

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

Thank goodness for air-conditioning! Our July share session was one of those classic 94° days, and hazy and humid, and still 90° as 7p.m. Meeting this night were David and Judy Rundell, Harriett Rasmussen, Dot Blenis, Walter Ingalls, Mimi Weeks, Carol Bryant, Jeannette Rose, Don Teator, and, later, Richard Ferriolo. A welcome to the summer tradition of having Carol and Jeannette participate, and a welcome to Mimi back returning from her shoulder injury, and, of course, to a rare visitor, but interested in local history, Richard!

Harriett caught us up to date on a recent request from a grand-nephew of John Lowe, owner of Lowe's Elm Shade, later Jesse's Elm Shade, current day site of Greenwood Apartments, current day site of the Spees historical marker. As Harriett often does, she was able to help with some additional details, and we had a chance to talk about that area of town (cutting of ice from the pond, the dam, etc.).

Don mentioned a request for photos of the Catholic Church, celebrating its 75th year. Which, of course, led to a few minutes of chatting about church history.

Carol caught us up on Florida news, but mostly reassuring us of her

love of this area! We talked about houses in the area, about Ina Green, about Art Howe and a lot of stories about Art Howe. It is ironic that a person who was so unassuming can capture so much country spirit. Carol talked about a slab of stone that had "DNS 1810" inscribed on it. We brainstormed who DNS could be (the stone was found on the Talmage property down the road a little ways – Ingalside Rd) but came up empty.

Don had a couple hundred photos that were anonymously given him. They marked events in Greenville over the last decade – the kind of scenes we take for granted, e.g., grass drag races, balloon fest, etc.) A few are Xeroxed for this newsletter.

Don showed the 2007 Iroquois Pipeline calendar which showed twelve photos of historic sites and the historian of that municipality. The photos had to be taken from the towns that mark the length of the pipeline that goes from Canada to Long Island. The letter from the company asked for recommendations, so we brainstormed about a structure that was historic and photogenic that we could submit for consideration. We got about a dozen suggestions and I'll check out a couple of the more likely. More info later if anything pans out.

Carol noted with interest the listing of older houses that were listed in a newsletter a couple of months ago, which led to a discussion about what to do about it. I think the #1 idea would be to submit photos and history of the houses for publication in the local newspaper, much like the Press does for old photos now. Another part of the discussion led to historic preservation and what to include in historic preservation. This is a project that could use a volunteer to do, or start, or share. (We added the Slater house on Alberta Lane, later the Main House of Alberta Lodge.)

Richard Ferriolo had just come from a Greenville School Board meeting to share Class of 1934 info with us. He had the newspaper photo and some class reunion material from that reunion. One especially useful piece was a short resume for each of the members – confirming that many Greenvillians (or is it Greenvillites, Greenvillers, or what else?) do make good in the “real” world. In the photo were Margaret Griffin Fuegmann, Ruth Arntzen Bunk, Hester Story Benn, Hilda Story DeCoster, Althea Burgess Kummer, Alice Dingman Spadaro, Arlene VanAuken Hunter, Robert Shaw, Curt Applebee, Anita Hull Teetsel, Allie Park Palmer, Ruth Teter Hallock, Vernon McCafferty, Bill Boomhower, Win Davis, Ed VanAuken, Don Cook, Edna Waldron Pearson, and Ray Beechert. Of some amusement was a typo in the newspaper article’s title, listing a 50th class reunion for the Class of 1984! If only!

Richard also had a Carnival program, sponsored by the Students Activities Association, presumably done during this class’ senior year in 1934. Also, Richard had a perfect attendance certificate given to Vernon McCafferty (teacher – Elizabeth Meyer), and he also turned in *A Practical Reader with Exercise in Vocal Culture*, by Caroline B. LeRow, an instructor in elocution, copyrighted in 1883, and signed by Lulu Gifford, Greenville Academy, NY. We commented that anyone finishing this book was certainly educated.

