Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

Sep/Oct 2012, Issue

2014 Calendar / Share Session

Welcome back, after a month's absence. Debra and I enjoyed almost three weeks in France, returning home just in time to witness some near-peak autumn foliage color.

A cool-ish weekend of temperatures in the mid-50s had preceded our Columbus Day meeting. Present were Phyllis Beechert, Christine Mickelsen, Orrin & Shirley Stevens, Albie Hulick, Fred & Carol Lamb, Ron Golden, Bette Welter, David & Judy Rundell, Lew Knott, and Don Teator. It was nice to see some new faces (just as it is nice to see long-familiar faces!).

We started with a share session.

Phyllis came with a number of local "ordinary" documents, a service I appreciate. Among them was a Spring 2012 Albany Medical Center newsletter recognizing Irene Cross' contribution to the Patient Pavilion Pediatric Oncology Equipment Fund. Irene was a Greenville/ Medusa/Middleburgh community member.

Other documents included: A Service of Remembrance flyer for Roberta Jennings; the 2012 Memorial Day at Veterans' Park flyer; and the April 10, 2011 Celebration of a New Ministry (Episcopal) booklet.

In addition, Phyllis contributed her notepad with the names from the framed Donor List that was on the Gazebo. Unfortunately, Phyllis undertook this job just as moisture was obliterating some of the engraved names; fortunately, Phyllis got to it in time to record the vast majority of the names. Perhaps, I can use it for an article and see if people can remember twentysome years ago to finish off the list. Thank you, Phyllis, for such useful historical work.

Lew Knott brought in, and contributed to the files, six issues of the Greenville Local, dating October 16 – November 20, 1935. (A brief aside first. I have in the Historian's files a continuous supply of Greenville Locals from mid-1963 to present, with a smattering of earlier copies. If you know of copies before mid-1963, and those copies need a home, let me know. (Another program could be the holdings of Locals here, and elsewhere.)

I amused myself for a couple hours one day perusing these six issues. Each issue was

