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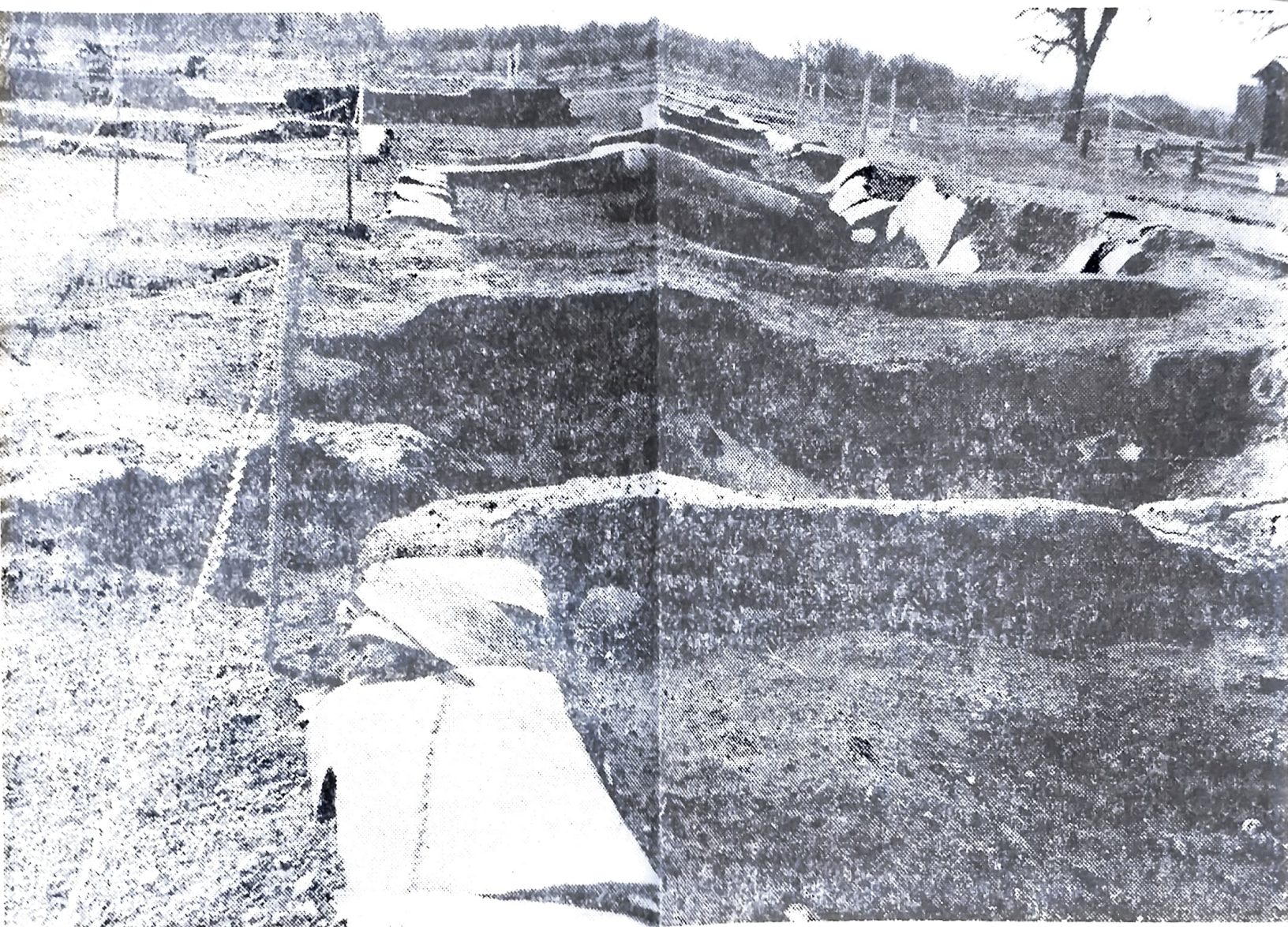
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Post 3-24-75 HOLES WERE ONCE FOUR STORAGE ROOMS FOR 35,000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES

pg 15 The storage rooms were located along the west foundation of historic Bent's Fort.

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By TOM HICKMAN

BENT'S OLD FORT—Long before Colorado became a state, Bent's Fort was the leading industry west of the Mississippi.

The fort was destroyed more than 125 years ago. In conjunction with the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial celebration, it will be rebuilt. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Recently, President Ford approved \$2.3 million to restore the historic site. Located on the Arkansas River a few miles northeast of La Junta, it was at the

crossroads of overland routes and was a regional headquarters for trappers, travelers and Indians. From establishment in 1833 until destruction in 1849 the fort was a significant center of world fur trade.