A quick note about subscriptions – my semi-annual reminder. If your envelope has an expiration date of Nov '07 or later, you are good until the next reminder. If earlier than Nov '07, you can renew by sending a check, made out to Don Teator, to 3979 Rt 67, Freehold, NY. The price is still \$5 for a year to cover postage and supplies.

The next meeting will be August 13, same time, same place. We’ll probably have a share session (unless a better idea arrives).

Take care,



Carnival

Sponsored by Students Activities Association

PROGRAM

PART I

Auditorium - - - - - 7:30 P.M.

Ringmaster - - - Alfred Christiansen

Rhythm Band

May Day Sketch - - - Primary Grades

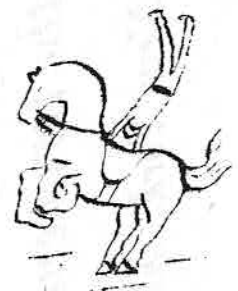
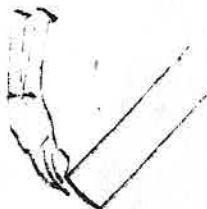
Clowns

Freaks and Comedians

Acrobats and Wrestlers

Chariot Race

Announcements



PART II

Side -- Shows

Mechanical Cow - - - - - Room 1
 Fortune Telling - - - - - Picture Booth
 Tub Throw-Skill Game - - - - - Near Ag. Room
 Balloon Target Practice - - - - - Ag. Room
 Comedy Movie - - - - - Room 208
 Sword Swallowing:Novelty Program - Room 209
 Hit Colored Gent - - - - - Room 107
 Fish Pond - - - - - Room 210
 Nail Driving Contest - - - - - Ag. Room

PART III

Dancing - - - - - Auditorium

Refreshments - - - - - Cafeteria

Admission to all Auditorium Activities

Adults - 25¢ Secondary Pupils - 20¢ Grades 1-6-10¢

Side Shows - 5¢ Grades 1 - 6-2¢



CERTIFICATE OF

Perfect Attendance

This Certifies That

Gertrude Mc Calhoun

a pupil of the 12th Grade of the Greenville Central School,
is awarded this Certificate for

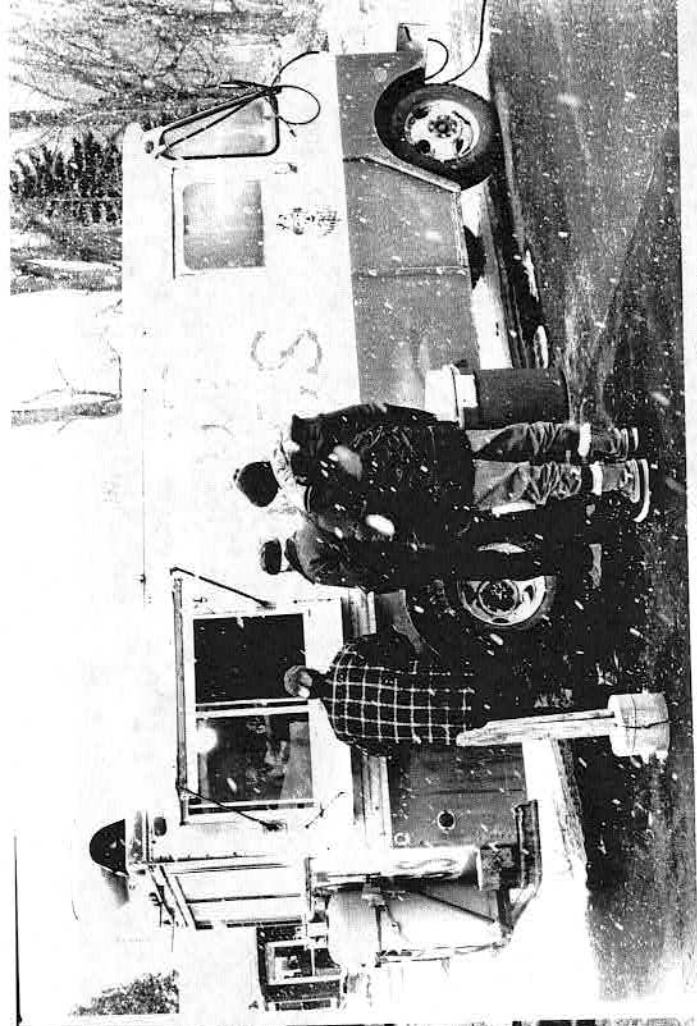
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at school during the term ending June 22, 1934

