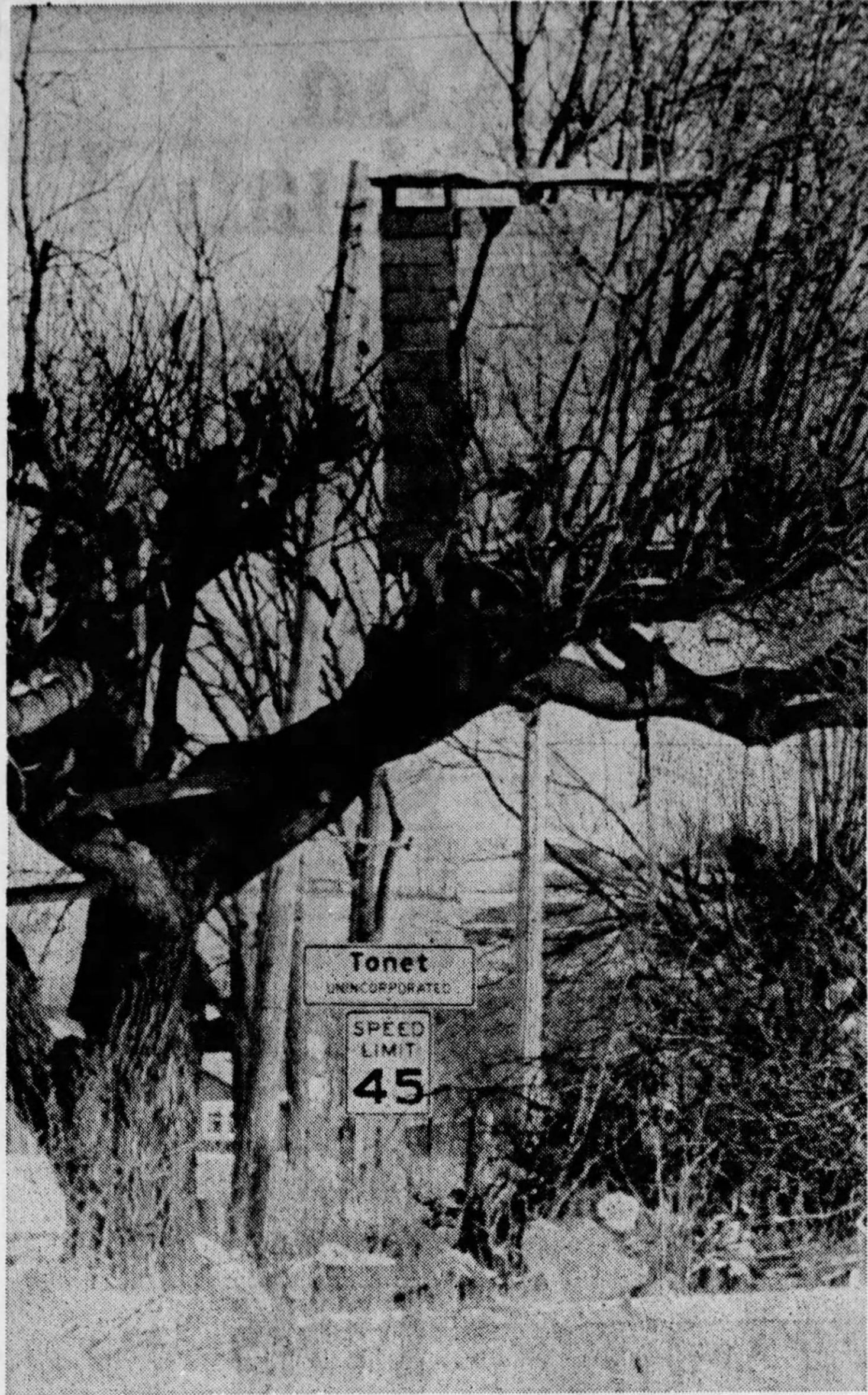


Error Made the Name 'Tonet'



Tree House Overlooks Tonet in Kewaunee County

Only a couple of friendly pups were out, dozing on the front stoop of Pete Jonet's tavern, soaking up what little warmth the sun generates on a cold winter day.

