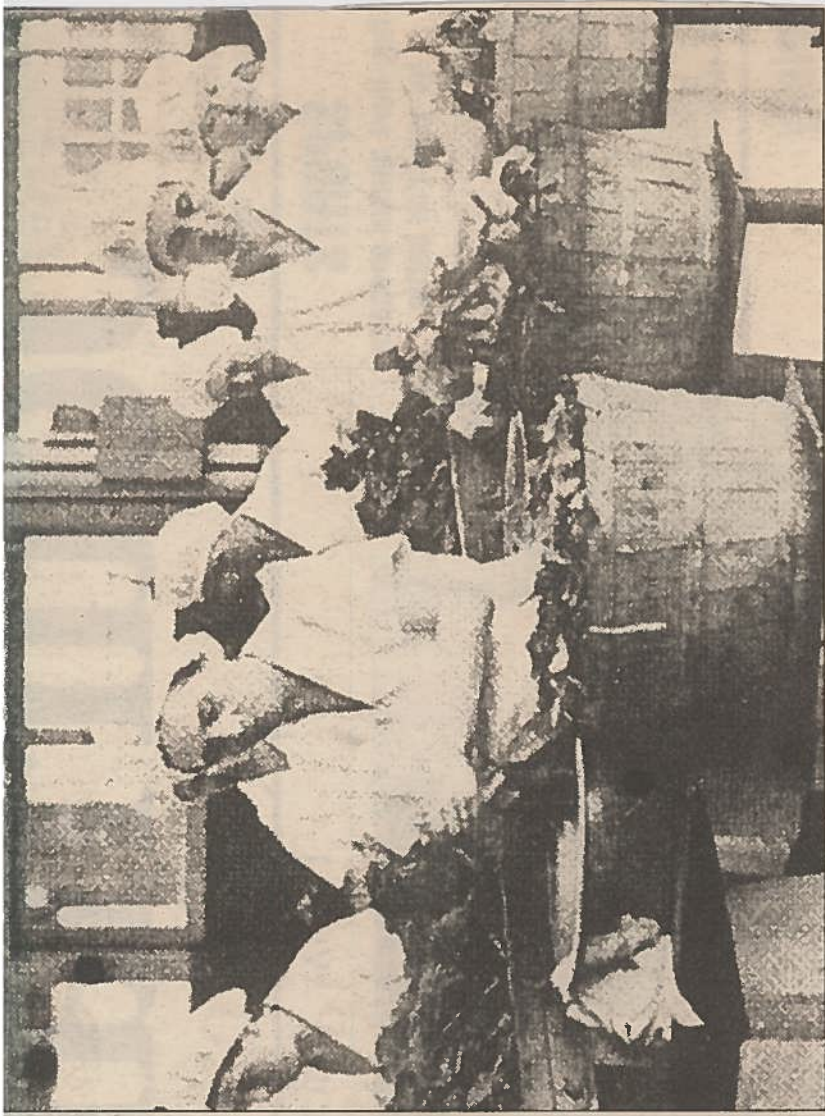


**Canning once important to our area**

of the photos which many this article were by Fred Holt in 1939. In see workers in the of bottling catsup in der Packing Corpora- Albion plant. In the photo, employees at Heinz Company's plant are washing for canning. e Albion plant, toma- h, catsup, soup, chili and canned tomatoes re principal products. at the Heinz factory ina a greater variety ucts were canned s the spinach line



tin." The commercial packing of fruit or vegetables in upstate New York occurred at Camden and was done by the Edgett Brothers in 1851-1852. The first tin cans were hand soldered. Early canners in this state discovered that good soil and favorable climate conditions were superb for fine flavor in canned goods. Our location in relation to major markets such as New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo and Pittsburgh made it ideal for this industry. With the railroads taking over transportation in the mid

19th century many small rural communities were able to compete with larger ones. For example, we had here in Orleans County canning plants at Lyndonville (apple sauce), Waterport (sauerkraut), Holley, Albion, Medina and even Barre Center back when these photos were taken. Surely, many of us fondly remember the smell of tomato products permeating the village of Albion this time of year back in the 1950s and before. But with being just a seasonal industry it eventually became more profitable for canners to have factories in warmer climates where production could be carried on throughout the year.