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Recently in this column Vol. XVII No. 21, Yates/Lyndonville Historian Virginia Cooper gave us a story about the WWII Roll of Honor from Lyndonville. It occurred to me that in the Orleans County Department of History archives we also have a photo of such a Roll of Honor for Albion, Barre, Carlton, and Gaines. That picture which accompanies this article was taken in 1944. This huge Roll of Honor, big as a billboard, was erected on the Court House lawn at the northwest corner by Main and East State Streets. It was also at this location when scrap metal was collected in a huge heap to draw attention to the war effort. The Roll of Honor here contained the names of the men and women who were serving in the armed services.

As to the men pictured in front of this acknowledgement of service, we find it is the Albion Lions Club. I'm sure there was a reason for this picture to

be taken here. Perhaps the Lions Club had contributed in some way to the war effort which gave reason for the group photo. Those which I can identify in the photo are L to R: first row (kneeling) _____, _____, Irel Clendenon, Insurance Agent?; Oris Balcom (seated), Produce business; Sal Stewart, Mgr. A & P Store; Charles D'Amico, Principal and Science Teacher, Albion High School; _____. Second row, (standing): Jacob Landauer, Albion Mayor and owner of Dry Goods Store; _____, Nick Passarrell, Shoe Store Owner, Dr. W. O. Burbank, _____, _____, W. Robson, owner Rialto Theater; _____. Third Row (standing): Cary Fish, Insurance Agency; _____, Leon Grinnell, Funeral Director; Marcus Phillips, Banker, Sanford B. Church, Attorney; Don Stimson, Mgr. Marsh Hardware; _____, Walter Balcom, Produce Business; J.A. Elson, M.D.; _____, _____.