

# Landmark Gets Final Goodbye

LANSING — A Lansing landmark will be gone by the end of the week.

The Indiana Avenue School, a victim of old age, is being leveled for safety reasons.

The cornerstone for the oldest school building in Lansing was laid in 1893 at 2540 Indiana Ave. After 77 years of housing District 158 students, the school was closed in June, 1970.

A farewell ceremony was held last week as the demolition began. Attending were William Simpson, superintendent, James LaFollette, assistant superintendent, five members of the school board, and the district's attorney.

Gus Bock, who attended Indiana in 1897, was present to say farewell as was another former student, Ruth Van Weelden who is now a math teacher at Memorial Junior High School.

Miss Van Weelden's mother was a member of the first graduating class and her father served on the school board for many years. She, herself, taught at Indiana from 1927 until 1942.

Miss Van Weelden can remember when the school was surrounded by farmland and woods. The rural surroundings are long gone and now the school will be only a memory.

The District 158 School Board has not reached a final decision on the future use of the land but a committee has been meeting with the Lansing Library Board which is considering the site for a new public library.

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*Time, safety hazards and the wrecker are leveling the Indiana School.*