

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session, 2015 Recognition

A classic November day—mid-50s, partly cloudy—awaited the dozen who attended the last regular meeting of the year: Stephanie Ingalls, Bob & Marie Shaw, Lew Knott, Ron Golden, Orrin Stevens, Bette Welter, Evelyn Jennings (came and left early but still nice to see!), Christine Mickelsen, Phyllis Beechert, Melinda Mullen, and Don Teator.

We took care of the prime order of business last—selection of the 2015 person-to-be-recognized. We previewed the names, citing the accomplishments of each while emphasizing the ideal of service above and beyond the ordinary scope of title or occupation. Another factor, someone noted, was the effect our nominees have had on Greenville history and culture. The name of Ed Beechert was added to the list, followed by a couple opinions, and we finally filled out the ballots.

The group decided that an announcement of the winner should be kept a surprise.

I will attempt to elicit votes from other members, either by email or phone for a final tally. Stay tuned, and thank you for your help.

Most of the evening was a share session, with a collection of items showing. They included: Orrin showing his Stevens Hill album, a compilation that Sylvia Hasenkopf amassed for a research project Orrin had commissioned. Some of that research appeared in a Pioneer article. (Still to be settled definitively is the question whether the variety of Stevens families are related, despite continued disclaimers in the past!)

(Another Stevens note: I have spent parts of three days with Orrin, looking through local history documents and photos, some of which I have duplicated for the Historian's files.)

(Another Stevens note: Another day with Orrin resulted in a treasure of photographs that not only tell family history on Stevens Hill but also record vignettes of hamlet history. I am sure you will see some of this in coming year or two.)

## **Thank you, Orrin**

Reaction to the calendars has been overwhelmingly positive. Again, if you can nudge a few more sales, that would be appreciated. Currently, the expense break-even point is two-thirds complete. Reminder: calendars can be found at the Library, Tops, Kelly's, Hilltown Agway, GNH, Town Clerk, and Read and Read Again. Of course, you can call me.

I showed a recent purchase—the 2013 HS Yearbook, the 2013 MS Yearbook, and the same two books for 2012 which I had forgotten to purchase last year. How much did your yearbook cost? I suspect it is less than the \$60 that the current HS book costs.

Someone asked if we have all the yearbooks. The answer, sad to say, is NO. Starting with the first yearbook in 1939, the Historian's files contain all but two. So, if anyone can locate the High School yearbooks of **1982 or 1984**, I'll trade you for a 2015 (or 2014 calendar).

The Middle School collection starts, in my files, about 2002, with most of the yearbooks since sitting on a Historian's shelf.

And, I've been informed that the elementary grades have a separate yearbook, none of which I have.

Yearbooks continue to be a quirky, but valuable, local history resource.

Recent Pioneer issues have contained an ad for contributions to the Potter Hollow School, and attention was drawn in the last newsletter. Considerable work had been ongoing, shoring up floors and foundation, protecting the windows, etc. I am aware of Ed Volmar being instrumental, and I am sure there are others who have helped on this mission.

A brief look at the 2015 calendar was given, with descriptions of the kinds of pictures to be used. Help was asked for locating some Freehold Fire Company photos, and a couple suggestions were offered.

An Albany Times-Union article from August 17 interviewed Pastor Ernest Fink who ministers in Albany. The piece noted Fink's stay in Greenville in the 1990s.

The Times-Union, in an October featured a GNH ad, made historically useful by a summary of the major advances GNH had made since its founding in 1937.

A July 2013 insert (newspaper not noted) was a four page spread of the schedule of the 59<sup>th</sup> Greene County Youth Fair. The insert also presented a concise history of the fair.

An October 3 article from the Altamont Enterprise publicized Lance Moore's efforts at the Freehold House (formerly Freehold Country Inn), presenting a human face as well as a bit of history. The Enterprise rarely delves into Greenville but did so this time because Moore is a resident of Voorheesville, doing contracting work for most of his life.

A July 27, 2013 Oak Hill Day flyer was saved and brought to the meeting. The paper includes, one side, a copy of the Oak Hill map from the Beers book, and, on the back, a listing, with short captions, of fifteen Historic Register buildings on the other side.

Although it is about a year old, a copy of the Welcome to the Town of Greenville booklet, compiled by Town Clerk Jackie Park, was shown, and we thought it a good idea. Nice job, Jackie.

