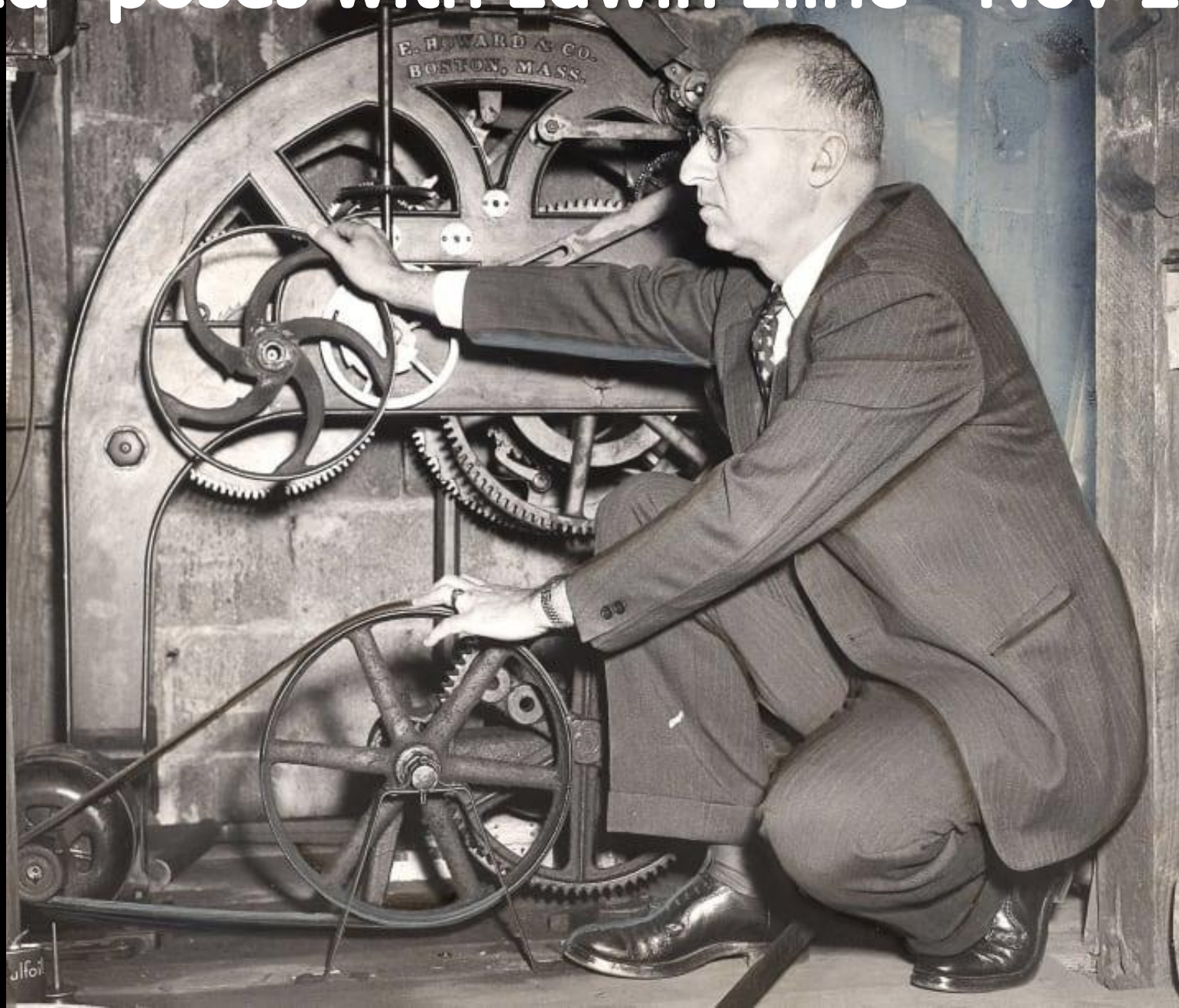


An Introduction to “Big Ed”

“Big-Ed” poses with Edwin Eline - Nov 1951



**“Big-Ed”
started his service
to Reisterstown in
1887 when he
was installed at
Goodwin's Livery
Stable.**

(This Photo from late 1930s)



Late 1930's

Times changed but
“Big-Ed” ticked on
faithfully as the
Goodwin’s became
Reisterstown
Motors circa
1950s.



