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1997 MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

Part II

At the end of each year I poll the Town and Village Historians for information on significant happenings in their municipalities. We continue this week with the second installment of random highlights.

Town of Gaines - Delia Robinson, Historian; Janice Thaine, Deputy Historian. The Eagle Harbor United Methodist Church celebrated its 170th anniversary in February with other events noting its anniversary through May. The Town of Gaines has a new salt shed which was completed last summer at the Highway Dept. Water Dist. No. 4 was also completed. Cobleridge Antiques owned by Don and Sylvia McHale opened an antique shop just east of Childs on Rt. 104 after an extensive renovation to their building. Edith Downey celebrated her 101st birthday at her home in December.

Town of Clarendon - Alan IsseIhard, Historian. New K & K convenience store at Rt. 31A and Rt. 37 opened on Dec. 29. Dan's Feed Mill was sold to new owners who are continuing to deal in feed and farm supplies. For the first time in Clarendon, a woman, Joyce McMurray is a member of the town board. Water Dist. No. 3 was completed, now serving the south eastern part of Clarendon. The Clarendon Historical Society has erected a pole on west of its schoolhouse museum (Farwell's settlement) for its collection of relics. This year Clarendon has had lighted Christmas decorations at the Town Hall and intersection of 31A and 237.

Town of Ridgeway - Richard Nellist, Historian. During 1997 the official opening of a boat launch and marina occurred at Glenwood Lake. A railroad bridge was built near the Knowlesville RR bridge for Ontario Harvest, dealer in fertilizer. The Agway plant, also at Knowlesville, put into operation a new grain elevator.

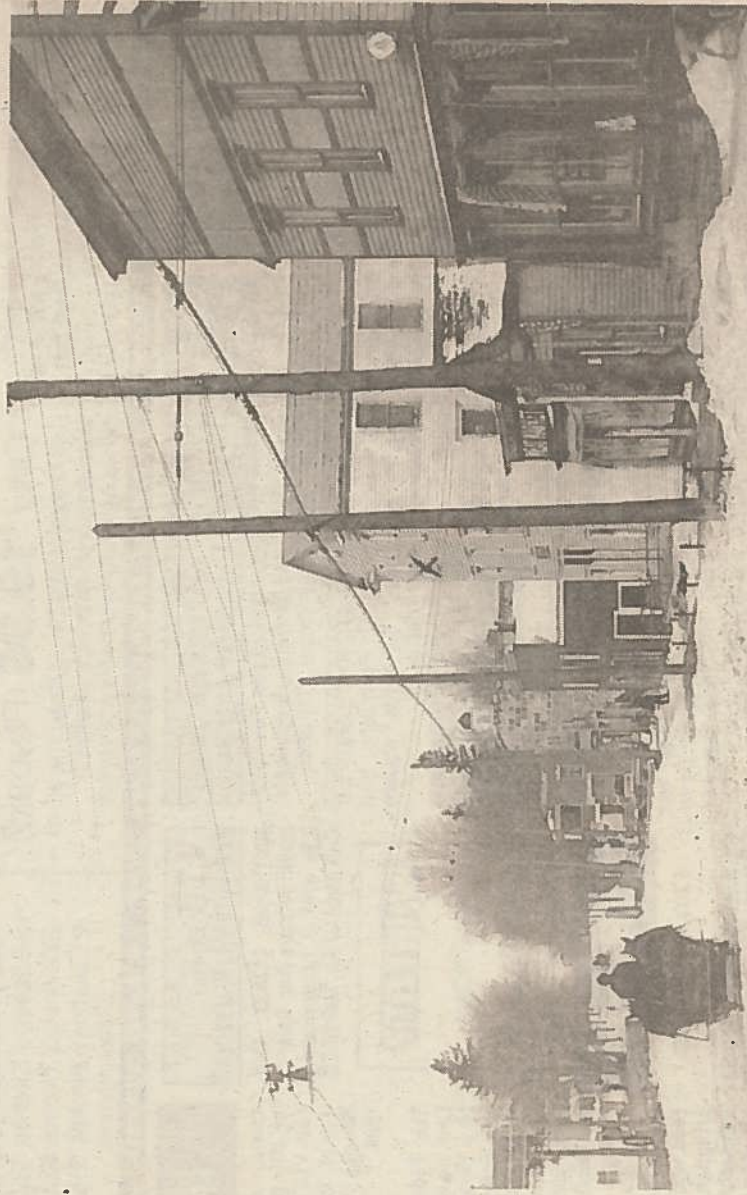
Town of Shelby - Alice Zacher, Historian. In February Bob Pask was given the "Farmer of the Year" award. The Millville United Methodist Church dedicated its new Fellowship Hall and

celebrated the 100th anniversary of its church edifice. In March, Thomas Coos was made President of Bernz-o-Matic. The Town of Shelby approved Water Dist. No. 4 which will serve around 80 homes in and near Millville. Shelby and East Shelby Fire Companies were among other Fire Companies to receive grants. The Three-Eyed Cat, a retail store operated by Daryl Barnes also opened. Vaillida Niifa was appointed Center Director of the Iroquois Job Corps, while Craig Tuohy was appointed Director of Admissions. Ken Blackmer, a resident of Lakewood Village, celebrated his 101st birthday.

Village of Medina - Ed Grinnell, Historian. Medina faced some setbacks in 1997 that were disappointing to say the least. In January the G.C. Murphy store, a Main St. fixture for nearly 70 years, notified the community that their doors would soon be closed and were, at the end of March. This followed the next month with Mattel Toys (formerly Fisher-Price) announcing the end of another era and the shut down of their local plant. On the brighter side, the Murphy store lease was picked up by D & K's Stores, Inc. and should soon be opening. Monroe Muffler Shop has built a new facility on the south side of Maple Ridge Road and has been in business since early fall. Rite Aid's new building on the corner of S. Main St. and Maple Ridge has just completed its first year. Medina Memorial Hospital's new Renal Dialysis Unit has also just finished its first year. A great boon to the entire area. Howell Parkway, with a new sewer system and resurfaced, is back in operation. The Medina Railroad Museum opened in April in a former freight house off West Ave. St. Peter's Lutheran Church celebrated their 100th anniversary. Rotary Park received a gift from the villagers of a new home for Santa Claus and is presently on full display. On the good news/bad news side, the North Main Street bridge is closed. The good news being that is only temporarily down for repairs.

Village of Lyndonville - Elena Ames, Historian. Perhaps the most outstanding point of interest during 1997 in Lyndonville is the saga of the West Ave. landfill. Dupont in connection with DEC is currently testing soil samples for chemicals.

Photo - The picture here shows Main St. in Lyndonville looking north from Maple Ave. The picture from an old post card was taken by E.L. Mosher a local photographer around 90 years ago. A man appears to be driving a team of horses hitched to a bobsled down Main St. The building to the far right



was the drug store. One of the small buildings nearby was the F. Allen Meat Market. Next in line is what is now the Rosato Hotel. It's the building someone put an X on. In the distance we can just see the cupola on the old school which burned in 1933. The building on the west side of the street was a mill which burned in 1944. Note all the wires and the electric street light suspended on cables over the intersection. Our thanks to Alan IsseIhard for sharing this post card with us.