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## Site of 1930s was sturdy building

DURING the early 1930s the Southern Life Association occupied this impressive building at the north-western corner of Church and Andries streets.

At the time it was one of the highest buildings in Church Street, east of Church Square.

Adjacent to the building were several well-known firms, including Balzam's Jewellers (Church Street), and the Little Tea Room (Andries Street), where patrons for many years could enjoy early morning tea and scones.

The electrical standard on the left of the picture not only carried street lights but also held the tramlines to the eastern parts of the city, including the Union Buildings.

This sturdy building was demolished to make way for the Old Mutual office and shopping complex (picture alongside).

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Tom Andrews of Douglas Street, Colbyn. Text by Staff Writer Daan de Beer.)

Pretoria is studded with historical places. New buildings and other structures have replaced landmarks well remembered by the city's inhabitants. As a special feature for all our readers — both young and older — The Pretoria News publishes pictures every Friday showing how time has brought changes to sites in the city.

We will print early photographs of the sites with photographs of them as they are now, although a new building sometimes obscures the viewpoint.

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