Across Kewaunee County Trunk K, St. Martin Catholic Church, too, appeared to be closed for the season. A check with a neighbor, Mrs. Harold DeMuth, disclosed that the Rev. Sebastian Schalk had only gone to Green Bay on business and "should be back shortly." A similar time schedule was offered for the Jonets.

A mile east of the city limits a busy crossroads called Frog Station found traffic scatter-

ing to Rio Creek and Luxemburg.

It was a normal working day at Farmers Cheese Factory and Paque's General Store. Head cheesemaker Laurel Ettien and his crew, Gerald Prevost and Randy Melcore had exerted the final strain on the huge presses holding more than one hundred 40-pound blocks of cheese. Mrs. Ettien is also employed at the cheese plant. A veteran, with 20 years experience in the cheese business, Ettien said the 55 farmers in the cooperative supply an average of from 55,000 to 60,000 pounds of milk a day, over an eight-month period.

Next door to the cheese factory, 4-year-old Becky Rodrian was renewing her acquaintance with Quintal and Lucy Paque. After 38 years in their 60-year-old family business, the Paques know how to satisfy a customer. They even built their candy counter just the right height for little kids.

When Becky's mom, Mrs. Dennis Rodrian, has to go the general store, so does Becky, sweet tooth and all. Their's is the best general store in or near town, and not because it's the only one for miles around.

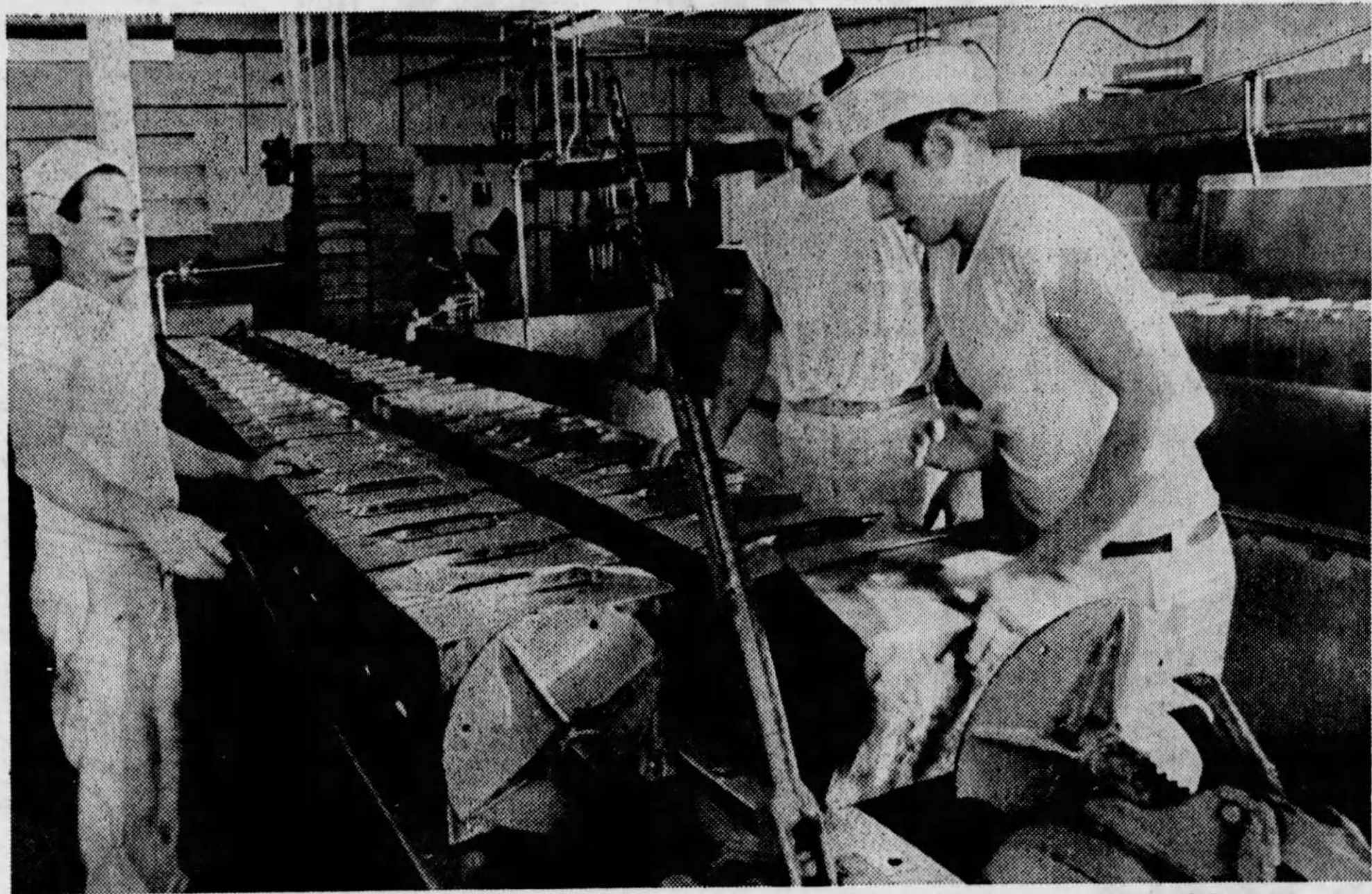
"We carry a full line of staple foodstuffs, meats, hard-

