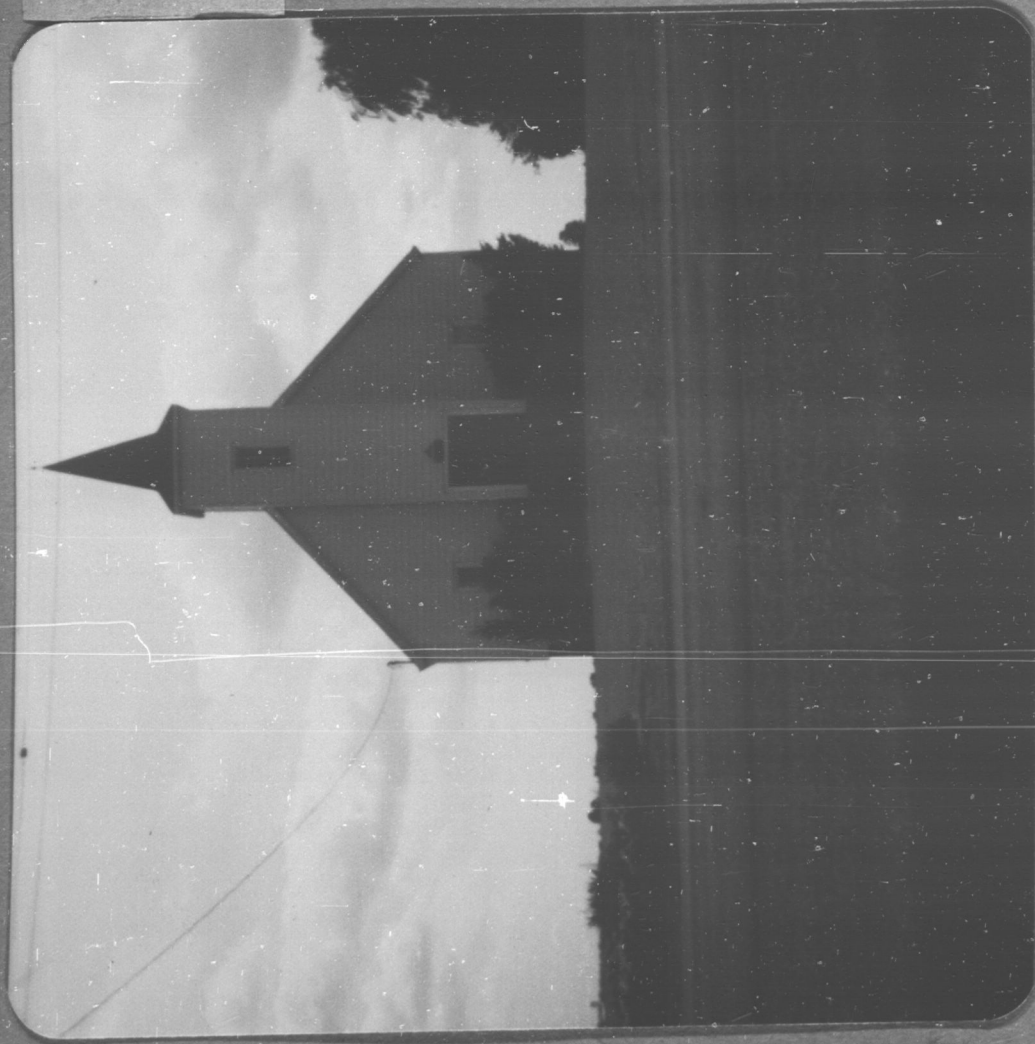




Jarvis congregation's first church, the frame building fronting Highway 3, Jarvis East, has not yet been determined. In time it may be moved or demolished.

1952

mainly occupied in farming. They admitted to feeling "inexperienced and unsure" in their new country, even expressing fright at first sights of the animals that were strange to them. But as they banded together in the shelter and strengthening help of their faith, they overcame such problems as learning English, getting used to new modes of living

How times have changed for the congregation members in the 27 year history of the church at Jarvis!

