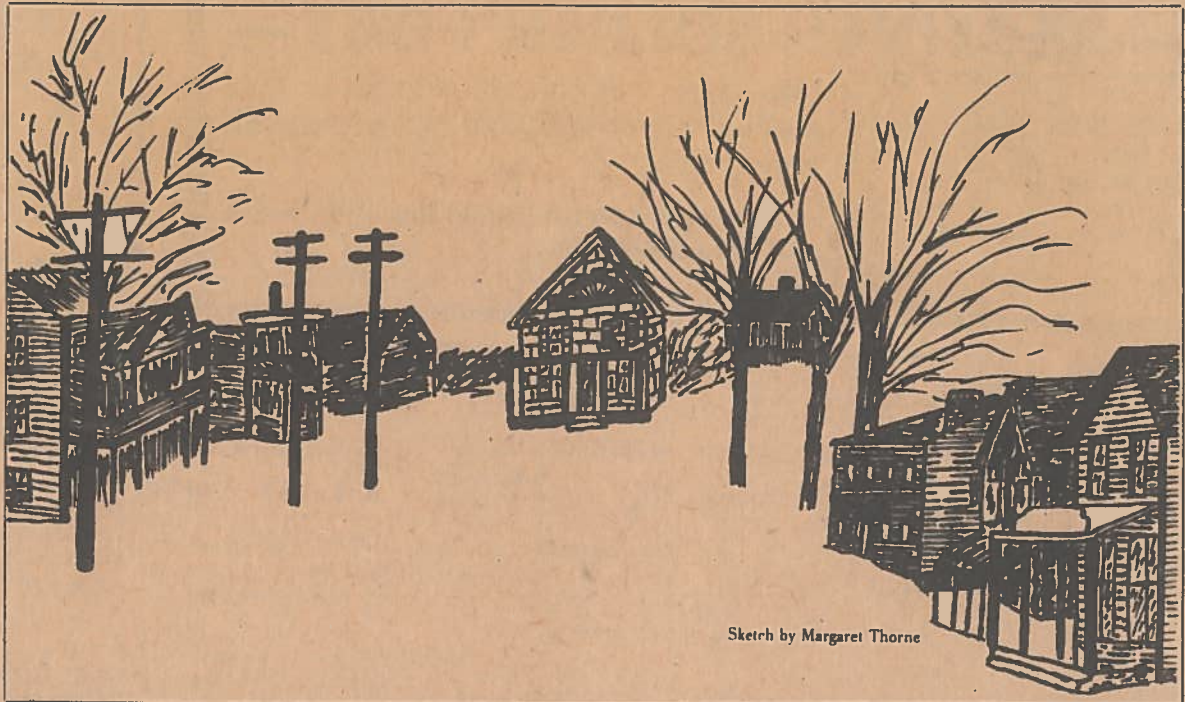


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“IMAGES OF CLARENDON PAST”

“The art, the science, and the lore
Of men through ages long since dust,
Their hard won wisdom slowly grown,
Come down to us a sacred trust.”

This past Friday evening saw the release of a beautiful new history book entitled “Images of Clarendon Past” issued for Clarendon’s 175th Jubilation which will be celebrated on June 28-30. The books which measure 8½” by 11” contain 128 pages and are on sale now at the Town Hall during regular Town Clerk’s hours and at the former Clarendon Universalist Church which serves as a book shop operated by Jason Karp. A limited number of hand bound copies are available for \$16.00 while soft bound are \$10.00 each. It was my privilege to write the Foreward for “Images of Clarendon Past” which I present here in its entirety.

Historic anniversaries are important times in our lives. They give us an opportunity to pause and reflect upon where we have come from, who we are and where we are going. When a community decides to unite for celebrating its past, the major underlying motivation is pride in, and esteem for that community. Clarendon’s 175th Jubilation is indeed a significant time in the lives of its townspeople for anniversaries add deminsion to the local fabric.

What can be more patriotic than to celebrate the meanings in the foundations of a township which support our great Republic? It is here at the grassroots level where the real people are. Yes, the township consists of families; it’s where children grow up and always call home. It is where friendships are made and

loved ones lie in sacred dust. It is the place in the world we can first remember, our neighborhood, our home where we took our first steps and made audible our first words. Like our forebears, we too have been nurtured here and through its wide open doorway ours is the world beyond.

In a township are familiar houses and landmarks, vistas and roads winding intertwined with familiar voices and ancestral roots weaving unforgettable memories. Somehow this familiarity of the local environment lends to us hope with its multiplicity of woven characters and legends. Indeed, all history begins here. And so then, the people of Clarendon have now gathered up their fragments of the past and present them in this volume as a testimony of a rich and voluminous heritage for the future.

I am impressed with the caliber of writing and innumerable photographs which illustrate this work. The collected essays on selected topics by various writers and researchers in this book is a real expression of the people of Clarendon for their history. Not only may the authors of the articles contained here be proud, but every citizen of Clarendon can be very well pleased with this book and proud of their township. Many hours of labor combined with love can only produce a volume such as this. Town Historian Alan Isselhard is to be commended for his diligent efforts in behalf of the Township of Clarendon in compiling this work. Surely by this lasting testament Clarendon now celebrates through the written word and photographically its 175th Jubilation.