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Unknown riders (including ladies) aboard the Ogdensburg Tally-Ho somewhere outside of the city. Year unknown. (Photo courtesy of Florence Fine Strong)

Quarterway House

Woodbridge Tavern

Susan K. Race

Five miles from Canton Village, on the Ogdensburg road, is a large, attractive and very interesting historic building known in the early stage coach days as "The Quarterway House". Today it is the dwelling on a farm owned by Frank J. Norton.

In the year 1803 John Hopkins and his family came to this vicinity from New England. Later, the exact year is unknown, Mr. Hopkins erected this building and operated it as a tavern for several years. This was the first stop on the stage trip to Ogdensburg after leaving the Stillman Foote Inn just inside the village limits of Canton.

Records show that the tavern and approximately 125 acres of farm land was purchased in Nov. 1844 by George Woodbridge for the sum of \$1,775. A five-room extension consisting of a large dining room, pantry and one bedroom, with two large upstairs bedrooms was added to the original building and it continued to be operated as an inn but became commonly known as "Woodbridge Tavern".

Strange as it may seem, this house had no fireplaces but was comfortably heated by wood burning stoves. Some of the upstairs rooms had small box type stoves to provide warmth. Today such stoves are scarce and expensive collector's items. The bar was located in the kitchen with an opening into a large front sitting room. Today kitchen cupboards occupy this space. The ball room was a large upstairs room with a raised platform for the musicians and plank benches built along the walls to provide seats for the guests.

A long woodshed was removed from the rear of the house several years ago and replaced with a much smaller extension, part of which is now a garage. Altho completely modernized as to the plumbing and heating very few changes have been made in the original floor plans of this eighteen-room home which includes a huge attic.

A slaughter house was located some distance back of the tavern in a space now occupied by one of the farm buildings, and a small brick smoke house stood, until recent years, in a side yard.

The exterior of this house shows little change from that pictured in Evert & Holcomb's History of St. Lawrence Co., 1749-1878. The long front porches still welcome you to the two front entrances. Painted white with dark green trim, set well back from the highway, with a spacious, well kept lawn and towering maple trees this home reflects well the loving care of its various owners.



Faville Cheese factory, Woodbridge Corners, about 1914. (photo loaned by Beatrice T. Norton)

George Woodbridge was a hard working, prosperous and prominent farmer and in 1870 was delivering more milk to Faville cheese factory than any other farmer in the community. It may be of interest to mention here that Faville factory was located on land adjoining the Woodbridge farm, and was one of eight cheese factories in the town of Canton. There were also three butter



Quarterway House, or Woodbridge Tavern, now owned by Frank J. Norton. Photo taken about 1920 was loaned by Beatrice T. Norton.

factories. No record can be found of when this factory was built, but in 1870 the milk from 150 cows was being delivered there. It operated continually until 1921 (except that it closed in November and re-opened in March of each year). E. H. Wood, now retired and living in North Russell, was the last owner and operator and the building was taken down in the early 1920's. A factory statement dated Sept. 1, 1900 when E. C. Gray was proprietor, G. M. Conger, salesman, and J. G. Myers, secretary, lists the price of milk as 81¢ per hundred pounds and cheese at 10¢ a pound.

Twenty-two years after he had purchased the farm George Woodbridge died in Nov. 1866 and the property passed to his wife, Philena, and son, Emery G. There is no record of when Woodbridge Tavern closed, but the farm was carried on by Emery until his death in 1889.

In 1881 Emery G. Woodbridge had given one acre of land, located on the corner of the Canton-Ogdensburg and Morley roads, to School District No. 7, and a large schoolhouse was built there in that same year and was known as Woodbridge School. With a seating capacity of thirty or more pupils it was used until 1945 when Dist. No. 7 became a part of Canton Central School District. Today the building is a modernized and attractive dwelling. Prior to 1881 a small schoolhouse was located about one mile in on the Morley road (Slick Street).

Although during his lifetime Emery Woodbridge was considered very well-to-do this was far from the truth, as was revealed soon after his death, and in April, 1890 the farm was purchased by F. L. Gill, then sold in April, 1904 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orville Norton.

F. O. Norton was for many years a well known auctioneer, also an agent for Farmer's Fire Insurance Co., and for twenty-five years an assessor for the town of Canton. Following his death in 1940 the property passed to his son, Harry Coy Norton, who continued to operate the farm, also carried on the fire insurance agency and was a town councilman for several years before his death in Feb. 1965. His widow, Beatrice T. Norton, continues to occupy the home, and is a popular music teacher.

The farm is now owned and operated by their son, Frank J. Norton, who also represents the same insurance company as did his father and grandfather, and was recently elected a town councilman.

It was from this early Woodbridge family that the location became known as Woodbridge Corners, and Woodbridge Hill, although the hill was removed during road construction of 1969-70. There are no longer any Woodbridge families living in this area, but the name will live on so long as the Canton-Ogdensburg, Morley and Rensselaer Falls roads join to form Woodbridge Corners.

From the Press of 1884

The Adirondacks

Feb. 14, 1884

One of the biggest humbugs before the people at present is the Adirondack affair. Many honest men are being deceived by the subtle arguments, or rather statements, of designing men. It is pretended for one thing, that it is necessary to preserve the great forests of the Adirondacks, or the Hudson river will dry up and cease to be useful as a navigable stream. If this were true I am willing to admit it is a matter that should receive the attention of the state. But it is not true, and, what is more, the Hudson would be better as a navigable stream if not a drop of Adirondack water flowed into it. Look at the following facts and judge: The city of Troy is located about eight miles above Albany on the Hudson. At this place (Troy) the tide actually raises two feet or more. At Troy the river is dammed, or the tide would extend even farther up the river. The base of the Troy dam is only forty-seven inches above low water mark at Sandy Hook, which is about 160 miles below Troy — showing that between these two places it is a comparative level. Hudson city is located about 26 miles below Albany, and at this point the water is deep enough so that the U.S. steamship Minnesota, a war vessel, can come up as far as here without difficulty, and this is a very large vessel. Now what does all this show? It shows that the Hudson river is an arm of the sea, and there is no danger of its drying up so as to be unfit for navigation until the Atlantic ocean dries up, and that all this talk about the danger to the Hudson is a humbug. But we stated above, the Hudson would be better if not a drop of water from the Adirondacks flowed into it. The following are our reasons for this opinion. The effect of the Adirondacks

on the Hudson is as follows: The snow is held there till spring when it is melted and seeks an outlet; lowering from the wilderness it brings with it a lot of refuse and ice which tears up the bottom of the streams, and this is carried into the Hudson by every spring freshet where more or less of it is deposited. The dirt thus washed into the Hudson is called here "silt," and every year the state spends \$30,000 to clear the Hudson and keep the channel clear. If this washing did not occur the state would be saved this sum of money, and the Hudson river would be a better navigable stream.

What is the real truth of this Adirondack matter? It is simply this: There is a class of people who want this Adirondack country for an immense park or play ground, and their selfishness is such they want the state to pay for it. They are willing that Northern New York should become a "howling wilderness" or that portion which is not so should be cut off from the great centre of life for all time to come, if their pleasures are only provided for. But I fear I am too charitable with them; their object is not even entitled to as worthy a name as this. If their schemes are carried out, visions of jobbery and large sums of money to be annually spent by the state, are in the future. Hence they are even now at work buying up the press, supporting lobbyists at Albany, and scattering broad cast through the state petition papers, duping honest and unsuspecting men into signing the same, praying the legislature to "preserve the Adirondacks." We don't need any legislation to preserve the Adirondacks. Let them take the course of nature. Let their mineral resources be developed. Let railroads be built through their length and breadth, and bring wealth and prosperity to the state, instead of increased taxation for years to come.

ZERO

(Daily Journal, Ogdensburg, N.Y.)



Prominent Watertown men were members of a hunting party at "Uncle Fide" Scott's camp at Lost Lake 35 years ago when today's picture was taken. The group is shown in front of the old guide's picturesque log cabin.

Left to right: Harvey R. Waite, president of the Agricultural Insurance Company; Charles M. Rice, local pathologist; Glenn Yale, now residing in the south; Dr. Fred-eric R. Calkins, head of the local surgical firm of Calkins & Farmer; unknown; "Uncle Fide" Scott.

SALUTE

The youth of the Universalist Church dug 23 maples between 4' and 6' high, making them available to church members for Arbor Day Planting. They were ALL taken by grateful families.

NOTICE

Since our reminder about historic plaque thefts, many more have disappeared. Please notify your supervisor, highway superintendent and the History Center of known thefts.

to be done in a workmanlike manner...

by Mary H. Biondi

(School district controversies are nothing new, especially when it comes to spending the parents' money. Among the archives of the County History Center in Canton, is found a number of District Clerk minute books. The Center welcomes such records as rich resource material for researchers)

The district clerk's book for "Perishville District No. 14" intrigues the researcher. Recently given to the Parishville Historical Association by a descendant of an early scholar, it yields fascinating facts and personalities.

The boundaries are given as "the four corners of the roads on old Turnpike,....north towards the red school house to the north line of Nathan Christy, thence West to strike and include the Jeremiah Wilson lot. Then south directly to Wm. Darling's southwest corner. . .east on his south line of Pary's lot to the Turnpike, then to the place of beginning." shall strike Joseph Pary's southeast corner...on line of Pary'e lot to the Turnpike, then to the place of beginning." Residents within these bounds were called together to meet at Jehiel Starks' dwelling house on Jan. 28 of 1840 at five o'clock in the afternoon to select district officers and organize the district.

At that meeting James Freeman was elected moderator, Sylvanus Batty district clerk, Jehiel A. Starks first trustee, John Blanchard second and John L. Perkins third trustee. Cyrus Perkins was district collector. The following residents were present besides the men mentioned above: John Barret, John and William and Martin Lonas, John Parmer (Palmer?), Joseph Perry (the Pary above), Joseph and Lyman Ormsbee, Calvin Arville (Averill), Bela Bumpus, Roger Brown and ---- Gleason.

