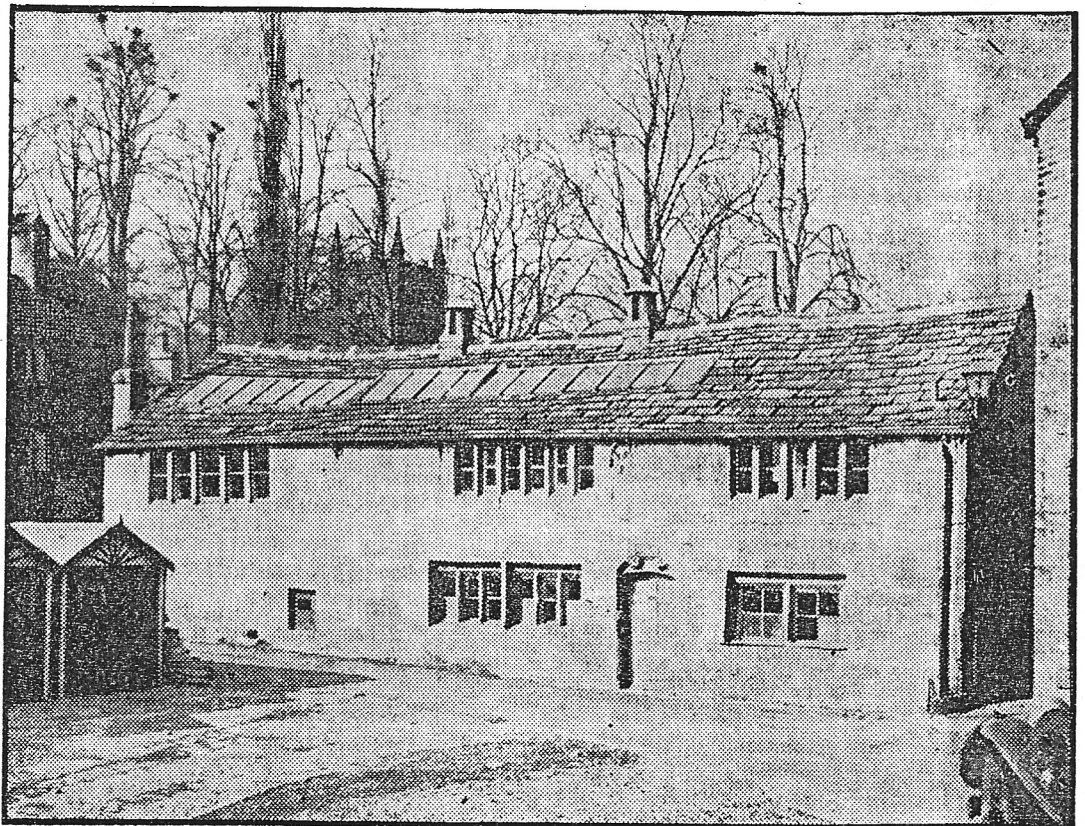


1653 LUDDENDEN BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED



LUDDENDEN is to lose one of its ancient buildings — formerly the Wolf Inn in High Street. It had been included in the list of local buildings of special architectural or historic interest, but last night Halifax Town Council agreed to its demolition owing to its dangerous state.

An inscription over the door

gives the date of the building as 1653. It is believed that in the days of the Duke of Marlborough, when it was the Wolf Inn, it was used as a recruiting station. In recent years the premises had been a clothing factory of Astin Bros., Ltd., of Hebden Bridge, but were closed last September, and the workers transferred to the firm's factory at Friendly.

The building belongs to Astin Bros. and a spokesman of the firm said to-day it would be pulled down as soon as accommodation could be found for a tenant who occupied a cottage forming part of the building.

For sixty years the building was used as the Working Men's Club in the village, but in 1946 the club moved to premises in Chapel Street.