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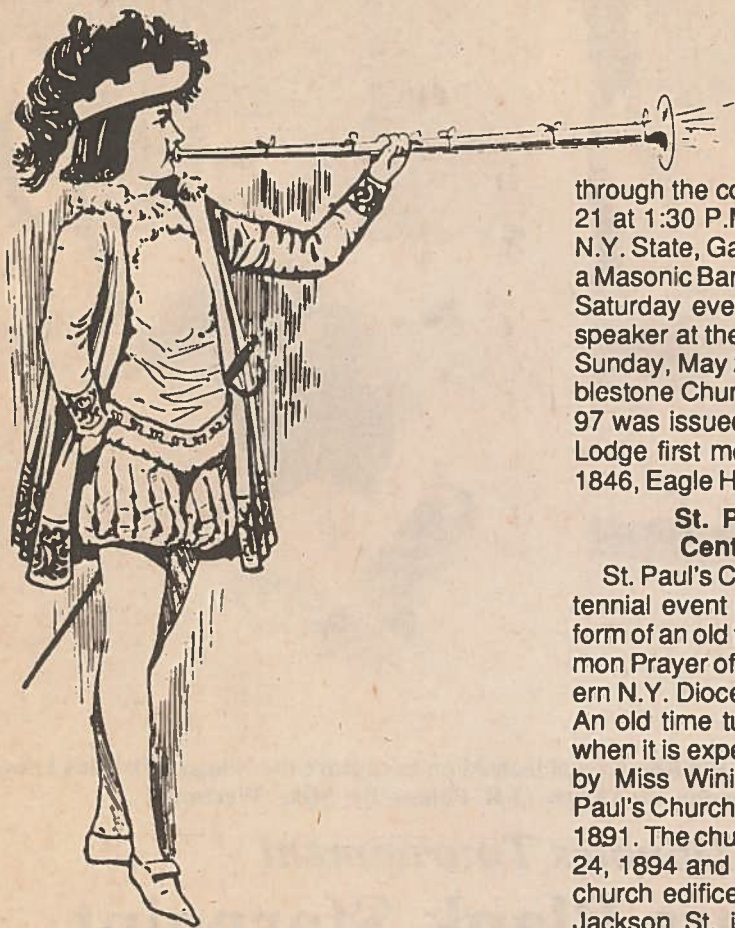
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## CENTENNIALS & SESQUICENTENNIALS



1994 seems to be a banner year! It's amazing just how many institutions are planning celebrations around 100th and 150th anniversaries. The thrust of this article is to give a thumbnail historical sketch of the institutions and list their celebrations. I'm not clairvoyant so there may be some that are missing, but here's what I've compiled to date in order of occurrence.

### **Albion Correctional Facility Centennial Thursday, May 19**

Invitations have been issued for guided tours of the facility beginning at 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 p.m. A ceremony will be held at the chapel, the oldest remaining building on the prison grounds. The Albion Correctional Facility was first known as the Western House of Refuge and served as a reformatory for delinquent and wayward girls. Construction was begun in 1892-93 and the first inmate arrived in January 1894.

### **Pullman Memorial Universalist Church Centennial Sat., May 21**

"Celebrating 100 years of the Free Spirit." At 1:30 on Saturday there will be a community parade from the Masonic Temple to the Pullman Church. The Grand Master of Masons of New York State at 2:30 P.M. will re-dedicate the cornerstone in Masonic form. Rev. Richard Gilbert of the First Unitarian Church of Rochester will give the address and a Resolution from the State Legislature will be presented. Tours of the church and a reception will follow. A 7:00 P.M. banquet will precede an 8:00 P.M. program with music by Wade Gidley, Sue Collins Thaine and a special presentation from the First Presbyterian Church of Albion. The Pullman Church was built by George M. Pullman (1831-1897) Albion's most famous citizen as a memorial to his parents in 1894. A souvenir publication will be handed out.

### **Renovation Lodge No. 97 F & AM Sesquicentennial May 21st-22nd**

Renovation Lodge will in part, be celebrating its Sesquicentennial with the Pullman Church

through the community parade on Saturday, May 21 at 1:30 P.M. The Grand Master of Masons of N.Y. State, Gary A. Henningsen will be present for a Masonic Banquet at the American Legion Hall on Saturday evening and will also be the featured speaker at the Masonic Go To Church service on Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 A.M. in the historic Cobblestone Church in Childs. Renovation Lodge No. 97 was issued its warrant on June 8, 1844. The Lodge first met at Sandy Creek, then Medina in 1846, Eagle Harbor in 1850 and Albion after 1850.

### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Centennial Sunday, May 22**

St. Paul's Church in Holley will have its first centennial event on Pentecost at 10:00 A.M. in the form of an old time service out of the Book of Common Prayer of 1892. Bishop Bowman of the Western N.Y. Diocese will be present as the celebrant. An old time turkey dinner is planned for the fall when it is expected that a church history compiled by Miss Winifred Bentley will be released. St. Paul's Church was first established as a mission in 1891. The church was legally incorporated on May 24, 1894 and ground was broken for the present church edifice on June 19, 1894 at S. Main and Jackson St. in Holley.

### **First Presbyterian Church, Holley Septuicentennial June 11, 12**

This church will be celebrating its 175th anniversary on Saturday, June 11 with an Open House from 1-4 P.M. The Deacons will be tendering a public reception. On Sunday, June 12 a special church service will take place at 10:30 A.M. Holley Presbyterians can date their origin locally back to 1819. They have been located on their present site since 1833. The first building was wood which was replaced by the present church in 1907.

### **Albion Agencies Inc. Sesquicentennial July 16**

On Saturday, July 16 Albion Agencies will host a town picnic at the Albion School Grounds complete with bands, birthday cake and many activities for youngsters. This insurance agency was formed in 1844 by Thomas S. Clark when he wrote his first policy under AETNA. In 1919 Mabel Lyon and Ralph A. Roberts purchased the firm from William G. Taylor and operated it as: Insurance Service Agency. Incidentally, Mabel Lyon was a sister to the present owner, Christopher Haines' grandmother, Mildred Haines.

### **Christ Episcopal Church Sesquicentennial**

"Celebrating 150 Years of Good News." Bishop Bowman will make a visitation on Sept. 14 at 7:30 P.M. On Sept. 25 an organ recital will be given by the church organist Margaret Johnson, for the community. The anniversary banquet will be held at the Village Inn on Oct. 9 and the culmination of the 150th anniversary will be Dec. 11 when the church will have a service of Evensong. Christ Episcopal Church was formally organized on July 29, 1844. They were anxious to obtain a permanent church edifice which they were able to acquire from the Presbyterians in turn for a lot on East State Street and some building materials the Episcopalians had purchased. Christ Church, Albion, is the oldest church building (1830) in Orleans County still being used for worship.