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Share Session

An enjoyable late summer, sandwiched between the spate of hurricane-effect rains, awaited those who came out for this share session: Martha Turon, Connie Teator, Ron Golden, Stephanie Ingalls, Harriett Rasmussen, Betty Vaughn, Phyllis Beechert, Jeannette Rose, Dot Blenis, Walter Ingalls, Larry & Dot Hesel, and Don Teator.

A map of Greene County, donated to the files by Millie Spinner, was spread over one of the side tables, and we pored over the map before and after the meeting.

We watched more of the videotape from 1990 – One Room Schoolhouses, with this viewing showing more of a student reaction. It will be interesting to see if today's students will ever feel as nostalgic as those who attended the one room schoolhouses.

Walter brought in some WWII mementos – ration books and tokens. That, of course, engendered a few memories of that era.

Don brought in, and Harriett read, a Rensselaerville Historical Newsletter article on the diary of Willet Mackey. In many ways, his diary shows a typical life, with the personal flavor any one of us brings to life.

Dot Hesel brought in the classic – To Rub or Not to Rub. This book shows how to take cemetery rubbings, which drew several comments about the accel-

erating disappearance of our cemetery monument history, either through gradual wearing away of inscriptions or the theft of the stones.

We talked about photos of events we don't have, especially the Winter Carnival of about 1970. Phyllis brought in a photo of the organizing committee; still, we (I) could use a photo from the competition itself.

Jeannette brought in several photos, unidentified, found at the resort (Albert Lodge). One had a backside comment of P. Lounsbury. This, of course, reminded everyone to ID photos.

Next month's meeting (Oct 11) should have the calendar, and bring your share items.

Included in this newsletter, as promised in the last one, is Harriett's notes from Eleanor's diary of the first quarter of 1935. (Harriett claims this will be the last of this diary's writeups. Perhaps, a call to her to continue might change her mind. Don't tell her I suggested this!)



P.S. The flies were especially numerous, for some reason. However, they had not counted on the great fly hunter, Walter H. Ingalls, who was three-for-three in swats. Even Larry got one, and Dot might have taken one out.

January 1, 1935 snowed a real hard. Stanley had to send County plow to plow roads. Had a surprise party for Warren at Edna & Norman's in the Presbyterian manse.

January 2 -- Ariel is 35 years. Town tractor is scraping town roads. Went to see Aunt Lillie -- very bad off -- legs badly bloated and also one of her hands.

January 3 -- Randall and Claribel back to school. Snowplow (town) is working day & night. David Mesow came to supper. Stanley found the snowplow men in Ireland. He took Ray Palmer home.

January 4 -- Stanley moved some books for Harrison. Went to Harry & Edith Yeoman's to a card party -- had 6 tables.

January 5 -- Stanley went up to Clarence's Mill Pond & drew one load of ice. Went to Elmer Simmons in Freehold, for 2 bu. potatoes [Ada Allen's husband] Irene is quite sick since January 1 with bronchial trouble. Pauline is the nurse.

January 6 -- Stanley went down to Cairo with Charlie Bogardus to see Barker about sending Jesse Bogardus to sanitarium for TB. [Father of Sally Dyce]

January 7 -- Stanley drew ice for Rene Stern.

January 8 -- Leona & Naomi Baker start for Florida with Warren & Margaret.

January 9 -- Walter took a nap in the afternoon, because we told him if he went in his pants again he would have to go to bed. He slept until suppertime.

January 11 -- Dinner party at Cora Palmer's -- 20 ladies there. Stanley went to Penn for coal.

January 12 -- Bertie [Cornell], & I went down to call on the sick, Mary Bell, Mrs.

Pierce & Aunt Lillie [Ver Plank] all pretty bad. Stanley installed as Master at Lodge.

January 13 -- Aunt Lillie is 73 years old. Gave Aunt Lillie a bath. She stood it pretty good.

January 14 -- Stanley sent that County snowplows to clean the state roads. Mrs. Wessel died last night. Genevieve Mabie joined the Eastern Star.

January 15 -- Randall has a boil on his leg.

January 16 -- Stanley and Merle [Powell] went to Penn for coal. Aunt Lillie awful bad -- has to sit up all the time.

January 17 -- Stanley went to Peter Winne's funeral.

January 19 -- Ladies Aide at Maude Simpsons. Mrs. Lewis Hoose died.