Another quirky map shows Mid-Hudson Cable coverage of Greenville (as of 2009). This kind of document shows what people were living with. I suspect many of you remember those new-fangled video stores (Blockbuster is closing!) and some of us would be hard pressed, if asked by some eager young person, to explain how we "suffered" with such behind-the-times technology all these years (uppity kids! Or we are getting old!).

And then there was the folder of stuff that Phyllis brought last month, and re-brought this month. Her goodies included:

- Two post cards of the Episcopal Church (both dated around 1910)
- Memorial Service flyer, Doug Stanton, June 2013
- 2012 Veteran's Day program
- 2012 Greenville Interfaith Thanksgiving program
- 2013 Mose Van Zandt American Legion memorial program
- Episcopal 19578 Centenary Celebration booklet
- Newspaper clipping, undated, two new pastors in Greenville area
- Greenville Interfaith welcoming flyer
- April 2011 Celebration of New Ministry program
- 2013 Memorial Day program
- June 2012 Remembrance flyer for Marie Jennings
- Two advertisement post cards for Pine Ridge Farm (Plattekill Rd)

And the following items pertaining to her husband Edwin:

- 1943 GCS Diploma
- 1943 War Service HS Diploma
- GCS Letter G (the real thing!)
- Letter G 1943 Certificate
- Notice of passing grade subjects, 1939
- Four FFA ribbons

The Civil War Round Table program has come and gone, and Ted Hilscher did an outstanding job on the fate of the 120th Regiment at Gettysburg. The 120th was the one which our local men would have joined to go off to fight in the Civil War.

I made note of the Greenville Family Tree Project, the one that many of you recall me begging someone to start. Well, I have caught early snippets from both our volunteers—Carolyn Savery and Melinda Mullen. I gave both some obituaries to start with, and they are free to find other sources also. If you would like to pass on some Greenville Family Tree stuff, let me know. And, for this project, Greenville is defined quite loosely, more regionally to include bordering communities and to include those individuals whose lives affected Greenville.

#### **Other notes:**

A bit of serendipity fell my way this past month. A Ronnie Bain (someone I had never met or heard of until an email popped into my In Box) offered to mail me a Bill of Fare for Happy Days, date unknown, telephone of 126. I replied I would be most appreciative to receive it, and a few days later I found it in my mailbox, return address from Las Vegas.

So, how does such a rare piece fall into Greenville's hands again and from such an unlikely spot.

Ronnie, in a separate note, told of his (forgive me, if I assumed the gender incorrectly) mother passing away in 2001 at age 91. Mom was born in Feura Bush and how she came to possess this Menu could not be ascertained. But, with a good heart, Ronnie wanted the menu to find a home instead of throwing it away, and it is shared with you.

Joe Haut's Bavarian Garden is where J.P. North's is today, probably operated in the 1930s, perhaps the 1940s, with a distinct German flavor. A post card from the files shows a post card advertising the band that played there. In later years, it became Happy Days before its current operation. A copy of that menu is included in this newsletter.

Thank you, Ronnie, and for people like you.

#### **More "Other Notes"**

I will send out the annual letter sometime during the winter (February or March, most likely, depending on urgency and inspiration!).

And our lull in meetings until April is my usual opportunity to exhort all of you to work on some local history project – recording some piece of history. Too often, we tell stories of our memories or of stories that others have told, but precious little of it is written down and, thus, will be lost until the last rememberer of that story is able to tell it.

So, if you are in the mood some day, take a look around, think of something that is unlikely to be recorded, make some notes, and, revised or otherwise, turn it in to my files, whether at a meeting next year, or email, or mailing.

For example, I suggested to Orrin that he make a rough map of Rt 26, from where it splits from 81 and goes past his house until where 26A comes back into 26. Sketch the rough placement of the houses, and make notes about who lived where and about when. And add some stories. What a valuable piece that would be. (Orrin, of course, is under no obligation to comply with this "demand" but he good naturedly allowed me to use this example.)

Or, an account of school years, or some notes about a local organization, or a family account, or a neighborhood sketch, or a house history, or..., you can see that I have a long wish list.

The December 11 Civil War Round Table will feature Sylvia Hasenkopf and her new book, "May God in His Mercy Spare Our Lives: The Civil War Letters and Diary of Private Esek G. Wilber," who served in the local 120th Regiment. Sylvia will be good!

I trust your Thanksgiving celebration found you in good health, with friends and/or family, and now anticipating Christmas or other holidays.

