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ALBION'S WATER WORKS

Shown here sixteen years ago is the late Mayor of Albion, John D. Robinson left, with Arthur (Dick) Eddy right now a candidate for legislator-at-large in Orleans County and Supervisor candidate in the Town of Albion. Mr. Eddy, a civic-minded person for over three decades is pictured revealing plans with Mayor Robinson for the program of dedication of the Albion Water Plant which took place on September 24, 1963. It was a day of grand celebration, arrangements for which were organized through the Albion Chamber of Commerce. Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson then Acting Governor of New York State, delivered the dedication address. Honored guests included Harold Ostertag, member of congress, Barber Conable, State Senator 53rd District and Frank VanLare, State Senator, 51st District. A parade, band concert, fire equipment demonstration, tours of the plant and an offshore demonstration by the United States Coast Guard comprised the day's events.

It was with foresight that planning for the plant lead by Mayor Robinson actually began in 1959, to tap Lake Ontario. A 24-inch concrete intake pipe extends 1600 feet into the lake at the end of the Wilson Road to draw water for filtration. The plant was built to pump four million gallons of water per day with storage for 125,000 gallons of treated water at the plant. A one million gallon storage tank at the Five Corners booster station and the old village standpipes of one-half million gallons complete the operation. The plant being well designed is now operating a little over 50% of capacity which is one encouragement for prospective and future industries.