January 21 -- Went to Albany on the town truck to get parts for the County tractor. Real slippery coming home. Real scared coming up the hills.

January 22 -- Gladys Hunt stayed all night with Claribel.

January 23 -- Cornelia came up to do Algebra with Randall. Randall passed Latin, so he is a Junior now.

January 24 -- Randall left the window open & froze all the pipes. They didn't thaw out until about noon. Edna & Norman thinking about going to Germany, so he can get his degree. Dear me, I hate to think of it. At 1:30 Scott called, & said school bus had been stuck in a drift all the afternoon. Stanley went and found it frozen -- he thinks the whole motor is ruined (Gordon Blenis bus)

January 25 -- walked down to see and Lillie -- much worse -- wanted me to stay so

stayed until after eight.

Jan 27 – Called Leslie on the phone & told him about Aunt Lillie & funeral arrangements.

Jan 28 – Stanley moved Pop's sawmill for Ray Hunt. Stanley went to School Board meeting.

Jan 29 – Went down to the church & helped them put new pieces of carpet down over the holes. Walter stayed down to Junior Yeomans until after Aunt Lillie's funeral. Had a prayer service at John's & then went to the church. Leslie's folks came out [from Altamont]. John & Viola (Ver Plank) came and spent the evening.

Jan 30 – Stanley had to get tractor out and open some roads up north of Greenville.

Feb 2 – Bertie [Cornell] & I got stuck in the ditch below Ruth Tryon – Smitty the bus driver drew us out. [Cecil Smith]

Feb 3 – Had an eclipse of the sun – only about 40% covered.

Feb 4 – Stanley got a load of coal and had bad luck – lost the tailboard & lost some of the coal for Harrison [Gardner]

Feb 6 Bus was late so Randall took our car & took the children from here.

Feb 7 – Edna entertained the Thimble Club – 20 ladies present.

Feb 9 – Went down to Mary's as I heard she has had a poor spell. Dr. says it is heart trouble. Helped Bert get his supper [Bell]

Feb 10 – Anniversary 21 yrs Went to Roxbury to see Howard & Anne [Leslie & Margaret's son].

Feb 11 – Viola came up & got some fancy work to do for Ladies Aid.

Feb 12 Went to Greenville to get meat at IGA store [on the 4 corners] Called on Mary – not very good.

Feb 13 – The jury decided that Bruno Hauptman was guilty of kidnapping Lindberg baby & is sentenced to doe. The oil burner exploded in the school again. Didn't do as much damage as before.

Feb 14 – Rained all day & froze a glare of ice on roads & sidewalks.

Feb 15 – At night Randall had the car & Harold [Cornel] & Newt Reynolds went to movie at Catskill [took girls]. Stanley & boys got ready to go to Penn for coal. Randall & Newt went. Left at quarter of two. Bertie & I helped Edna pack her dishes. Seems too bad to tear up their lovely home.

Feb 17 – Clifford Goff [son of Jerry Goff & Veronica Comiskey; bro of Ruth Goff Roe] came with a man to demonstrate an Air Way. Sort of disgusted to think he came on a Sunday.

Feb 18 – Stanley & Gerald start about 2 o'clock for Penn for coal.

Feb 20 Lewis Layman is very sick. Afraid of blood poisoning.

Feb 22 – Edna & Norman finished packing their trunks. Lewis is very bad.

Feb 23 – Norman & Edna sent their trunks this morning with the stage driver [Smith].

Feb 25 – Came home from Albany & went to bed – Throat felt so bad. Norman came home sick & was real sick all night. Worried for fear he wouldn't be able to go.

February 26 -- My throat, pretty bad all day. Had Pop & Mother to supper. Clarice & Tut, Leonard & Ethel Ray came to say good-bye. So scared all day, I couldn't go tomorrow.

Norman went out. Lewis Layman went to the hospital today.

February 27 -- we left at 730. Gerald & Annella went also. I can still eat so am going. [She had once had quinsy throat] got there about one and got our hotel room. Clarice, Ruth & Cy Greci. [Ruth Rendell] came down to see them off. Started for boat about 2:30. Eleanor Winans and her boyfriend Harry there & then Juliette & Mrs. Couse came. Their boat is a lovely big one. [Rex]. There were some amount of people on board. I felt terrible to see them go -- had so much to say, & couldn't say a thing. They sailed at five for Europe. Went back to bed until we went to dinner. Annella and I went to see "The Green Pastures." -- in the 44 St. theater boys went to basketball game at Madison Sq. Gardens.

