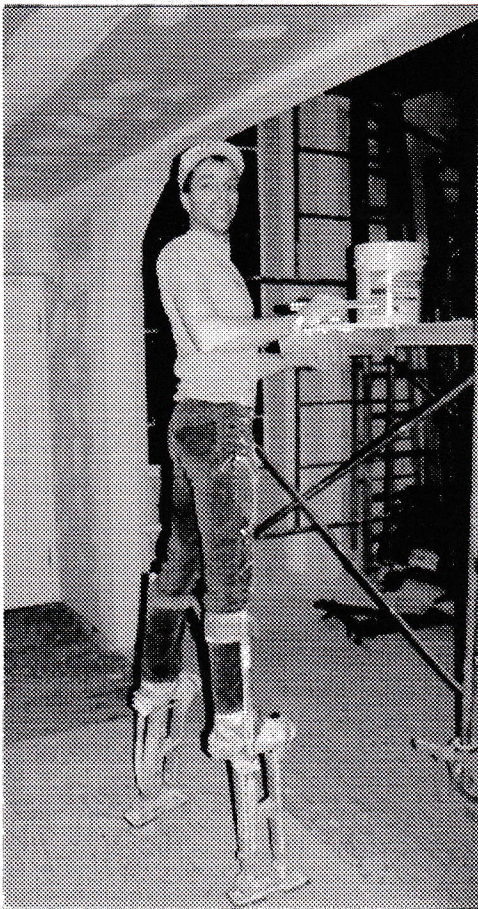


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Jeff Ely on Stilts

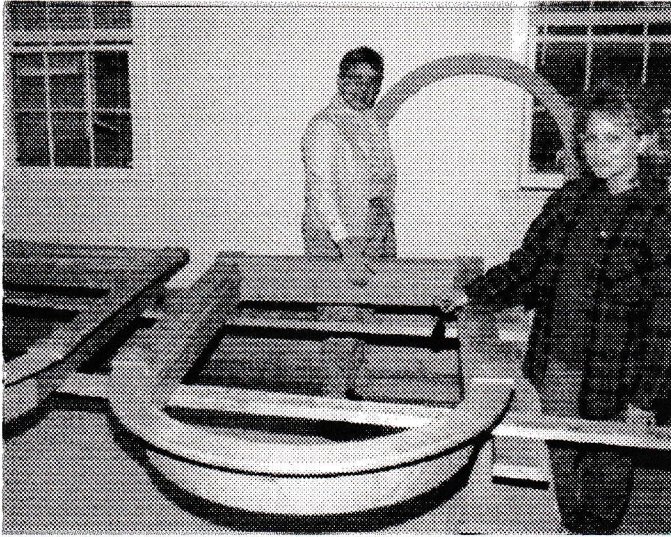
and constructed by Don Sigl, a co-worker of Dan's at Roberts Wesleyan. We need also to acknowledge the contributions of Fred Ely and Dwight Banister for all the cherry trim around the front windows, the door way, the two interior stained-glass windows, and the mail boxes, and for the new coat racks. Also, most of the back-lighting for the stained-glass windows is installed. Little work remains in this

RECENT PROGRESS: Visible progress on the renovation this spring has been outstanding, even spectacular! The "all-out" effort in the month of March achieved great results with many volunteers, new and old, pitching in on our big Saturday Work Days as well as many times during each week. One good measure of how near we are to completion is the new carpeting on the first floor. It is all installed and looks beautiful. Dan Sheldon himself put in FULL TIME to the effort for a couple of weeks in March, and we again need to be very thankful that this challenging project is led by such a skilled, and dedicated worker for the Lord!

