Perspective of Hainesville by Robert I. Legge, President of the Village of Hainesville

I have been asked by the author of this History of Hainesville, to look into the future, and make predictions of the future course of our historic village.

I think the village will progress slowly, but surely, because in spite of our small population, we are very fortunate in having several capable young men and women who are interested and concerned about their future and the future of the Village of Hainesville. I believe that there will be several small businesses, and services operating on both sides of Routes 120 and 134, and also along Hainesville Road.

I see several new homes being built in the residential areas and it follows that the population will, at least, double by 1986.

I believe that a Village Hall will be constructed and land will be set aside for recreational activities for our children.

These visions and predictions will come true only if dedication to community services, by the capable young men and women within the Village is continued, as I am sure it will be.

This village, or any village, will prosper only as much as the people within the village want it to prosper.

These are my hopes and predictions for the Village of Hainesville.

If they are carried out, the residents can be proud to live in, and raise their families in the Village of Hainesville.

With a lot of work, a lot of imagination, and with the help of God, these predictions can come true.

Sincerely, Robert I Legge, Mayor August, 1976

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I do not know what the future holds for Hainesville, but I am optimistic about the growth and change that will soon encompass this small village.

Joanne E. Johnson

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