February 28 -- Didn't sleep -- throat is getting worse fast now. Can't eat anything but liquid today. Got home at 3:30 at night. We heard of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham's accident -- Cora [Palmer] was with them. Don't know how bad they are hurt. Clarice took Lee & Leonard to train to go right down to Petersburg, Va.

March 1 -- Felt terrible all day & last night. Stanley had Dr. towards night. He painted in my throat again, & said I had quinsy -- which I knew. Bertie [Cornell] came in off & on all day. Stanley had to stay home all day. Walter went to bed sick at night. Randall went to Basket Ball at night. Lewis [Layman] we heard, is better. Mr. Cunningham has a broken nose, & his face is cut real bad. Mrs. C. has a broken knee, & Cora [Palmer] has been badly bruised & shaken up. Merle [Powell] smashed Lawrence's car up Wednesday night also, but wasn't hurt.

March 2 -- Felt terrible until about three -- then it broke & I could drink. Felt some better right away. Walter sick all day. Stanley gave him oil in the morning, & he laid to

bed all day. Bertie [Cornell] came up off and on all day. Viola Ver Plank sent up some ice cream for me, & it tasted so good. Heard of Jesse Bogardus death last night.

March 3 -- Ruth & Merritt called. Claribel [14 years old] not feeling very good. I am afraid she is tired out. I am better but so weak I can't seem to do anything. Walter seems all right today. Ate quite a bit for dinner. I haven't eaten since Wednesday night [this is Sunday].

March 4 -- Stanley went to Jesse Bogardus funeral. Still quite weak, but washed dishes & made beds today. Walter can't get rid of his cold -- ear ached. Lewis Randall called about church finances.

March 5 -- Celia came & helped with wash and housework. Clifford [Goff -- 25 yrs old] helped Stanley cleaned up the old apple trees in the back. Bertie worked at Ingalside so didn't see her today. Stanley went to Knights Lodge. [Knights of Pythias].

March 6 -- Stanley, Clifford & Randall got up early & drew his apple tree would down to Wilbur's to get it sawed (as they sawed wood there today). My line broke & had to wash some of the clothes. Winnie Davis [Winn] held it up, while I took the clothes off. Then Clifford & Stanley went to Athens after coal. Margaret & Leslie [brother] made a nice long call.

March 7 -- Started to snow about 4:30 and snowed all the evening. I ironed all forenoon. Ruth Tryon called, & I stitched a pair of pillowcases for her. Warren's folks & Leona came home tonight. At night Stanley took Ren's [Lorenzo Layman] up to see Lewis. Randall went with them. Wrote to Edna & Norman.

March 8 -- Ground was white with snow this morning. & only 11° above zero. At night Warren & Marguerite & we went to Greenville Central School for a basketball

game for the benefit of Lewis. Walter was good, but he got awful tired.

March 9 -- Randall went to Ravenna to play basket Ball, and the boys won. Claribel went down street, & Natalie waved her hair.

March 10 -- Read in my new book McCall's magazine. Took some ice cream down to Mrs. Miller -- she is very bad. Poor little soul -- she suffers so. Walter played with Billy Flockhart, as they are over two Kohls.

March 11 -- Celia came & we washed. Our wash water ran into the well. We let it run into the drain on the back porch & it must have been frozen & backed up. At night Stanley went to board meeting, & I went over to Elgirthas. Heard that Mrs. Abrams Sr. was very sick had a stroke, I guess. Heard that Libbie Losee was very ill also. Awful foggy when we came home.

March 12 -- Warren & Margaret's 25th anniversary Bertie & I went over to Mrs. Miranda's to get our hair waved. Pumped are well out again. At night, the family met over to Pops (except Ed's folks & Ransee's folks.). Then we went up to Warren's for a surprise party for their anniversary. Had real nice time. Snowed when we came home about 12:30.

March 13 -- 4" snow this morning. Heard of Libbie Losee's death. Also, Mrs. Abrams. She died at 10 this morning.

March 14 -- About one we started for Catskill to Libbie's funeral. Pop, Mother & Leona went with us. Randall & Claribel went to Intermediates to Ray Hunt's. Wilbur & Bertie came up and we played cards.