The immigrants from the Netherlands, in records of their early history, were

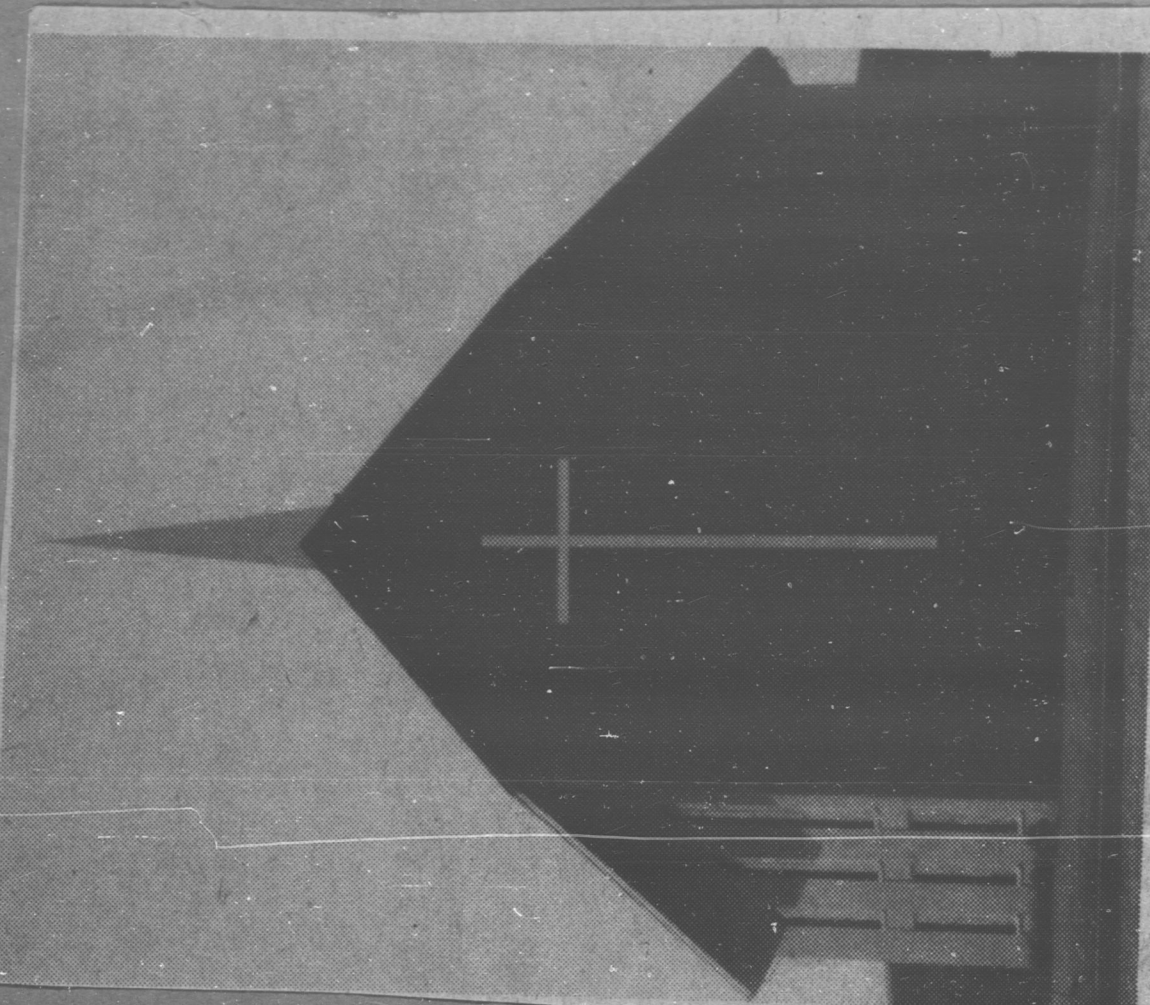
and laws, settling in and obtaining regular work.

services switching the locale of their worship to Chalmers Presbyterian Church at Erie, five miles east of Jarvis on Highway 3.

In 1948, the charter members for the formal organization of the Jarvis Church numbered 22 families and six individuals. The Church was then known as the Erie Christian Reformed Church.

Due to the growth of the church community to 71 families, it was found necessary to build the frame church at Jarvis. It was dedicated in 1952. Erie Chalmers Presbyterian Church had become too planning and work of

By May of 1948, 65 persons held more initial



It will be with fond memories for the old church built in 1952 that members of the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church at Jarvis take their prideful place in their new structure this month. Official opening is December 19.

1973

small to hold the larger crowds of enthusiastic CRC worshippers!

The Jarvis church kept right on expanding and by the time family membership grew to 150, something had to be done about the large audiences. In 1957 two daughter churches were organized in one week, one at York, north-east of Jarvis between Caledonia and Cayuga, and the second to the west, at Simcoe.

The first regular pastor for the congregation was the late Rev. Gerrit A. Lyzenga who accepted the call in 1950. He shared in the planning and work of

attempting to arrange for the new church.

First pastor for the new Jarvis frame church was Rev. John Dykstra of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Other ministers who served were Rev. Aris Haalboom, Rev. Peter Kranenburg and Rev. D.C. Los.

Rev. Peter Brouwer accepted the call to the Jarvis Church in 1972. It was in April, 1950, that two acres of land adjoining Highway 3, one half mile east of Jarvis were purchased, with a view to erecting the new church and the crossroads of Highways 6 and 3."

built in the mid 1960's, is located a few houses to the west of the present church at Highway 3.

It is interesting to note in the 25th anniversary yearbook of the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church that former pastor Rev. Los and Mrs. Los recollected their stay at the Jarvis charge as warm and happy.

But, Rev. Los noted, the younger set in his family were of the opinion that "nowhere is the air as pure, are the vistas as wide and the people as congenial as in that little hamlet there at the crossroads of Highways 6 and 3."



The church's present pastor, Rev. Peter Brouwer is sure that the new edifice will give quite a lift to the many activities that are carried on within the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church.

The minister's study at the Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church parsonage has many volumes for reference for pastor Rev. Peter Brouwer. (Times Staff Photo)