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Part II

This is the second week of 1991 highlights as reflected upon by Orleans County Municipal historians.

Town of Albion

Edith Anderson, Historian

Restoration of the Annis Cemetery was completed on the Riches Corners Road. The accompanying photo shows the refurbished gate which cost \$10 around 1905. A new water line extension was put in from Butts Road to Transit Road. The Christian Center Church took over Kingdom Hall while the Jehovah Witnesses built a new Kingdom Hall just west of Mt. Albion. An addition was made to the Bayex Plant and a new ARC housing complex was built on King Street. Likewise, a multi-million dollar annex was completed at the Albion Correctional Facility. A day care center for children of farm workers was built on the Old Fair Grounds. A serious fire did around \$200,000 damage to Moore Nesbitt auto dealership.

Town of Yates

Virginia Cooper, Historian

A very attractive gazebo was built in the Veterans Park in Lyndonville. Paid for by the village, it was constructed by some Amish carpenters. The Local Convenience Store changed ownership and a new cafe opened in Lyndonville. The Lyndonville Vinegar Plant installed a new huge weigh scales.

Town of Kendall

Alida Clow, Historian

Supervisor Michael Paduchak retired after serving the town for 32 years. On April 6 Kendall started its recycling program with "pushing" from the local Girl Scouts. This past year cable TV came to Kendall and almost everyone who wanted it now has it installed. The renovation and addition to the Kendall Town Hall was also completed. Finally, like other municipalities, Kendall has also experienced inconvenience with bridges being rebuilt. The one on 237 is now open but the one on 272 is closed for repairs.

Town of Ridgeway

Richard Nellist, Historian

A new bridge was opened on the Slade Road over Oak Orchard Creek. Two new businesses opened: Ridgeway Auto Supply in the former Ridgeway Hotel owned by Dennis and Robin Peters and Ricks Frame and Collision owned by Richard Callard on the Swett Road. A destructive fire destroyed the Applegrove on Dec. 23.

Town of Clarendon

Alan Isselhard, Historian

A March 4th ice storm ravaged the town and everything east of Clarendon. Power was out and basements were flooded. The Clarendon Fire Co. answered many, many calls to have cellars pumped out due to inoperative sump pumps. Many people in town had their wells go dry which has created many problems for them. Others are concerned about the possible expansion of the Genesee LeRoy Stone Corp. creating a more disastrous effect on the water situation. Some people have had above ground water storage tanks placed in their garages to enable them to at least flush toilets and take showers. Work also progressed on the Clarendon Historical Museum, the former Manning School House.

Village of Medina

Chris Busch, Historian

Louis Metz died which caused the closing of the Metz Brothers Clothing Store, the oldest business on Main Street.

A tragic fire of July 15 claimed lives of Michael and Bobby Pries, lives of Stacey and Melissa Pries saved by rescuers James Pittard and N.Y.S. Trooper Robert Gadsby.

The dedication of Rotary Park in downtown Medina took place along with the dedication of new 3.9 million dollar facilities at Medina Memorial Hospital during 1991.

Donald Draper was named Assistant Chief of Medina Police.

Village of Albion

Neil Johnson, Historian

This year was a year of expansion of Albion. The census showed a population of 5,829 up 932 since 1980. More people and more jobs created more business — Super Duper expanded and Oak Orchard Clinic built a new office on the corner of Hamilton and West Avenue where a little business complex was developing. The West Seneca Developmental Center built a community residence on North Main Street and Northwoods Apartments was built just north of the village. In this expansive climate even the old Arnold Gregory Memorial Hospital building was sold to developers who were hopeful of finding occupants. Then, the last week of the year, came the news that Newberry's would be closed in January because of corporate belt-tightening. That left the question for 1992; what would downtown Albion be like without Newberry's?