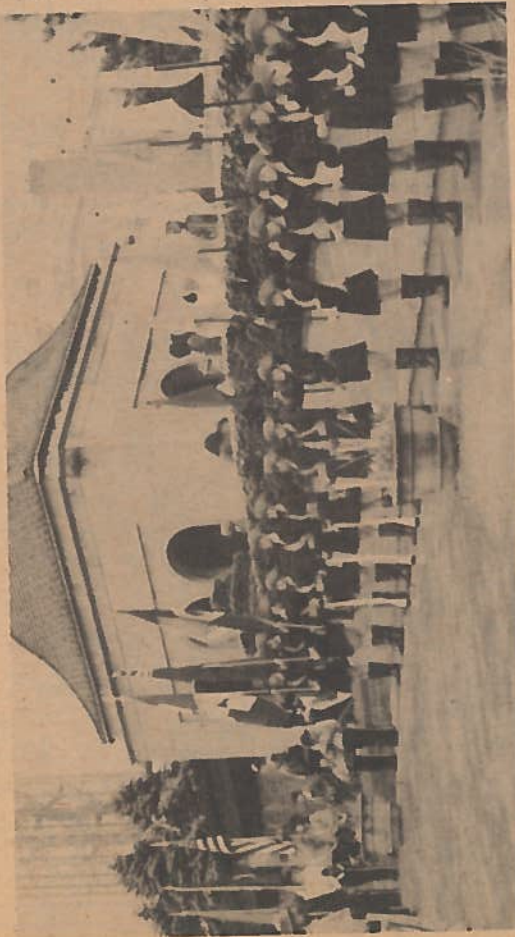


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## SPECTRUM TO PERFORM AT THE VILLAGE INN

The annual Patriotic Program sponsored by the Cobblestone Society and held each year in the Cobblestone Church at Childs will be highlighted this year with special tributes. During the program which will begin at 11:00 A.M. on July 1st Assemblyman R. Stephen Hawley will present a resolution from the N.Y. State Legislature. This resolution will donate all the major anniversaries being celebrated in Gaines during 1984 by the Historic Gaines Jubilee. From the Cobblestone Church the audience will proceed to the Historic Village Inn where at noon a historic marker will be unveiled. The 160th anniversary of the Village Inn is one of the major anniversaries being celebrated. The historic marker will read as follows:

The Village Inn  
This Inn built in 1824  
by Samuel Percival  
became known as the  
Fair Haven Hotel.

A horse shed  
was added in 1875

which connected with  
John N. Kings

1850's Carriage Shop to the west.

During the Stage Coach Era (1816 1852)

There were ten taverns on the  
Historic Ridge Road in the Town of Gaines  
The Village Inn which was  
rejuvenated by the Tillman Family in  
1952 is the only Inn  
that still serves the public.

Designated a Landmark  
by the Cobblestone Society  
1984

### Historic Gaines Jubilee

The major tribute and highlight of the day will be a spectacular performance by the Color Guard Spectrum also at noon in the Village Inn parking lot. This special show and display which has been designed specifically for the occasion will honor our flag.

Spectrum, which was formed in 1982, is a Color Guard made up of local youths who have through uncountable hours of practice become precision-like in every movement. Truly, their showmanship can be likened to an art form such as interpretive dance. Those who attend this special show are in for a fantastic treat. Participants will be Tony D'Lallo, Capt., Dee Durrant, Flag line Capt., Melissa Gayett, Linda Gayett, Connie Osborne, and "Charlie" Ackey.

Spectrum, since its incorporation, has been a non-profit organization. Its Board of Directors consist of Doug Klienmans, Bob Harding, Harry Parker and Donna Rodden. The instructor and drill designer for the group since its beginning is Bob Harding who has taught drill for 26 years. He also worked with the Albion High School Band for seventeen years. Dave Farnsworth acts as assistant instructor and Harry Parker serves as eyeman. All three gentlemen are involved because of their genuine interest in helping the youth of Orleans County. Since Spectrum was formed, forty-two different individuals have been trained and participated with the group at some time or another. In 1983 a major show was put on by the Color Guard in a "Hands Across the Border" salute on the Rainbow Bridge into Canada. At that time they were presented with Canadian Flags which included the Flag of Canada, Provincial Flag and Region Flag. It is the only unit in the United States having these three particular flags. The photo included here shows Spectrum in the "Hands Across the Border" event that was televised on Channels, 2, 4, and 7 in the U.S. and 9 & 11 in Canada. Spectrum also uses our County Flag which was presented to them by the County Legislature, the State Flag presented by Assemblyman Hawley and National Flag presented by Congressman LaFalce.

Frequently Spectrum marches with the Brockport State Marching Band at football shows and has participated with McDonalds for the Muscular Distrophy Drive. The group went to Whitewater, Wis. in 1983 for the Drum Corps Show.

Although Spectrum's history is short, the hours of practice are long which average up to eight hours a week during the school year and fifteen a week during the summer. Spectrum has taught the members self discipline, coordination between mind and body and is a constant challenge. The members of the group are superior at what they do. They and their very dedicated instructors and adult leaders deserve a great deal of credit for what they accomplish and what they have done to promote our area.

On July 1 their show will indeed be a fitting tribute to our country's flag, and the people of Gaines as they celebrate another anniversary with a historic marker.