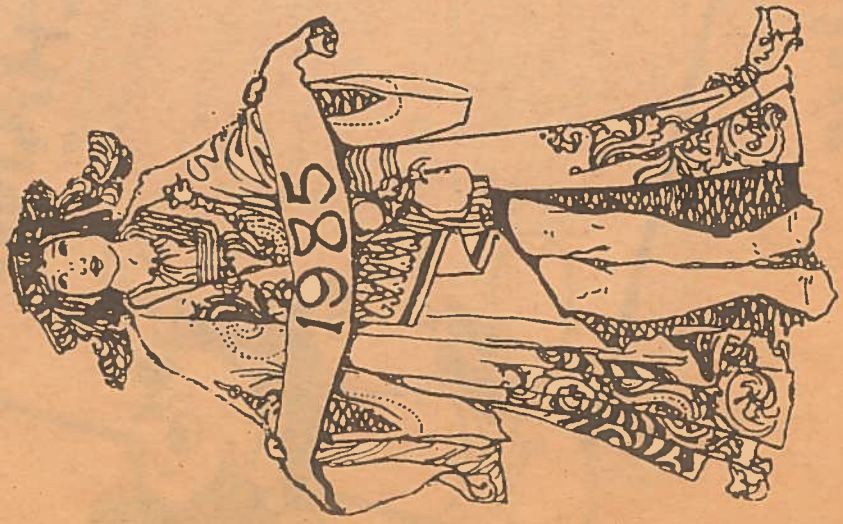


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Highlights of 1985 In Our Municipalities



With input of each municipal historian in Orleans County, we have selectively compiled a few highlights which have occurred in our townships and villages during 1985.

Albion Town Historian Edith Anderson notes the expansion of Bayex on East Avenue and completion of the Orleans Correctional Facility. Also, a new sandstone sign was erected near the entrance of Mt. Albion Cemetery.

Village of Albion Historian Neil Johnson feels one of the best accomplishments was the renewal of the Main Street bridge which was closed January through August, for repairs. He notes that the Free Methodist Church is building an annex to their ediface. The research for the downtown business district was completed by an architectural historian in late fall. With most of the paper work completed it should now soon be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Barre Town Historian Helen Mathes points out that Barre now has a Republican Supervisor for the first time in 23 years. She says that the Grange, although it has not disbanded, has turned their old Grange Hall over to the Presbyterian Church in Barre Center. She mentioned also that the third and fourth phase of the Oak Orchard Water Shed Project was undertaken during 1985.

Carlton Town Historian Lysbeth Hoffman assisted by retired Town Justice Clare Jones, mentioned several highlights for Carlton during 1985. A new fire house, Carlton Fire Station #1 was built in Waterport, a 4½ bay garage, it measures 48 x 68 feet. An historic marker was erected in front of the Kuckville United Methodist Church commemorating the 150th anniversary of its erection. A sign for the first time was put up identifying the Kent Cemetery.

The N.Y.S. and Great Lakes records for the largest Steelhead Rainbow Trout was broken twice within three days during May of 1985 with the fish being weighed in at Hatch and Elam at The Bridges. Mrs. Hoffman also mentioned she would appreciate any information to aid in her in her on-going research of Camp Don Yan Dah for Boy Scouts in the 1930's.

Clarendon Town Historian Alan Isselhard notes that the biggest event in Clarendon during 1985 was their 175th Jubilation. A book "Images of Clarendon" was published about the history of that area. As part of the various Jubilation festivities, a ball game was held between town officials and the Fire Company. A beauty pageant was held for Miss Clarendon. A gigantic parade took place along with a steak roast, dance, flea market and craft show, 1973 Mustang car raffle and an Ecumenical Service. An arboretum was put on the lawn of the Town Hall. A plaque will be mounted there during 1986 to honor the older Clarendon descendants. In other areas Mr. Isselhard points out that the quarry wants to expand which is being met with opposition. Zoning ordinances will be passed in early 1986 and the old town garage burned by a fire of mysterious origin in November.

Gaines Town Historian J. Howard Pratt gives us this bit of interesting information about more traffic on Route 104. "Early in 1985 the fees for the large trucks traveling the State Highway through Batavia nearly doubled. Now it is cheaper for the truckers to use Route 104 from Niagara Falls to Rochester and

other eastern points. The tons of freight these trucks carry daily total the amount carried on railroad trains. We could say a railroad of freight passed over Route 104 each working day."

Deputy Historian Delia Robinson points out that the Cobblestone Society celebrated its 25th anniversary and published a history of the society entitled "To Preserve and Educate." She also noted that through a Boy Scout project, the cemetery at Five Corners was cleaned up and monuments straightened with new foundations.

Kendall Town Historian Warner Scheik indicates that over ten new homes have been built in Kendall during 1985 thus increasing the taxable income for the town. This kind of expansion suggests that Kendall is fast becoming a suburb of Monroe County.

Murray-Holley Town and Village Historian Marcia DeFilippis notes the restoration of the Salisbury memorial Fountain on the Village Square in downtown Holley. The Presbyterian Church has been refaced with yellow brick. The old clock and bell were removed from the former Methodist Church in Holley to Descliples United Methodist Church in Clarendon. A museum was begun this year for Murray-Holley history. It is located in a room of the Legion Building. A huge Christmas Memory tree was instituted this year in Holley with a ceremony remembering deceased loved ones.

Ridgeway Town Historian Evelyn Allen points out that Sigma Inc, an electronics firm is renovating the former roller skating rink near Apple Grove for a plant. She also noted with regret the death of Milford Phinney of Phinney Tool Die. He was known as a philanthropic citizen interested in public affairs of the community and scouting.

Village of Medina Historian Cecelia White says Medina held another very successful Canal Festival in 1985. The American Wind Symphony Barge docked in Medina during August and held several concerts. A collection of dolls was put on display at the Medina Historical Society. Sacred Heart Church celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Shelby Town Historian Alice Zacher notes that Orleans County Junior Miss Tracey Fox of Millville won a Scholastic Achievement Award of N.Y.S. and was also chosen as one of the five finalists at Glens Falls. Construction of a new Lime Processing Plant at the Shelby Crushed Stone Products facility took place. In April the Iroquois Job Corp Center was selected as "Center of the Year" for 1984-85 for Region II of the Job Corp Program. Yesterday's Heritage, Shelby Mills, a manuscript by Herbert S. Weet, was edited by Alice Zacher and published by the Town of Shelby.

Yates-Lyndonville Town and Village Historian Virginia Cooper indicates that Parkside, a 16-unit housing complex on Maple Avenue opened in November for Senior Citizens and Handicapped persons. Lyndonville Vinegar was purchased by a Japanese firm known as Mitsukar U.S. Inc. of California. It is Japan's largest processor of vinegar and salad dressing.