It was unanimously resolved that the schoolhouse site "Shall be on the northeast corner of the Barret lot near James Freeman lot." A tax of one hundred dollars was to be raised to build the "house, eighteen by twenty, and other appendages that is necessary."

At the following meeting additional specifications were "to set on a foundation 18 inches from the grown (ground) andfive 15-lite windows, two roes of seats." By February new moderator and collector were chosen. By June 19, the trustees had collected \$71 of the \$76 required for the actual building, to be paid to John Blanchard for finishing the house. They then raised \$8.25 for a stove, and \$5 for the deed, and miscellaneous appendages. The building was "excepted" by the trustees as built.

School was to be held for three months, a vote was taken to pay half the public money for the winter and half for the summer school.

At the next January meeting a summary was given. The District had held school "four months and nine days" with duly appointed teacher during the year since its organization, had received NO money except \$3.58 from old District 18 which was applied to the teacher's pay. They had paid out, however, during the year \$18.42 for teacher's wages. (No hint of where it came from.)

The number of children in the District between 5 and 16 was 34 and there were 34 pupils in the school. These were the parents and number of pupils that first year: Bela Bumpus 2, Wm. Lonas 3, Lyman Ormsby 2, Jehial A. Starks 4, John E. Barret 2, Calvin Avrill 1, John L. Perkins 2, Elliot Brown 4, John Blanchard 3, Levi Sampson 3, Stoughton Cows 1.

ESTABLISH A LIBRARY

It was not long before a librarian, Mr. Ormsbee, was chosen and a vote taken to pay the District library money for a library. Books could be drawn on Saturday once a fortnight and returned the following. School was to commence first Monday in December, and each family was to provide a half cord of wood per pupil they sent, to be "furnished and corded up at the school house" before that date.

The next year \$27.49 was received for salaries and



Miss Susan Cayey, when she taught in the District, A valued present day member, Susan lives in Colton.

\$5.92 to purchase a library, of which there were 21 volumes. There were still 34 children 5-16, but 41 were taught. A.M. Hobert 1, Paschal Story 3, and Charles Christy were new names.

Perhaps it would be of interest to know which books were purchased with the library money, "all books are sound" at yearend reports the librarian: Life and Works of Dr. Franklin (2 vol.); The Farmers Instructor (2 vol.); Pursuit of Knowledge (2 vol.); Animal Mechanism and Physiology; The Elephant; Vegetable Substance; Universal History (6 vol.); Illustrations of Mechanics; Discovery in the Polar Seas, etc; Parley Natural Theology (2 vol.); American Biography (2 vol.).

In ensuing years there was considerable discussion at meetings about hiring a woman teacher, raising money for repairing the schoolhouse and whether the parents should furnish "good, dry hardwood" or it should be furnished on contract.

In 1843 at the October Annual meeting it was resolved to build a "wood shed and backhouse, said shed 15 x 12 of sufficient height to clear the door in the (school) house. Backhouse to be 6 ft. long and 4 feet wide, vault stoned, 3 seats made comfortable for children, all to be built with good lumber, doors to be hung with butts and screws." Levit Hatch built them both for \$7.75.

In 1845 a woman teacher was to be hired and "let her board herself, board to be paid in grain." Later repairs "in a good workmanlike manner," raising \$1.97 for furniture, a tax for wood and support of the school were discussed. They purchased wood from 1849 on, some at 39¢ a cord before Dec. 15 and 37-1/2¢ after the 15th. Repairs were done by the trustees themselves.

In 1853 wood cost 51¢ per cord and they resolved to "have a man teacher not a boy." (Wouldn't you like to know what had happened?)

By 1854 they needed a new school, calling a special meeting. After several "adjourned" sessions, the chosen committee reported and they voted 10 to 3 to "retain the old site." Immediately they moved to purchase a site on the corner of J.H. Perkins lot. That was voted down 10

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Workmanlike manner (Continued from Page 5)

to 5. Then a vote to rescind the motion of former meeting to build a new house was taken--10 yeas, 7 nays. Then a vote to build a house on the old site--8 against, 9 in favor--thoroughly confused the issue. Meeting was then adjourned from April to next annual meeting in October. Nothing was acted upon then for the new schoolhouse, it being the work of a special meeting.

The old "new site--old site" controversy reopened. Voted 12 to 6 to procure a new site; build a new house; a building committee of 3 be chosen; raise money--a third in July, a third in January and the other third the following January--to build after the plan of the Robinson School house; that this house be sold tonight to give possession when we get a new one. 10 in favor, 12 against. The clerk added, "Moved that this meeting be adjourned without date. The proceedings of this meeting are not legal and another meeting had to be called. C.S. Culver, Clerk."

THE NEW SCHOOL

Eventually a site was purchased, moving the wall and fence was auctioned to a bidder for \$7.50. The trustees were to raise \$250, for a house "built similar to the Robison (Robinson) school after a plan drawn by trustees... as good material and as good workmanship... to be painted outside." The house was bid off at \$236 by E.C. Culver. (That house still stands today, converted to a summer dwelling.)

In 1855 they procured a "stan and pipe and zink" for schoolhouse and built a privy 4 x 8 in "railroad style, painted outside." It was done for \$5.70. They sold the old house and lot for \$9.75 and stove \$1.50 and gave commendation to the builder of the new one.

The annual meeting of 1859 must have been a "hot" one. The matter of getting the wood was argued, voted, rescinded. It was finally let at 50¢ a cord for 12 cords of "good hard maple and beech, 2 foot long to be corded in the shed by Nov. 20."

The seats were to be altered "by slanted them 2 inches from the top down to the seat," for \$1.25 to S. Chapman. (There were those who thought this luxury too newfangled for children, no doubt.) A privy contract "4 x 8 on the inside to be built of two-inch plank lined with half inch on the inside, to be nailed with 40 penny nails, a petition through the middle, good seats plained, doors to be hung with iron strap hinges, well boarded and shingled to put on good underpinning one foot high, the sills to be 4 x 8, to be finished by November 25th all to be done in good workmanlike manner." Mr. Chapman also did this work.

The house was to be plastered for \$2.75 in 1860 and partitioned with good seasoned hemlock lumber for \$1.80 and banked (for winter) for \$3.70.

The summer session of May 14 to Sept. 2, 1864 saw 38 pupils going to school to Ellen A. Perkins. Their names appear in the record.

Most of the next year's minutes seemed concerned most with procurement of "good hard maple, birch or beach boddy wood." The same names seem to consistently vote NO on items, especially for improvements, and at times these were citizens without children in the school! (Times have not changed too much.)

In 1872 a motion was lost to pay \$2.00 to clean the school house. In 1877 once again the privy was subject of much of the session with contract to clean it out, new seat all through, new spruce door, cracks battened with board, newly shingled and partition to be repaired, all for \$3.75 in good w.m.l. manner. Plastering and "new seats maid and old repaired, 6-8 lights of glass put in, 2 new rods in stove" all to be done for \$2.00. (They had destructive mischief then, too.) They voted to use the same kind of books that had formerly been used in this district. (Why had they been changed?)

The minute book ends in 1878 with a new hassle--vote to lay new floor and build new seats was yea'd and nay'd a long time. Suggestions to tear out desks and seats and put in new ones lost. To lay new floor, build new seats and work in old seats as far as suitable also lost. The vote which carried was "to not dow anything about it."

This must have been an emotional meeting judging by the notes and erratic handwriting. The value of such books to the researcher at a history center cannot be measured. Besides vital statistics they give a picture of community life, local character and the pride of "workmanlike manner" of a day long gone. If you find one, please share it with us.



School House as it looks today, a private home.

Our members lost

A TRIBUTE

For the past number of years various articles on Adirondack history have appeared in this quarterly, under the authorship of Leslie N. Rist of Newcomb. They demonstrated not only a fine gift for painstaking research on the part of their author, but revealed freshly rich facts to little known phases of local history. Above all, they constituted a valuable addition to the repository of knowledge of Adirondack history.

Leslie Rist was unique in the sense that, even if he did not wear the formal mantle of historian, he was, in fact, just that. Many times, in his self-effacing fashion, he would supply answers to intricate questions as to the exact time and place of obscure events. He possessed the ability to track down elusive historic references with enviable patience and skill. And, he was generous to a fault in sharing his fund of knowledge with a wide scope of associates. If you wanted the date of a certain event and could not readily

research it, a call to Leslie always received the cheerful response you knew you would get... and the correct date.

All this arose from the wellsprings of a soul deeply involved with his beloved Adirondacks. Leslie's recent passing from our midst marks a loss for all those who shared his great interest in our history. We are enriched, however, in having gained a more vital knowledge of Adirondack history because of his labors. No man could have achieved a brighter goal.

Gene O'Connor

(Editors note: Leslie who researched without an automobile by bus or taxi wherever he could find a library, was tragically the victim of a flash fire. He will be missed.)

Other long time supporters of our association noted in passing from the scene recently are Seymour Rutherford of Waddington, Miss Emily McMasters and Lucy D. Snow, aged 99. Mrs. Snow was the mother of Earle and Everett A. Corey (formerly of Hermon), and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flavius Stalbird of Russell.

(Vignette)

Memories of home By LAURA GILLETT

Just to remind us of the good old days when our grandparents and great grandparents were our age, perhaps it will make your burdens of today seem lighter--

Most of the food they had at each meal was completely prepared in the home.

In reading through a diary of this writer's mother, I found that she had kept a record of her baking each day and this was the total summation at the end of the year: 291 loaves of bread, 247 pies, 961 cookies, 1,603 doughnuts and 124 cakes. This was for the husband and wife, one child 7 yrs. of age and a hired man on the farm, besides visiting guests.