March 15 -- Mrs. Ellis died at 3 o'clock this morning. It certainly was a shock to all. Stanley has been having tooth ache off and on. Guess he will have to go to the dentist. We all went to Greenville to see & hear the Vagabonds. Also a little entertainment by the Juniors.

March 16 -- Bertie & I went to Greenville to Mrs. Abrams funeral at one. Mrs. Galatian went with us. Mina Morrison called in late afternoon. Stanley went to Cairo to Masonic Lodge. Randall, Walter & I went down to St. Patrick's social at the hall. Took in \$22.

March 17 -- Stanley and I went up to Mrs. Ellis funeral at her home. Mina Morrison went with us. It was a very large funeral. Gerald & Annella brought Claribel home towards night. Gerald isn't feeling one bit good -- his ears have been aching, and they went home early. Went down to Bertie's to see Dewey Cornell's baby. We had an awful scare. Sadie M. chimney got on fire, but they put it out.

March 18 -- Stanley & I went to Catskill. Did a little shopping and got our clothes from the cleaners. Went to movies and saw "After Office Hours" starring Clark Gable & Constance Bennett. It was very good. At night I went to Eastern Star. I have been a member 10 years. Stanley went to Oak Hill to Masonic Lodge. Walter tipped a glass of water in his bed when I came home and I had to change his bed.

March 19, Stanley went with a Mr. Austin to try to sell line to the farmers and they were here to supper. Didn't get any letter from Norman & Edna yet. Saw a robin for the first time.

March 20 -- Went down to the store about mail time to see if we had a letter. I am so disappointed. It is three weeks now since they sailed. Stanley & Walter went to Catskill after a load of cement and line for Merritt. At four, we started for Coxsackie, & Stanley went to dentists and had two teeth pulled.

March 21 -- Junior [Yeomans] came up and played with Walter and was here to dinner. Got two lovely letters from Edna. They were so interesting and we were so glad to get

them. Took my letters for Annella & Leona to read.

March 22 -- Stanley took our letters over to Dr. Bott to read -- the ones from Edna. At night, all of us except Claribel & Walter went to the Senior Dance at Greenville. Randall took Cornelia. We had a jolly time. Bertie [Cornell] went with us. Lawrence & Bertha [Powell] Harry & Edith [Yeomans] went also. Got home about one.

March 23 -- Had supper late. Ida [Smith] called & said Ariel's house had burned & the garage was on fire. Upset us all. [Ariel was married to Clinton Weeks. They lived in Athens & he ran a garage. This is Eleanor's niece.]

March 24 -- Got up about eight. Started for Athens about nine. Took Vern, Ida & Lois with us. Ariel's house is a sorry sight, but they think it can be fixed. We helped her get things straightened around so she can eat in her house & sleep next door. [where Marguerite lived].

March 25 -- Stanley started the men to work overhauling the shovel this morning. We got another letter from Edna from Rome. It was very interesting. Mr. Stevens. [Peter] came home from Florida, but Gertrude [Gardner] didn't come as she is sick in a hospital in New York with heart trouble. [They lived in what is now called the Elliott House].

March 26 -- Stanley & Walter went to Shady Glen to see about a job putting a foundation

in for Ad Showers [local builder]. He got the job. When he came home, he got a pair of overall paints for Walter. He thinks he is some big boy. Claribel came home sick with German Measles. She felt pretty bad at night.

March 27 -- Randall didn't go to school this morning as he thinks he has the measles. I gave him & Claribel Sol Hepatica.

March 28 -- After lunch, Bertie [Cornell], Edith [Yeomans], Bertha [Powell] & I went to Catskill. Did a little shopping, & then went to movies and saw Will Rogers in "Life Begins at 40." It was just fine.

March 29 -- About five Bertie & I started for Catskill with Leona [Ingalls] & Margaret. We went to banquet at Saulpaugh, and then to the Armory to the meeting of the Grand Matron. Got home after one. Stanley & children went to school to Amateur night. Claribel and Randall took part. [Both Saulpaugh and Armory have been torn down.]

March 30 -- Stanley & Randall have gone to Shady Glen to pour cement in the foundation for Ad Showers. Randall went to bed early tonight as he was tired out.

March 31 -- Ad Showers called & paid Stanley for the job they did yesterday. Randall & I went to see. C.E. [Christian Endeavor]. We were in sort of a play [missionary]. Read one of Edna's letters in the meeting.