

BETHINKING OF OLDE ORLEANS

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These photos were given to the Orleans County Department of History this past spring by John A. Wenrich. He took them in the summer of 1943 while working at the Birdseye-Snider Laboratory in Albion. He indicates that the lab hired five students from Cornell University as summer lab help.

He states, "I believe they did this yearly, and we welcomed the jobs."

These pictures were taken on a four-inch by five-inch cut sheet film with his father's boyhood 4 by 5 camera. He further states, "I have very fond memories of Albion... What a gorgeous house this was!"

The house was built by Zephaniah Clark an early settler in Albion. During the second quarter of the 20th century Birdseye-Snider acquired the



property and transformed the residence into offices and a laboratory for research into food preservation.

Our photo of employees shows as follows: In the front row, from left, are John A. Wenrich (s), Sy Pmper (s), Ruth Adamy (s), Fern Chase (s) and Jessie Nenni. In the back row, from left, are Hunter (s), Helen

Collins, Bill Lee, Helen DiJulio, W. Enzie and John Swenholt. (s) indicates summer employee.

Dr. Kenneth Dyrsta, the supervisor, was not present when the photo was taken. Charles Byrne, a chemist, was also absent from the photo.

The dark house to the far left in the background was the McNall funeral home.