If a family had cows they set aside pans of milk on racks, let the cream rise, skimmed it off to set and sour a little. They then got out the churn and made butter, salted it tastefully and packed it in jars stored in the cellar for future use during the rest of the year. The milk left after skimming could be left to sour more and made into cottage cheese then all surplus remainder of the milk was fed to the pigs and grain added to it to fatten them.

After the pigs grew to a large size (often 200 or 300 pounds) the men would butcher and carefully dress off the hair from the pigs, remove unwanted parts within the hog, saving the heart, tongue and liver for delicious meals. They then cut up and packed the large pieces of fat in a salted brine in a large jar down cellar for use during the year, the hams and shoulders, likewise were placed in a brine, sometimes called "pickle", in the cellar. Some were taken out and smoked in upturned barrels with burning corn cobs underneath.

Lard was tried out from the surplus fat of the hog, stored in tubs in the cellar and used the year around.

On the farms they butchered their own beef when needed. Some were put in brine in the cellar and some made into corned beef to use at any time. One of the most tasty methods was to cut the beef in small pieces, pack it in jars and boil for 2 or 3 hrs, covering with a little fat and allowing it to seal, then it could be kept almost indefinitely.

Chickens and turkeys were raised on the farm and in chicken houses near village homes and used for food as they were needed. Thus most of the meat was raised at home in rural sections with much sold to the village people. Also plenty of eggs for the family and to sell for a profit, traditionally, for the wife's "pin money."

Gardens were a must for every one who had the space of land for one, and all the vegetables needed for the year including potatoes and beans were raised and stored. Many vegetables had to be canned and placed on the cellar shelves. From these gardens in the fall pickles and relishes of many kinds were made by the busy housewife from her choice recipes. Combinations of corn, cucumbers, green tomatoes, onions, beans, and water melon rinds, etc., catsup from ripe tomatoes and many cans of ripe tomatoes for future use were stored. They also made their own jellies and conserves.

It was really a sight to go into these cellars in late fall and see the supply for the year ahead. No need for starvation if they planned for the future and not much strain on the pocket book.

Congregation Anshe Zophen



Contributed by Hyman Fisher

The earliest written record of the Congregation Anshe Zophen is a deed conveying the original cemetery lot to Nathan Frank and Charles Paris on October 21, 1873. On September 6, 1875, the Congregation Anshe Zophen was incorporated under the laws of New York State. The original incorporators were Nathan Frank, M. Berwin, Charles Paris, Joseph Pincus, William Wolfe, Aaron Wolfe, A.N. Levinson, A. Epstein, Philip Goldstone, E.B. Freidburger; Max Tumpowsky and C.J. Prager.

The original Constitution and By-Laws laid down the rules by which our present Congregation is governed, except for amendments made necessary by the passage of time and change in custom.

Although the cemetery was purchased in 1873, the Congregation did not own a Synagogue. For many years, the third floor at 207 Ford Street, in the Fisher Building served as a Hebrew School as well as a Synagogue. In 1920, the Congregation rented the unused Universalist Church for a fee of \$100 per year. The new quarters made a tremendous difference in the dignity and meaning of Synagogue services, particularly during the High Holy Days. On March 23, 1924, Julius Frank, President, and trustees R.W. Dobisky, Leo Frank and H.S. Fisher were authorized to purchase the former Universalist Church for a sum not to exceed \$5,000. So it was that 50 years after it was incorporated, the Congregation Anshe Zophen finally owned a Synagogue. A campaign among the members, spearheaded by the Ladies Aid Society, raised about one half the purchase price and a mortgage for the balance was finally paid in December, 1942.

Also in 1942, the Trustees authorized the purchase of the plot of land adjacent to the north side of the original

cemetery, thereby doubling its size.

In 1950, a new fence was erected at the north side and front entrance to the cemetery. Also in 1959, the side entrance to the recreation hall was completely remodeled.

In 1960, many discussions were held concerning the modernization of the interior of the Synagogue. Several problems arose, particularly as to the type of interior, and finally the means whereby the necessary funds could be obtained. The loyalty and generosity of the entire Congregation. The results of their co-operation and the hard work of the committee spearheaded by Edwin L. Dobisky is before everyone here.

The Congregation Anshe Zophen was composed originally of local residents. Many families from nearby communities where the Jewish population was inadequate to maintain a rabbi and Synagogue, would come to Ogdensburg to worship during the High Holy Days. It was a natural development that a considerable number of the visiting families would eventually become regular members of the Congregation. The result was a stronger Congregation better able to serve the community and more dedicated to the worship of God and the Torah.

Families from Potsdam, Canton, and Gouverneur comprised two-fifths of the Congregation in the early 1950's. In 1955, the Potsdam group formed its own Congregation. Shortly thereafter, Jewish families from Prescott and other Canadian villages became members.

The Congregation Anshe Zophen is truly unique in that it is an International Congregation.

The Glorious Fourth in '72

Attracting 200 voices would not be hard in Gouverneur, a village with a long tradition of singing schools and good church choirs and one with the good fortune to have the leadership of the well-known Professor W.F. Sudds. That the appeal was successful is attested to by an item in the LOOKING BACKWARD column of the Watertown Daily Times (Feb. 14, 1942).

Gouverneur had a whopping Fourth of July celebration in 1872 attended by more than 5000 persons. Officers in charge were: Judge Edwin Dodge, President; Stephen VanDuzee, Newton Aldrich, A.E. Norton, E.W. Abbott, Vice presidents; Colonel Walling, Gouverneur's decorated war hero, Marshall; Captain J.M. Reynolds, Assistant Marshall. The program committee included Francis Holbrook, George Gleason, D.A. Johnson, J. Bower Preston.

No citizen could have missed the celebration by just sleeping through this holiday - if he ignored the 13 gun salute at daybreak, the 37 gun salute at sunrise would certainly have brought him on his feet to enjoy the ringing of bells that followed.

The formal parade began at 10 A.M., marching through "several streets" to the village park. This was led by the Cornet Band followed by 30 members of the recently organized Hose Company No. 1 distinguished by red shirts, hats and belts and marshalled by Colonel Walling. Then the Civil War veterans, who must still have been numerous,

were followed by all other participants classified by the newspapers as just "civilians."

In the park the program was lengthy. The Cornet Band played from the bandstand; the Reverend Mr. Hewitt offered prayer; then the Jubilee Chorus of 200 voices sang. Since only one rehearsal was advertised, we can presume they did not go beyond the three promised numbers. After C.W. Thompson had read the Declaration of Independence, the Reverend Dr. Fisher of Canton concluded the program with an oration.

Somehow the 5000 must have been fed and rested over the noon hour to be ready for the events of the afternoon. Again the Cornet Band started the program introducing a parade of 60 "Horribles" or "Fantastic Invincibles" - unexplained terms that sound more like Hallowe'en than the Fourth of July, but traditional parts of the 4th as many will recall. Then began the really active events - a wheelbarrow race, a tub race in the Oswegatchie River, climbing a greased pole - and right there we are left with a tantalizing etcetera.

In case that sleepy fellow was having a relapse, there was another 13-gun salute at sundown.

Enough of the 5000 were still around in the evening to fill the park and the Wesleyan Seminary grounds for a great display of fireworks.

July 4, 1872 must have created memories enough to fill a whole snowy winter.

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Gouverneur, N.Y., June 1872.

It is proposed to form a "Grand Jubilee Chorus," of two hundred voices for the purpose of rendering the three popular National Songs, "Star Spangled Banner," "Red, White and Blue," and "America" upon the coming Fourth of July Celebration at Gouverneur.

You are respectfully invited to take a part in the chorus.

Music and words will be furnished to all who desire them upon the occasion.

As the Grand Chorus is to be supported by the Gouverneur Cornet Band, it is decided to hold one Mass Rehearsal at Van Buren's Hall, on Tuesday Eve, July 2d, commencing at 8 o'clock, to which all the singers are especially invited.

It is hoped that no one who receives this circular will refuse to lend their assistance.

JOHN RODGERS,
DR. WILSON,
J. M. REYNOLDS,
G. E. BURT,
WM. F. SUDDS, } Com.

a brand new fly

(Summer in 1903)

Collector Erhardt, of New York, went fishing in the St. Lawrence the other day, and signalized the occasion by producing a new "fly" that he calls the Armour, which is thus brought to the attention of all virtuous anglers by the New York Sun;

It seems that the collector started bright and early on Monday morning from Clayton, with Captain Sidney Griffin, an expert oarsman and angler of the St. Lawrence thereabouts.

The 30 foot double ender had in it all the latest makes of rods and reels, and the colors of the expensive flies were as numerous as the hues in my lady's bonnet. A bountiful luncheon and a bottle or two of Apollinaris were tucked away in one end, as the collector had determined to have a day's fishing at any cost. Captain Griffin pointed for Little Round Island, and he spent the morning hours pulling around Beckwith Bluff, Pakenham and the little islands near by. The collector all this time, with rod in hand, was casting the beautiful hued flies in all directions. Either the St. Lawrence black bass were not accustomed to so much gorgeousness, or they had been surfeited with the shad which Seth Green had dumped into the river a number of years ago. The collector changed his flies, but the result was the same. The sun was pouring down and giving him the first tinges of the mahogany hue which he had yesterday. Not a bass was in the box for luncheon, and things began to look a little serious.

"Do you know anything about the great American hog up here," inquired Colonel Erhardt of the captain.

"Oh, yes," replied the captain.

"I've got a piece of him in the basket. I brought him along to grease the fryer for the fish we haven't caught."

"Pass it over," said the collector, and Captain Griffin handed him a square of a side of a good old rooster. It was about six inches square with the rind on it, and half an inch of fat adhering to the rind.

Taking the beautiful flies from his leader he hooked his new bait and made a cast of 52 feet. No sooner had the new bait struck the water than there was a rush, and the colonel had a strike which made an arc of his rod. He hauled the captive in and Captain Griffin unhooked a bass weighing three and one sixteenth pounds.

