

November 23, 1990

Our first small taste of winter greeted our November 12 meeting. Sixteen were in attendance.

June Clark's update about the calendar sales indicated that about 225 calendars have been sold. Thus, we have made enough to pay for this printing and, with the sale of another 20-40 calendars, should have nearly enough to cover next year's printing (assuming similar costs). The Library has been very helpful and successful in selling calendars. We agreed to give them one for their efforts. Also, Anyone who loaned money for the calendar will be repaid as soon as Don sees them.

June next prepared us for next month's meeting -social and service clubs and organizations affecting the Town of Greenville. This can range from business organizations, church groups, literary clubs, youth organizations, ethnic groups, military organizations, sporting teams and leagues, and any of the other clubs and organizations that people joined, whether they still exist or have faded from the scene.

We hope that you will come with information that might be copied or given to the Historian's files. Your help can be basic (name of group, eligibility, dates of operation or your association, purpose of group, etc.) or can be quite detailed (lists of members, programs, projects and accomplishments, history of group, etc.). We hope each organization will have its own file which then could be added to for others' research.

June again mentioned the Greene County Historical Society's House Registry. Forms can be obtained through June or the GCHS.

Harriet Rasmussen continues to add to our genealogical files with a file on the Delamater family. Harriet also read, quite appropriately for Veteran's Day, a letter from Rob Decker to Harriet's mother while he was serving during WWI.

Don Teator then had numerous items to share or announce.

Copies of recent newspaper articles of Greenville event were shown. The Presbyterian Church steeple dedication, Bill Ransom's teacher-of-year award, the Class of 1945's reunion, and June Clark and her garden were topics of positive note. June's article came from the Sunday Albany Times-Union.

Copies of Jeanne Bear's article about her husband Orlie's reminiscences that appeared in the Greene County Historical Society's Journal were passed around. Don reminded everyone of the importance of recording our memories, knowledge, and research.

Don then showed the newest batch of pictures that will be placed in the photo albums. The pictures came from Lillian Weeks (about 150), Alice Roe (30), and from the Open House (about 120).

Don revealed the photo duplication will slow slightly until January. As Town Historian, he has depleted his expense budget and needs to wait for the new budget.

A business card album with nearly 50 cards was shown. These cards depict the types of businesses around. Enclose is the current list. I hope some of you can hunt out some more

for this collection. Two members contributed their cards.

Don brought in two swollen envelopes of photos that Chris McDonald has donated for our files. The pictures show the Cabin burning, Baker's being torn down, some square dancing, and many other topics.

Refreshments were served by Don Teator.

More notes and comments:

1. Ruth Bigelow has a Layman family bible. Ella Layman married Ruth's uncle, Elnathan. Anyone with any information of any living descendants should contact Ruth, or call me to pass along the information.

2. A "Thank You" and a "Job Well Done" goes to all of us for the calendar project. The calendar has drawn many favorable comments; your efforts in selling the calendars have enabled us to pay for printing costs and get a start on next year's printing, should we so decide. Still, we have a month remaining of prime calendar selling time. Call June or me if you need to get more copies.

3. Thinking of throwing away pictures? If they have anything to do with Greenville, consider throwing them away to the Historian.

4. Although the GLHG has no connection with the governing bodies of Greenville, the Town's support of my budget has made the photo project possible. Those of you who have seen the photo project have concrete evidence where some of your tax dollars go (if you live in the town). Acknowledgement of your support of this project to the right people reinforces this support.

5. I'll be looking for more photo collections to duplicate. If you are aware of any, please let me know.

6. Winter, for many of us, means more time spent indoors. If you become inspired, think of recording memories, house histories, trends, changes, etc.

7. Next meeting: December 10

8. Want to know more about doing a house history? I may be able to arrange a lecture/demonstration through Sally Light of Columbia County who recently published a how-to book. I suspect the best time would be late spring or early summer, some Saturday. About five people at this meeting said they were interested; I'll find out costs and determine what number of participants would be suitable. If you might be interested, let me know within the next few months.

9. Biographical sketches? A sketch a month in the Greenville Local sounded like a good idea. Nothing has been turned in; nobody has even hinted at working on somebody. This worthwhile project is one I don't really want to give up on yet.

Don Teator