Take care,

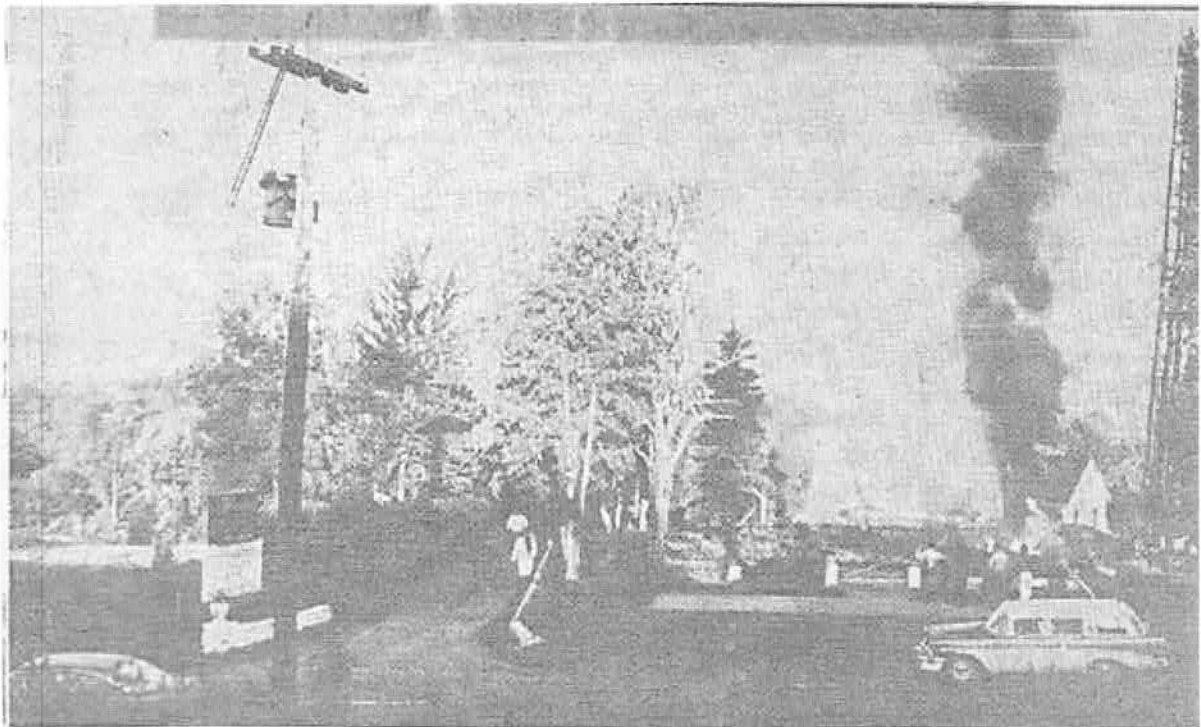


JOE HAUT'S BAVARIANS AT HIS HAPPY DAYS BAVARIAN GARDE  
37.04



FREEHOLD, N. Y., ROUTE 32, BETWEEN CAIRO AND GREENVILLE

Above: an undated post card for Joe Haut's Bavarians  
Below: Daily Mail picture and caption



**SAD ENDING FOR HAPPY DAYS** — A trail of smoke pouring skyward marked the end of the Happy Days Hotel on the Freehold-Greenville Road after it was swept by fire, twice within 24 hours this week. The first fire, on Wednesday severely damaged the interior of the structure. Flames

broke about again yesterday morning and leveled the combined hotel and restaurant, taking along with them all the hotel furnishings which had been boarded up in one of the lesser damaged rooms by Proprietor John Stamm.

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(Photo by Bob Anspacher)

**Bill of Fare**  
— OF —  
**HAPPY DAYS**

∞  
THE FIRST  
**Original Babarian**  
**Beergarden**  
IN THE CATSKILLS

∞  
ROUTE 32

∞  
**JOE HAUT**  
PROPRIETOR

TEL. GREENVILLE 126

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**Auf Wiedersehen!**

*DANCING and*  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
*EVERY NIGHT*

*Never a Dull Moment at*  
*"Happy Days"*

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NO COVER OR MINIMUM CHARGE  
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Not responsible for personal property unless checked

Front and back panels of one-fold menu:  
Actual size each panel: 10" tall, 6" wide

