

## CONSTRUCTION ZONE



Times-Call photo by Richard M. Hackett

**Workers demolish the** Bemis house, also known as the Green House, at 320 Terry St. in Longmont on Tuesday. The house is believed to have been built around 1881 by one of the city's first jewelers. The Times-Call, which has owned the house since 1986, tried for several months to find a taker for the house and offered to contribute to moving expenses. The company ran an ad 33 times since April and contacted 41 agencies, offering to give the house to whomever would move it to another location. The newspaper said it received no viable offers. According to estimates received, if the house was moved and brought up to code standards, the total cost of the project could have been in excess of \$300,000. House movers who would discuss bidding on the project offered no guarantees that the house could be moved without breaking apart. Some items from the house were salvaged by builders before the demolition. Numerous tours were provided before Tuesday. Several neighbors and the Historic Preservation Commission had objected to the demolition, which was approved by city officials after the application process, which began in February, was completed. Plans have not been finalized for the lot.