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County highlights of 2001

At the end of each year, it has become customary for me to poll our public historians for their reflections of significant happenings in their various municipalities. Hence we begin a two-part series at random.

Our photo, perhaps taken in the 1930s, shows a horse-drawn cutter being driven by an unidentified man. The name on the building in the background is "F. N. Monacelli Garage." The 1926 and 1936 directories list Frank Monacelli as the owner of a garage. The 1926 book lists it at 2 Platt St. in the village of Albion.

Village of Albion — Neil Johnson, Historian

One of the most notable things in the village is the upgrading of utilities for road construction which will take place over the next two years. With the removal of trees along the streets it has changed Albion from an historic village to a more modern looking suburb. We can expect to have a Tops store erected in 2002. Although the Dime Savings Banking Center has changed hands it will remain in operation.

Town of Barre — Helen Mathes, Historian

A new town hall tops the list for significant developments in Barre. For farmers it was a dry season but produced good yields during an excellent harvest season. A new broadcasting tower has been erected by Calvary Church in the eastern part of Barre.

Town of Carlton — Elizabeth Hoffman, Historian

1. Carlton's water district has extended their water lines another 8½ miles bringing water service to approximately 130 new households.

2. The Town of Carlton Fire Company 1 Inc. is in the process of acquiring a Sonic Jet Ski Rescue Boat which is also equipped with fire-fighting capabilities.

3. The town has purchased 10 acres of land located adjacent to the town buildings.

4. The Kenyonville bridge, closed since 1993, will be replaced in this next year. The contractor for this project will be the Crane-Hogan Structural Systems, Inc. from Monroe County.

5. A town proposition changing the term of office for the town clerk, highway superintendent and supervisor from two to four years was passed by voters in November's election.

6. Eight new houses have been built in this past year.

7. The first-ever Wooden



Boat Exhibition and the Taste of Orleans Fest, along with a series of musical concerts, at the Orleans County Marine Park were high points of local summer events. The variety of lively music events at Lakeside Beach State Park were also very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

8. Two Orleans County sheriff's deputies and members of Carlton's fire company received high commendations for their efforts in rescuing a diver trapped more than 20 feet below the surface of the water on the south side of the dam at the Waterport Power Station in a November incident.

Town of Clarendon — Susan Persia, Historian

Clarendon firefighters won numerous awards this year: Western N. Y. Fire Association EMS Award, Presidential Award of Western New York Firemen and Orleans County State Training Award; drill teams were overall point champions and hand lay champions. The firemen have purchased a Hurst Tool System.

The historical society had a "barn raising" event featuring several pictures of barns of Clarendon, taken by local photographers, with excellent reviews. Dr. Lu Ann Wurst presented an informative talk on the Holley Tavern project with a published book to go with it.

In business, Van's Feed Store closed. DeFilippis Grocery was sold to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. J. Gupta. Clarendon Cheesecakes, a home business, had national attention when its cheesecake

was tasted on the Today Show by Katie Couric.

Town events included many concerts and weddings performed in the gazebo at the town hall. A parade in June and Soap Box Derby were well attended.

In the political category, a new supervisor and two new councilmen were elected in the fall of 2001.

Murray/Holley — Marsha DeFilippis, Historian

The village of Holley celebrated its 150th anniversary of incorporation in August. An alumni band, formed for this occasion, will continue with sponsorship from the fire department. Holley High School saw the return of football which was last played in 1955.

Two former mayors passed away in 2001, Charles Strong and Joe Friedo.

The oldest building in the business section of Holley, at the southwest corner of Thomas Street and the Village Square, was demolished for making the intersection wider. The village of Holley got a grant for painting store fronts. The Eula Lavender residence on Jackson Street burned down.

Gov. Pataki visited Holley in August. With fall elections, George Bower will be the only county legislator who lives east of Route 98.

Town of Yates

A new auditorium for the L. A. Webber High School was opened for use. To celebrate this addition to the Lyndonville Central School system, a special musical concert is being presented each month throughout the school year.