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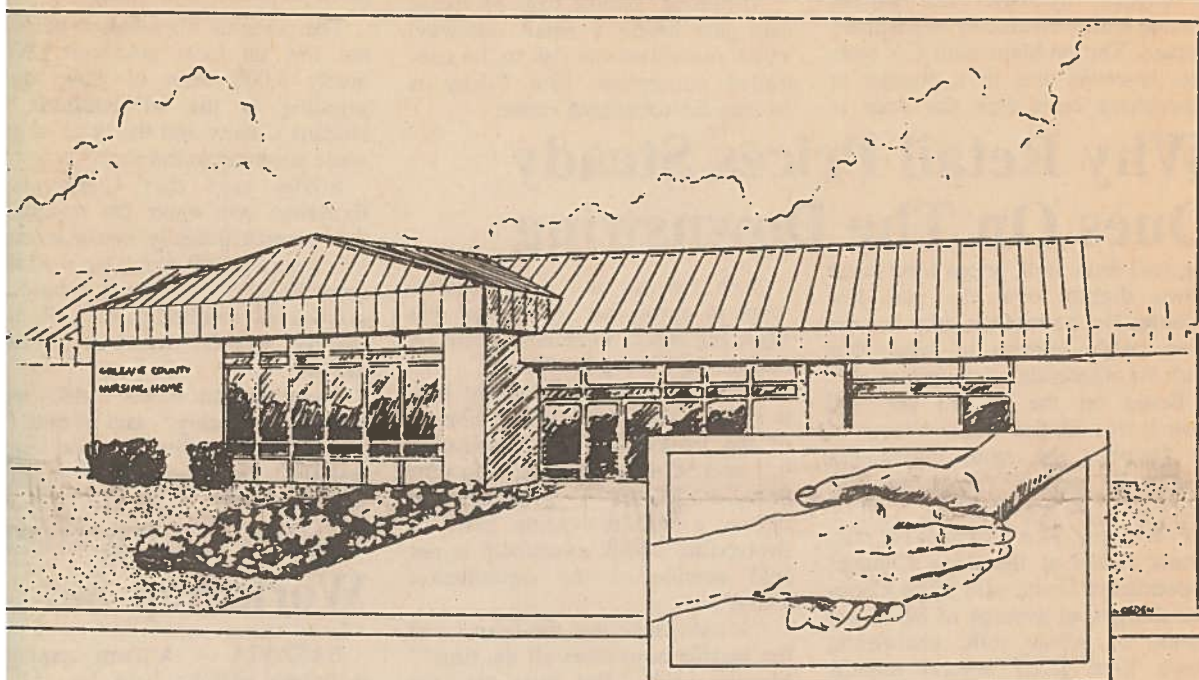
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1990 REFLECTIONS OF MUNICIPAL HISTORIANS



It has been a tradition over the past several years that this column during the first two weeks of January be devoted to reflections of the past year by our municipal historians. The accompanying illustration by Laird Ogden of the Orleans County Nursing Home appeared on the front cover of the County Budget for 1990.

TOWN OF BARRE

Helen Mathes, Historian

The 1990 growing season in Barre has been considered to be one of the best ever by local farmers. During the year the David and Helen Mathes Dairy Farm was recognized by the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program as a Dairy of Distinction in Barre. The award recognizes the hard work and dedication of dairy producers for maintaining attractive farmsteads.

In April a proposed waterline to Barre was called off as a \$600,000 grant which was sought in conjunction with the Town of Albion, was turned down. 1990 census figures for Barre are 2,085 as compared to 1,937 in the year 1900.

Town of Carlton

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Carlton enacted a Town Cemetery Curfew Law as a deterrent to trespassing and vandalism.

A new 10-wheeled heavy duty dump truck, replacing a 24-year old truck, and a 4-wheel drive backhoe, replacing a 15-year old model, were purchased by our Carlton Highway Department.

The Orleans County Highway Department built a new bridge on Harris Road, crossing Johnsons Creek, which opened to traffic in April.

A HUD grant of \$400,000.00 was received to extend the municipal water lines to Kuckville, Lakeside, and Sunset Beach. Construction is due to begin in 1991.

The Clark's Mills Road has been rebuilt, following a new route at it's southern portion, due to washouts from past years.

Town of Albion — Edith Anderson, Historian

Perhaps one of the most newsworthy items of 1990 in the Town of Albion was the continuing issue of the Landfill. Headlines were made on this when it was discovered that large quantities of garbage exceeded landfill specifications. On a brighter side, Genesee Community College opened a satellite off West Avenue in Albion.

A playground for the Albion Primary School was greatly expanded. A Family Dollar Store was opened in the village between Norstar and Anchor Savings Bank branches.

TOWN OF MURRAY, VILLAGE OF HOLLEY

Marsha DeFillpps, Historian

New welcome signs to the Village of Holley were placed at the outskirts. These were designed by students from Holley Junior-Senior High School. Each sign carries on it a different picture of a local landmark. In November the Holley Baptist Church celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its

present church building with the opening of the cornerstone dated 1890. The Holley Depot continues to be restored as a museum. Drywall has now been installed in the basement while electric and insulation work is about complete on the main floor. A deck has been finished outside except for railings. The village celebrated Christmas with a lighted tree in the center of the Square and had a well attended village Christmas party at the American Legion Post which also has a new sign. The annual Fountain Festival was equally successful. Holley also annexed two parcels to the incorporation. A Senior Citizens Housing Complex with a number of units was completed in the village.

TOWN OF GAINES

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Perhaps one of the most outstanding accomplishments in Gaines was completion of a new Town Hall located on Rt. 104 between Gaines and Childs. The building is an example of classical architecture and will suit the needs of the people for years to come. The new town hall designed by Norbert Hausner of Rochester, will officially be open to the public and first week of January and will be dedicated Feb. 14, 1991. P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter located on Gaines Basin Road, received a \$10,000 grant. Residents along Gaines Basin Road and West Bacon Road were pleased with a HUD grant for slightly less than \$400,000 to build a water line.

VILLAGE OF ALBION

Neil Johnson, Historian

The big event in Albion, affecting all of Orleans County, was the argument over the former Arnold Gregory Hospital building. The hassle over Park Ridge Hospital's plan to turn the building into a long term care facility polarized the entire county; on one had were partisans of Arnold Gregory, Meadowood Drive, Albion, "private enterprise," and political pressure and on the other side were supporters of Medina Memorial Hospital, the County Nursing Home, Medina, "public responsibility," and social planning. Whatever the eventual outcome, the split between Albion and Medina is wider than ever and the eventual of county cohesion and the consolidation of Albion into Greater Rochester and Medina into Greater Lockport/ Buffalo is that much closer.

The western half of Marquardt's has a new Sears catalog store. The old Albion Furniture Store now houses a pool hall. Sub Delicious has moved into the old Gould's Florist Shop building where its open facade and modern decor light up Main Street.

The Albion Sugar Bowl is now under new ownership. Mark and Dale moved their clothing store from the old John Deere building at Route 31 and Gaines Basin Road to Main Street. The New York Employment Office moved to Route 31 and ARC took their place in the Albion Plaza.