

as a justice of the peace for the Town of Wawarsing, as village trustee, as town councilman, and as a county legislator. The Boy Scouts, Little League, and their church felt the benefits of Muller commitment.

Their closing statement, a "thank you" in the October 4, 1979, paper, says, in part, "Forty years at one job, 52 weeks a year, however rich and fulfilling, should be enough for anyone. But being one of the people of the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing, we consider was a privilege, which we enjoyed for practically all of our working life. For our 40 years, Ellenville has been good to The Journal. We trust the Journal has been good for Ellenville." There is no doubt that it was.

For all intents and purposes, that retirement signaled the end of *The Ellenville Journal*. Dion Barelle, the owner of the Community Herald in Livingston Manor, purchased the *Journal* and the Citizen Herald in 1982. With high hopes that the *Journal* would continue, Barrelle announced that his new venture would begin with a new staff and a new location. Sadly, the hopes did not achieve fruition.

(Editor's note: Parenthetically, most of the local staff of the *Journal*, who were summarily "pink-slipped" at Christmastime 1982, including long-time writer and editor Pat Clinton, were hired by the soon-to-be *Ellenville News*, which began publishing in March 1983 in the old **Hunt Memorial Building in Liberty Square**. The short-lived *News*, in homage and as a bow to tradition, retained the broadsheet size, format, and typestyles of the "old" *Journal*; the "new" *Journal* became a tabloid-sized paper HQ'd in Sullivan County, with only a mail-drop slot in Ellenville, and a circulation that dropped to fewer than 200, until it closed altogether.)

Very quietly, without any fanfare, *The Ellenville Journal* drifted into history. ❖

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Following last month's request for any pictures of Dr. Alice Divine, the *Ellenville Library* received this picture. It was from a newspaper article, so the half-toned copy from which this was rendered is not ideal, but we thought you would like to see what Dr. Divine looked like. Any actual photos or paintings would still be welcome, as would other material related to past articles.

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