

Fred Holt was the son of Benjamin and Frances Bennett Holt, English immigrants who came to America in 1888. The Holts and their seven children lived on South Clinton Street at Hazard Parkway in Albion. Fred was born in May 1900. His siblings included: Thomas, Arthur, Burt, Ella, Herb and Edith. Fred attended Albion High School but in his senior year, during World War I, went to Hamilton College for Officer Cadet training but graduated with his high school class of 1919.

Following this, he worked briefly for Charles W. Howard in his toy factory in Medina. (Fred painted black spots on yellow dogs). Late in 1919 Fred commenced work for the Orleans County National Bank, now Marine Midland. In 1942 he entered the armed service for the second time attending Army Air Force photo school at Lowry Field in Denver Colorado, where he graduated the same year. He also served as an officer with the National Guard Unit of Medina and was a member of Sheret Post No. 35 of American Legion for over 65 years.

In 1943 he started working in the office of Sniders Canning Factory, later Hunt-Wesson, from where he retired in 1963 as office manager. His hobbies included gardening, bird watching and photography.

It was perhaps, his love of photography that many people in the Albion area will remember him best. With camera in hand, he was always at school plays, musical programs including parades and occasionally sports events up through the 1970's.

His interest in photography began when he was a teenager along with building radios. In fact, he was a member of the National Amateur Wireless Association in 1917. But it was the photography where he left his mark. For many years he had his own dark room/studio over the family garage on South Clinton Street. Later, when he and his wife Anne, whom he married in 1947, built a home on East Avenue, where he had a dark room in the basement.

He took pictures for over sixty years and he was good at it! It was a labor of love for his own amuse-

ment since it was not his vocation. He died on March 21, 1988 just one hundred years after his parents had arrived in America.

Around three years ago Anne Holt gave the Orleans County Department of History much of her late husband's work which represents six decades. There are literally hundreds of photographs and snap shots and thousands of negatives. Some of Fred's work was of a documentary nature but the greater portion was of a more aesthetic quality. He particularly tried to achieve these artistic effects during the 1930's. It was during this time frame, before World War II, that he won many prizes for his photography. He not only submitted news photos to the Democrat and Chronicle of current events dating back to the mid-1920's, but also was a frequent winner of prizes given by the D & C in their Sunday Supplement during the 1930's in amateur photo contests.

Our photo of Fred, which is illuminated here, is a self portrait which he took in 1939 by means of the remote control he is holding. I have at random selected six proofs of pictures Fred took during the 1930's. From left to right top row:

1. A view looking east on Allen Road showing the original Albion water works standpipe.
2. A pep rally taking place in downtown Albion showing a guy standing atop the pedestal traffic signal which stood in the middle of the four corners.
3. This shot of the Presbyterian Spire was taken in 1937 when masons were repointing the stone work.

Bottom Row: 1. An unidentified young woman and her dog.

2. A scene at sunset with two fishermen on Lake Ontario.

3. An unidentified boy in downtown Albion. This sampling shows the great variety he achieved in his work during the 1930's.

From February 4 - 28 there will be an exhibit of Fred Holt's photos from the 1920's and 1930's in the lobby showcase at Swan Library. The exhibit will display some of his prize-winning work.

BERGEN - Reaching the 10 vic-tory milestone on the season, Ken-dall bested Byron-Bergen 64-48 here Friday in a Genesee Region League boys basketball game.

In other G-R action involving Orleans County teams, Elba defeated Lyndonville 71-58 and Pembroke downed Holley 71-35.

Steve Sayles poured in a game high 20 points and Phil D'Agostino added 17 to spark the attack for Kendall, which improves to 9-4 in the league and 10-5 overall on the season, Sayles also grabbed off 7 rebounds and D'Agostino 5.

total of five players in double figures as Kevin Austin tallied 15, Luke Ballard 14, Tony Butler 11 and Jake Ballard 10. Butler netted 10 in the final period to help keep the Lancers on top.

Lyndonville, which next travels to Pavilion on Tuesday, is now 0-13 in the league and 0-15 overall.

Lyndonville: Spethens 7-7-21, Fidanza 2-7-11, Miles 2-0-4, Houseman 2-2-6, Boh-net 0-1-1, Groves 3-3-9, Woodward 2-0-4, Dix 1-0-2, Totals 19-20-58

Elba: Austin 2-11-15, Bezou 9-3-21, L. Ballard 5-4-14, Butler 3-5-11, J. Ballard 5-0-10, Totals 24-32-71



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## 10th Win For Kendall, LCS, Holley Downed

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