Given at Greenville, New York, this 1st day of July, 1934

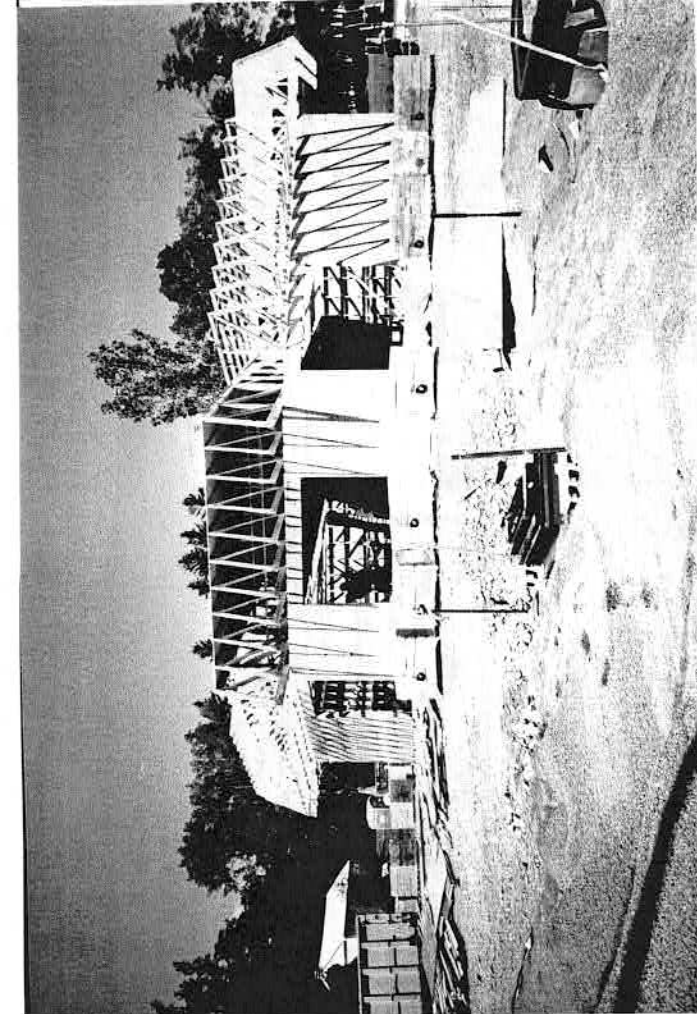
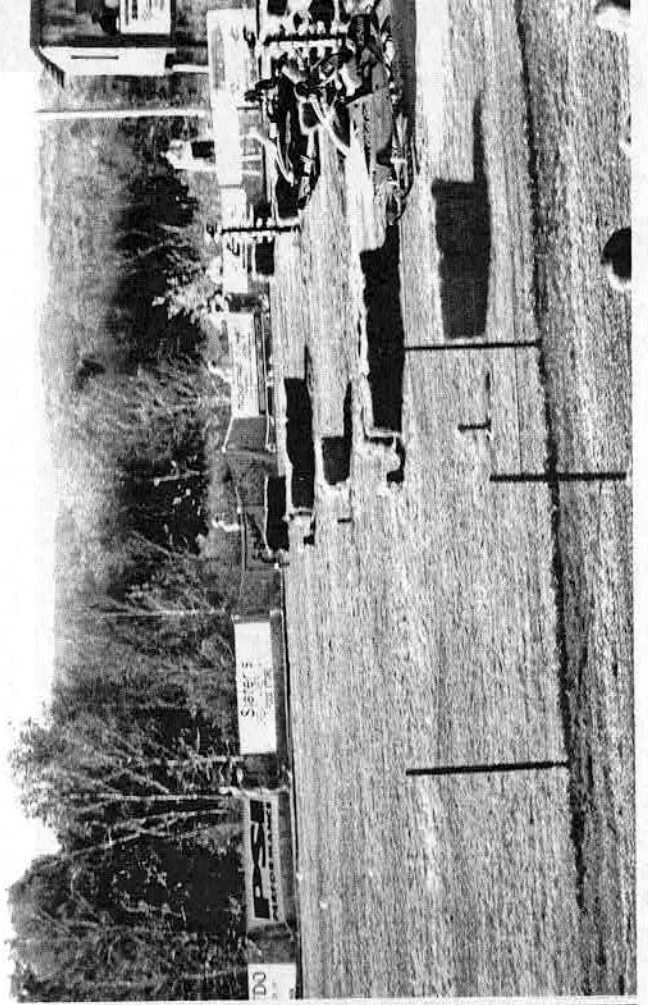
Elyabette Meyer
TEACHER

