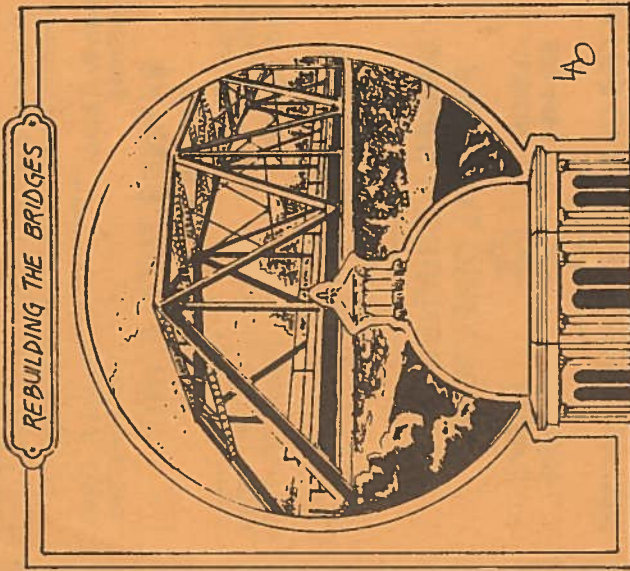


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## 1987 REFLECTIONS

By Our Municipal Historians

**Ablon** Town Historian Edith Anderson points out several projects for the year including the erection of a high water tank near the prisons, the building of the Clover Hill Housing Project on South Main Street and an attractive new sign for Bullard Park.

**Village of Ablon** Historian Neil Johnson notes there are now five real estate agents in business. One of the most significant projects in Ablon was the opening of the Anchor Bank Operations Center. The hulk of the old Waterman Building was finally razed and the resulting park was ready for the first annual Strawberry Festival which had an invigorating effect on the village. There was talk of a three million dollar apartment complex to be built on Fruit Street and an offer was made by the Genesee Corp. to buy Ontario Foods. Finally, the railroad crossing on Platt Street was resurfaced.

**Barre** Historian Helen Mathes says it has been a very good growing year for local farmers, that their crops came out very well. She also mentions that there was a contest over town councilman the past year.

**Carlton** Historian Lysbeth Hoffman and her deputy Clare E. Jones, T.J. Ret., made these

reflections: 1. Occupancy of the new addition for town offices; 2. Two new marinas are being constructed by N.Y.S. and Orleans County on either side of Oak Orchard River; 3. Carlton United Methodist Church held the ground-breaking service for a new church; 4. The Park Avenue water line was installed; 5. A new bridge, of British design, the first of the type in Orleans County, was built across Johnson's Creek at Lakeside and, 6. Over two dozen new homes have been built.

**Clarendon** Historian Alan Isselhard notes a number of highlights for his township. N.Y.S.G&E will extend gas service into Clarendon. The Clarendon Historical Society and Clarendon Beautification Committee meet regularly. The latter group is credited for visual improvements including two flower beds in Clarendon, a better looking park and Christmas decorations. Senior Citizen of the year was Irene Gibson. Historical documents found by Don and Connie Gaines were returned to Clarendon officials for safe keeping. Three articles on Carl Akeley have appeared in national publications and finally, as the year ends, expansion of the quarry is pending.

**Gaines** Town Historian Della Robinson assisted by Deputy Janice Thaine made these reflections: a new landing strip was opened on Route 279 north of 104. P.A.W.S. after some controversy, decided to locate their building not on Route 279 but on Gaines Basin Road. The Cobblestone Society received an award from the Preservation League of N.Y.S. Gaines had a Republican Primary, the first in many years, for Councilman, Clerk and Justice. The Cobblestone Society also moved an historic building to their museum complex in Childs where it will be a harness shop. J. Howard Pratt retired as historian and Janice Thaine was appointed Deputy Historian filling the position vacated by Dee Robinson when she moved up to town historian.

**Kendall** Historian Frank Clow feels one of the important accomplishments in Kendall was to gain a full time doctor, the first in thirty-five years. His name is Dr. John R. Thompson III and his office is located in an empty classroom at the Kendall Elementary School. The Concordia Lutheran Church celebrated its 100th anniversary.

75th anniversary.

**Murray-Holley** Historian Marsha DeFilippo is pleased with various activities of the Murray-Holley Historical Society. A basement is now ready for the old Holley Depot to be moved on to it. Much publicity came their way, especially through the finding of a safe during excavation work. The Hillside Cemetery now has a new board of directors which is making needed improvements to the grounds. The old railroad bridge on the Bennets Corner Road was removed and a grade level crossing has been constructed in its place. The merchants in Holley again held a successful Fountain Days in August.

**Village of Medina** Historian Cecelia A. White died in September 1987 after serving as a devoted historian in the village for over twenty-five years. The Village Board did not appoint a person for her replacement in 1987.

**Ridgeway** Historian Evelyn Allen indicates that Ridgeway has purchased a computer which is now used in water billing, making for a more efficient operation. Thanks to Legislator Frank Berger, recognition has come to the only Culvert on the Barge Canal system. Historic markers were placed near each end of the culvert as you enter it and also one on top for boaters going over it. Jack Punch was elected the new Supervisor in the town succeeding Robert Winters.

these highlights for her town during the past year: Dawn Filipowicz was named Fire Queen, crews began working on the site of the new Medina Industrial Park located at the corner of Maple Ridge and Bates Road; Mr. and Mrs. Justin Roberts celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary; Kirk Zinkievich of East Shelby was honored with the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree of accomplishment in the 500,000 member organization. Construction began on the new adult home, the Willows, located on East Oak Orchard Street; Mayor Touhey cut the ribbon at the Zacher Subdivision first house on Eastview Drive; a raise in assessments helped town officials propose lowering taxes in the Town of Shelby.

**Yates-Lyndonville** Historian Virginia Cooper reports that Lyndonville Vinegar bought a juice plant at North Rose from Indian Summer and that Indian Summer sold its plant in Lyndonville to Red Wing of Fredonia. Harley Peters bought a garage on West Avenue and has turned it into a new business. Crosby-Whipple has opened an automotive shop. Electric lights were put on the dam and park benches have been added to the area. Changes in police enforcement took place in Lyndonville during 1987.

**The illustration is by Laird Ogden from the front cover of the Orleans County budget for the fiscal year 1988.**