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ROUNDUP OF REFLECTIONS ON 1989 BY OUR MUNICIPAL HISTORIANS

Town of Murray

Village of Holley

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A new water tower was completed just south of Holley. Signs designed by students were placed at all entrances of the village. Likewise, two historic markers were placed, one in the village and one in the town. The annual and traditional Fall Fountain Day was again very successful and enjoyed by those who attended as well as St. Rocco's Festival at Hulberton. A new road was also opened behind the historic depot in Holley and two parcels were also annexed to the village domain. White Street was rebuilt and storm sewers were improved.

Town of Albion

Edith Anderson, Historian

The Tanner Cemetery on Route 31 across from Mt. Albion Cemetery was cleaned up by Nader Adeeb of Medina, a Scout, as a project through the Lewiston Trail Council. As part of this, a sign was constructed denoting the name and 1833, the date of establishment. The Lewiston Trail Council expects scouts to keep up yearly maintenance in the future. At the Annis Cemetery on Riches Corners Road, on the grave site of Revolutionary soldier Joanathan Rich, a memorial tablet was placed by the DAR in November. In the spring an historical marker will be placed at the Albion Correctional Facility denoting the House of Refuge. New public buildings arose in Albion during 1989 including an addition to the Albion Primary School, a new County Mental Health Building and a new ARC Building, all on Route 31.

Town of Barre

Helen Mathes, Historian

The flooding on June 23 caused many hardships for area farmers in this largely agricultural community. Many farmers had poor corn harvest and the muckers also had a poor year. The town board has tried to get a grant for municipal water and is also attempting to get natural gas. A contract was awarded for a cable T.V. franchise. The Town Highway Department is exemplary in its maintenance of the roads. The town historian is continuing to up-date cemetery records.

Town of Yates

Village of Lyndonville

Virginia Cooper, Historian

Two historic markers were placed, one in Lyndonville denoting: "First Blacksmith Consider Peabody 1817. Became part of William Gray Foundry, torn down 1952 for park, Flaghorse colliers were made nearby." The other marker in Yates denotes "Yates Pier 275 ft. long built 1850 by Nathan Gilbert. Used to ship lumber and grain, H.A. Botsford Customs Agent Passenger Ships & Freighter docked."

The canning factory in Lyndonville has been sold and the new owners expect to make an old-fashioned brand of applesauce. Lyndonville Vinegar now has offices in Medina. Because of the inspiration of Lyndonville students, the park now has a drinking fountain and picnic table.

Town of Clarendon

Alan Isselhard, Historian

An historic marker through Orleans County



Community Pride was erected stating "Lewis Home also used as Inn, built ca. 1818 by Col. Shubael Lewis of N.Y.S. Militia, His son, James T. born here, became Gov. of Wisconsin." The Clarendon Historical Society has been given the former District School at Manning providing they move it. Land was made available near the town hall recently and plans are now under way to relocate it for a community museum.

Two bad storms occurred, one in May dumped eight inches of snow and wind in October also caused damage. Beginning with the fall primary and then the general election, three new elected officials gained positions at the town level defeating three incumbants. Clarendon residents and the town planning board are still groping with the problem of the Stone Corp. over expansion of the stone quarry which produces crushed stone products. Residents fear blasting and loss of well water.

Village of Medina

Elizabeth Childs, Historian

Margaret Shannon, Deputy

The storm on October 16 caused catastrophic damage in the village. Medina has attracted tourists through the Apple Grove Inn boat rides on the canal and sleigh rides. The Bancroft Museum and Gallery opened which also accommodates tourist interests. The canal days in July were again very successful. Village residents also take pride in their Christmas lights on Main Street and the extensive Christmas decorations in the State Street Park. The Maple Crest Restaurant reopened with new owners and the Industrial Center continued to develop. Marcia Touhey, Village Mayor was elected to the County Legislature.

Town of Gaines

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Janice Thaine, Deputy

An Historic marker was dedicated in October at the Gaines-Carlton Community Church. In July the John G. Peters Harness Shop Museum was dedicated at the Cobblestone Museum Complex. The Cobblestone Society also helped Time-Life books document five cobblestone buildings which will appear in an up-coming publication. The fall election brought about a new member to the town board, defeating an incumbent.