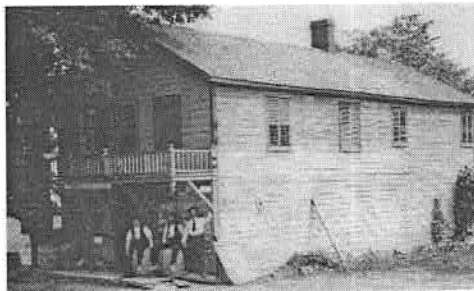


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Share Session

May's meeting was a pleasant surprise of new faces. In addition to the regulars - Betty Vaughn, Connie Teator, Harriett Rasmussen, Kathie Williams, Dot Blenis, Cris Ketcham, Alice Roe, Mimi Weeks (yes, two meetings in a row qualifies as a regular!), Ron Golden, and Don Teator, - we welcomed meeting newcomers David & Harriet Gumport, Pat Lambe, and Roberta Jennings.



Surprise Store

Harriett perused the Eleanor Goff Ingalls diary (the early years were in last month's newsletter) and copied out entries that dealt with the Glenn murder case of 1935 - Greenville's crime of the century. Harriett's piece is copied later, along with Carrie Spalding Ingalls' references to the same crime.

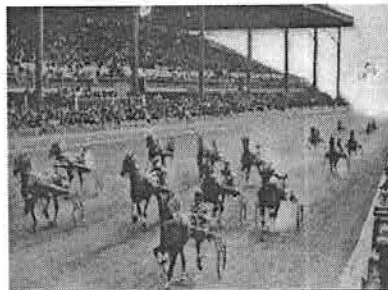
We passed around about fifteen pictures of local scenes that Mimi brought and contributed to the Historian's files. Two of them have been scanned for this newsletter.

Roberta brought a photo of the Elsie Roe house that few of us had seen, and we commented it should be a calendar picture some year. Roberta thought she might bring some Jennings material for the next meeting.

Betty Vaughn brought in two school pictures and another calendar quality picture that shows the 50 An-

niversary gathering for Madison and Ella Stevens and about twenty other guests.

Cris Ketcham contributed a scrap book of clippings pertaining to the Presbyterian Church and the restoration of the steeple. Just as a reminder, the town now owns the church and plans for the church's use is under discussion. If you have input about how it should be used, pass along your opinion to me, or the town



Cairo Race Track

supervisor, or any of the town board members. All Arts Matter will be the group that supervises the activity for now. One question is about the pews -

Should they be allowed to be taken out of the church, or not? The stained glass windows will stay, as provided for by the deed restrictions.

We got around to other topics, as is usual for us, whether they directly connected to the topic at hand or not!

One question for us to decide is whether to hold the GLHG meeting

in July. Deb and I will be on the Colorado River on our July meeting date. If someone else would like to make sure the meeting is held, that would be fine. Let me know if you wish to be that person (or persons).

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don".

The Glenn Murder -Two Accounts

We have no way of knowing how many people were keeping diaries or journals in 1935 but, whatever the number, I feel sure that each recorded in his or her own words that event on June 26th which so rocked this small community where people felt so safe.

I have transcribed the recording of one of those diarists. Eleanor Ingalls, a faithful parishioner at Dr. Glenn's church, records the tragedy in these words. (Harriett Rasmussen)

Eleanor Goff Ingalls

June 27: At noon we heard that Helen Glenn has been missing since last night about 6 o'clock. Her parents are passing through a terrible experience. Men, boy Scouts & Troopers have looked all day.

June 28: Randall went over to Greenville to help hunt for Helen Glenn and in the middle of the afternoon she was found by the creek below Sheiders. Murdered. She was stabbed and had been assaulted. Whoever did it should be severely punished. It is the most terrible thing that ever happened in our lovely countryside. The suspect Volckman's son in Greenville. He is mentally lacking, they say.

June 30: Volckman confessed the killing of little Glenn girl. He is now sick in Catskill Hospital from taking poison trying to commit suicide. I hope he dies. It will be the best solution. Stanley & Lawrence solicited for money to help pay the reward to Slim (up to Johnnys). He got \$50 which I think is very good.

July 1: We went to Helen Glenn's funeral in M.E. Church in Greenville. Church was packed. We drove Chas. car and went to grave at Cornwallville. Randall was one of the bearers. It was terrible.

Carrie Spalding Ingalls

June 27, 1935

Pleasant & warm. The community is shocked by the terrible news of the M.E. Ministers daughter 9 yrs. old missing since last night. (Helen Glenn) Greenville. No clue of her yet to-night. We took Leona over to Scotts to go to the Alumni Banquet. We went on for a little ride. A heavy shower this after noon.

June 28, 1935

Pleasant & hot. Pop took a little ride around this forenoon. & took me up to Uncle Eds. & to Roy Lawyers to guilt for the L.A.S. They found the lost girl dead below the Red Mills in an old bush lot not far from the road around 2 o'clock. There was 100 or more men out to look for her. No clue for certain of the guilty one. Leona & I drove over to Scotts late. & over to Merritts later to help Irene out on a little business about their boarders.

June 30, 1935 Sunday

Very bright & pleasant & hot. Leona at Warrens. We were around home until after-noon. Went to Lambs Corners to Childrens day concert. Drove over to Merritts at night. We hear they have found the guilty one who killed the little girl. Alfred Volkman 19 a young man of the vilage who confessed the crime. To terrible to relate. His family were from the City formerly.

July 1, 1935

A beautiful day. Leone at Warrens. We went to Cornwallville this after-noon to the burial of Helen Glenn who was buried in this Cemetery. A very large funeral was held at Greenville. We called on Mrs. Vina Latta a little while. Drove up to Gideon Palmers after the service. Mad a nice call. Came home by Sunside had a beautiful ride. The view was grand.

both continued on back

July 2: Muriel is done to Pop's with the measles. Went down to the spot where they found Helen Glenn

April 14, 1936: Stanley went to Catskill as he was drawn on Jury for the Volckman trial. Has to go back tomorrow as he wasn't examined.

April 15: Stanley had to go back to Catskill and never got home until night. He was some thankful we wasn't held & so was I.

Addendum:

Dec 23, 1934: Mr. Glenn & Mr. Volkman played violin accompaniment at church.

At Cornwallville Cemetery:

Helen R. Glenn
B. 1925 D. 1935

Robert W. Glenn
B. 1929 D. 1931

Donald G. Glenn (military marker)
P.F.C. U.S. Marine Corp.
B. 1932 D. 1976

Rev. Ernest G. Glenn
B. 1891 D. 1971

Ruth Blauvelt – his wife
B. 1893 D. 1980

April 20, 1936

Sun shines this morning, but not very warm. Warmer toward night. Leona has been to Warrens to So. Westerlo & Greenville on some errands. Pop she & I went to Catskill this afternoon. Court very busy with a murder trial. Volkman a Greenville & city boy who murdered the Glenn girl last July. We called at Merritts. Leona gone to E.S. Lodge took Margaret.

May 20, 1936

Beautiful morning but cold & a high wind frost Leona went to Warrens came home & gone to Catskill with Warren to the dentists. Each had a tooth out. Leona had an awful hard time with hers it was a wisdom tooth. We are glad it is out. Trum. went to Freehold to see the men at work on a temporary bridge they are working at. The Volkman trial is finished been in court over 6 weeks. The verdict Guilty of murder in the first degree.