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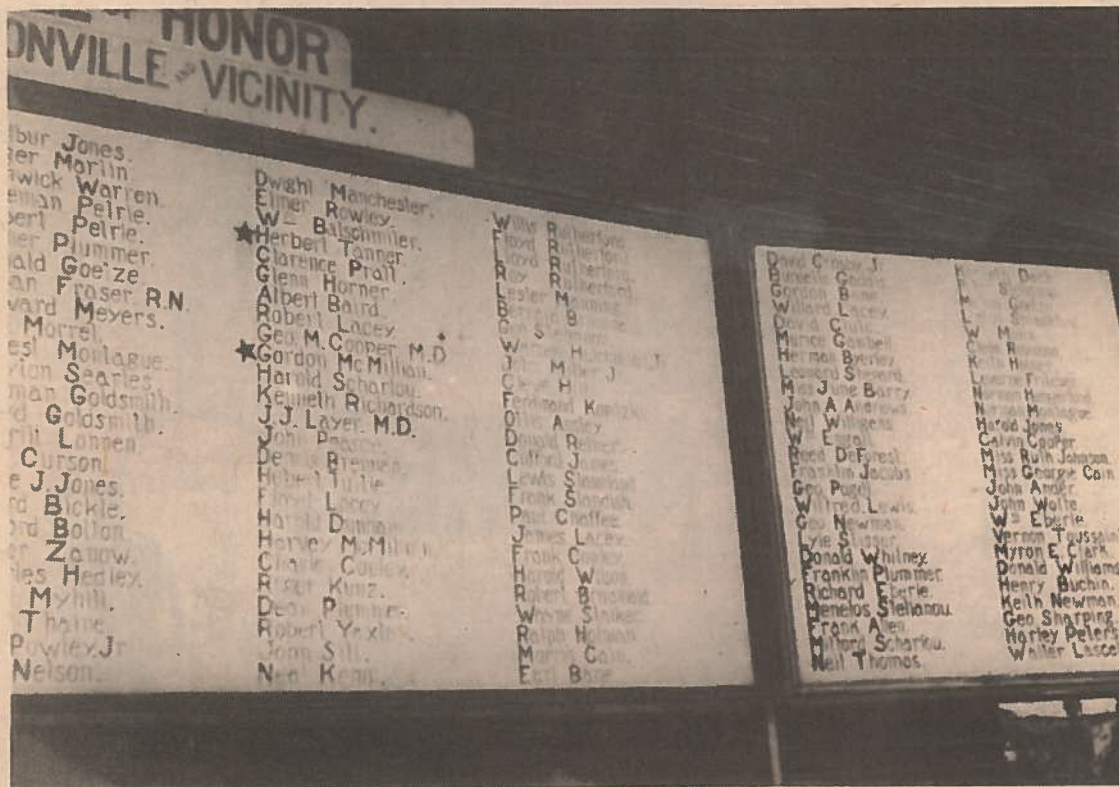
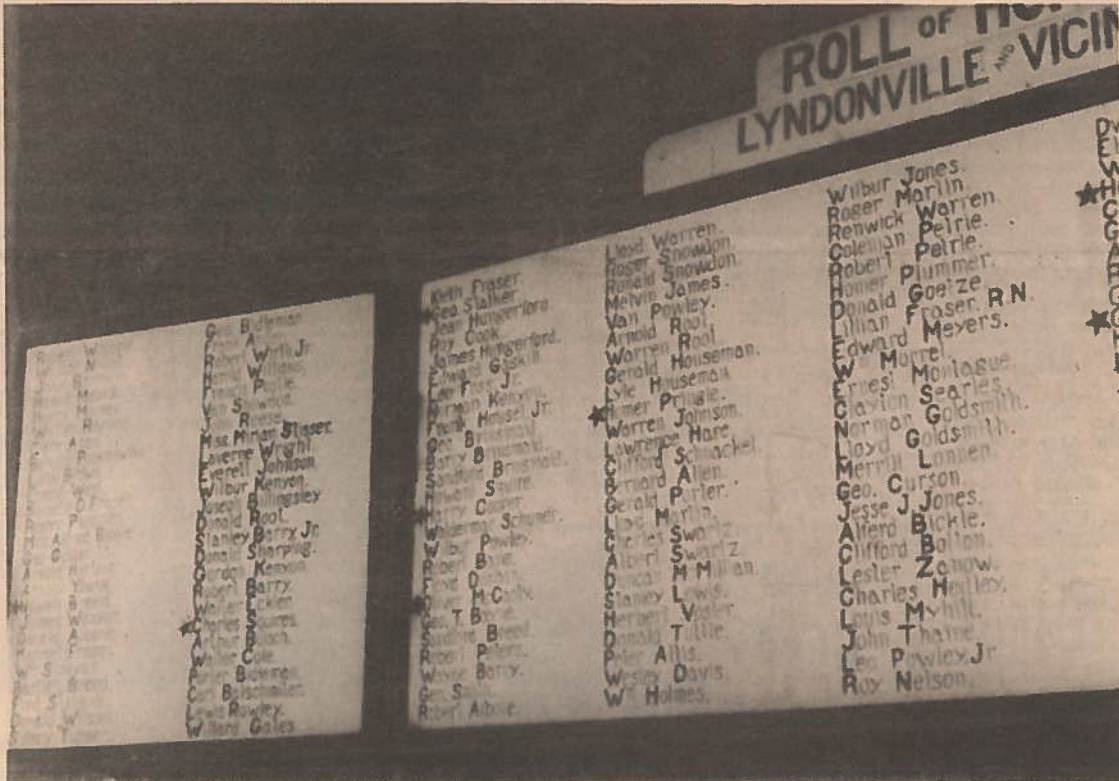
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## WHERE IS IT NOW?



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It was November 1942 and WWII was in full swing. Uncle Sam was sending "Greetings" to boys who had had to register for the draft on their eighteenth birthday. Lyndonville and the Town of Yates wanted to show support and honor for its own boys. The volunteer fire company asked families of service men and women to submit their names so they could be placed on a large billboard for everyone to see. This included all branches of the service — Army, Navy and Marines who were sent off either to the Pacific theatre or the European theatre of war. Most towns and villages honored their service men and women in a similar manner. Our roll of honor was placed on the porch of the Masonic Temple, now the Town Hall. As each boy or girl volunteered or was inducted, Glen Plummer painted the name on the honor roll. The stars, shown in the pictures, denoted the casualties, the very first one being Herbert Tanner. It has been said that each time he painted a star by a name he cried. It should be noted here that all service people from the area did not have their name

added, I suspect due to the lack of space. This board contained 225 names. Former Mayor Fred Langdon donated an American flag to stand by the honor roll. It was placed there to honor all service people, but especially to honor eight of his employees who had already left with five more that were about to go.

Houseman-Tanner Post of the American Legion will be honoring all of these service men and women on Memorial Day. A committee has been reviewing the names shown in the pictures. The names of the deceased women will be read by June Smith. Also the names of the living women. Bill Morrell will read a list of men who survived on that day also. It is sincerely hoped that no one will be left out. After 50 years it is difficult to find everyone.

The American Legion is very interested in knowing what happened to this Honor Roll, as I am also. Does it still exist? if you have any knowledge about what happened to it or know where it is, I would be grateful to hear from you. Also, are there any other pictures of it?