

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

Spring is back, and so were we at the first regular GLHG meeting of 2002.

Well, that is mostly true because the potluck dinner of March saw about twenty of us brave the tail end of one of the mildest winters many of us have ever seen. Many thanks for all the helpers who set up the dinner, especially Phyllis who was the mastermind of this enjoyable start of the year. Thanks again, Phyllis.

The April meeting, as usual, was a share session. Attending were Barbara Baron, Joe Mangold, Jeanne Bear, Dot Blenis, Connie Teator, Kathie Williams, Mimi Weeks, Harriett Rasmussen, Ron Golden, Phyllis Beechert, Rosemary Lambert, Edna McAneny, Aileen Hesel-Burns, Dot Hesel, and Don Teator.

We caught up on winter news, checked out the new paintings on the wall, and settled in for the new business. Phyllis Beechert had a treasure trove of photos and school material of both Goldie White and Margaret Bogardus. (For those of you don't know, these two women were elementary school teachers during mid-century, died this past winter, and left a large supply of their teaching materials and newspaper clippings of our communities.) We looked over some of the material and, if you know us, spent more than a few minutes with stories relating, or otherwise, to the material in front of us.

Edna McAneny brought an 1886 letter from a local businessman, and it was entertaining to read and listen to a small and ordinary piece of local history from more than a century ago.

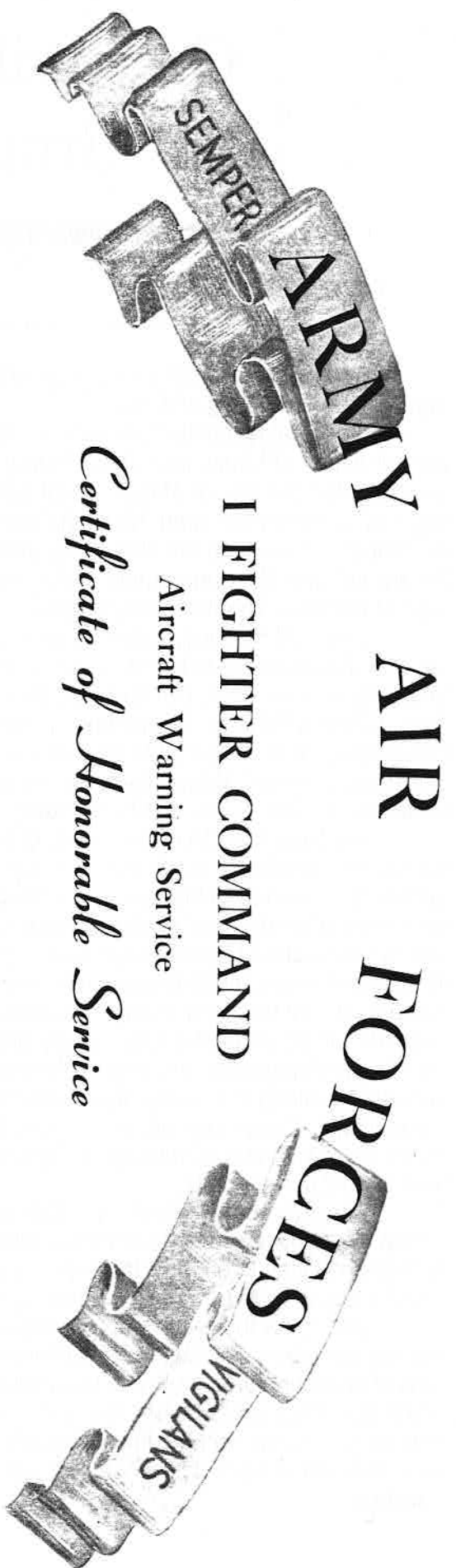
Don show the group the archival newspaper storage boxes purchased last fall and the results of re-storing the Greenville Local and Greenville Press newspapers. So, a tour of the records was given, and the fifty boxes of newspapers, one year's worth of newspapers per box, was seen.

The star of the evening was Aileen, who brought some clothes of a past vintage. We admired the styles and fabrics, a topic we don't often tread upon during our meetings. Also, Aileen had brought a notebook of house history notes of her new house, the former Ellis house on South Street, with copies of deeds and other related information. Anyone who has ever done any house history work on the old house understands how frustrating this search is when you have so much information and yet have such big holes in the research. Trying to find exactly when the house was built is one of those black holes.

On the back is a copy of a certificate that Ruth Powell donated to the files. Another of her certificates, dated a year earlier, notes her completing a course of study in Aircraft Recognition. These local volunteers searched the skies for enemy aircraft, and usually utilized the Murder Bridge Hill building and the Norton Hill building, both set on high spots with a good view of the surrounding skies. This has been a topic from earlier meetings and even was one of our calendar pictures.

The next meeting is **May 13**. We'll do our one of interviews of a community member. **Walter Ingalls** has agreed to face us this coming meeting, and I suggested we do a Part I for May and a Part II for another month. Part I will be Ingalls family history, as well as Walt's growing up years. Part II, as I envision it, will be Walter's life from his high school years to present, with stories of people and events and changes. Part II, of course, can change, depending on how Part I turns out. Come on out to hear one of our best story tellers and keepers.





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