By the mid 60s
“Big Ed’ was just
hitting his stride
as his home, now
a Shell Gas
Station, was
growing old under
his feet.



The bones of
ol' Goodwin's
were failing
Big-Ed and it
was time to
move...



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And in only a
fortnight Big-Ed
had left his eight-
decade home.

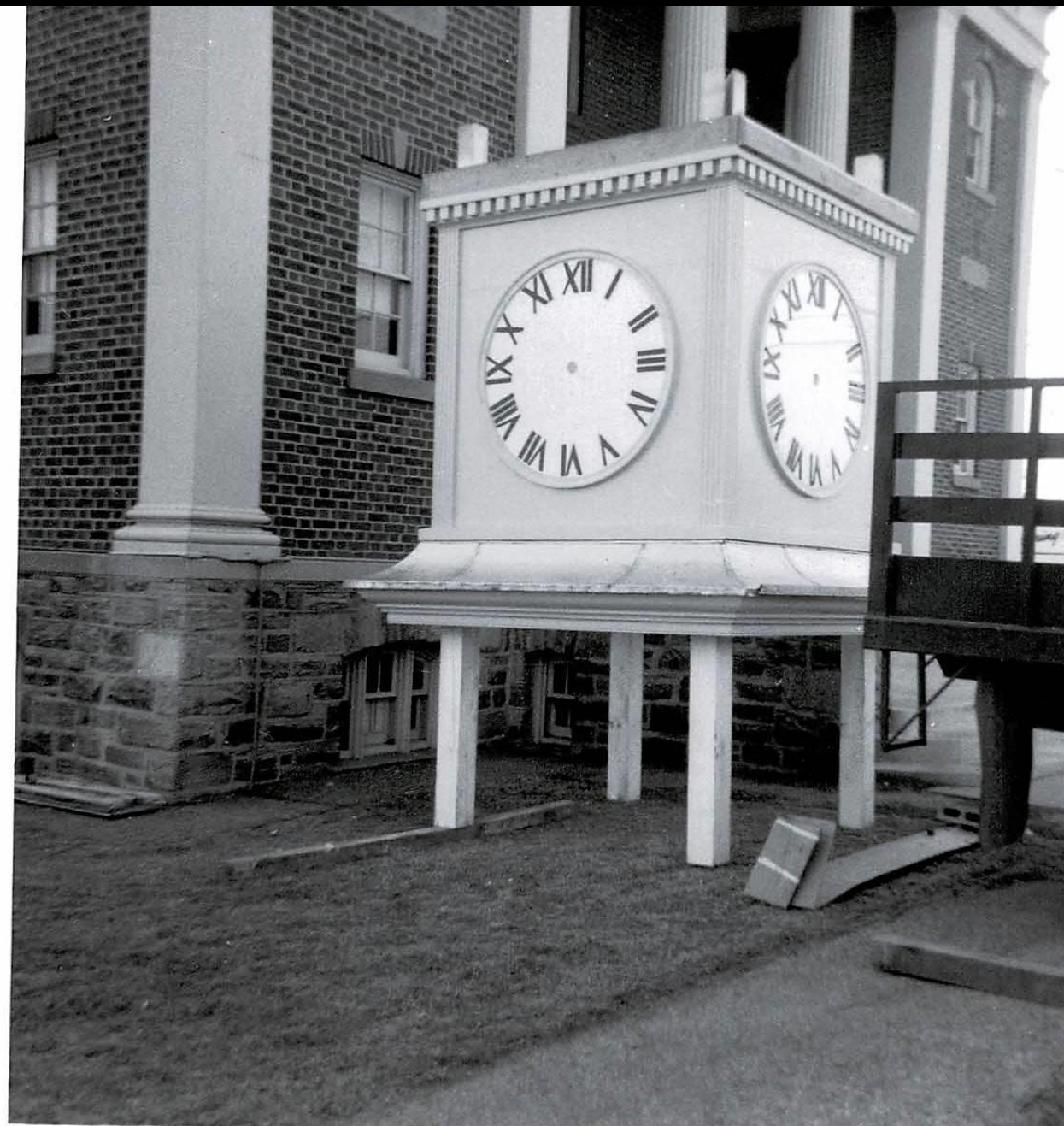


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**Only a year later,
Reisterstown's
Freemasons
agreed that their
Temple on Main
Street would be a
fitting new home
for Big-Ed and it
went quickly...**