Even with this success the collector was not satisfied

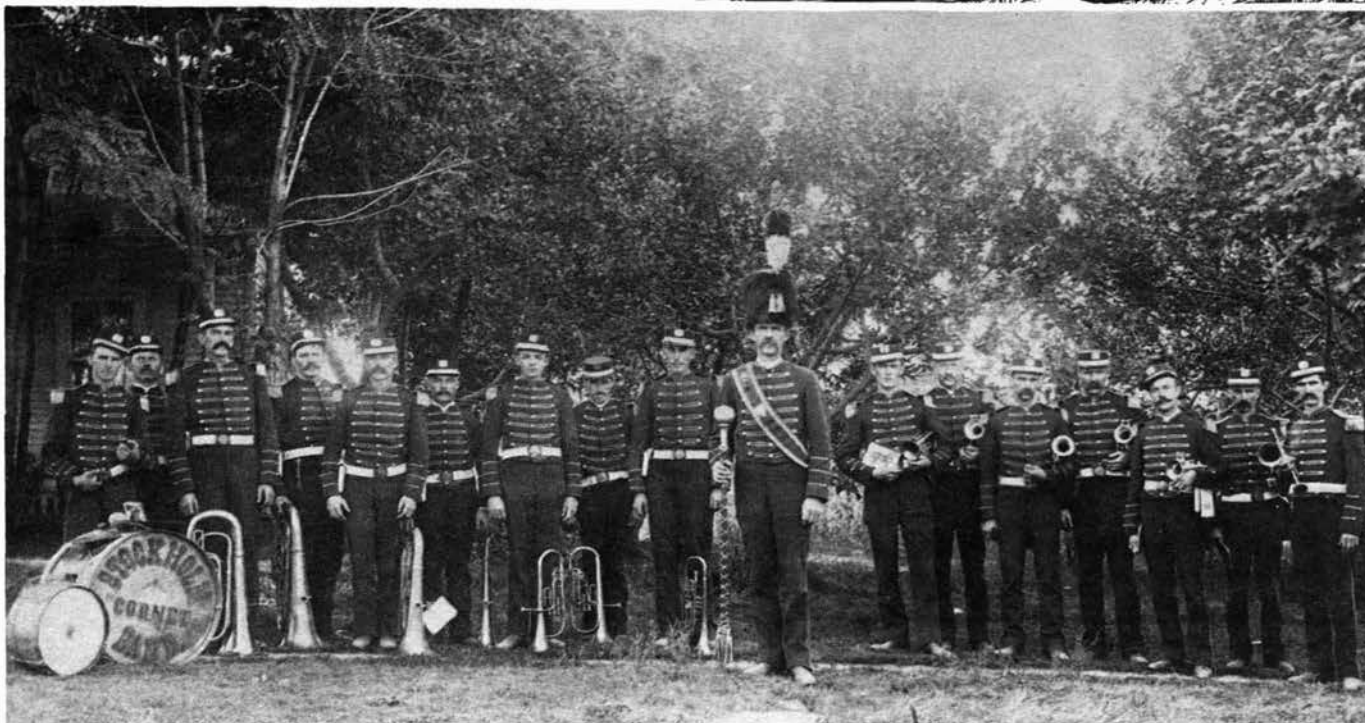
with his new bait; so pulling out his knife again he made alterations which made it look like the fly he showed at the custom house yesterday. He rounded the head or top of the fly in order to have as small an obstruction as possible in recovering from his long casts.

From the hour he made the change until sundown, with a short time intervening for luncheon, the collector worked his new bait which he said should be known as the Armour fly, and his reward was a catch of 88 bass. They averaged one and seven eighths pounds. These with the aid of Captain Griffin were packed in ice and are now on their way to friends of the collector in New York city. The largest one he sent to William Florence.

Colonel Erhardt will hereafter fish with the Armour fly. It never gets off the hook, the bass cannot eat it, for it is of salt pork, and they don't like it; but as it looks so much like a little frog with the white belly, the bass, in his eagerness, makes such a strike that he cannot let go, and is made a victim to the latest trick of humanity. When the Armour fly is cast it has a pleasant little sing as it goes through the air, and when it strikes the water and is wiggled by the angler, the two legs of the fly work for all the world like the legs of a little frog. A little frog to a St. Lawrence bass is as *pate de fois gras* to a New York high roller. Before Collector Erhardt left Clayton all of the fishermen knew of the great success of the Armour fly, and the demand for squares of salt pork from landlord Hubbard was startling.



The Village Band



Good

Old

Summertime

Antiques
Show



7225—Sandy Beach, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

NOVEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY



Sophia Peterson, Ruth Beaman, Frank Beaman and Fred Peterson picnic in their Buick along the road, about 1915.

FAIRS



Enjoying a picnic (about 1915) at Terrace Park, Morristown are Marie Lalone (with her Brownie camera) and Judson Lalone, right; seated Mildred Lalone, Alice Spooner, Etta Barber, Hattie Barber, Fred Spooner, Frank B. Beaman and Mrs. Judson Lalone, and child.

a grand old name

Crary's Mills

by Herbert F. Judd

Early settlers in the town of Canton in the area of Crary Mills were Joseph and Hannah Sykes Harvey and one or two other families who came from Vermont 10 years after Benjamin Raymond came to Potsdam in 1803. Mrs. Leander Wilson daughter of the Harveys lived in Potsdam to the age of 103 and told many interesting stories of the early settlers. (She was born Oct. 28, 1818) Indians were frequently seen and in the 1820's members of the St. Regis tribe had a camp on the brook south of the settlement.

About 1835 Edward Crary built a grist mill at a point on the Grannis brook (the east branch of the Grass river) in the south west corner of the town of Potsdam where that town meets with the towns of Canton and Pierrepont. Crary later built a sawmill and this was the beginning of Crary's Mills.

Crary's Mills was for years a very thriving rural community with many small enterprises, today it is a residential community only. The following is a partial list of the other enterprises that have flourished here; A tannery -- Shingle mill -- Lime Kiln -- Blacksmith shops -- Wheelwright shop -- Carriage shop -- Cobblers shop -- Millinery shop -- Harness shop -- Butter

factory -- General merchandise stores -- Coopers shop -- Farm machinery dealer. At least three doctors have had offices there.

The first post office in the community was South Canton, now Langdons Corners, one mile west of Crary's Mills established Feb. 13, 1838. It was located at various locations between the two communities as the postmasters were changed with each political administration. Sept. 17, 1849 the name was changed to Craig's Mills, apparently this was a mistake in spelling or reading someone's handwriting as it was changed to Crary's Mills Dec. 10, 1849 and Truman Hunt remained the Postmaster. The post office was moved several times but always was in Crary's Mills until it closed in March of 1928. About 1895 the US Post Office dropped all apostrophe s designations and the name became Crary Mills. A list of other early Post masters and date of appointment follows; Nathan C. Howard July 28, 1852; Aaron Barrows, Jr. May 8, 1856; Nathan C. Howard Sept. 24, 1856; Elmore P. Jackson Jan. 28, 1862; Aaron Barrows, Jr. March 22, 1866; Oscar F. Witters Sept. 8, 1885; Miss Nellie E. Witters Aug. 31, 1887.

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Pictured above is the home of Crary Mills Grange. The Grange itself was founded on January 20, 1874, but it got around to building the Grange Hall only during the Summer of 1905. The building pictured is only part of today's Grange Hall because it underwent "surgery" after it was built and proved too small. At that time, carpenters sawed it in two, right in the center. The two halves were shoved apart and a new segment was built between them. Few if any of the Grange members, all residents of the Crary Mills area, pictured in the photo are alive today.

Hey day



Crary Mills schoolhouse is in Potsdam, the south line of the school grounds was the line between Potsdam and Pierrepont.



The pupils of Crary Mills School in 1900. Inez Barrows is the only one identified, can you help?



Crary Mills School 1910. Pupils identified are -- Morty Stone; James, Margaret and Bernard O'Brien; Ruth Lampson; Ura Streeter; Ethel and Viola Gibson; Harriet Wires; Molly Hundley. Know any others?

Crary's Mills



Early records show that this store was owned by Oscar F. Witters; from a news item Feb. 13, 1893, "Mr. Frank Clark of North Russell has purchased the Witters store, house and lot and will move April 1." When Harry Clark took over is not clear but he was there around 1900. The room over the open sheds at the right was at one time used by Crary's Mills Grange No. 54 as its meeting hall.



This is the interior of the Harry Clark store, note the post office at the extreme left. From left to right standing are Harold and Carl Clark, sons of Harry, the third person is not identified. In later years the post office was here all of the time but was moved to the Whitney store in 1927 when George Genner closed the store which never reopened as a general store.

(From the History Center Archives)



Home of Bill Austin, Crary Mills. Blacksmith of village, here he rests in rocking chair. Sitting on steps is Hughey Morrell, Bill's helper. He nailed shoes on the horses. Other man is unidentified. About 1912. (From History Center Archives.)



At the time this picture was taken it was known as the Whitney store operated by Mark M. Whitney. In early days it was the Barrows or Barrows & Elmer store and was operated by Aaron Barrows and Russell Elmer. Mr. Elmer was the local telegraph operator. The post office was here several times and it was here when it closed in 1928. Irving Bacheller worked here when he first left home as a young man. The building still stands and has been converted into a house and is occupied by Don Estabrook.

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Heyday Crary's Mills (Continued from Page 13)

This picture of the interior of the church shows the old kerosene chandeliers, with extra lamps on table in front of lectern.



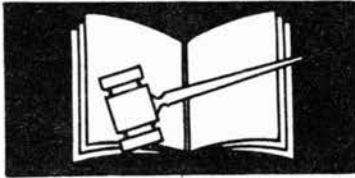
Crary Mills M.E. Church



Electric lights were installed and a mural painted on the wall in the chancel of the church in the early 1900s. When the church was redecorated in the '40s the mural was painted over leaving the wall of the church as it was in the first picture. The height has been lowered by a suspended ceiling and a stairway to the basement has been added at the right.



