

April 17, 1991

One-room schoolhouse.

Those words generated the largest gathering the GLHG has ever witnessed. About forty people made the usually ample-sized Community Room a very snug place to be. This occurred in spite of a lack of notice in our last newsletter - proof that a few people read the Local, or that word spreads fast.

Don Teator welcomed our guests and restated the program's purpose and possible format. After everyone introduced themselves, the teachers were introduced. Present were Margaret Bogardus, Gladys Cornell, Goldie White, Irene Ingalls, Don Mabee, Ruth Palmer, and Jeanne Bear. Each summarized their teaching careers, especially as it pertained to the one-room schoolhouses. Many of their careers spanned the switchover from one-room to centralized schools.

The teachers controlled the first half hour, relating the nature of teaching in this bygone institution. Matters of heating, water, discipline, outhouses, books, recess, recitations, variety of student levels, salaries, instructional activities, and other topics were touched upon. Goldie White read selections from a book about the one room school house, and Margaret Bogardus shared samples of work and material from those teaching days. Don Mabee shared his experiences as a physical education teacher in the new Greenville Central School, as well as having several others share their memories of him as a teacher.

The next hour concentrated on student life, with most of the audience sharing their memories or a pleasant recollection of their days in the one-room schoolhouse. The delicacies of the outhouse and chemical toilet, games played during the one hour recesses, the mischief of a few, the travelling to school during all types of weather in the days of horses and walking, the one dipper water pail, the close friendships, the recalling of present locations of these buildings, the differences in treatment of boys and girls, the sense of loss when these schools closed for the impending merger with another school, the trepidation of moving to the high school, the low rate of male graduation, the importance of holidays and holiday plays (especially Christmas), the general lack of money in the economy, the purchase of one's own books and material, the lack of sympathy from parents for misdeeds at school, and many other facets of school life all formed the kaleidoscope of experience that the students of the one-room school house gained during those impressionable years and brought to life this one golden evening. Several people commented the meeting felt like a reunion.

An audio and video tape was made during most of the meeting and, depending on the steadiness of the videographer's hands, will be kept on file for future viewing.

Sifting through the interactions of that evening led me to a variety of personal reactions. The teachers took

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noticeable pride in the job they did. They lived a time that will not be seen again in this area and the teachers have a sense that are part of history. Even the students of those schools exhibited a fondness, a respect for times that seem simpler than today.

Respect for school seemed higher then than now, maybe in part due to greater parental support. This carried over in manners and public courtesy.

Other notes:

1. The Catskill Valley Historical Society meets April 29th in the Community Room at 7:30, with a program featuring Roger Mabey who will give a slide presentation about the Hudson River Day Line.

2. Observing our one-room school house program, I was reminded that one of our projects needing attention is that of our schools. As I see it, whoever takes this project might focus on buildings, student activities, classes, faculty, changes, etc.

3. Number three is an offshoot of the previous note. I feel we need people to tackle a project. This person, or group, would do as much as they could, gathering information about that topic, possibly attracting others to the project, and producing notes or folders or manuscripts about their findings. I simply don't have time for even a tenth of the projects I see being useful, interesting, or necessary. I hope by this time I have made it clear that each of us can make a contribution to our local history. At the same time, I realize many of you are consistently giving of material, time, and ideas, but if you are able or have the interest to develop a project, your work has a place.

4. A proposal has been made to have Sally Light come some summer Saturday to give a lecture demonstration on house histories. At next meeting, I will try to get a commitment that the GLHG pay the difference, if one exists, of Sally's fee and the money collected from people attending the seminar. Sally's fee will be about \$150 and I hope that a \$10 fee from 15 people attending this session will cover costs. In the case it doesn't, is the GLHG willing to cover any shortfall? If you disagree, please come next meeting to counter my proposal.

5. Our next meeting, scheduled for May 13th, will be a share meeting.

Don Teator

Business Cards

Loc	Title/topic	Name
101	Rich's Custom Meat Shop	Richard Dedie
102	M.Mattick Livestock Inc.	
103	Borwegen Trucking	
104	Home Custom Cabinet	Pat Halleck
105	RAVE Enterprises	Roy & Eileen Clayton
106	Lee's Wood Services	
107	Walenta & Clark Agency	Robert Walenta
108	Mario's Glassworks	
109	Roy L. Studio	
110	Lee's Wood Services	
201	Teatoring on the Edge	Debra Teator
202	Lomanto Security Systems	Jim Lomanto
203	Shade Gardening	June Clark
204	JEM Collectibles	Joan Matera
205	Tag & Estate Sales	June Clark
206	Permanent Touch	Betty Panzarino
207	Home Office	Katherine Pebler
208	Insurance	D H Rundell
209	Sani-Clene Carpet & Floor Care	James Bucci
210	Tee's Printing	Maggie Tee
301	Carpentry / Masonry	Robert Furko
302	Carpentry	David Lord
303	Red Sun Builders	Ray Kosorek
304	Alpha-Omega Copy Center	Catherine & Sandra Carrano
305	Challenger Construction	Ted
306	Murphy Electric Motor Service	
307	Lucky Luciano	Lucky & Eddie
308	Overlook Inn	Pat & Mike
309	Strictly Nails	Laura Palmer
310	True Value	Peter Hotaling
401	Baumann's	
402	Old Plank Poultry Farm	Leland Brown
403	Ventura's Cheesecakes	Kimberly Ventura
404	Daly Cleaning Services	
405	MarGas	Jerry & Dan Marquadt
406	Town & Country Travel	Sandra Carrano
407	Ventura's Catering	Paul Ventura
408	Highpoint Furniture	James Goode
409	Excalibur Painting	Stephen Sprague
410	T-lok	S J DiTillio
501	Northeast Utilities Construction	William Pavlicin
502	Valerie's Beauty Salon	Betty Panzarino
503	G R Klob Welding	G. Klob
504	Century 21	Carmen Militello
505	Chiropractor	Dr. Linda Adamchak
506	Willoughby Concrete	Paul Willoughby
507	Santa's	
508	Aerial Advertising	Clem Hoovler
509	TipTop Furniture	Leslie Zarcone
510	Freehold Airport	Clem & Rita Hoovler
601	Suburban Photo Supply	Phyllis Lilienthal