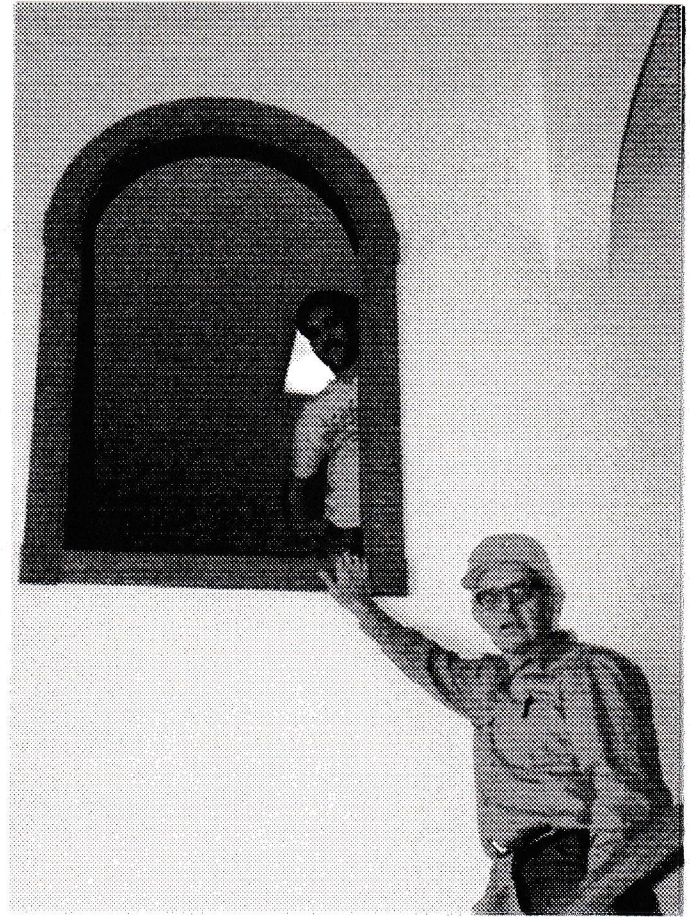
CENTER ENTRANCE - This new area is now essentially complete. All of the wall finishing is completed and painted, the new staircase is in, as well as all of the beautiful cherry trim and the three new windows on the second floor overlooking the entrance. A further word about the new windows - they were designed



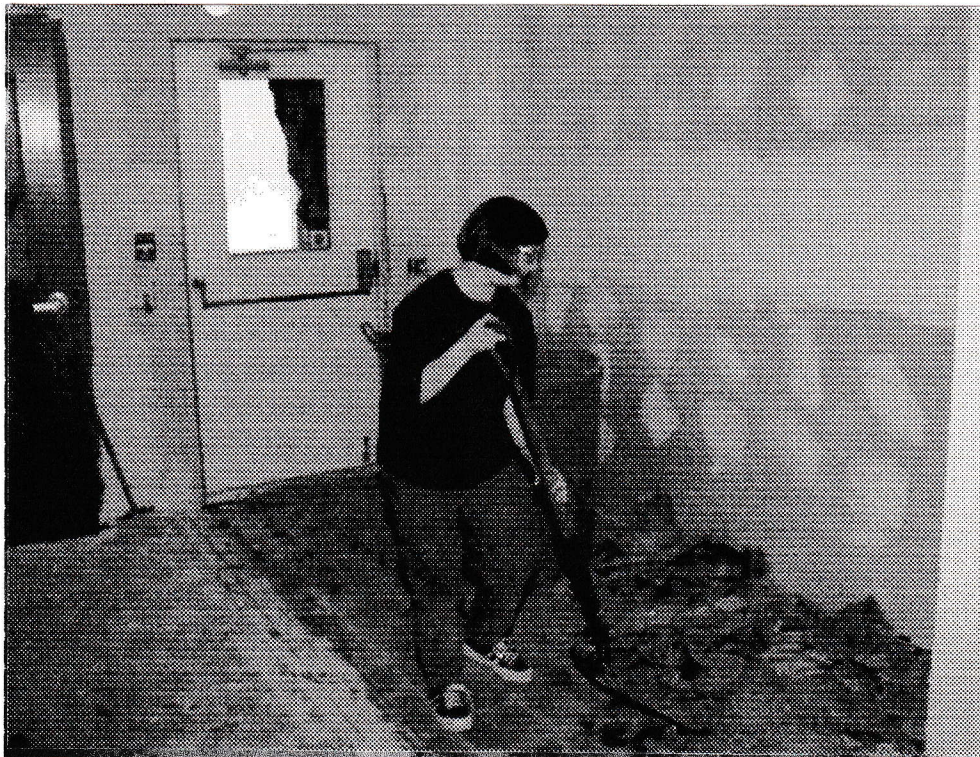
*Aaron Anderson & Mike Kuhlkin
After Moving in New Stove*