The church today looks much as it did in this picture except for the steps which have been rebuilt at least twice. The wood picket fence is gone and at least a second wire fence is in its place. The tree is nearly 3 ft. in diameter. This picture was taken before electricity came to town.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our April issue pointed out, this is a banner year for the Association. The color of the banner is silver.

Yes, we were founded in 1947 (incorporation came in 1962). Howard M. Pitman was the first president, Mrs. Herbert A. Bloch first secretary, Roy Waite first treasurer. It is impossible to get in the names of all those officers, committee chairmen, etc. whose leadership caused the association to flourish. But one should mention Carlton Olds, Atwood Manley, Andrew Peters, John De Marsh, Nina Smithers, Phyllis Clark, Bert Rogers, Bette Mayhew, and Malcolm Booth.

The genesis of the association had long been in the mind of J. Otto Hamele, first county historian. Richard C. Ellsworth, founder of St. Lawrence University's museum, gave assistance, and his county tours were a predecessor of those which for years our association has been doing.

There are so many other persons we're indebted to, in those early years and later on also, and I apologize in advance for omissions that are necessitated by space. They will all be recognized more adequately at the Annual Meeting October 14 in Russell, where all motifs will be silver-colored.

Now to look ahead. Note in this issue a card from Norwood about its Centennial. It'll be a firecracking observance, June 30 through July 4. Our day of cooperation there is Saturday, July 1. Plan to join the tour; have lunch and visit the craft fair, and revel with Norwoodians as they celebrate by doing rather than speechifying.

A card with plans about this and other summer tours will be sent to you in June. August 19 we visit Clarkson College, especially its new Science Center. September 9 (note the change from the date announced in the Spring Quarterly), we tour Wanakena and the Ranger School. Professors at the school and Herbert Keith, author of the recent "Man of the Woods," will serve as hosts.

Then on October 14 we'll have our Silver Anniversary party at Knox Memorial School, Russell. Here is the site of the old Arsenal dating from the War of 1812, now unfortunately burned.

And don't forget county doings which are not tours. July 30, Old Home Day at Richville with open house at our Building there. September 8-9, Hammond FFA Fair.

There are two other matters to speak of. Both are dependent on the success of applications we have made to the State Council on the Arts.

One is for funds permitting us to have buses for our tours to Potsdam and Wanakena. We can no longer depend on school boards for these. And don't count on the buses for sure. You will be informed. All we can do now is tell you we're doing our best in your interest.

The other matter is about photographs and even a small filmmaking project. Provided the funds come through, we plan to work up a basic photo collection (past and present both) for a "traveling" case display to schools and varied groups in the county.

Also contingent on funds, we have some S.L.U. students and a couple of older consultants to work on film shots of the Norwood Centennial, also maybe the Upward Bound summer program involving Indian and other high school students of the area. The filmmakers have all had some experience in photographing and editing.

So the work which our founders envisaged goes on. We should have a grand summer. Your hair may or may not be silver, but plan to take part in some of our Silver-Anniversary doings!

Edward J. Blackburn

TOURS and PROGRAMS

July

July 1 -- Village of Norwood Centennial
Craft Fair -- Grammar School on Prospect Street -- 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00. Includes more than a dozen crafts, glass, Indian crafts, pottery, batik etc. Lunch -- at United and Methodist Churches -- 12:30 - \$1.50. Antique Car Parade -- 3:00 P.M.

August

August 19 -- Clarkson College celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Details follow.

September

Sept. 9 -- Wanakena, Ranger School
Bus from Court House, Canton at 9:00 A.M. or take own cars. Tour begins about 10:00 at Ranger School. Meet in student lounge for briefing on history of the Ranger School, the nature of its present program and its contemplated future objectives.
Tour of physical plant and of the forest. Cars and bus can drive on forest roads.
Picnic lunch at outdoor picnic area.
Visit to hamlet of Wanakena -- lecture by Mr. Herbert Keith on its history.

October

October 14 -- Annual Meeting -- 25th Anniversary Knox Memorial High School -- Russell -- Lunch - 12 noon. Exhibits -- Music by Girls Chorus; Speaker: Gerald Smith -- talk and demonstration of water witching or dowsing. Historians of Edwards, Hermon and Russell will be hostesses.

Also attend: July 30 -- Richville Open House; Sept. 9-10 -- Hammond Fair.

History Center Hours
9 - 4
Mondays and Thursdays
Court House in Canton



NOTICE!

To be honored at our Annual Meeting in October--all those married 25 years; all 25-year-olds in your families; anyone employed 25 years with the same boss; anyone who comes in clothing 25 years old! Join our SILVER ANNIVERSARY in OCTOBER when we celebrate 25 years of our Association.

we planted a tree

Abigail Smith Cole

I was one of the little folks who stood in the front row, right at the edge of the place where the tree was to go. Mrs. Adams was our teacher. It must have been in either 1896 or 1897.

"We are going to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree," Mrs. Adams told us. "Plant a tree?" I went home wondering how we could do that. A tree was something that was THERE; the house; barn; three big maples in front, from the low limb of one hung my swing; apple trees in the orchard; the butternut tree up the pasture lane; the woods across the roads, the trees which Mr. Tharett tapped to make maple sugar. . How could anybody PLANT anything as big as a tree?

Mrs. Adams liked to plan things for us to do that were fun. Maybe this would be some kind of make-believe. . She gave us each a few words to say. We had to practice to come in quick and in just the right order. We learned a song to sing. It was all very exciting.

Arbor Day was to be such a special day that I coaxed Mamma to let me wear a new dress - a summer dress. But Mrs. Adams said we must wear our coats. "The wind is cold, and I don't want any of you catching cold."

She got us into line in the school room. "Stay in line as you go down the walk and Mr. -- (the upstairs teacher) will direct you just where to stand. ."

That morning when I arrived at school I had noticed that since the day before a hole had been dug in the corner between where the walk went up to the school house and the sidewalk went along the street. But it wasn't nearly big enough to hold a tree. We had no band to play for us, but there was some clapping or something to make us step gayly along and take our place around that hole. The big boys and girls from upstairs followed us and stood behind us. What followed was just the nicest kind of make-believe.

When the teacher from upstairs held the tree up in the center of the hole it hardly came up to the top of his head. It was just a baby tree. Its stoutest limb couldn't even hold a doll's swing. Some big boys shoveled the earth back into the hole until the baby tree could stand alone. "We've planted you to make a home for birds." I said. When all the others had told the baby tree what it was planted for, we sang our song to its health and long life. If nothing has happened to it, that tree now stands -- a big tree now -- in the front of the grounds of the building that is no longer used as a school.

All through the years I have thought of this as a "First Arbor Day." It was "first" for us, but not for the nation. In the April, 1972, "American Forests" I find an article - "ARBOR DAY The First 100 years" by Harry J. Banker. This credits the first Arbor Day as the result of an address by J. Sterling Morton before the Horticultural Society of Bronville, Nebraska, on Oct. 5, 1871. This led to the Board of Agriculture taking the following action: "Resolved that Wednesday, the 10th of April, 1872, be, and the same is, especially set apart and consecrated for tree planting in the State of Nebraska and the State Board of Agriculture name it Arbor Day; and to urge upon the people of the state the vital importance of tree planting hereby offer a special premium of one hundred dollars to the agricultural society of that county which shall upon that day plant properly the largest number of trees, and a free library of twenty-five dollars worth of books to that person who on that day shall plant properly in Nebraska the greatest number of trees."

So, way back there, sixteen years before I was born, credit is given to that tree-barren western state as having had the first Arbor Day suggested by a native of nearby Jefferson county. Very interesting. But how did the idea get over to Nicholville, N.Y.?

A substantial help in answering that question appeared in this year's May issue of "American Forest," in an article "The Other Founder of Arbor Day," by Marcia Pearson. From this I learned about Birdsday Grant Northrup, a Congregational Minister and Administrator of

Trees

Summer trees are in full leaf -
What lovely shade they give.
How unhappy I would be,
In a treeless land to live.

I love the trees in autumn,
When green turns to red or gold,
The sight makes me rejoice,
And forget to dread the cold.

When bare limbs and branches
Are etched against a winter sky
I think of the buds there, waiting
For spring's awakening cry.

There's nothing more beautiful
In all spring's color display
Than the delicate sunny green
That lasts but for a day.

The leaf color darkens,
And, My how fast they grow!
Until through the green tree
Not a bit of sky can show.

Ah yes - How beautiful the trees!
I love trees of every kind,
Each one has its purpose;
All bring God's love to mind.

-- Abigail Cole



Schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts in 1876. He became actively interested in a beautification campaign in New England villages that included planting trees.

Arbor Day had been celebrated in some western state when the Governor of Ohio proclaimed April 27, 1882 as the First Arbor Day in Ohio. The "fledgling" American Forestry Association decided to get into the act for some publicity for themselves. This turned out to be a big day in Ohio. One outcome was the appointment of Northrup by the AFA as Chairman of a committee to promote the idea in schools.

Northrup traveled around to schools, to provide them with appropriate literary exercises. From his activities more and more states initiated Arbor Days.

If readers of our Quarterly respond to Mason Jahrs request in "Heritage Preserved" in the April 1972 issue, We may find some more links to fill in the space between the Northrup activities and the first Arbor Day in Nicholville, N.Y.

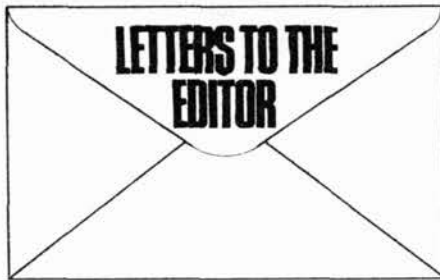
Coming Up!

