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This week and next week this column will be devoted to a random sampling of highlights from around the county as submitted by our municipal historians.

Town of Murray/Village of Holley - Marsha DeFilipps, Historian. Our photo here shows a number of volunteers with pike poles hoisting a beam into place at the barn raising which took place at Hurd Orchards in October. The early 19th Century barn was acquired from near Skaneateles and dismantled so it might be erected at Hurd Orchards. It was an exciting day for all involved and certainly the first barn raising event of this sort in many years for Orleans County. Other highlights for the town included the completion of the third water district and the dedication of the Murray/Holley Historical Society building. Along with this, both girls' and boys' soccer teams took the Section 5 title.

In the village, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department celebrated their 50th anniversary. The Presbyterian Church celebrated its 175th anniversary and the Episcopal Church celebrated its centennial with the opening of the cornerstone at St. Paul's Church. The K and K Convenience Store opened a new building.

Holley has a new police chief and the mayor's house was bombed, an incident which is still under investigation.

Historian, author, editor, teacher and respected friend of many, Irene Gibson died at the age of 96 in November.

Town of Barre - Helen Mathes, Historian. Farmers found 1994 to have been an excellent growing season and a nice fall for harvesting crops. Numerous cases of rabies were reported in Barre, mostly due to raccoons. Several individuals were required to have the post exposure vaccine.

At the January Town Board Meeting, the first anti-landfill law was passed. Also, a new planning board was set up to help form a master plan for future development. Barre also joined the county-wide trash and recycling program.

The town has five new "Welcome Barre" signs which were erected with residue funds from the Septuicentennial. And finally, Clyde and Eva Harling celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on December 17 and 18.

Town of Ridgeway - Richard Nellist, Historian. The sewer project for the hamlet of Knowlesville was completed. The Town of Ridgeway now has a new logo as a result of a contest. The logo includes a likeness of the Culvert, the town's most notable landmark, with a horse-drawn boat going over it



and an apple which symbolizes farming.

Town of Albion - Edith Anderson, Historian. Water lines were continued to be extended in the town. There is an attractive new appearance to the building at West Avenue and West Academy Streets now housing Colonna Electric. Genesee Farms has taken over and remodeled the former 204 Store at Routes 98 and 31. Sugar Creek at the corner of 98 and 31 was also expanded and is serving light lunches and snack foods. The new addition to the county nursing home is well under way and on schedule.

Town of Carlton - Lysbeth A. Hoffman, Historian. Carlton Fire Company put their new emergency-rescue truck, #66, in service in April. This vehicle is stationed at the Kent Fire Hall. The town's Highway Department has a new 10-wheeled, 20-ton capacity "Auto-Car", dump-truck for year round use and greater efficiency. Carlton's Water District was extended 1½ miles and now provides service for 55 to 60 more consumers at Brighton Cliff and Jones Beach. Carlton was awarded a \$400,000 HUD Grant which will aid in the construction of the Water District's extension to bring service to Kenyonville. Twelve new homes have been built and once again, Oak Orchard River and other Carlton waterways have gained international recognition for fishing.