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Village of Albion — Neil Johnson, Historian. The intersection of Rt. 98 and 31 boasts new development on three corners. The most recent is the former A Plus Store which is being remodeled into a new K.K. Mini-market. One of the year's worst fires was that of Henri's Inn on East Bank Street, the former Orleans Hotel, which was demolished. The former Newberry's store front in the Masonic building now has a dance studio. Officials were notified of a grant for beautification and facade improvement for downtown Albion.

The old water tanks or standpipes on Main Street at Allen Road were removed this past summer. The canalside dock and park between Main and Ingersoll Streets has been a success. Bayex is currently under expansion with a new addition.

Town of Shelby - Alana Koneski, Historian. A ground-breaking ceremony took place for the new Tops Market on Maple Ridge which is expected to open in Mid-January. A new water line was installed from Maple Ridge up the Salt Works Road and Freeman Road. Both of these additions will certainly impact the greater Shelby community in years to come.

Town of Kendall - Alida Clow, Historian. A new playground was built at the Elementary School with over \$20,000 for the project being raised by the community. The firemen also raised money for a new ambulance. Voters in the Kendall District voted on a proposition for improvements to the school facilities. A video using Kludt Farms was made for educational purposes.

Ella and Walter Steffan of Kendall celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in November.

Town of Gaines - Delia Robinson, Historian. Word was received that Water District No. 3 will be funded by a grant. This will expand a water line west along Rt. 104 to the Ridgeway Town line. The Canadian Geese returned again, following an ultra light plane landing at Frenchy's airport.

The town board changed with a new Supervisor, Councilman and Highway Superintendent.

Town of Clarendon - Alan Isselhard, Historian. The opening of Rt. 531 is of great benefit to people in Clarendon who frequently travel into Rochester. The town is dealing with the proposed expansion

of the quarry which will contribute money to the town's improvement. The old quarry will be filled in with fly ash and glass and covered with top. The ash and glass mixture will be hauled by rail to Holley and piped to Clarendon. This project is expected to take at least three years and will result in a town park.

A new water line is in progress along 31A to the hamlet of Clarendon, bringing in Brockport water. A new fire hall building was opened and is now in use. The Town Board lowered the tax rate by cutting costs. The board also has promoted a community newspaper entitled The Clarendon Gazette which is issued once a month by a committee of town citizens.

Disciples United Methodist Church celebrated its 25th anniversary and Hillside Cemetery Chapel celebrated its 100th anniversary. Copeland's Clarendon has been reprinted and will be available in March as a benefit to the Clarendon Historical Society.

During 1994 Clarendon experienced a number of rabies cases mostly involving raccoons. The town highway department has recently installed a flood light in the Clarendon falls which illuminates it at night, a nice feature.

Town of Yates and Village of Lyndonville - Virginia Cooper, Historian. A new restaurant called "The Old Mill" opened this year which is located across from the Fire Dept. on Rt. 63 in Lyndonville. Plans are well under way for a new water line and 35,000 gal. storage tank.

Village of Medina - Chris Busch, Historian. The closing of the Prospect Street bridge on Rt. 63 for repairs is something which affects the entire Village of Medina. Anyone who drives a car is annoyed by the inconvenience of a detour over the Glenwood Avenue bridge.

Our photo with this column shows the lift bridge mentioned, as it appeared under construction on May 14, 1915, looking west into an empty canal basin. Note the wooden scaffolding under the north end. These little wooden walkways were temporarily erected for mules to walk on before all boats were engine powered. We also notice this photo was taken before the bridge tenders tower was erected.