Dowsing,

The Story of Saint Lawrence

Ogdensburg Diocese, 1872 - 1972.

Jerry Streeter, Blind Musician



Heritage Preserved

By MASON JAHRS

Following our lines on Arbor Day, a wave of nostalgia hit my mail. All sorts of reminiscing, including the Inside Story of Outhouses! Don't you agree that outhouses (privies) you have known have characters all their own? Do you know where a two-story privy remains? (There used to be a classic in Nicholville I recall.) Let me hear from more of you on this or any subject you'd care to preserve.

The Glorious Fourth isn't what it used to be. The date has been preserved in the revision of the calendar, however. Although Monday holidays have some advantages, it seems strange to celebrate Decoration Day on May 29, Columbus, Lincoln or Washington's birthdays on some unknown date -- or even Armistice Day in October! Adjustments we all make -- in the name of "progress."

As yet one bit of our heritage has been preserved -- July 4th still IS!



Dear Mary:

Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed your recent QUARTERLY. I especially like the illustrations. We certainly would like to have some of those coaches on page 22.

Best wishes,

Respectfully,
Dr. Louis L. Tucker
Assistant Commissioner
For State History

Dear Mrs. Biondi:

I have a few interesting facts about Herbert Keith's grandfather and grandmother of whom he speaks in his recent book "Man of the Woods." His grandfather was Clarence Keith, his grandmother Ida. Clarence was a clerk in Rich and Andrews store. His aunt Ida was the bookkeeper for the store. She later married J. Otto Hamele, the first town of Fine historian, and who was instrumental in founding the Historical Association.

Very sincerely yours,
Bessie DeCosse, historian
Town of Fine

(He was first County Historian, too. mhb)

Sometimes we historians feel "underpaid" for our labors--and then we get a letter like this one:

Dear Mrs. Biondi:

I had to discontinue the paper because the people weren't interested in it. That doesn't mean that I am not a history searcher any more, it just means that the public won't let me share the history. "I've made maps by hand so if the original map is lost, I have a duplicate. Thank you very much for your help.

James Stephan, Parishville
(This young man deserves a great big hand--UPI mhb)

Dear Mrs. Eldon - Boroune,

I thank you for the wonderful trip. I hope we can go again. We had so much fun I hope nobody breaks any antiques, because they're so valuable. You had them treasured for a long time. You must be happy you treasured all the antiques. I hope you found that little cap to the bee-bee's. We might go to that old school house. I mean my family and I. Here's some questions I want to ask but, I guess you're too busy to answer them. I thank you very much for Room 201 the trip

From Kathy Phillips

Beeline



FROM
THE EDITOR

Appeals are all around us--some fall on deaf ears; some stir the listener to action.

For some years we've appealed for your TIME--not even for your extra dollars, but an hour or two of your TIME. Now that the Association has been offered temporary space in the County Historian's limited quarters in the Court House, it becomes more imperative for help there. And help is needed to ready the Richville collections for Open House.

So the Thursday Committee is born. Can you--will you--give an hour, or two or three, on a Thursday? It is your Association, it is ours.

We all need to help. Drop a note or make a call to the History Center (see page two of this Quarterly for information) and make your availability known. If you prefer to be active on another committee, let us know that, too. You CAN help, no matter WHAT you can do.

WILL you?

MHB



Zinc in Edwards

About the year 1904 zinc was discovered in the vicinity of Edwards, N.Y. by T.M. Williams of New York, a mining engineer for Pilling and Crane of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Williams was riding on the Trout Lake bus, which met passenger trains at the Edwards station. That was before the advent of the automobile. It traveled over a dirt road, where the wheels of the bus scraped over a rocky ledge. Mr. Williams noticed the worn edge of rock, got a sample of the rock, which an assay showed to have a zinc content. So Pilling and Crane authorized Williams to sink a shaft in that locality as a test for the ore body. So a shaft was blasted out to a depth of 125 feet. It had some zinc showing, and Williams wanted a mill built to refine the ore. But Pilling and Crane objected, which finally resulted in a Superior Court ruling at Saratoga, where a price was set, for Mr. Williams either to give or take. Not having sufficient funds, he had to take the price, and relinquish all rights.

Then another shaft was sunk in another place, and rich ore was found, and a large mill built to refine the crushed ore. To the present time the Edwards zinc mine has remained in continuous operation. A most wonderful mine, employing a lot of labor, and having produced millions of tons of zinc.

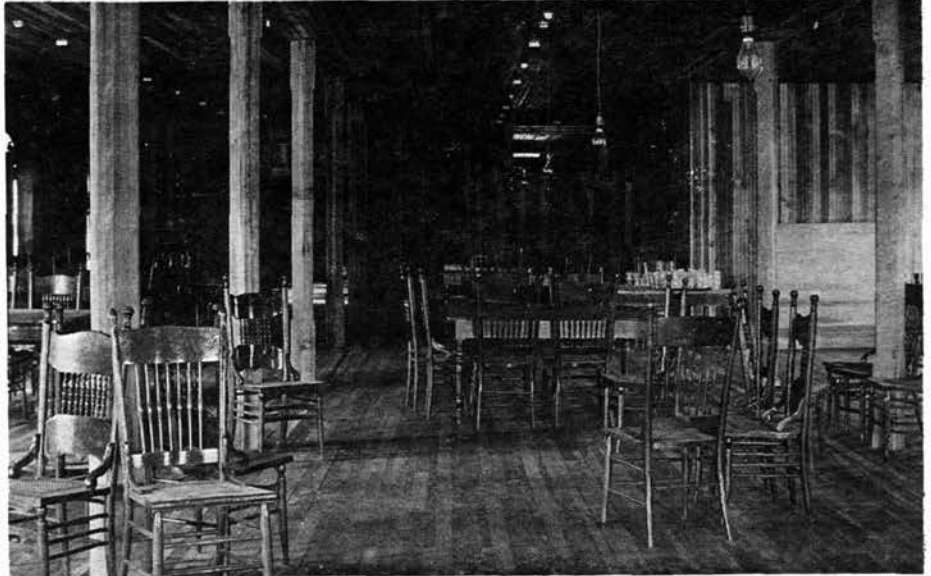
Some time after the operation of the zinc mine, the Northern Ore Co. built a branch line from Edwards to their mill. Edwards was the terminus of the Gouverneur and Oswegatchie R.R.

Written by the late Mott Meldrim in 1968

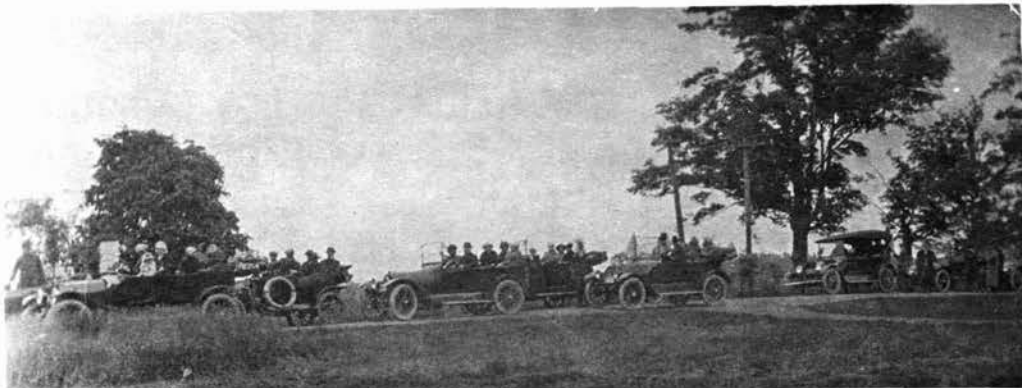
Good

Old

Summertime



The Edgewood House Dining Room, 1896, almost ready for "the season."



WCTU Auto Picnic to Terrace Park about 1915-16

Norwood, New York

1872 CENTENNIAL 1972

JUNE 30th - JULY 4th

CRAFT FAIR - BAR-B-Q - SMORGASBORD
 ANTIQUE CAR SHOW - DANCES - PARADE

JULY 4th NORWOOD FIRE DEPT. 35th
 ANNUAL 4th CELEBRATION

On June 15, 1910, this motor cavalcade of some 20 Gouverneur automobiles lined up on Church street early in the morning before starting out on an all-day's trip to Ogdensburg and return. The picture was taken by Ned VanBuren, who rode in the cavalcade with Jay Seaker and Robert Callahan.

The late Dr. B. W. Severance, father of Glen W. Severance, funeral director, organized the auto tour, and is shown in the immediate foreground at the head of the first car. Mrs. Severance is sitting in the automobile, beside the large American flag.

