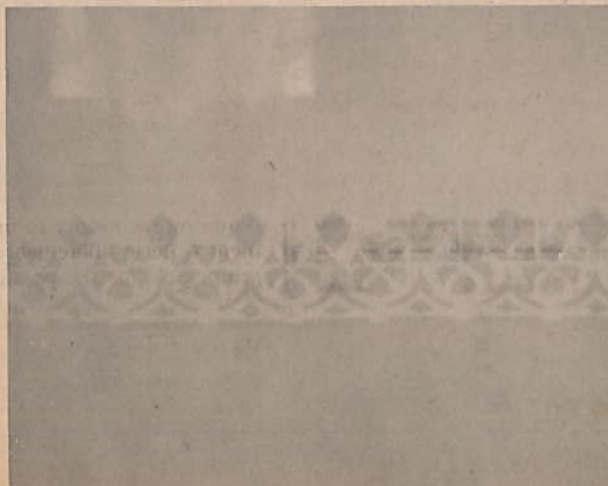


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SAFE MOVE

"I hated to see it go. It was like an old friend."

-- Mary Basinait, Co. Treas.

For close to seventy years a safe estimated at weighing six tons has stood in the same place in the Orleans County Treasurer's office at the Court House. Now with the treasurer's office being located in the old American Legion Building which has had a new vault added to it, the mammoth safe was no longer needed at the Court House. For all its years of being there it stood on a special pier or foundation built for it which extended up from the basement level to the main floor.

On March 10 the safe was moved by the Orleans County Maintenance Department under the direction of Burnell Bingaman and David Stevenson who are seen in the top photo as the safe is wrenched out the back door of the Court House. A special platform was built at the rear entrance to move the safe onto with lumber borrowed from Archer Lumber Co. In turn the Orleans County Highway Dept. picked up the gigantic safe with a loader as seen in the center photo when it was placed on a truck and taken to Holley where it will now be used by the village office there.

The bottom photo shows what the wall looked like in back of the safe when it was moved. It has of course, been many years since any light was shed on that particular section of wall. It is interesting to note that a decorative stenciled design in hues of buff and brown once adorned the treasurer's office. And even more interesting, glued to the same wall was a time table of the old B, L & R Trolley dated "effective Sept. 14, 1914". The Buffalo, Lockport and Rochester electric railway operated through Albion from 1908 to 1931, the tracks of which still remain imbedded in State Street. At any rate, we can assume that the large safe was probably purchased back when Harry Colburn was our County Treasurer and when the B, L & R was relied upon as a necessary means of travel with fifty-two different departure times a day from Albion.