

Bethinking of Old Orleans

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This history column now in its 51st week first appeared on January 10, 1979. As the last one for the year I thought it would be appropriate to make it in the form of a quiz based on facts and information from the previous columns. Here is a list of the ten questions which may be answered true or false with correct answers to be found below:

1. From the picture -- this residence located on North Main St. in Albion which has a wide bracketed overhang, arched windows, dominating cupola or tower, is considered to be an Italian Villa. T or F.
2. Joseph B. Achillies was the first person to be Orleans County Historian from 1944 to 1957. T or F.
3. Sheriff Green is the first Democrat ever elected to a county office in Orleans County. T or F.
4. Rufus Brown Bullock 1837-1907, a native of Albion helped organize the Republican Party in the State of Georgia and then became a two-term Governor of that State. T or F.
5. Some of our cobblestones, particularly those of gneiss and quartzite found in our fields and Lake Ontario shoreline were "imported" during the Ice Age. T or F.
6. Back in 1931 Orleans County residents saw and boasted the world's largest cake at the Orleans County Fair's Diamond Jubilee. T or F.
7. Three women have served on the Orleans County Board of Supervisors. T or F.
8. George M. Pullman, inventor, who built the Pullman Universalist Church in Albion was born and grew up in Orleans County. T or F.
9. Commuting to and from the cities seventy years ago was practically an unheard of adventure and when undertaken consumed many valuable hours. T or F.
10. It is only within the last fifty years that the custom of laying out the deceased in the family home has diminished. T or F.

Answers

1. True - Italian Villas with such features were built from 1850-70.
2. False - Theta Hakes Brown was the first Orleans County Historian beginning in 1938.
3. False - A dozen other Democrats over the years have been elected to county offices.
4. True - These events took place during the Reconstruction Period.
5. True - The glacier pushed many cobbles down from Labrador.
6. True - That gigantic world wonder weighed 7,000 lbs.
7. True - All being appointed - Mrs. George H. Wilson 1933, Mrs. Ralph Beebe 1947 and Mrs. Ole Orsland 1949.
8. False - Pullman was born in Chautauqua County and did not move to Albion until the age of 14 - he did however, have the church built in 1894.
9. False - In 1909 there were over twenty trains a day allowing passengers to be in Rochester within an hour.
10. True - It was not until 1929 that McNalls opened the first Funeral Home in our area.