ware and even ladies lingerie," Quintal and Lucy agreed, proudly gazing at the neatly stocked shelves.

A native of Tonet, Paque explained that the town was formerly called Martinville after the affluent Martin family, several of whom were lawyers.

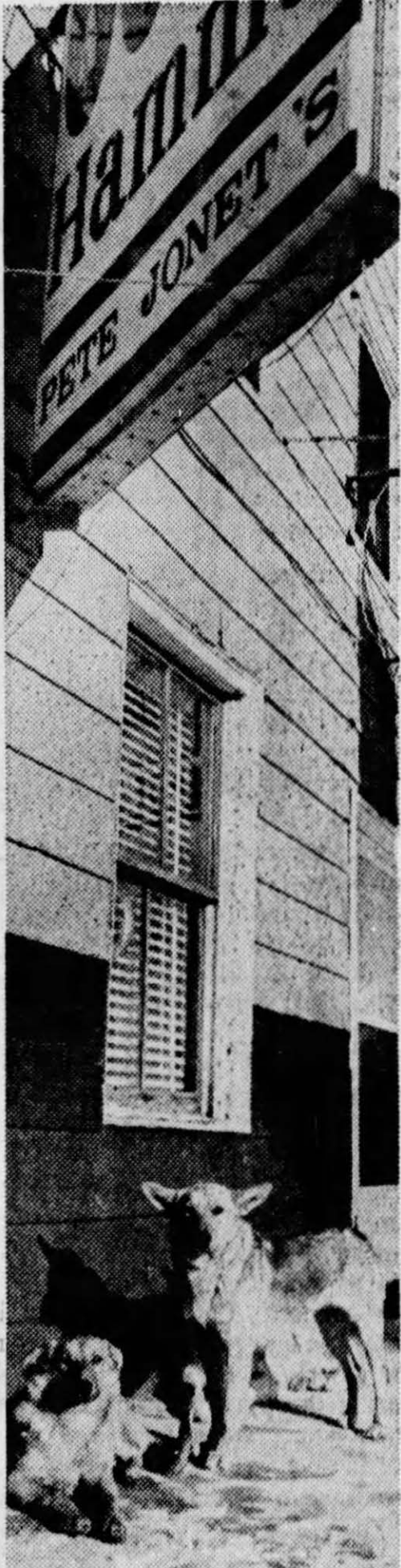
But what about the similarity to the name Jonet, all early settlers in the area?

"It seems the first letter of the Flemish name was misinterpreted for a T on a signature of a government post office request made by the Jonet family," he laughed, shrugging his shoulders. Just an "honest mistake."



Cheesemakers — Laurel Ettien, left, is head cheesemaker at the Farmers Cheese Factory, a cooperative which serves 55 area

farmers. Randy Melcore, center, and Gerald Prevost help convert the milk into a solid, saleable product.



Hello — Two staring, but not unfriendly dogs were on hand to greet the visitor as he became acquainted with Tonet on a cold, sunny day.

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General Store — Quintal Paque mans the counter as 4-year-old Becky does her shopping and her mother, Mrs. Dennis Rodrian



does the paying at the check-out counter. Lucy Paque reaches with a pole to topple a package from the top shelf.



Water Wagon on Iron-Rimmed Wheels at Tonet



Wagon Wheels, Trees Frame St. Martin Catholic Church