

WOMEN'S RESIDENCE::: CENTRAL AVE. FORT ERIE ONT.

This very large housing convenience was built in Fort Erie for the women workers of the Fleet Industries, who came from all over Ontario, and even far western Canada.

It had a central section that contained a large reception area, that could be cleared for dancing; a indoorsports rooms: that converted to a banquet room: and also a kitchen. There were four wings that projected fro this centrel core, and extended out towards Central Ave, containg the bedrooms.

When completed in November, there will be accomodation for 310 women. Cost of construction \$ 269, 000.

At the close of the War it was hoped that the building would be taken over for The Canadian Legion, then it was planned to use it for a senior citizen home; however it was finally taken over by St. Michael's Church, which put it to good use, for many years as a church Hall & seperate School under the direction of the Loretta Sisters who occupied the South wing of this building.

Apr. 1. 1956 After a disastereous fire that gutted most of the building except for the section to the south containg the kitchen and the Convent, the school section was considerably reduced. It was decided then to John the two Catholic Churches in town, St. Michael's on Gilmore Rd. and S^t. Joseph's on the Garrison, and build one central Church on this spot.

To day only the Convent wing is left to remind us of this large Women's Residence, that housed so many women through the later war years.