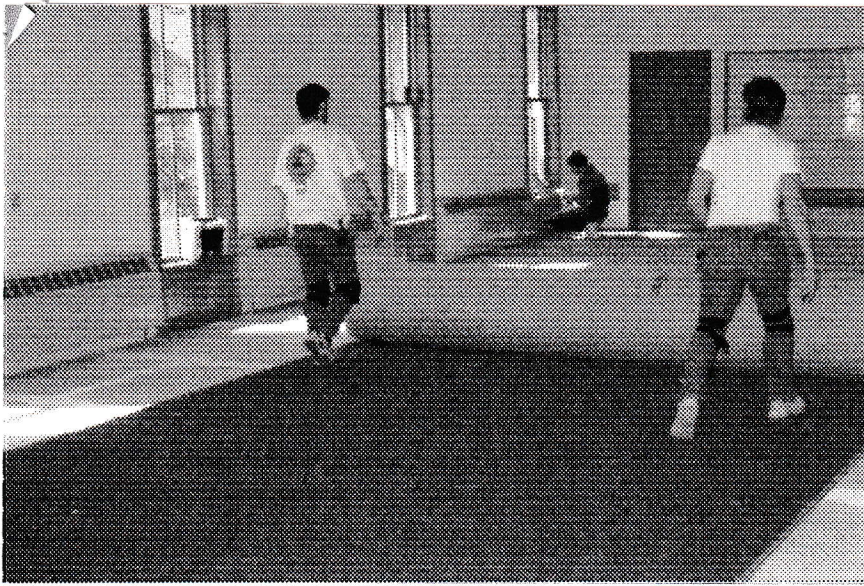
*Eunice Ely & Karen Sheldon
Showing off the New Windows*



New Window in Place



Erin Saville Cleaning & Preparing Floor for Carpeting



Laying the New Carpet

curtains - she has had these stored for about four years since she originally bought them thinking they would be used in the "old" hall before the renovation was considered. The stairwell to the basement at the front of the hall is also nearly complete with its carpeting and trim. The removable wall panels that create the Music Room space at the end of the hall are about complete and installed as well. When in place these panels give our choir and musicians a quiet place for practice, and when removed will provide extra seating space for fellowship events in the hall.

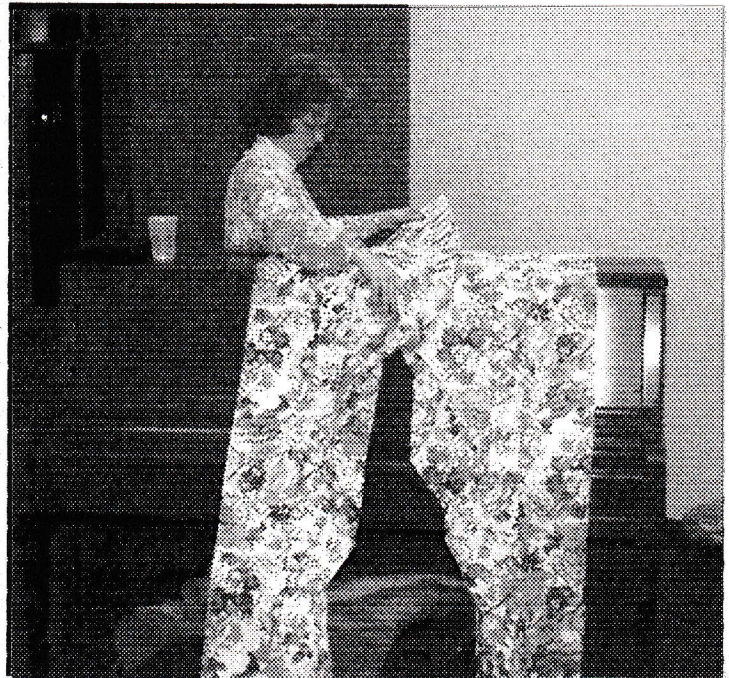
KITCHEN - The new gas oven and the new refrigerator are in. Installation of the oven awaits a new fume hood. Still to come are some counters, wall and floor cabinets, and a few other items before it is a fully functioning kitchen.

