

October 15, 1990

We were hanging from the rafters at the October 8th meeting. Our biggest turnout, 30, is turning our circle into Saturn's rings. For the record, we saw Mildred Adriance, Edna Adams, Kathie Williams, Jeanne Williams, June Clark, Purl Howard, Dorothy Howard, Cris Ketcham, Arlene Brown, Lee Brown(!), Lillian Weeks, Barbara Baron, Ray Bennett, Marge Bennett, Gerald Ingalls, Phyllis Beechert, Alice Roe, Harriet Rasmussen, Margaret Bogardus, Jeanne Bear, Orlie Bear(!), Connie Teator, Joe Mangold, Marianne Doorly, Janet Halstead, Bunny Gundersen, Toot Vaughn, Betty Vaughn, Gerald Boomhower and Don Teator.

A brief thirty-minute share session (believe me, thirty minutes is nothing for us) was held before the program.

Edna Adams showed pictures and material relating to the Red Mill and other sites in West Greenville and Norton Hill.

Harriet Rasmussen continues to add to our genealogical files, this time to the Evans file.

Dorothy Howard contributed a 1907-1908 School District #4 register for the files. Names of students in the Academy are proven in the attendance record.

Lillian Weeks showed several pictures of the King Hill area.

Kathie Williams completed a transcription from a taping of Gladys Beylegaard, and Pearl Capone finished transcribing the 1902 diary of Clair Weeks. A thank you to both for completing such a grungy (in my opinion) job.

June Clark explained that she and Don Teator decided to open a booth for the Oktoberfest without giving notice to the GLHG. She explained our presumptuousness with the probable benefit of selling the calendars, which indeed was the result with nearly 60 calendars sold. A thank you goes to Debra Teator who represented our group the entire day. Harriet Rasmussen was present nearly as long, and June and Don made cameo appearances.

Plans for the Open House on October 13th were repeated from the last newsletter. We hope to show our work, selling calendars and duplicate pictures. Results may be available later in the letter, especially if I don't mail this letter out until after the Open House.

And, then the calendars. The calendars were shown; the word came down from our leader: **WE MUST SELL CALENDARS!** Although we haven't made a quota, we need to have everybody pitch in. If we sell 500 calendars, you won't have to hear this request again this year. This is where the last GLHG comes in. Already, Leeland and Arlene Brown are nearing the 50 calendar mark. The Freehold Store and Whitbeck's Gas Station are selling calendars, as are most of us already. If you need more calendars, call June or Don. If anyone wants one mailed, refer the request to: Don Teator, RD#1, Box 147, Freehold, NY 12431, along with \$6 (\$5 for the calendar and \$1 for postage).

Lillian Weeks and Orlie Bear headed the Early Farming Life program. Both recounted the details that made up a way of life that many of us experienced or lived next to, but one

that few will have the chance again to enjoy or "suffer".

The myriād duties of the housewife was recounted by Lillian, with help of many others; Orlie told of the activities of the men. A time of little mechanization, hard-earned money, a high level of self-sufficiency mixed with the ever present strand of interdependence, a time of simpler pleasures, and a world attuned to the weather and climate clearly shone through their accounts. The details of sleighing, getting in hay, preparing food, drafty houses, quiet Sundays, the first tractor or truck, going to a dance, the importance of neighbors, going to the Cairo Fair, telephone party lines, the importance of health, and tens of other topics showed a community of independent people whose lifestyles are of a time distinct from their grandchildren's Greenville.

We thank Lillian and Orlie for sharing their memories, allowing us to connect and compare how our lives were similar or different. Many sitting in the Community Room that Monday night shared those times, some as friends, many as people who collectively created that entity called community in one little corner of New York.

A thank you goes to Toot and Betty Vaughn for refreshments. I couldn't tell which was better - the oatmeal cookies or the sticky buns - so I had to test both several times. My final analysis was a tie, although the sticky buns had the unfair advantage of making me lick my fingers several times, thus being tasted more times per unit.

A few thoughts (very few, as one crackpot would say).

1. An audio tape of the program was made and may be transcribed at some point. Another listen will be needed. I also videotaped about half of the program. I suspect we'll look back at this tape in five years with a good deal of appreciation. (The other lesson I learned was don't be surprised if the taping light doesn't come on if no tape is in the recorder; it only took me five minutes to figure that out.)

2. If you have ideas for programs, please let us know. Sometimes the programmers see trees but not the forest. Is there interest in having another experience-theme program like Farming? Any interest in computers? genealogy advice? somebody's research? At this point, we've kept the cost down by creating our own programs. If there's interest in outside speakers, we may have to decide if we want to pay for it, or whether we're satisfied with what's happening now.

3. November 12th is our next meeting. Bring ideas, plans, and material to share.

4. With winntteerr (even my word processor doesn't like that word) approaching, it's time to take a look at projects we can work on. Business histories, one room school houses, recording the typical things that make life special, a history of an event or group, a biographical sketch, or digging into records to produce information not seen before, to name a few, are activities still waiting for someone to take hold of.

Sincerely,

Don Teator

P.S. The Open House, previously mentioned, exceeded our expectations. Although we would have liked to have sold more calendars, Debra shot nearly five rolls of film. Several shots are spectacular shots of our past. In addition, nearly twenty new faces browsed through the photo albums and file material. Debra, June, Harriet, and I were available all day; Bunny Gundersen and the Teators provided refreshments; several members stopped in at various times to see if they could help. Thank you for making the Open House an excellent chance to make the community more aware of what we are doing.

Meanwhile, on the southern front, Ray Bennett was selling calendars at the Freehold Flea Market. Thanks, Ray, for your help, despite the heavy rain. Also, a thank you goes to Joe Mangold who found a way for us to be represented at this Flea Market.

P.S.S. Several new people have joined our mailing list; thus a re-issue of members. An asterisk before the telephone column represents people on the mailing list (I included people on my personal delivery list also). This letter is being sent to all members; please check accuracy. If there are changes to be made, please let me know.

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