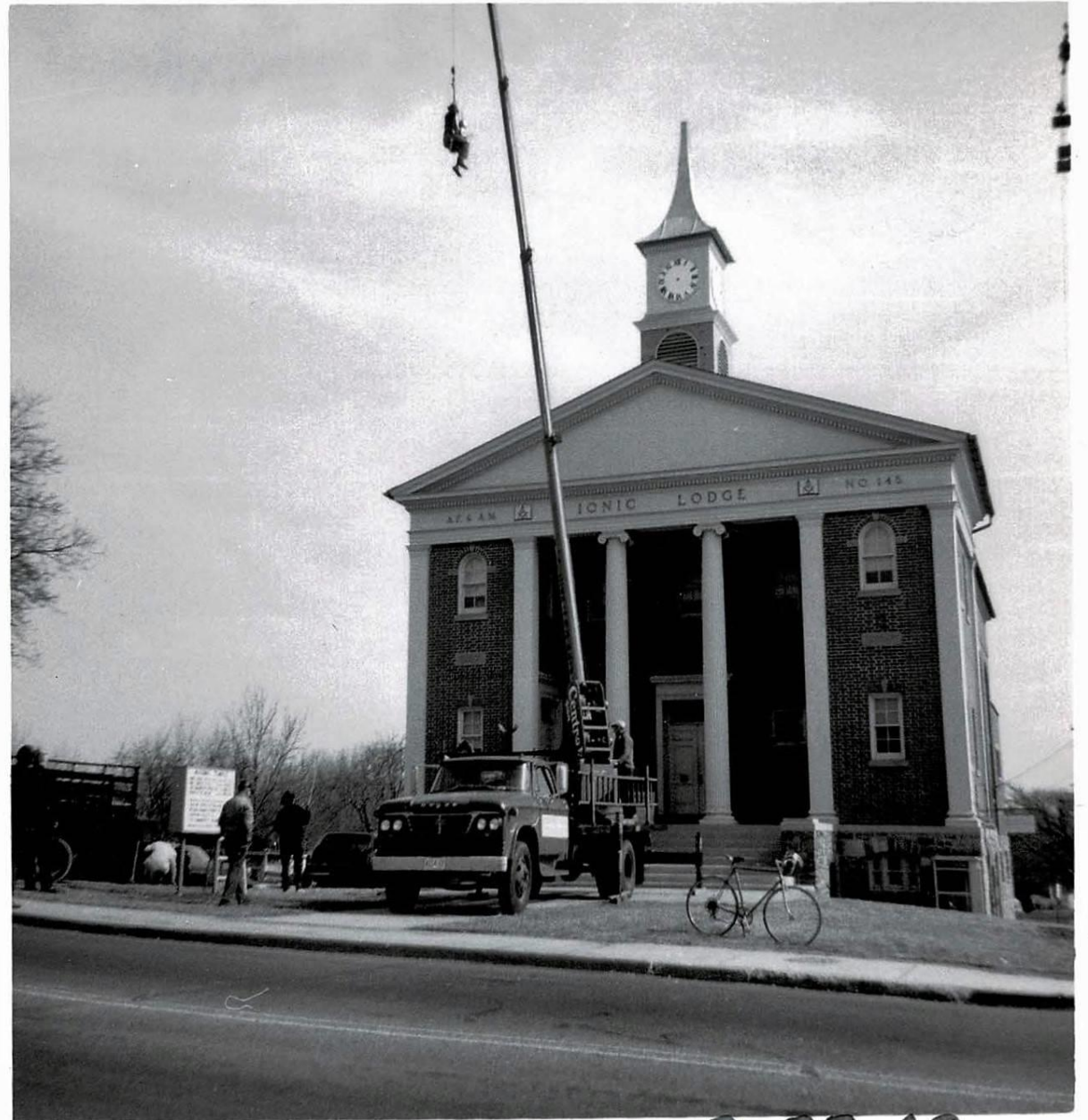


**Big Ed's four faces
were upgraded
into a new turret
which arrived in
short order...**



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And in what
seamed like 3
ticks, Big-Ed had
four new faces
atop Ionic Lodge...
Along with eight
newly refurbished
hands...
(Don't tell OSHA !)



