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Second Week



Town of Kendall, Alida Clow, Historian

The Town of Kendall received a \$400,000 Federal Grant to expand the water district. The Kendall Central School High School Girls Soccer Team won the section triple D title which is considered a high honor. Tom Markusen, a Kendall silversmith was honored at the White House during a reception for well known American Craftsmen.

Town of Murray/Village of Holley, Marsha DeFilippis Historian

In Holley the center square has been somewhat modified by the village, creating a variation in traffic patterns. The 1993 Flag Day celebration with school children participating was very successfully held at the Depot. The U.F.W. brought in an army tank which is now on permanent display outside their Post home. Hudson Street, where this is located, was renamed Veterans Lane. In November, the Murray/Holley Historical Society gave a salute to Veterans as part of the 50th anniversary of WW II. The Holley Fire Department acquired a new fire truck and ambulance. It took three school budget votes to get everything passed that people wanted in the Holley School District. Marsha DeFilippis says, "Halloween was ruined because of snow."

Town of Clarendon, Alan Isselhard, Historian

In May the town unveiled a painting in the Town Hall by Helen Smagorinsky which depicts a birdseye view of the hamlet of Clarendon. At this same time a

new addition to the Town Hall was dedicated. A dispute occurred between the town and fire department over a fire contract. It was finally resolved and the new fire station is now under construction. The town received a grant to extend municipal water from Bennetts Corners Road west. The Clarendon Museum is now about complete. In September the Clarendon Historical Society held a festival. During 1993 the town had the only murder in Orleans County.

Town of Carlton, Lysbeth Hoffman, Historian
Carlton Supervisor Lawrence R. Higley and Joan Selbert were married June 26. Mr. Higley is the first supervisor in this Town, since it was organized in 1822, to be wed while in office.

Newly elected Carlton Supervisor (Deputy Supervisor in '93) Roger Millis and Theda Powley were married July 18.

Carlton's Water District lines were extended to provide service to Rockledge and the Bennett Subdivision.

The Kenyonville Bridge, a county maintained structure crossing Oak Orchard River, was closed June 21 due to massive deterioration. Over 100 people in that community held a rally on October 9 in support of the bridge being rebuilt because the closing divides the hamlet both by inconvenience and economically.

The Rotary Club of Albion dedicated a 30-ft. flag pole at Point Breeze, on August 14, honoring Edward Archbald for his numerous activities of Service To Others throughout the majority of this century.

A book titled: "In Search of Madagascar: A Waterport Chronicle" was authored and published by Leonard DeFazio.

The Marsh Creek Bridge, a New York State funded structure, was opened December 10. This brings the hamlet of The Bridges back to Three Bridges.

Town of Ridgeway, Richard Nellist, Historian

Perhaps one of the saddest community events to occur in Ridgeway during 1993 was the loss of the Faith Bible Baptist Church. This landmark was completely destroyed by fire on October 11. The new Ridgeway fire hall was dedicated, which is located on 104 at Horan Road. The Bates Road bridge over Oak Orchard Creek was rebuilt and opened to traffic.

Medina, Christopher Busch, Historian

The annual canal festival in July and the Duck Calling Contest in Sept. were both notable events in the Village of Medina. The Medina Historical Society held a Tour of Homes and continues to add to its museum on West Ave.

From Yours Truly - As I look over what our municipal historians have noted as being important to their communities, one thing stands out - Water! Many of them have made some mention of extending municipal water. Indeed, this transition from wells to public water is a sign of the times and an advancement which represents progress. And finally, we end with this unidentified photo taken back in the 1930s by Fred Holt. "Father Time" as he appears, seems to be bidding farewell and so we close out 1993.