

Parking lot to replace historical building



Reverend Bob Heckman, of the Mentone United Methodist Church, has announced that the church has purchased the above pictured building, located next to the church on Main Street in Mentone, effective December 21, 1978.

Purchased from Vincent Good-

man, of Mentone, the building has been empty for approximately seven years, and was most recently used as a laundromat.

The building, which was moved to Mentone when the first railroad came through, was originally situated at "Little Chicago" where the first settlement here was started.

According to Harry Sullivan, city water supervisor, that is approximately where the Harold Lucht residence now sits, at County Road 1200 West. The building at one time belonged to the uncle of Rosalind and Annabelle Mentzger, E. A. Blue. Mr. Blue operated a general store in the building.

According to Rev. Heckman, the church plans to tear the building down, and build a parking lot. It is not known yet if the lot will be open to the public, but hopefully the work will be finished by spring, according to Heckman.

*Sept. 13 - 1882.
Pres. Martin Van Buren signed
the bill of sale of this land.*