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**After Fifty-Four
years faithfully
serving the
community from
his new home,
Big-Ed - now 135
years old -needs
our help...**



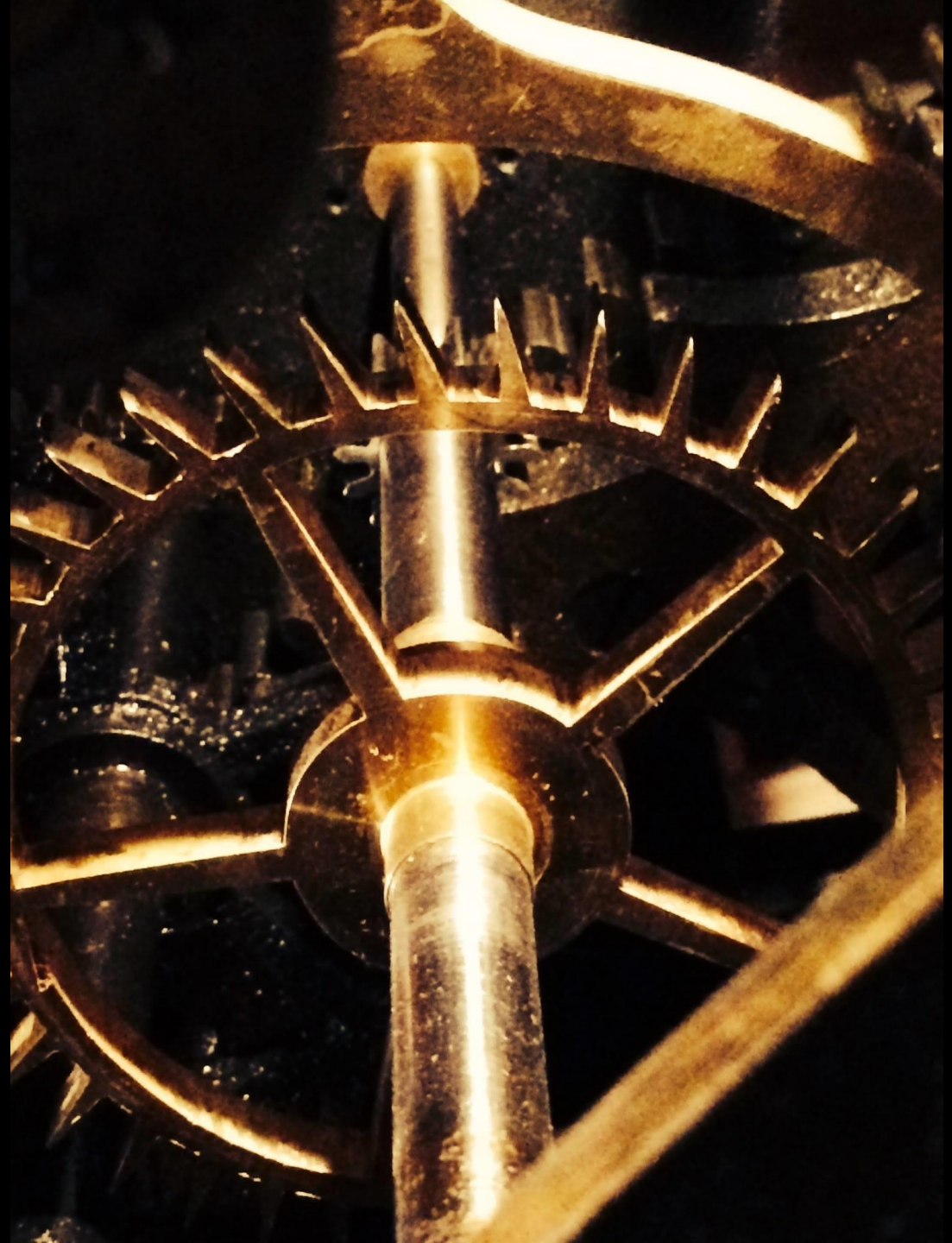
For over a century the Eline family has been Big-Ed's caretakers – passing the skills, lovingly & with pride, through 5 generations - starting with the first caretaker, E. D. Selby, Jeff Eline's Great-Great Grandfather & Big Ed's namesake!



But the high-tech world and the demands of modern employment, coupled with geographic separation require new caretakers...



Ionic Lodge is forming a Clock Committee to learn about, caretake, and wind this ICONIC piece of Reisterstown heritage.



Discussion...