# WINE AND LIQUOR LIST

Domestic Wines		Imported Wines		Cobblers		Sours			
Glass	Bottle	Bottle	Bottle						
Sherry	25	1.50	1933 Liebfrauenmilch	2.50	Brandy	40	Applejack	30	
Port	25	1.50	1935 Niersteiner	2.50	Whiskey	40	Bourbon	35	
Burgundy	25	1.50	1933 Zeltinger	2.50	Claret	30	Brandy	40	
Sauterne	25	1.50	Palamino <sup>dry</sup> Sherry	2.50	Port	30	Rye	35	
Rhine	25	1.50	Sauternes Haut	2.25	Sherry	30	Scotch	40	
Rhine Spritzer	25		" White Bordeaux	2.50	Rhine	30	Gin	30	
<b>Champagnes</b>									
Veuve Savarin, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle	2.50	Canard-Duchene Special							
Napoleon 28 bottle	9.00	Cuvee, bottle	6.00						
<b>Cocktails</b>									
Bartender's Special	40	Coffee	40						
Martini Dry	30	Coronation	35						
Martini Sweet	30	Dubonnet	35						
Manhattan	30	Jack Rose	35						
Bronx	30	Golden Dream	40						
Old Fashioned	35	Havana	35						
Orange Blossom	30	Paradise	35						
Bacardi	35	Pink Lady	40						
Daiquiri	35	Silver Dream	40						
Side Car	35	Stinger	40						
Alexander	35	Stella	35						
Brandy	40	Angel Dream	35						
Clover Club	40	Champagne	50						
<b>Highballs</b>		<b>Summer Drinks</b>							
Apple Brandy	30	Tom Collins	30						
Bacardi	35	Claret Lemonade	30						
Bourbon	30	Gin Buck	30						
Brandy (Imp.)	40	Planter's Punch	50						
Rye	30	Gin Daisy	35						
Gin	30	Lemonade	25						
Scotch	35	Orangeade	25						
<b>Bonded Ryes</b>		<b>Whiskey</b>							
Mount Vernon	40	Bonded Bourbon							
Overholt	40	Old Grand Dad	40						
Old Taylor	40	Rye							
Old Crown	40	Wilson	30						
Canadian Club	40	Calvert Special	30						
Seagram's V. O.	40	Mattingly & Moore	30						
		Seagram's 5 Crown	30						
<b>Rickeys</b>		<b>Flips</b>							
Gin	30	Brandy	50						
Sloe Gin	35	Whiskey	40						
Porto Rico	35	Port	40						
Bacardi	35	Sherry	40						
				<b>Cordials</b>					
				Pony	Drink	Pony	Drink		
				Anisette	30	40	Creme de Cacao	30	40
				Apricot Brandy	30	40	Creme de Menthe	30	40
				Benedictine	30	40	Curacao	30	40
				Chartreuse (yellow)	30	40	Kummel	30	40
				Cherry Brandy	30	40	Peach Brandy	30	40
				Cointreau	30	40	Blackberry Brandy	30	40
				Gilka Kummel		40			
				<b>Egg Noggs</b>		<b>Fizzes</b>			
				Sherry		50	Brandy		50
				Rye		50	Gin		30
				Rum		50	Sloe Gin		35
				Brandy		60	Golden		40
				Scotch		60	Royal		45
				Silver		40			
				<b>Scotch</b>		<b>Irish Whiskey</b>			
				Jonny Walker Red Label	35	Bush Mills		35	
				Old Angus	35				
				White Horse	35	<b>Brandy</b>			
				Black and White	35	Pony	Drink		
				Haig & Haig	35	Apple		30	
				Teacher Cream	35	Hennessey 3 Star	35	45	
				Ballantine	40	Asbach Uralt	35	45	
				Cutty Sark	40	Martell 3 Star	35	45	
				<b>Fitzgerald &amp; Schaefer Beer on Draugh</b>					
				Per Glass		15			
				Imported Wurzbürger Hofbrau,		bottle,		40	
				<b>Bottle Ale</b>					
				Fitzgerald	bottle,	20	Burke's	bottle,	20
				Ballantine Ale	"	20	Stout	bottle,	20
				All Kinds of Soft Drinks		15			
				<b>Sandwiches</b>					
				Happy Day Special	50	Combination		25	
				Ham	15	All Hot Sandwiches		30	
				Roast Beef	20	Liverwurst		15	
				Salami	15	Frankfurter & Roll		10	
				Swiss Cheese	15	Limburger		15	
				Portion of Frankfurter & Sauerkraut		25			

The Menu!  
Original color is a medium green.