Scott M. Mc
PRINCIPAL



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GRASS DRAGS AT BALSAM SHADE



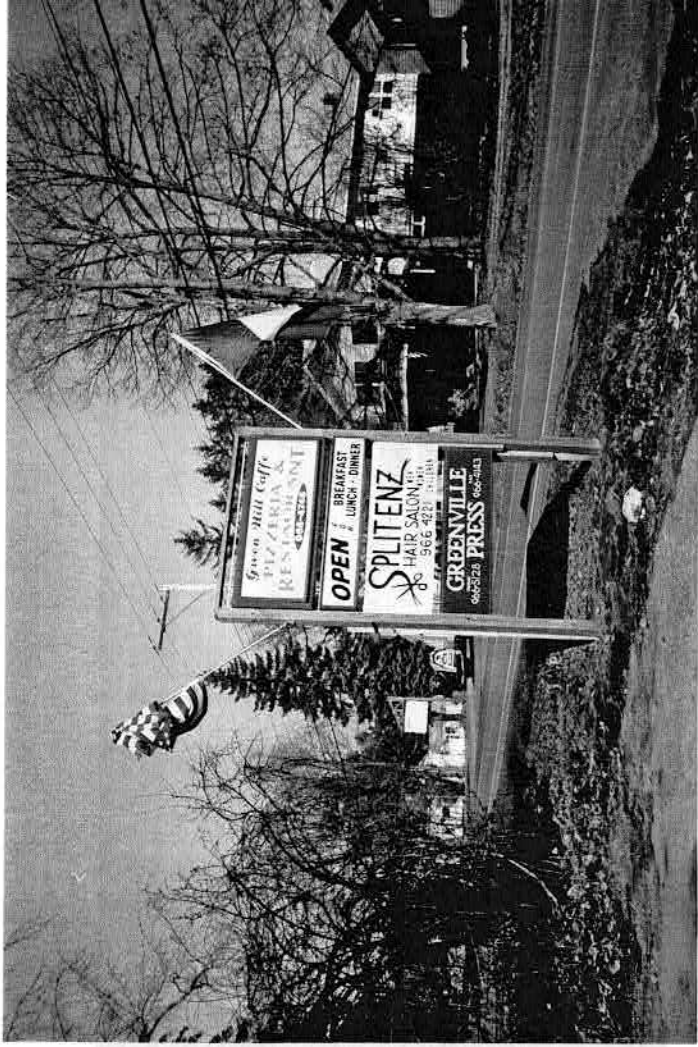
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RAZING MAIN STR GARAGE





THE BONES
CUMBERLAND FARMS



SIGNAGE BY GREEN HILL CAFE
HOT AIR BALLOON FEST