Among the other areas that have received the attention of Dan and the volunteers are the first floor and basement restrooms, the new classroom at the head of the stairs to the second floor (a very attractive room with a great view of the center entranceway through the new windows).

FINISHING UP: After almost exactly two years of hard-work, generous contributions in time, money, and skill, and a lot of prayer, it is a great feeling even to be able to include in *The Renovation News* an item called "Finishing Up"! But, indeed we are finishing up. Only a little work remains: some touch-up painting, fully equipping the kitchen and the

area - the hand railing for the staircase, a chandelier, and the furnishing of the library. This area is now a large, airy, and appealing meeting, greeting, and fellowshiping area for our church, and helps provide a clear "welcome" to those who enter it.

FELLOWSHIP HALL - All of the window trim and final painting is done in the Hall, and the curtains and shades are on all the windows. We especially have to thank Cindy Anderson for the



Cindy Anderson Readying the New Curtains

library, repairing the exterior siding where it has had to be removed, some landscaping around the building, and a few odds and ends. Once we are done, all that remains will be continued effort towards meeting our financial obligations, and a well-deserved celebration and united "Praise the Lord". (More about this below.)

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Total expenses to date are about \$419,000 (details in the chart below). Recent large expenses have been the stove and refrigerator, the new staircases, and, of course, the carpeting.

Basement Contractor	34,408.00	General Lumber	12,032.71
Basement Materials	29,684.54	General Materials	9,731.97
Doran-Yarrington Architects	34,539.73	Handicapped Lift	11,235.00
Preliminary Arch. & Eng. Studies	7,840.00	Heating System	59,417.14
Electrical Work	46,635.94	Kitchen Equipment	6,827.44
Fellowship Hall Labor	2,771.50	Loan Interest	28,869.62
Fellowship Hall Materials	21,547.62	Management	21,899.52
Finishing Labor	9,516.00	Miscellaneous	3,534.91
Finishing Materials	30,278.43	Plumbing	12,807.55
Front Entry Extension	19,943.92	Rear Entryway	3,448.00
Furnishings	11,899.77	Total	\$418,869.31
			(through April 28, 1998)

The funding picture for the project has changed considerably in the past several weeks. Continued income from the Fund Drive, and withdrawals from the Richards Endowment have allowed us to significantly reduce our outstanding loan balance with the Bank of Castile, from \$255,000 to \$130,000 (see chart below). The Lord must indeed be with us, for in these past two years the growth in our investments in our endowment funds has kept up with our need to withdraw those funds to finance the project and begin paying off the loan, and the Richards Fund is about at the same value it was at the end of 1995.

Bank of Castile Loan	130,000.00
Richards Fund Withdrawal	192,523.79
Fund Drive Income	108,153.83
Total	\$430,677.62
	(through April 28, 1998)

DEDICATION & CELEBRATION: The Session of the church is planning for a time in the near future for us to come together to celebrate the completion of the project, to dedicate our new facility to the work of the Lord, and to praise and thank Him for what he has given us. All readers of *The Renovation News* will be invited; more information will be forthcoming with the next issue of *The Renovation News* in late June.
