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# LYNDONVILLE CANNING COMPANY

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**T**hese pictures were taken between 75 and 80 years ago at the Lyndonville Canning Company. Here we see in the fall season mounds of apples waiting processing.

In 1918, local farmers formed a cooperative canning factory, which ended up operating just one season, after which

sauce, cherries and other fruits carrying the label "VB" for Visscher Brothers.

By the 1930s, the "VB" was interpreted as "Very Best."

In 1924, William Smith from Garland was called to install an applesauce-making machine, which was his invention. This improved the processing as well as the product.

The Smith family remained in Lyndonville,

making it their home and ultimately acquiring the Lyndonville canning operation.

In 1929, a large replica of an applesauce can was erected at the intersection of Routes 104 and 63, as advertising for the canning factory.

The wonderful smell of food processing permeated several of our Orleans County communities years ago, when industry like this was prevalent.



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interests were sold to brothers Theodore and Frank Visscher of New York City. Here at Lyndonville, they canned peas, tomatoes, apple-