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## More highlights of 2000

This is our second and final week of highlights during the year 2000 as noted by our municipal historians.

### Murray Town Historian Holley Village Historian Marsha DeFilippis

Welcome signs were erected on the major highways by the town of Murray. In August, the first guided walking tour of Hillside Cemetery was conducted. The Canal Park was dedicated and the Andrew Cuomo Trail was named. Holley schools were closed because of odors.

Village elections brought the largest turnout ever of voters. A new rescue truck was purchased by the fire department.

The historic marker for "Podunk" was dedicated. Plans are under way for the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Holley.

An antique clock was donated to the museum, which was once used in the old Holley High School more than 100 years ago.

### Albion Town Historian Ceryl Staines

The 125th anniversary of the town was noted at the Albion Strawberry Festival. T-shirts were made as a souvenir.

Water districts continued to be expanded.

The landfill is presently on hold while the application is being evaluated.

### Clarendon Town Historian Alan Isselhard

The Historical Society published a book entitled *Remember* by Kay McAllister. The book was funded with a grant from Go Art.

A new gazebo was erected by the town hall. A new church has come to Clarendon. Known as Old Paths Bible Baptist Church, it is located on Hall Road in a new metal building.

The Clarendon Firemen's Recreational Hall was going to be sold, but through the efforts of Dick Moy, this has been averted

to the future benefit of the community. The Clarendon Historical Society issued a Christmas card as a fund-raising effort. They also have applied for another Go Art grant for printing information on the Polly Tavern.

A bad fire destroyed a garage at the corner of East Lee Road and South Manning Road.

Several new houses were built in the town during 2000.

The quarry in Clarendon has laid water pipe to the falls following its drying up in July.

**Compiler's Note:** Alan Isselhard has now retired as Clarendon Historian as of Dec. 31. He always has been most professional in his duties. His *Images of Clarendon Past*, published in 1985, will long stand as an authoritative history of the town.

His vision and active participation in the Clarendon Historical Society and his talent in photography will be of lasting benefit to the town. Best wishes to him for new endeavors.

### Ridgeway Town Historian Richard Nellist

Water District No. 3 was completed. Marshall Road was paved between Palmer and Mill roads.

Approval came for Water District No. 4, which will supply water to the Fair Grounds. Ontario Harvest is expanding its Knowlesville operation.

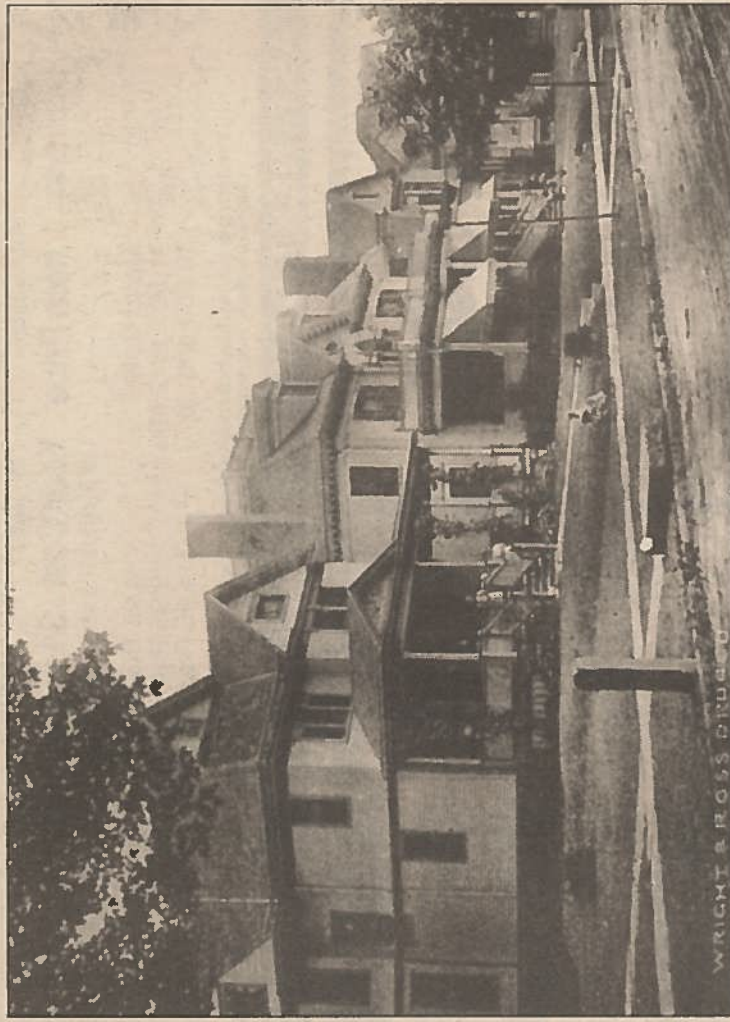
Repair work was undertaken on the Culvert.

### Medina Village Historian Shirley Nellist

The Bates-Cleary Funeral Home closed and merged with Barnes and Tuttle. This had been established in 1936 by Daniel Cleary. In 1981 it was purchased by Bates.

The Kennedy Clothing Store closed after being established in 1931 by John and Francis Kennedy who took over the Howard Clothing Store.

The Bank of Castile opened a branch in Medina.



WRIGHT & ROSS DRUG CO.

Medina Sigma closed with Trek relocating to their building on Maple Ridge Road. Improvements were made to Orient Street.

The Santa Claus house was permanently installed in Rotary Park on Main Street.

In September, the second successful tour of Boxwood Cemetery was conducted. Through the estate of Margaret Shannon, the cemetery received a legacy.

Richard Clark, who was the Orleans County Fire Coordinator, died.

The sale and transfer of Veterans Park to the Medina School System was completed. Ed Houseknecht retired after serving 28 years as Superintendent of Public Works.

The Rev. James Maxwell assumed the pastorate of the First United Methodist Church.

**Photo:** This post card view of Park Avenue in Medina was printed especially for

the Wright and Ross Drug Co. around 1920. The first house in the picture later became the Cleary Funeral Home. The second house was later the Houseman Funeral Home.

### Lyndonville Village Historian Elena Ames

The village undertook several water projects, which included West Avenue. Storm sewers also were laid.

The shore line at the Water Treatment Plant was stabilized and the main transmission line was replaced.

New school superintendent Christine Tibbetts was welcomed into the district. The school expansion project is well under way and on schedule.

Tom Wenhold, physical therapist, opened a new office on Lake Avenue.

John and Dinah Grounds took over the former Rosato Hotel and have transformed it into a very attractive restaurant.