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1999 REFLECTIONS OF PUBLIC HISTORIANS PART II

For the second week we continue with 1999 highlights in our various municipalities as reflected by the public historians. Our photo, however, takes us back to 1904 or 1905 which depicts the "Murray Sabbath School" as noted on the banner. The man to the far left was the Rev. O.R. Newman, Pastor of the Murray Baptist Church. Next to him is Mrs. Newman. In the background is some sort of structure, perhaps a float covered with evergreen boughs. Faintly showing on the top of this toward the upper right of the banner is a seated boy. I judge this picture was taken for some kind of special celebration, parade or Sunday School picnic.

Murray-Holley, by Marsha DeFilippis, Historian

A March snow storm dumped over 31 inches of snow in our area.

The north section of the village had new sewer and water lines installed.

The Canal Park progressed greatly, and has become a highlight of the village.

The elementary and primary buildings of the school were connected.

The village purchased a sidewalk plow.

The Town of Murray has finished Water District #7, is starting #9 and beginning work on #11. District #10 has been approved for next year.

The winter storm did major damage to the

roof of the town garage, and will be repaired in the spring.

The town is also opposing the new landfill. **Ridgeway** by Richard Nellist, Historian

Water District 2 was finished while a grant was received for Water Dist. 3.

A grant was also received for records management. As a result a room in the Town Hall was redesigned for records retention. Two new businesses were established in the town during 1999. This includes the Ridgeway Market Center which carries Amish furniture and Mrs. B's (Bashford's) which sells ice cream and hot dogs.

A group of interested citizens formed a Friends of Boxwood Cemetery which sponsored a tour in September.

Shelby by Alice Zacher, Historian

The Shelby Volunteer Fire Department noted its 50th anniversary with a publication of a book on its first 50 years. Area residents mourned the loss of Dr. Debra White, her husband and son, who were killed in an auto accident.

Merle P. Fredericks, Town Justice and former Under Sheriff, passed away in March.

Water District No. 6 was approved.

Paul and Pete Lockwood have opened a new business in Shelby Center called the Shelby Barn Country Store, while American



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Sigma prepared for closing this coming February.

William Levandowski retired as a Town Councilman.

The town approved a five-year lease for the Masons to continue using a wing of the town hall.

A Michigan firm known as Satellite Service Inc. received a contract to operate the Iroquois Job Corp. Center.

Clarendon by Alan Isselhard, Historian.

Perhaps the most significant history for Clarendon is the expansion of water districts

which include a connection to Barre. In June a festival was held behind the Fire Company which featured music, Pig Roast and booths for vendors. The 4-H, Scouts and Clarendon Historical Society took advantage of this. The President of the Historical Society and a town councilman, Bob Knapp died.

During the summer students of the Anthropology Dept. of SUNY Brockport excavated the site of the old Polly Tavern to learn about our past. This dig was overseen by Prof. Louann Wurst.