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1935

Colonial Stores

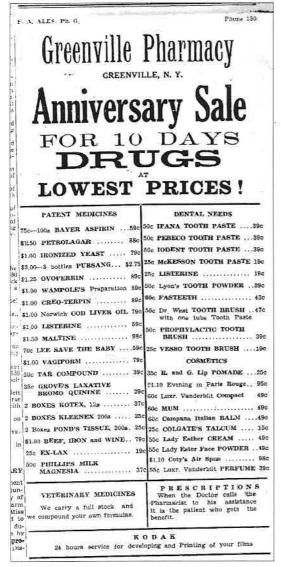
Stevens Ŝtore

Hall & Wood

L. H. Powell & Co.

Cash Specials for Week of Oct. 14 to Oct. 19

= 1	IVORY SALT Woroester 2 Pkgs. 13c
ling	OATS Crystal Wedding A Glass Dish in Each Package Small Pkg. 10c
-	COCOA Bliss 2-Lb, Can 18c
-	MATCHES Birdseye 6 Pkgs, 25c
1	JELL-O Any Flavor Pkg, 6c
	TOMATOES Standard 4 No. 2 Cans 29c
~~	COCOANUT Baker's Southern Style 2 Cans 25c
Mrs.	TOMATO SOUP Campbell's
1t24	MUSTARD Acme-Beardsley's Jar 10c
	CODFISH 49 Fathern-Sweet Meat
.rold	PEANUT BUTTER Thrift Large 1½ Lb. Jar 25c
ione	COFFEE Sunny Day 2 Lbs. 35c
	GINGER BREAD Dromedary Pkg. 21c
	CRANBERRY SAUCE Ocean Spray Can 17c
lock	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE Florida Gold 2 No. 1 Cans 15c
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	BLUEBERRIES Eagle 2 No. 2 Cans 35c SPICED PUMPKIN Sniders Ready for Pie 2 No. 2 Cans 19c
pd,	PIE CRUST Flake 2 Pkg1 25c
-	SNOWDRIFT For cake, biscuit, pastry, and frying Lb. Pkg, 19c
\$1.00	VERMONT MAID SYRUP 12.0z Bot 19c
reen-	WHITE HOUSE COFFEE Lb. Pkg. 23c
tf21	PILLSBURY PANCAKE FLOUR Small Pkg, 10c Large Pkg, 25c
99,400	TOMATO JUICE or COCKTAIL Lily of the Valley 26-Oz. Jar 17c
-	PINEAPPLE HIICE Dole No. 1 2 No. 2 Car. 25c
	PINEAPPLE Diamond Head-Dole Sliced No. 1 Flat Can 19c LIPTON'S TEA Yellow Label 12-Lb. Pkg. 23c 14-Lb. Pkg. 43c
	LIPTON'S TEA Yellow Label 14-Lb. Pkg. 23c 14-Lb. Pkg. 43c
	SALAD DRESSING Shady Lawn 8-Oz, Jar 13c Pint Jar 21c Qt, Jar 35c
banh	SANDWICH SPREAD B-Oz. Jar 13c
ums	CHIPSO Flakes or Granules Lge. Pkg, 21c CAMAY SOAP . 2 Cakes 11c
Ba-	CAMAY SOAP 2 Cakes IIc
1124	P. & G. SOAP 3 Cakes 13c
	FRENCH'S BIRD SEED 2 Pkgs, 25c
	FRENCH'S BIRD GRAVEL 2 Pkgs, 17e
	RRILLO Small Pkg. 8c Large Pkg. 15c
~~~	RUSSELL FLY RIBBONS 3 For 5c SARDINES in Tomato Sauce 3 Oval Cans 25c
han	RITZ The World's Finest Cracker Pound Package 23c
108	N. B. C. Special COOKIE ASSORTMENT Lb. 25e
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larger sheet, folded in half to make four pages, 15" x 22". The editor was Ralph M. Yeomans, with F. G. Bleezarde the business manager.

Many of the issues contained the GCS Gargoyle (a student publication), with Volume 2, Issue 1 appearing on the October 16 issue.

Also, an unnamed person had contributed a continuing series travelogue about Canada, the final four pieces of which are in these issues.

One ad that ran in each issue was one for Colonial Stores, which I scanned and is found on the front page. Three other scans are included.

### Other tidbits:

 Wessel's Garage, 50 cents for labor (this garage stood where the current day Mangold Realty sits which, of course, for so many years was recognized as Flach's Barbershop, next to the creek entrance into the pond).

- "gossip" columns from these towns:
  Greenville (by far, the greatest amount details),
  Greenville Center, Coxsackie, Grapeville,
  Lambs Corners, Windham, West Greenville,
  East Greenville, Dormansville, South Westerlo,
  Newry, Freehold (once), Cairo, Oak Hill (once),
  Lampman Hill (I believe to be near the junction
  of 403, McCafferty Rd, Medusa Rd from Norton
  Hill), and Latham's (don't know where this is).
- L. H. Powell is advertising his stores in Norton Hill and Medusa for paint.
- Cecil Smith (Greenville) is advertising fresh & salted meats, as well as his taxi service.
- Mrs. Emma Phinney, of Freehold, is advertising "Fancy & General Merchandise, Refreshments"
- Gus Baker has dinners, lunches, souvenirs, candy, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco, and Draught Beer (Main Street, Greenville)
- chicken thieves stole from Hercules Rivenburgh and C. Homer Hook on North Street, Greenville
- Albert Koehler is selling refrigerators and appliances
- Catskill reports a mail robbery.
- Alfred M. Johnsen's obit is posted. He was born in Norway in 1895.
- Earthquake tremors, at the beginning of November, cause a stir.
- Jesse Baker's obit shows he is age 42, leave wife Addie Burgess Baker (Greenville Center).
- Mrs. S. M. Lynam (Freehold) is injured when she falls out of a moving car.
- Charles Hamann, Jr., 23 years old, is accused of possible patricide when the father returns from checking out a possible theft of his chickens in the dark and is nearly killed with shots from the son's gun.
- Rev. Norman Adams returns from Germany to address an assembly of students to talk of European travels and opinions.
- The 45th Christian Endeavor Convention of the Catskill Mountain Union was held in the Methodist Church in Norton Hill.

Thank you, Lew, for such easy, but seldom seen, entertainment.

Attention was drawn to the 20th birthday of the Vanderbilt Park, celebrated during Greenville Day at the end of September. Although the park seems universally enjoyed today, its acceptance twenty years ago faced some strong headwinds, and I am pleased to see it be a vital part of our community today.

I relayed a request for information about the Greenville Drive-In. I have given to Ed Spannagel copies of articles, one about the drive-in's inception in 1959, and the others about the change in ownership in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Then, we turned to the matter of the evening – looking over photos for the 2014 calendar, and thinking about people to recognize for their community efforts.

Don had gathered about fifty photos to look over, laid out past calendars to review, and brought out a dozen photo albums of our hamlets for attendees to look over. A sheet and pen were available to note good choices for the upcoming calendar.

So, for about 45 minutes, we wandered, chatted, looked some more, and commented, before heading out the door.

The same idea was proposed for the recognitions of community members that the calendar has entertained for a number of years. A short list of suggestions Don had received was distributed, along with names of the past honorees, with room left to suggest other deserving people.

Most were names, although a few organizations were noted, the first time that was suggested.

Our next meeting (and last of the year) is November 12. The agenda will go as follows, with room for contributions from the floor.

