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## 1996 Municipal Highlights As Noted by Historians Part II



This is the second week of 1996 highlights as denoted by our official municipal historians and now completes the survey.

### TOWN OF CLARENDON

Alan Isselhard, Historian

Many residents have complimented the town on the publication of the community newspaper - The Clarendon Gazette - published monthly. Genesee LeRoy Stone Corp. has received approval from the town and DEC to expand their quarry on the west side of Upper Holley Rd. and has begun excavation on this project. They will commence underwater mining of the limestone in this area.

The Thomas Estates Mobile Home Park on Fourth Section Rd. has received permission from the town to expand on the north side of Fourth Section Rd. and has begun excavation in that regard.

The Clarendon Historical Society held several functions during the year including a beef stew dinner in February; fund raiser auction in September, Haunted House at Halloween, election day soup & sandwich, and has begun planning for a pole barn to be built on historical society property near the present museum.

Clarendon water district #3 has been approved for the Upper Holley Rd. area, Hall Rd., Elizabeth Drive, and Brown Schoolhouse Rd. areas.

Proposals for two multi-family housing projects were met with a heavy negative response from area residents.

In March, fire destroyed the home of John and Kay McAllister, both lifelong residents of the community, who had lived in their home for nearly seventy years. A huge outpouring of community support in the old fashioned spirit has helped them recover nicely from this tragic loss. The community also helped the Bill Quill family recover the loss by fire of their mobile home.

On June 12, the Olympic Torch Relay passed through Clarendon following NYS Rt. 31A on their way to Brockport and Atlanta. There was a huge gathering of about 500 area people in front of the Clarendon Fire Hall to celebrate the occasion - Holley High School band, radio & TV news media, politicians, balloon release, refreshments, etc. This event may never happen again in Orleans County in our lifetime!

### TOWN OF KENDALL

Alida Clow, Historian.

Kendall along with several other towns notes the expansion of water lines. Water Dist. #2 was initiated and a \$400,000 HUD Grant was received for Water Dist. #3. On Oct. 5 Social Lodge No. 713 F & AM celebrated its one hundred twenty fifth anniversary with a program and dinner. The lodge hall was greatly improved by the building of a peaked roof on the structure. In January Marshall Mayes died just three weeks before his one-hundredth birthday.

### TOWN OF CARLTON

Lysbeth A. Hoffman, Historian

Ten new homes have been built in the town during 1996. Carlton's Water District was extended to bring service to approximately ten homes along a one mile section of Sawyer Road. A \$600,000.00 HUD Grant has been received to bring future water service to the Bills Road and Route 279. This expansion will also include portions of Park Avenue and Marsh Creek Road. The Town of Carlton is currently assisting

Orleans County and New York State in refurbishing the east side boat launch ramp at the mouth of Oak Orchard River. The Highway Department was able to purchase a one-ton dump truck through New York State Bid Contracts. Carlton's Historian has been able to acquire a likeness of Sir Guy Carleton (1724-1808), supposedly the personage for whom this municipality was named.

### TOWN OF RIDGEWAY

Richard Nellist, Historian

The Town of Ridgeway has developed an access road north of Boxwood Cemetery to Glenwood Lake. This former lane to Niagara-Mohawk property will now lead to a future boat launch, thus encouraging fishing. The old dump on Dublin Rd. has been cleaned up. The large complex of buildings at the corner of Rt. 31 and the Allis Rd. east of Medina has been completely razed and cleaned up, including the high water tank, a landmark for many years. These buildings were originally built by Clark Allis for a cold storage and then later used by Whitmer Jackson and others for various purposes. The Medina Memorial Hospital's Dialysis Center opened on Rt. 31 E. The old mill at Jeddo has been sold and is now being used as an antique shop.

### TOWN OF SHELBY

Alice Zacher, Historian

The Olympic Torch passed through Ridgeway via Maple Ridge Rd. and Millville. Bernz-O-Matic of Medina made all of its 17,000 flame elements used in the torch enroute to Atlanta. The Town of Shelby accepted a grant to inventory records in the town hall. Shelby also completed Water District #3 and received a grant for Water District #4. The Millville United Methodist Church erected a fellowship hall and the East Shelby Church held an event called Old Time Country Days. The Shelby Rescue Squad received their defibrillators. Breyana Balcerzak was selected Orleans County Junior Miss.

### VILLAGE OF MEDINA

Ed Grinnell, Historian

The Prospect Street lift bridge was opened after extensive restoration. A new Rite Aid Store was opened at S. Main and Maple Ridge. Marine Bank opened a Drive In facility off Maple Ridge. McDonald's developed an extensive play area for children on Maple Ridge. The K & K Convenience Store opened at the corner of Maple Ridge and S. Main.

The Stawicki Provisions building on Maple Ridge was torn down. Blissett's Clothing Store moved into the former J.C. Penny store on Main Street. Roger Hungerford moved his business (SIGMA) into the "old pickle factory". The V.F.W. tore down an old building next to their hall on E. Center St. for a parking lot. The First Baptist Church put an addition on to their edifice.

Photo: Our photo this week is somewhat of a puzzle as there is no identification on it. It comes from the archival files of the First United Methodist Church in Albion. I believe it was taken between 1937 and 1941. The Pullman Memorial Church appears in the background. The tile roof of that church was removed in 1937. The only person I can identify is Rev. Lewis Robinson standing in the back row center who retired in 1941. The other men could also be ministers as I think this might have been some sort of ecumenical event involving church youth. What was the occasion and who are all the children?