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1990 REFLECTIONS OF MUNICIPAL HISTORIANS



This is the second section of highlights as observed by local historians for the year 1990. The artistic photo here by James Orr, shows a view of the Iroquois Wild Life Refuge in the Town of Shelby.

TOWN OF SHELBY Alice Zacher, Historian

In January 1990 David Culver, East Shelby, was among three selected outstanding citizens of the year. The Job Corp gymnasium was gutted by fire, arson suspected. Robyn Watts, home & career skills teacher at Wise Jr. High, attended luncheon in Albany hosted by Matilda Cuomo at the Executive Mansion. She and others were honored for introducing a set of three nutrition education programs to New York schools.

In February the Town of Shelby received a new combination plow/dump truck and "gradall".

In March Chester Zelanzy received a recognition award for twelve years service as Shelby Town Justice.

Local Masons moved into a new home on Maple Ridge Rd. located on the east side of the Town of Shelby building.

During April the Shelby Center Baptist Church, changed affiliation by joining the Assembly of God fellowship. The Chambers Co., Inc. opened the county's first recycling drop-off center. H. Justin Roberts was presented with a Meritorious Companion Award for service in the Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons. He completed sixty-six years as a member of local Masons. A former pastor, Millville United Methodist Church, Rev. Howard A. Gabriel autographed recently published book, *The Philosophy for Making a More Meaningful Life*.

In June America Sigma began site work at Industrial Park, Maple Ridge Rd.

In July West Shelby's Randy Bushover, presented "Key to Village" during Medina Canal Festival.

During August a blaze destroyed the Sanderson Rd. home owned by Benjamin Shannon.

In September Michael Hodgins of Shelby Center received a new heart after a fifteen month wait. Lowell Lee, Job Corp director, retired after twelve years service. An Historic Marker was placed in Millville denoting various historic sites in the hamlet.

In November Forrestell Farms involved in a new therapeutic horseback riding program through Orleans ARC.

In December Ralph Dollinger, Jr. opened All Car Inc. at the corner of Salt Works Rd. & Maple Ridge.

VILLAGE OF MEDINA Chris Busch, Historian Margaret Shannon, Deputy Elizabeth Childs, Deputy

During the fall historians in the Village juggled positions with Chris Busch and Elizabeth Childs swapping jobs. The Medina Rotary Club with the

village has sponsored a tree replacement program. The people of Medina are proud of their Main Street business district and a new gazebo at the Four corners. Their Christmas decorations downtown and in State Street Park are a highlight each season. The Radio Shack building underwent extensive reconstruction, along with the many other construction projects which were under way in Medina during 1990 including the building of a new high school, New Value Home Center, town houses built by Dr. Johnson along with his operation of a new adult home plus the construction of several new residences. Medina Savings and Loan also expanded their grounds and the hospital has expanded their parking and done some revamping of their facility. Canal boat rides promoted by the Apple Grove Inn were featured in an article published in the National Geographic.

TOWN OF YATES Village of Lyndonville Virginia Cooper, Historian

Two historic markers were placed in the town during 1990, one concerning the Yates pier, now destroyed, and the other concerning the first blacksmith shop in Lyndonville. Bridges have been a constant concern throughout the county and Yates was not excluded. After being closed to traffic several months, Blood's Bridge on the Blood Road was recently opened to traffic after being reconstructed.

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY Richard Nellist, Historian

An historic marker was erected at Ridgeway Corners denoting the first tavern there located on the historic Ridge Road. Two bridges were replaced in the town, one on Horan Road over Oak Orchard Creek and one on the Murdock Road crossing Johnson Creek.

TOWN OF KENDALL Frank Clow, Historian

In Kendall one of the most noteworthy highlights was the addition of a large wing to the existing Town Hall, thus greatly expanding the size of it with the inclusion of a basement. This was completed in harmony with the present structure, being built of red brick.

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 CLARENDON Alan Isselhard, Historian

The Clarendon Historical Society has had a significant year with its acquisition of the Manning District Schoolhouse which was moved in late November to a new location for a museum. The building will now undergo restoration first with the application of new cedar shingles. The society has also been offered a small barn which is now under consideration for a move as well. The continuing issue of the quarry expansion is on-going as they have changed their mining plans which continue to be a threat to wellwater supply. In the fall, the voters again turned down a proposal to extend town clerk, town justice and town highway superintendent positions from two-year to four-year terms. Two Clarendon residents have filed lawsuits against the town for chemicals which were stored in drums on the Haight farm that leached into wells. Clarendon now has a new general store located on Route 237, owned by John and Donna DeFilippis.