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"Let no ravages of time testify to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic." Gen. John A. Logan, GAR



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THAT MOST PATRIOTIC OF ORGANIZATIONS

The American Legion is the world's greatest Veterans organization with members throughout the world at over seventeen thousand posts. Post No. 1 located in Paris, France is where the American Legion was born in March 1919. Sheret Post No. 35 of Albion is the oldest Post in New York State west of the Adirondacks. It was named in honor of James A. Sheret one of two Albion brothers who gave their lives during World War I. It was organized largely through the efforts of Louis M. Spaulding and Dr. Ralph E. Brodie with the first Commander being Judge Bernard Ryan who was also instrumental in establishing Sheret Post on September 4, 1919.

Their first Post home was located north of Swan Library on Main Street in the former brick home of Dr. Quackenbush. Sheret Post used that house until it was razed to make way for the Rialto Theatre in the late 1920's at which time the second floor of the theatre building was used by the Legion for a short while. In 1934 Sheret Post No. 35 moved to its present location on East Park Street into the former Central School building, acquiring that property from the district for the sum of \$1.00. Only one negative vote cast against it, the vote of taxpayer Reed Curtis.

If you think patriotism and Americanism is not alive and well, all you have to do is visit the site of what will be the Sheret Post's new home in the former A & P building on South Main Street. There will you see the hustle and bustle of Americanism in its true form, for what it has been and what it can be. Yes, I say Americanism, because Americanism is People - People working cooperatively together for the common cause of others. All the renovation for the new Sheret Post has been done voluntarily with the exception of some masonry. For a building its size this has meant many volunteer hours have been contributed by Legion member and friends. When complete, this facility will truly be a fine addition for the greater community of Albion. The cornerstone of the American Legion is Rehabilitation and in that purpose they are to be commended.

At this patriotic season of the year won't you join Legionnaires and Cobblestone Society members for the 9th Annual Patriotic Program at 11:00 A.M. in the Cobblestone Church on July 6 and let us reflect on the fact that the Fate of America depends upon Faith in America?