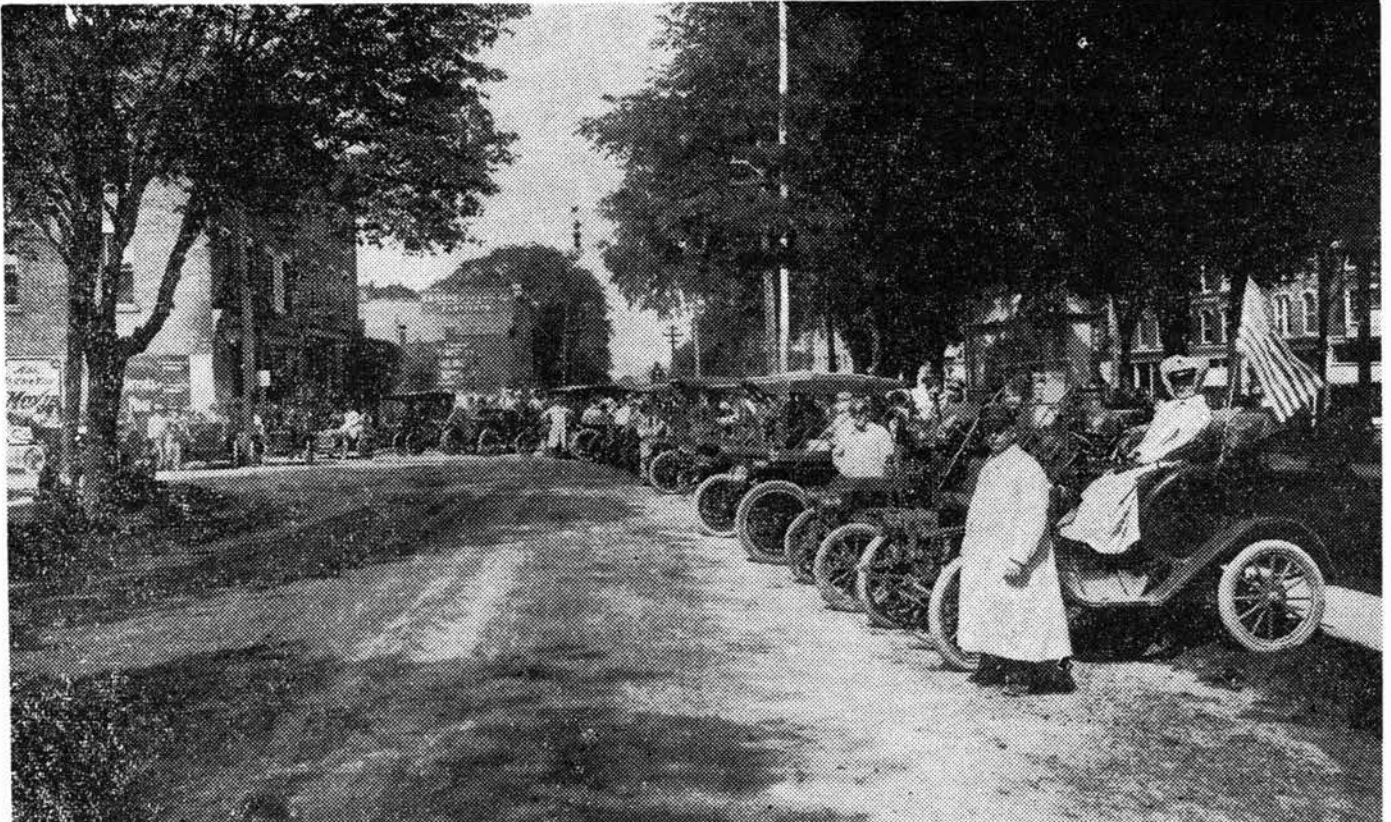
This tour was known as "The Century Run," because the



trip to Ogdensburg and return at that time covered approximately 100 miles — all dirt roads. The cavalcade left Gouverneur at about 8 a. m., and the speediest drivers reached Ogdensburg in time to have dinner in a hotel at about 1 p. m. Some of the cars never got as far as Ogdensburg. There were breakdowns, engine troubles, and many tire troubles.

Nearly all the cars in the cavalcade were Maxwell automobiles. At that time they were all equipped with a right-hand drive mechanism and steering wheel. Drivers wore linen dusters, goggles, and long gloves extending well above the elbows.

Century Run



FROM THE COUNTY'S



CRACKER BARREL

SUMMER EVENTS, 1972

TOWNS

BRASHER (Mae Murray) The soft ball league is boning up for their annual competitive games. It has been rumored that another summer carnival will be held in August--last year's carnival was a howling success. The volunteer fire department is hoping for a creditable showing at the annual convention held at Alexandria Bay.

The Brasher Democratic Club will be making plans for the annual picnic. While the Republican Club has suspended activities for the summer its members are busy with other political activities. Since this is an election year, both clubs are "on the ball."

Members of the Senior Citizens' Club are planning a picnic sometime this summer and are helping with plans for the Health Fair to be held August 8 and 9 in Helena.

CANTON (Edith L. Costa)

CLARE (Iris Fry)

CLIFTON (Clara McKenney)

COLTON (Lorena Reed) The Firemen's Annual Field Day and a baked ham supper is scheduled for September 4, Labor Day.

DEKALB (F.F.E. Walrath) The DeKalb Junction Fire Department's 16th Annual Field Day will be held June 25, 1972, under the direction of Fire Chief Richard Thompson with the help of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The parade will begin at noon, followed by a chicken barbecue. In the afternoon there will be games of all kinds as well as a horse pulling contest. An auction and amateur show are scheduled for the evening.

DEPEYSTER (Adelaide Steele) We participate in the Field Days and parades of other nearby towns!

EDWARDS (Leah Noble) As we go to press the date for the Firemen's Field Day is not set. Our Historical Center, which has been visited by several groups recently, will hold an open house about the middle of June. I hope to welcome more visitors when I return from Alaska.

FINE (Bessie DeCosse) The annual Lions' Club Auction will be held, hopefully, July 8, 1972, at the Newton Falls Paper Mill garage across from the Parkside Market.

The 8th Annual Chicken Barbecue of the Star Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be held July 16 at the Star Lake Fire Hall on Main Street. The Lions' Club Hole-in-One Contest at the John M. Sayles Memorial Golf Club, next to the fire hall, is usually the same weekend as the chicken barbecue.

The Jerry Lewis M.D. Camp is at the State University Summer Campus in Star Lake from the first part of June through the month of July. Different age groups participate each week. We host the Historical Association at Wanakena Sept. 9.

FOWLER (Isabelle Hance) The Sylvia Lake Association is sponsoring a fishing derby July 22 and 23, the annual boat parade August 19, and swimming, water sports and games periodically all summer. The Sylvia Lake Sailing Club holds races every Sunday afternoon, with a Special Trophy Race July 4, a Freeman Cup Race August 6, and a Labor Day Cup Race September 3. There will be a Regatta and Barbecue August 3. Sailing classes are held every Wednesday morning.

The Hailesboro Ball Club is having a Chicken Barbecue the latter part of July. Golfers are active at the Gouverneur Country Club.

GOUVERNEUR (Harold A. Storie) The V.F.W. Can-Am Day is scheduled for July 8. The St. Lawrence County Fair will be held at Gouverneur August 7 through 12, followed by the annual Rock and Mineral Show, set for August 19 and 20.

HAMMOND (Maxine B. Rutherford) A Story Hour will be held at the Hammond Public Library at 10:00 A.M. for pre-school children, 4 to 8 years, and a Reading Club for 9 to 13-year-olds, beginning July 18 and continuing for 6 weeks.

Hammond Scout Troop 66 under the leadership of Gerald Gallagher will be at Camp Vigor the week of July 16. Plans are also in the making for weekend camping trips, a fall camporee and fishing derby.

The annual Firemen's Field Day will be held August 5 with a barbecue at noon and at 5:00 P.M., and a parade at 7:00 P.M.

The Hammond 4-H and FFA Fair will be held September 8 and 9.

HERMON (Helen LeBlanc) The Hermon Seventeenth Annual Firemen's Field Day will take place July 16, 1972. The program includes a chicken barbecue at noon, a parade at 1:00 P.M., a horse pulling contest at 2:00, a Midway with firemen's mobile rides and refreshments Saturday night from 6 to 11, and all day Sunday, and a donation auction at 7:00 P.M. There will be a drawing of book prizes at 9:00 P.M.

HOPKINTON (Ferne Conklin) The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hopkinton-Fort Jackson Fire Department had a garage and rummage sale at the fire station on June 9 and 10.

The Hopkinton-Fort Jackson Volunteer Fire Department under Harry Miller, chief, will hold their twenty-third Annual Field Day on Saturday, August 19. This year we will have a smorgasbord. Activities will begin with a parade at 10:00 A.M. followed by dinner served from 11:30 to 6:00 P.M. Dancing begins at nine o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

LAWRENCE (Anna Cole) Firemen's Field Days are scheduled as follows: Nicholville -- June 24; North Lawrence -- August 20; Lawrenceville -- September 10;

No date has yet been set for the Strawberry Festival of the Methodist Church.

A full schedule of softball games, N.N.Y. Firemen, LISBON (Doreen Martin) In September the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department will host the St. Lawrence Firemen's Convention in Lisbon village.

A celebration is planned for October to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the First National Bank of Lisbon.

The Lisbon Post of the American Legion are now enjoying their completely renovated and landscaped home. This is a most attractive addition to the village.

LOUISVILLE (Lorraine Bandy) Mrs. Bandy, who has had a long illness, reports the people, with their phone numbers, who can give information about all Louisville summer activities: CHURCHES: Louisville Landing Community Church -- Alice Matthews 769-6328; Louisville Community Church -- Karen Aldous, 769-3294; FIREMEN'S NEWS: Call Caryl Gibson, 769-3865, for news of barbecue, drills, games, dances.

Call Ken Tyo, 769-5740, for softball games.

Call Don Smith, 769-3311, for Little League ball games.

Call Mrs. Jerome Racine, 769-9581, for Auxiliary events.

BOY SCOUTS: Walter Smith, 976-7476

boy scouts; Walter Smith, 976-7476; **GIRL SCOUTS:**

Esther Smith, 976-7476; **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL:** Mrs. Francis Valade, 769-6497; **SCHOOL RECREATION program:**

Michael Mayer, 769-8165; **ROD AND GUN CLUB:** Erroll McLean, 769-6204; **WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN:** Mrs. Irvin Shanks, 9-9434.

The Louisville History Center is open by appointment. Call Mrs. Bandy at 769-3286.

MACOMB (Willis Kittle) Museum open at Brasie Corners on request of Mr. Kittle, and on first Sundays of the month in summer.

