

As County Historian it will be my privilege to present three slide/lecture programs in the near future on all kinds of historical houses found locally. This program is a take-off on my children's book entitled *A House For Everything* published by the Cobblestone Society in May.

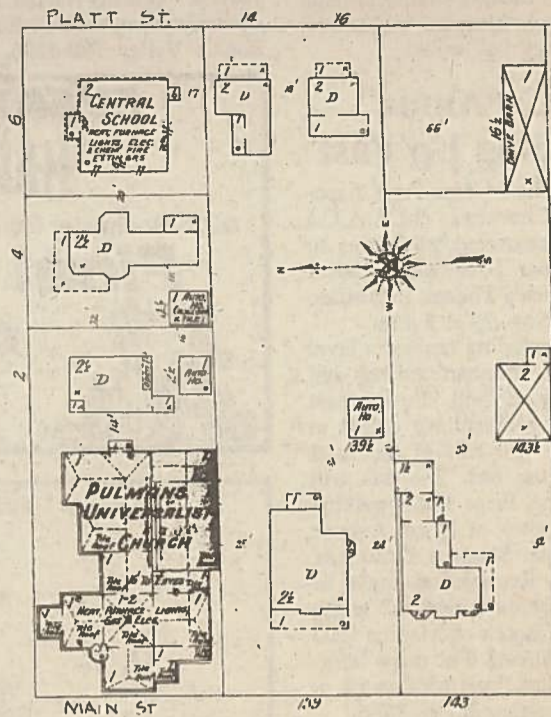
Two of the slide programs will be specifically for children during Children's Book Week Nov. 15-22. The first will be at the Lee-Whedon Library in Medina on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 11:00 a.m. The second will take place at the Yates Community Library in Lyndonville on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11:00 a.m. Children and their parents are most cordially invited to attend these presentations at which time *A House For Everything* will also be available. A slide program for adults on the same theme will be presented during the Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting on Friday, Nov. 7 at the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion. This event will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m. For more information and dinner reservations call 589-9510.

Our photo which accompanies this article is an Auto House built in 1905 by the Universalist Church in Albion at 113 South Main Street. It is a very early example of a building erected for the sole purpose of housing an auto. Of special interest is the fact that this is a transitional piece of architecture. It looks more like a carriage house or little horse barn, but it isn't. It was designed with a second story which was totally useless to housing an auto. Joists were put in at the second story level but never floored over. A carriage house or horse barn would have used space for hay. Here, instead of a door on the second floor for loading hay in the hay mow, this auto house has always had a window. This seems to prove that the second story was built perhaps out of habit or just to make it more prominent in relationship to the Parsonage which was built at the same time. Both the Auto House and Parsonage are in the Colonial Revival Style. The Auto House is also in the Historic Court House District and the National Register of Historic Places.

Our map from the 1917 Underwriters Association shows very clearly the Universalist Church, the Parsonage to the right of it then numbered 139 and the Auto House at 139 1/2. If you look carefully, you'll see two more auto houses on other properties in the same neighborhood.

In other parts of the Village the Underwriters Map does use the term garage, but that is specifically where autos were repaired. The term Auto House seems to be used where they were stored as we would use the term garage today. When this terminology changed, I do not know.

In the upper left corner of the map we see Central School, now known as Central Hall. This build-



and buggies to church, could leave them while attending services during inclement weather.

Two dwellings were later moved onto this property. In fact, the D code on the map means dwelling.