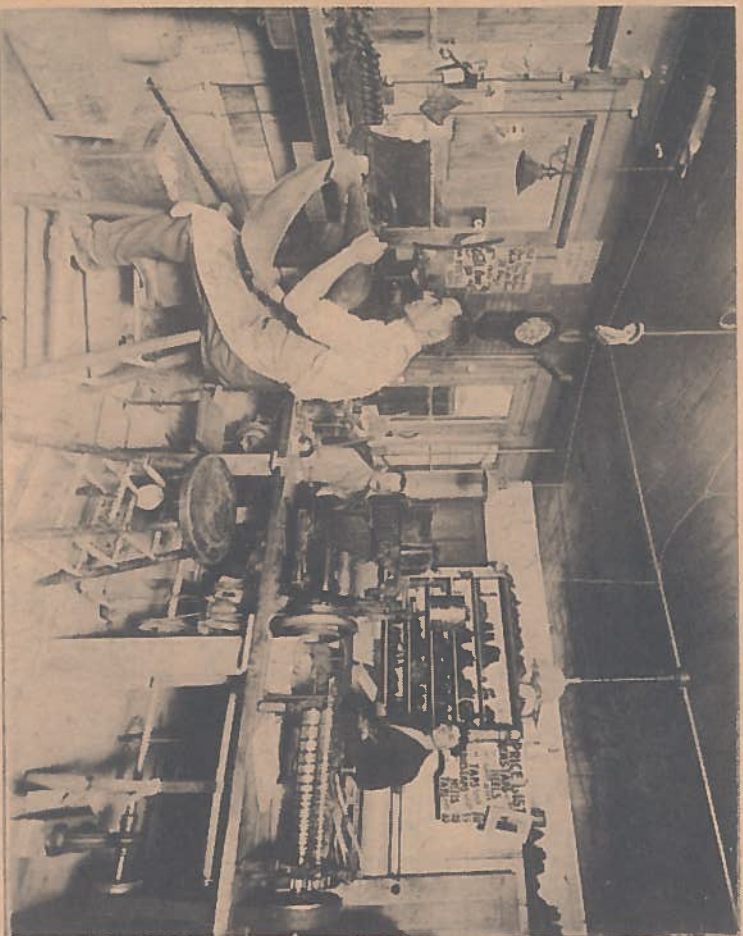


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### LYNDONVILLE REMEMBERS

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One of Orleans County's most noteworthy Patriotic Celebrations each year takes place in the Village of Lyndonville on July 4. This Annual event which arouses interest for miles around will this year be held under the theme "We Love Lyndonville". Interest in Lyndonville's history becomes a rejuvenated part of the festivities. Perhaps some of our greatest patriots have been those down-to-earth people who have spent their lives faithfully serving their fellow men with unlauded praise. Such a patriot no doubt, was John G. Peters.

As we look back over historical events and places in Lyndonville's past, one aspect of that heritage can still be seen for what it was. It is a facsimile of John G. Peters' Harness Shop which is now located in the Cobblestone Museum at Childs, N.Y. and may be viewed there daily now except Mondays to Labor Day.

Actually Mr. Peters' shop was located on Maple Avenue in Lyndonville where he started the business in the year of 1909. The family lived in Medina and he rode bicycle to and from work until 1912 when they moved to Lyndonville by horse and wagon. He carried on his harness work, later adding shoe repairing and the apple picking-bag business until 1962 when he retired.

John G. Peters died at the age of 85 in January 1963. Here he is pictured at his bench while seated on his harness vice repairing a horse collar during the "yeens". Standing in the background holding a pair of shoes is Joe Coppa who later moved to Medina and opened a shoe repair shop there.

Through the generosity of the Peters Family many of the items shown in this view of the shop were given to the Cobblestone Society and now make up the Harness Shop display there. A shop of Mr. Peters' type manufactured, repaired and cleaned all types of harness and usually carried an inventory of whips, blankets, trunks and mittens.