MASSENA (Marie Eldon-Browne) Massena events for the summer include: July 9--Soapbox derby, Water Street, 1:00 P.M. July 9 -- by Massena Seaway Squares, Picnic and Dance, Barnhart Island Overlook 2:00 P.M. Donations. July 26-28 -- Downtown Merchants' Old-fashioned Days; July 30 -- Shriners' Clambake, Massena Airport, 1-6:00 p.m. August 5 -- Massena Firemen's Field Day, Main Street Parade, 3:00 P.M.; August 10-12 -- Hearthaven Old-fashioned Days; August 10-12 -- Antique Cars, Judging, 11:00 A.M.

ing, 11:00 A.M. August 13 -- St. Lawrence Republican Clubs, Family Picnic Massena Airport -- Adults, \$3.50; Children, \$1.00.

MORRISTOWN (Ella Mae Phillips)

MORRISTOWN (Ella Mae Phillips) July 4 -- annual Firemen's Field Day at Morristown; July 22-23 -- annual Crafts Fair, Red Barn Museum; August 27 -- annual outdoor Art Exhibit, Red Barn Museum June 24 marked the opening of the Red Barn Museum.

NORFOLK (Edith S. VanKennen) As in the past 36 years, the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department will observe Labor Day weekend with many added features. The activities will start on Saturday night, September 2, with a dance in the Fire Hall on Furnace Street, especially for the pleasure of the departments coming from away.

On Sunday, September 3, there will be a fire drill at the ball park, along with baseball and rides for the children on equipment now owned by the Norfolk firemen.

On Monday, September 4, there will be a parade including all departments. An auction of articles donated by the public will be followed by the Old Timers' races, a new feature. It is expected that three firemen from each department will participate in this and will be dressed in the garb of years ago.

Come one, come all. We always look forward to enjoying this event.

OSWEGATCHIE (Persis Boyesen) Stone Church will once more have a full program with Memory Lane (Show of antiques and artifacts) all through as well as Old Fashioned Country store with bread and goodies, Craft demonstrations will include bread, candle and quilt making, cemetery stone rubbing, polishing and setting gem stones, basket weaving, cake decorating. See the Antique car and steam engines! July 20 -- 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m. Auction; July 21 -- 5-8 p.m. Chicken Bar-B-Q, 9-12 p.m. Square Dance; July 22 -- Field Day 1-5 p.m., 2 p.m. Baby Contest, 8 p.m. Talent Show and 2 one act plays; July 23 -- 10:30 a.m. Worship in Church with family picnic on Church Lawn following.

PARISHVILLE (D. Norene Forrest) Summer events include: July 29 -- Reunions of the Classes of 1941, '42, and '43; July 29 -- Firemen's dance; July 30 -- Firemen's Field Day; August 5 -- Parishville-Hopkinton High School Alumni Association meeting and banquet; The Parishville-Hopkinton High School Alumni Association held a dance on June 10. PIERCEFIELD (Beulah Dorothy) We attend Tupper Lake Firemen's events.

PIERREPONT (Millard Hundley) The Pierrepont Fire Department's annual field day will be held July 9.

An event occurred here in Pierrepont in April which I think should receive some recognition in our historical journal as it does not occur every day or to everyone. On April 8 Mr. and Mrs. Bower Powers celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary with a large party invited to the town hall. Their conveyance was a spring wagon similar to the one used on their wedding day and pulled by a six-horse team. The driver was a Canadian nephew and the horses were ones he had received many prizes on at fairs and horse shows in Canada. A bountiful supper was served at 7:00 P.M., followed by dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Powers received many congratulatory cards and gifts, one of which was a large golden papier-mache horse shoe to which were affixed 65 Canadian dollars.

PITCAIRN (Edna Hosmer) Greenwood State Park, now open, offers natural, unpolluted beauty. Its quiet is broken only by the songs of birds and the ripple of water. "Come, and

ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Camp Trefoil (Girl Scouts) and Camp Portaferry (Boy Scouts) are now in operation.

"Old Home Day" will be celebrated at Geer Corners the last Sunday in August. A picnic lunch at noon will be followed by a social hour with services at 2:00 P.M.

The addition to the East Pitcairn Wesleyan Church is nearing completion.

POTSDAM (Susan Lyman) See Norwood's listing.

ROSSIE (Frances Gardner) The Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a ham dinner at the Community Center and food sales on the Saturday before Independence Day and Labor Day. The Catholics are having food sales on the Sunday before July 4 and Labor Day, and one in August--date to be announced.

A Strawberry Festival will be held at the Church at Spragueville in early July. Somerville and Spragueville 4-H members will have an ice cream social in the church in mid-July. The Methodist Church will hold a chicken barbecue late in July at the church. The turkey supper for the Community Center is scheduled for late September.

RUSSELL (Jan Barnes) Events in Russell this summer include: June 15--when the Jefferson County Pomona Grange will come to Russell as guests of the local Grange #101. A lecture will be held in Knox Memorial Central School, to which all Grangers are invited.

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renew old friendships. June 30--Old Arsenal Day, held at Knox Memorial Central School cafeteria. A covered dish luncheon will be followed by guest speakers. Clean-up Day, which recently took place in Russell under the direction of John Brown, scout master, involved 69 Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts who deserve a vote of thanks from the town for such a good job done.

town for such a good job done. July 8 -- 15th annual Russell Volunteer Firemen's Field Day. A chicken barbecue will begin at noon at the dance hall on the ball diamond in Russell. Following the parade at 6:00 P.M. in which local organizations will take part there will be a dance beginning at 9:00. Everyone is invited. July 15 -- Scout Leader John Brown and four local boys will leave for Philmont, N.M. to be gone until July 31. The Scout Jamboree is held in the heart of the Rocky Mts. and the local troop will be on the trail for 12 days. They will climb one mountain 12,000 feet high and will ride down the Colorado River in rubber rafts. People in Russell take off their hats to Scout Leader Brown, who last year took nine scouts to Japan. July 30 -- the 17th annual DeGrasse Field Day. A parade and barbecue are scheduled for noon, and in the evening there will be a dance, featuring round and square dances, in the new DeGrasse Fire Hall. Sometime in September there will be a banquet in Knox School for the Junior Grangers who helped plant 14,000 trees as a fund raising project. October 30 -- third annual Fiddlers' Contest. A banquet will be held in Knox School before the contest. STOCKHOLM (Hazel Chapman)

WADDINGTON (Dorothy Hill) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the oldest church in the North Country, will hold its annual antique show and sale August 10 in the elementary school. Refreshments will be served.

The firemen will hold their annual boat races on Lake St. Lawrence August 13.

Besides the usual summer recreation program there will be two evening leagues playing golf at the Twin Brooks Golf Club.

CITIES AND VILLAGES

NORWOOD CENTENNIAL

NORWOOD (Susan Lyman) Norwood will observe its centennial as an incorporated village with events planned for June 30 through July 3.

The Norwood Historical Association is heading up committees for the celebration, which will feature a traditional craft fair, made possible through a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, an antique car show and

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parade, reunions, a chicken barbecue, smorgasbord, etc.

Opening ceremonies will be held the evening of June 30 and the following day the craft fair will be held in the new wing of the Norwood Elementary School, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The Norwood Museum will be open in the afternoon.

Luncheon will be served to the members of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association at noon at the Norwood United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. The same menu will be served in both places. An antique car show will be held on the village green in the afternoon, climaxed by a parade of the cars at 3:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will serve a chicken barbecue from 1:00 P.M. on and the Legion Auxiliary will serve a smorgasbord at the K of C hall from 1:00 on until all are served.

The craft fair will continue Sunday and a feature planned by the centennial committee will be a "long table," a place for relaxed visiting and reunion over coffee.

The Village of Norwood and the Norwood Historical Association extend a cordial invitation to all to visit Norwood during the Centennial Weekend.

OGDENSBURG -- (Elizabeth Baxter) Unable to confirm dates of Seaway Festival from Chamber of Commerce.

RICHVILLE (Georgiana Wranesh) Old Home Day will be observed the last Sunday in July. The church, housing part of the collection of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, will be open.

The date for Firemen's Field Day is August 27.

MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Norwood Museum -- The Norwood Museum is being renovated, shelving added, carpeting installed, and all exhibits changed and rearranged to present interesting place for relaxed viewing during the Centennial and the summer months.

The Historian is editing a "Century Ago" column weekly and is finding it very popular. Many items were clipped and mounted in classrooms for the annual elementary school open house and exhibit. Rare and unusual pictures are being loaned to the historian to be used in conjunction with this column.

Potsdam Public Museum, Civic Center Hours Tues. - Fridays 2-5 p.m. Sat. 1-3 p.m. Craft workshops start July 6. Field Trip July 8, teenagers ecology minded. Outdoor Art Show July 29 -- Fourth Annual, 10-5 at our parking lot. Get entry form at Museum.

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Marble City Yorker Club -- (enclosed)

Marble City Yorker Club -- The school year of 1971-72 was a busy one for the Marble City Yorker Club members. They reorganized early last September and elected their officers: President. Julie Finley; Vice President. Nancy Byrns; Secretary, Vicki Rose; Treasurer, Dianne Price. In October they planned, co-ordinated, and attended the fall district jamboree at Sackets Harbor. There, a meeting of all the clubs in the Adirondack District was held followed by lunch, group games, and a tour of the local museum and town.

For a money raising activity, club members sold place mats depicting New York State scenes. They collected material about the 1876 Centennial for a project to take with them to the spring Yorker Convention. Unfortunately, they were forced to stop work on this theme before completion in order to channel their efforts into sponsoring a Flea Market.

The Flea Market was held on April 29th with twenty exhibits consisting of antique dealers, a food sale, a white elephant table, and a Silhouette artist's studio.

Also in late April three delegates attended the district meeting at Lisbon Central School. Joan Driscoll and Patty Noble were elected as the new executive council.

On May 4th and 5th six club members went to the State Yorker Convention at Lake Placid where they toured historic sites and attended a statewide meeting. It was a suitable and enjoyable ending for a year of hard work and much activity.

(NOTE: Omission shows no response from Historian in time for publication)



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