===a 20 minute travelogue, of my trip to France, showing some of our highlights – chateaus, vineyards, typical towns and small town buildings, churches, food. I say France but I really mean Paris, the Loire Valley (a two to three hour drive south and a bit west of Paris), and Burgundy (a three to four hour drive eastward from Tours in the Loire Valley). The trip back to Paris took a speck over two hours. For

those of you who have visited France, feel free to share your memories (did you like tripe? Not me.).

===>narrowing down the photo list. Your help last month led to a few definites, and I will try to narrow even further.

===>and we should perhaps narrow our list of recognition possibilities. We started with three nominations pre-meeting, was joined by five to ten more, with no consensus on anyone. Typically, we share guidelines, come up with some possibilities, winnow down to some really-should-do's, and then leave the final decision up to me, which seems to be working for the photos. However, no one suggestion for a character recognition seems to be gathering agreement, and I would prefer not to have to make this decision from such a spread of worthy contenders.

So, I have a couple ideas to think about before attending next meeting, or, if not attending, to email, call or send your opinion.

One, suggestions for recognition cited the Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1935

## School Collector's Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THE TAX LIST AND WARRANT FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SCHOOL TAXES IN THE GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, AND THAT I WILL RECEIVE ALL TAXES PAID TO ME WITHIN .80 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE AT ONE PER CENT.

I WILL COLLECT TAXES AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ON THE SPECIFIED DATES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A. M. AND 4 P. M.

### Clarence Ingalls, Collecter

	Tax Rates as follows	
1	Greenville	1,27
ĕ	Westerlo	1.053
*	Rensselaerville	002
í	New Baltimore	1.474
	Coeymans	0.81
6	Durham	. 1.60
	Cairo	1,843
	New Scotland	1.024
٧	Coxsackie	

Mrs. Harold Holt.

#### RURAL MAIL MEN HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The Rural Mail Carriers Association of Greene County, held their annual meeting and dinner, at the Park Hotel in Freehold, on Wednesday evening October 23rd.

A large number of the mail men and their wives were present to enjoy the affair, which as in past years was a success.

Those attending from Greenville were Mr. and Mrs. Thurman C. Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Abrams; others present included Mr. Mrs. Myron Van Schaack, Mr. and ities to New York city. Mrs. Raymond Boomhower, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Augus- not be determined until after an intus Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer vestigation by postal authorities. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Wood, Mrs. Edward Roberts, Mrs. Barker, postal authorities in their search for Volna Titus and Mr. Brandow.

### MAIL ROBBERY AT CATSKILL DEPOT

Five bandits traveling in a yellow roadster robbed a mail truck at the Catskill depot of the W. S. R. R. at about 6:30 on Monday night.

The robbers bound and gagged George Haddon, 80, driver of the mail truck and also H. C. Bishop, 60, the station agent.

It is thought the robbers were after mail sacks that they believed contained cash and securities that had been mailed by local banks as it is the custom of some of the banks in this area to mail cash and secur-

Local and railroad police are aiding the criminals.

Looking ahead.

I will continue working on the resorts project.

But..., one project that has been on my radar, and should be started, is the listing of and documenting all the churches, both in the Town of Greenville, and perhaps, in the Greenville Central School District. I do have folders about Town of Greenville churches, and a little on the churches in the district. And... if anyone would like to tackle this one (looking at the sources, writing up summaries that I could put on my web site, picking the best pictures, etc.), I would be pleased to

help. It would make a great winter project. (Having a computer, or finding a way to word process the files would make the transfer of information much easier!)

Company. A possibility would be to have each one be one of our monthly photo-caption combinations, at least for a start, and then, if a fuller recognition is desired, save them for a future calendar.

Two.... well a caution first. Publicizing the names of people to be recognized may be a good idea, or it may make people, especially the modest or circumspect, uneasy. Taking that chance. I will share the names I have received so far. (I think being on the list is an honor in itself.)

- Ginny Mangold
- David & Pat Elsbree
- Dave Battini
- Rotary Club
- Kathy Williams
- Richard Ferriolo
- Judy & David Rundell
- Tom Carney
- Phyllis Beechert

Next? If we can be the usual careful selves we are, perhaps, we can narrow down to a leading candidate or two, focusing on the contributions these people have made to the community, above and beyond the ordinary call of life. Let's give it a try; if all else fails, you can direct me to make a choice (and I will be as considerate of your opinions as I can).

#### More Notes:

***Civil War Round Table meets the Wednesday after our meeting (Nov 14, 7:30 p.m.). Dr. Matt Farina who is a retired pediatric cardiologist and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College in Albany will speak to the group on Civil War Medicine. The presentation will deal with the myths of 19th century medicine and will cover the practical advances that occurred during the war but are often overlooked. A replica amputation kit and other medical items will be on display as part of the presentation.

The Friday following our meeting (Nov 16, 7 pm), the Library is sponsoring a book signing/talk by Robert & Johanna Titus, authors of a new book about the Ice Age in the Hudson Valley. The Tituses will explain the geology of the Hudson River. Over the years, Robert has presented programs for the GLHG about our area's geology.

OK, enough for now.

I hope to see you in November, or hear from you soon.