



## Tear Down Land Mark

Wausauke – Another Wausauke landmark is in the process of being torn down, the Wausauke Feed Mill and Elevator. Built by the former H.P. Christ in the early 1900's, the elevator was equipped for grinding flour and the purchase and storage of local farmer grains which was shipped out on the railroad cars.

A 40 foot pole was erected on the roof top of the elevator and each July 4<sup>th</sup> the American flag was pulled to the top of the pole and waved gallantly all day. This tradition continued into the 1920's when the pully atop the pole became inoperative. The late George B.

Smith who was in business with Amos Christ and operated under the name of Christ and Smith during the 1920's, climbed the pole to untangle the ropes and it is reported that this was the last time Old Glory was seen flying on top of this building.

Harvey Bartels of Green Bay remodeled the building with grinding and mixing equipment and opened up a feed mill operation in the 1940's. Norm Smith bought out the business in the late 1950's and operated the business for 17 years before selling it to Mitchell Wengiel and Son. The last operator of the mill was Wiengren of Stephenson, Mich, who closed out the operation four years ago.

Kenneth Gocht of Wausauke Lumber co. purchased the property and has enlarged on the storage area but is dismantling the elevator building at this time. Lack of farmer operations in the Wausauke area does not warrant continued operation Gocht stated.

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