

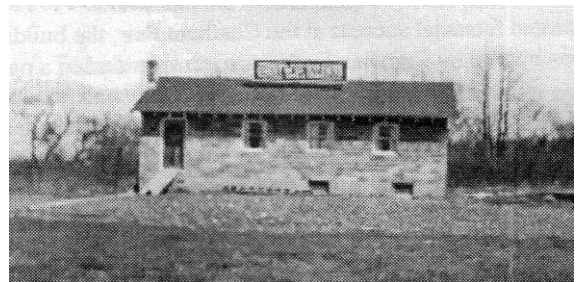
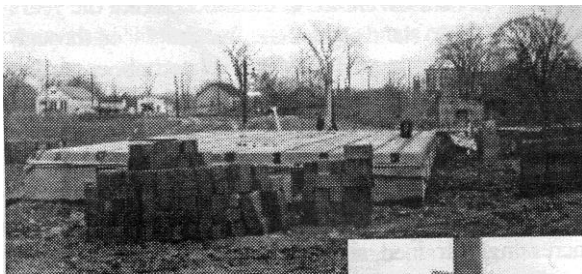
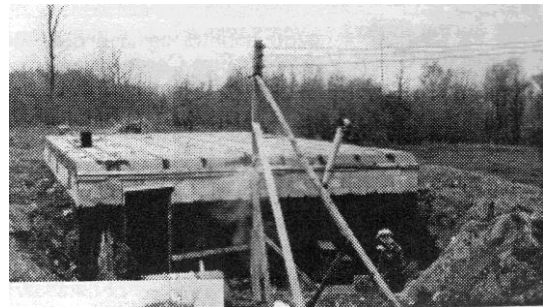
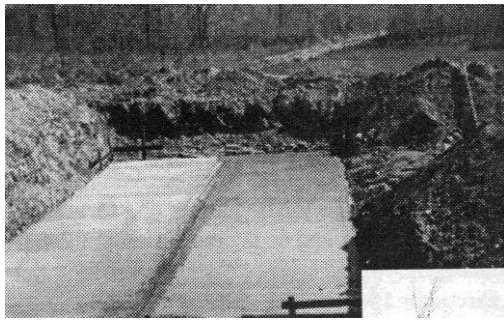


## Ghent Post 5933 History

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5933, Ghent, N.Y., was mustered in on February 12, 1946 with forty-four members. Early meetings were held at the Ghent Sportsmen's Association clubhouse and the Town Hall.

In 1948 the Post voted to incorporate and began discussions regarding a post home on a site near the Ghent town highway department. Following a successful automobile raffle which raised \$2,400.00, the membership voted to purchase 2-3 acres of property behind the Ghent Post Office from the Ghent Sportsmen Association in June of 1949. A second automobile raffle was then initiated to raise additional money for the building fund. The acquisition of the property was completed in February of 1950 for \$286.55 including legal fees. The building committee consisted of chairman Howard Combs, Eugene Brizzie, George Kandrack, Charles Candrilli, Stanley Novine, Gus Schlotter and George Hiebler. They were given the approval to order materials and start the construction during the summer of 1950.

The basement section of the building was completed and capped before winter set in that year. Post meetings and activities were held in this basement area until the upper story was finished in the early 50's. A mortgage was taken out at that time in order to finance the completion of the building. All of the construction work was completed by members and friends, some of whom would later become members of the Post Social Club.



Early endeavors to raise money for the building and other necessary expenses consisted of several raffles and food booths at the Chatham Fair. A building was borrowed from the Ghent Sportsmen Association and moved to the fairgrounds where sweet corn and clams on the half shell were sold. The venture was not very profitable even though the corn was donated. But this was only the beginning . . .