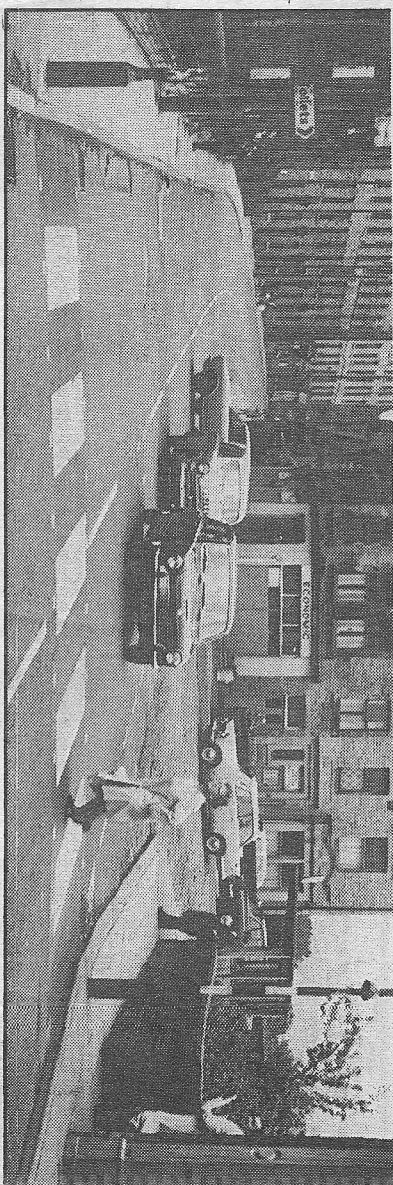
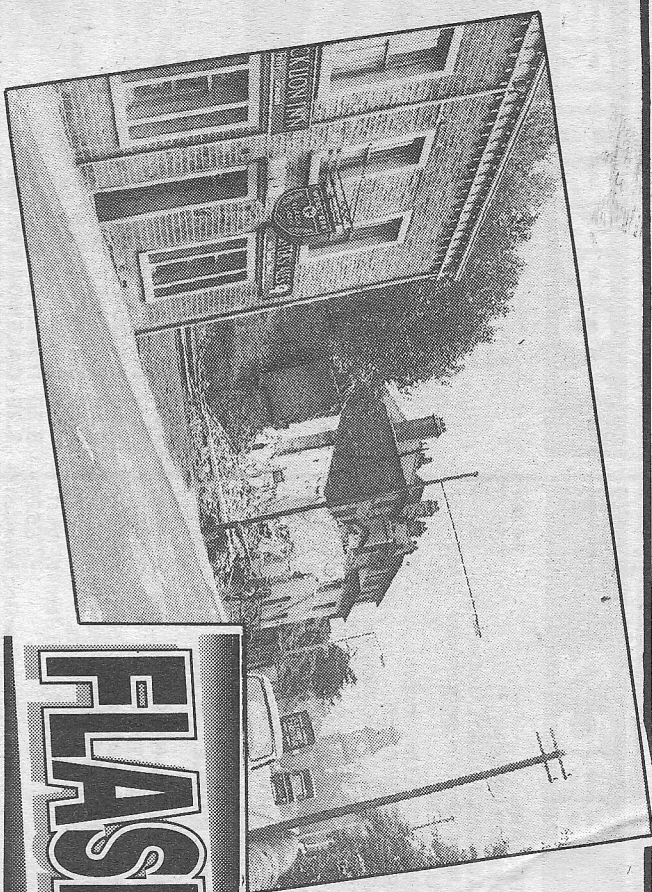




FLASHBACK

THE dismantling of Luddenden Foot. It was once a bustling community with homes and businesses densely packed on both sides of the Burnley Road. But, beginning in the mid-1960s and continuing off and on for many years, a sequence of buildings on the Luddenden side of the road (the left, looking towards Halifax) were demolished.

Older readers from the area will remember some of the names of the blocks — Co-op Buildings, Black Lion Buildings and the bluntly named Brick Buildings.

The picture top left is from August 1965 and shows Brick Buildings, beyond the Black Lion pub, being cleared away.

The picture below far left shows the old Co-op Buildings, which went in the early 1970s. Below left and above are pictures, from 1964 and 1970 respectively, which give an idea what 'Foot' looked like before it lost almost one whole side of the village.

The long term plan was to widen the busy Burnley Road, but it could not come to fruition because the Black Lion pub — once part of an unbroken sequence of buildings — was left standing.

When the clearance work began in 1965 an "Evening Courier" writer commented: "There is much to support the view that the road which helped bring Luddenden Foot into being will finally slaughter it".

Luddenden Foot did not die. But there is a lot less of it than there used to be.

