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Calvin Church Removed

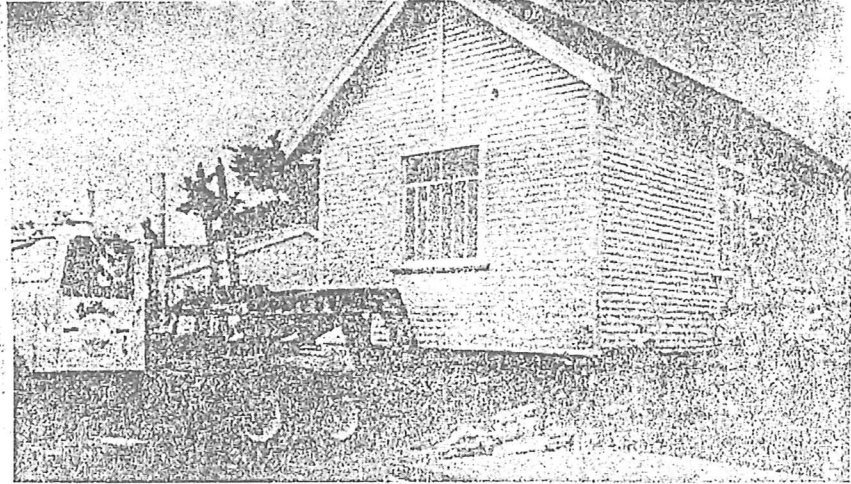
The Calvin Presbyterian church at Urenui was moved from its site on Tuesday, January 26 and taken to a farm location along Mimi Road.

The church was built in February 1924, verified when one of the concrete pilings revealed the date etched into the top, during removal of the building.

The land and church building were purchased last year by Mr Busby of Urenui, who owns the property alongside, and plans were then made for its sale and removal.

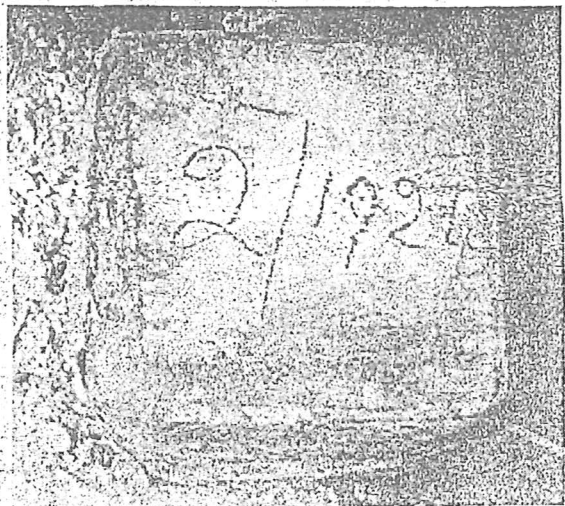
Services at the church were discontinued 10 years ago, although Methodists continued to use the church until 1973. The Calvin guild ladies continued to meet even after the closure of the church, to care for the building and lawns.

The Calvin Church is now sitting in a lovely rural setting beside the Mimi River, and the new owner, Bruce Baker has plans to fully



The Calvin Presbyterian Church leaves its old resting place along the Main Road at Urenui, bound for its new setting at Mimi.

refurbish the building and turn it into a dwelling. Structurally the building is very sound being made of kauri and heart rimu, and transported well to its new site. Mr Busby intends to level the section where the church once stood, and lower it, keeping with his adjoining home property.



The concrete piling, poured into an old kerosene tin, with the date the building of the church commenced 2/1924 was found holding up the centre area of the church building. Busby's intend to give this to Bruce Baker to place alongside his new home. Among the concrete base structure was found large numbers of horse shoes, possibly used for reinforcing.



The church moves along the Mimi Road stock route on its way to the new site.