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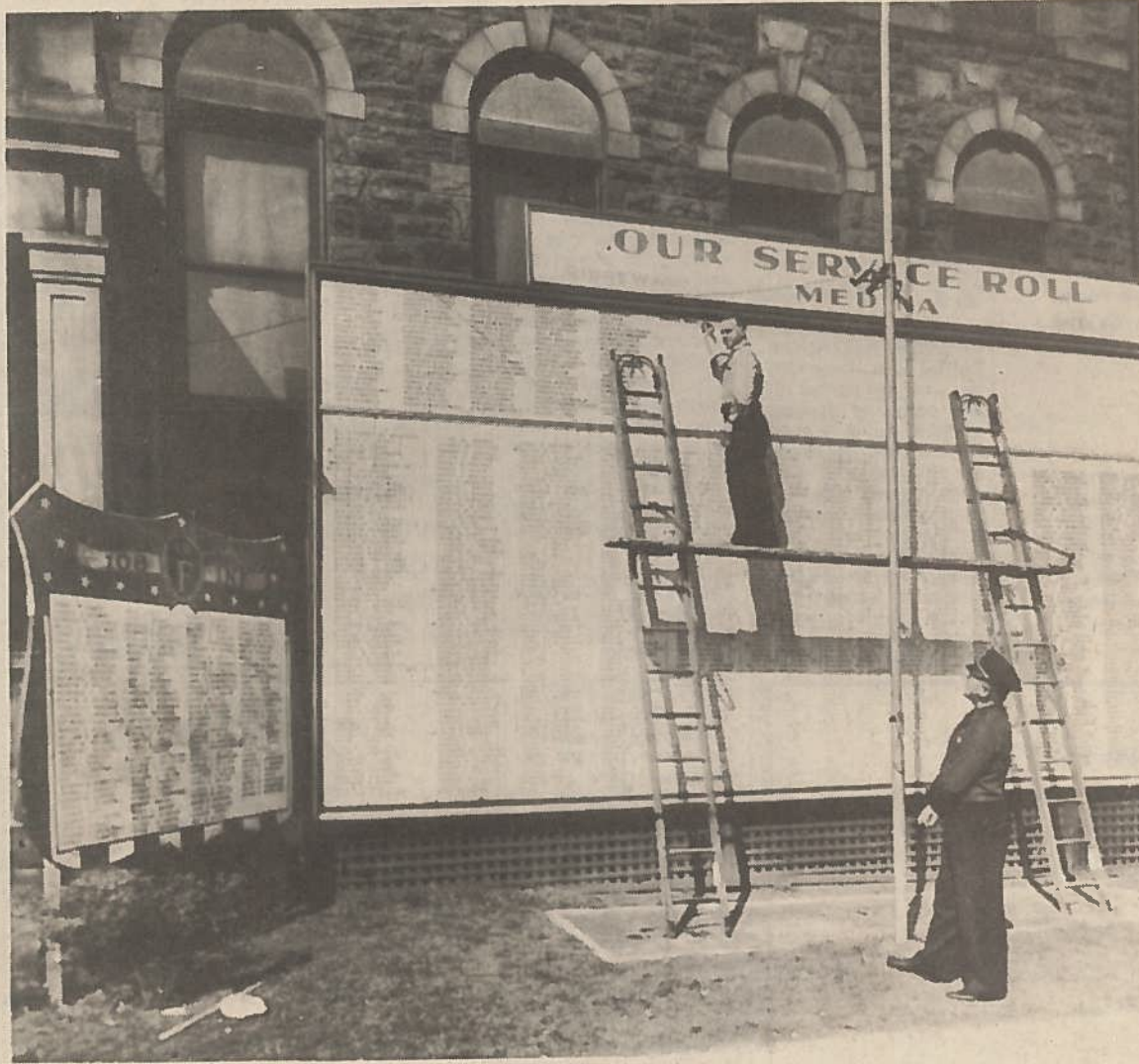
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SERVICE ROLL



Two recent articles in this column relating to Rolls of Honor, one from Lyndonville and one from Albion, Barre, Carlton, Gaines, have sparked some feed-back. Hence, our photo this week of the Service Roll for Medina including the Towns of Ridgeway and Shelby. My thanks to Don Cook for this photo copy. The original, taken by William Monacelli in 1945, pictures the Medina City Hall in the background. Shown is Edward Wall a local sign painter working on the board as Fire Chief Ralph Whiting looks on. The board was the idea of Chief Whiting which was started in 1942. When the photo was taken, there were 1192 names of men and women on this service roll. Twenty-five of the names had a gold star in front of them representing those killed in action.

Mr. Wall is shown here lettering his own name on the board for he was inducted into the service a couple of days after this picture was taken.

The sign board to the left lists the names of soldiers who left Medina in October 1940 with Co. F 108th Infantry. This was a local outfit which trained out of the Armory on Pearl Street in Medina.

In 1942 a scrap metal drive was held for the war effort. Tons of metal were donated by individuals

to a huge scrap heap located in front of the service roll.

As to the recent story of the Roll of Honor and the Albion Lions Club, I've had responses from Dick Pilon, Jean Gillette Hume, Herb Dawson and Jim Hubbell. Between them most of the blanks have been filled in with the missing names of Lions. These include: Frank Hildreth, George Hucknall, Bud Pilon, Walter Rowley, Abe Susman, Harold Stockton, Kirk Bell, _____ Reed, _____ Plummer, Ben Weilhamer, Marvin Sayles and Burroughs Strickland.

ATTENTION 1920 WOMEN VOTERS

It was 75 years ago that the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote. Any woman who voted that year has to be at least in her mid-90's. I would like to hear from any Orleans County woman who voted for the first time in 1920. My office phone is 589-4174 and you may leave a message. I will return your call. Or, write the County Historian, 34 E. Park St., Albion, N.Y. 14411. For instance, I'd like to know where you voted and how you felt about this new right. Any commentary or experience related to the issue will be welcome.