

June 15, 1991

Our June meeting found about ten fewer people than usual; the nice summer weather must have influenced a few to take a breather. In attendance were G.Boomhower, C.Ketcham, M.Simpkins, C.Teator, D.Teator, D.Dively, J.Mangold, J.Bear, H.Rasmussen, P.Beechert, E.Adams, C.Gardiner, and guests Hank and Joan Bruni (of Long Island, staying at Pine Lake Manor).

The program of Carol Clement and Greene County female artists was postponed when Carol couldn't make it. But all is not lost. Carol will be the July 8th program, assisted by Oak Hill's Doug Thomsen who will be offering his Olive Cheritree expertise. (Tom and Carol Dinnel had come from Summit, NY for the Clement program and promised to be back next month with their Olive Cheritree painting.)

So, in our mostly unflustered way, we had an unplanned share meeting. We still filled out the night, scheduled or otherwise.

Edna Adams brought an old tin box, hoping someone might identify its origin. Suggestions were offered and Edna promised to bring it in next month since the Butler sisters are part of the program. Edna also brought in and contributed a multi-sheet, one-room-schoolhouse-type reader, the kind that probably was hung on the wall, with pages flipped. Although this reader is in poor condition, some assessment of repairability should be made.

Gerald Boomhower brought in numerous clippings of the Glenn murder case of the 1930's. A re-telling was done for our guests.

Dave Dively came to show the books he and the 4th grade teachers gave as prizes for the interview contest. Both of them - one on NYS history, the other on beginning genealogy - were attractive books and deemed worthy gifts for the deserving 4th graders. As Dave explained it, \$10 was returned to the Group since a bargain had been found.

The GLHG thanks Dave and Bonnie for their communication between school and us, and we appreciate the strong efforts they've undertaken to connect local history and the 4th graders. Additionally, a thank you goes to Betty Vaughn, Mary Ellen White, and Don Teator for judging the essays. A special thank you goes to Betty Vaughn who represented the GLHG at the 4th grade awards assembly. And a thank you goes to Debra Teator who videotaped this awards ceremony; this tape will be partially viewed at our next share session (August?).

Harriet Rasmussen, of course, had another family folder to put into the files. This time the Coonley family was the object of Harriet's research. Thanks, Harriet, for a consistency that is not always easy for many of us to maintain.

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Joe Mangold brought a old picture to be duplicated of sheep wandering on a Freehold road. Also, Joe donated a program from the dedication ceremony for the Greenville Central School in 1932.

Marguerite Simpkins brought in a few goodies. First, she gave Lusk and Hallock family information to be copied. The real prize was a copy she made of a map of the Prevost patent with lot lines and names of those leasing the land. A copy of that will be made and put on file.

A note should be made of those who helped share booth duties during the June 1st Rotary Fair. Harriet, Ray and Marge, Don and Deb, Betty, and June helped sell a few calendars and post cards, help people browse through our material, and keep the GLHG in the public eye. Despite the fine weather that day, the attendance appeared to be smaller than last year's Fair.

Don Teator took up the next twenty minutes. First, the idea of junior members was again raised. Don admitted that life was busy enough for the present and if this idea is to happen soon, somebody (or somebodies) in the Group would have to see it through.

Second, the idea of a photo contest for the 1994 calendar was raised again. Not having heard any objections or any expressions to stay with the old pictures, Don will start the publicity for the contest soon. The idea of a color calendar was raised; some inquiry will be needed and if a reasonable price could be found, this color calendar could happen. The first inquiry was an eye-popping one - about \$9000. We may feel wealthy but this is not in our sphere of reality yet. Further inquiries will be made.

Don had several items to show. One was the publication that the New York Historical Association puts out for its membership. Notice was given of the Palatine genealogical conference in Cobleskill on June 20-22. A dozen new photographs were passed around. A pine barrel coin bank (a souvenir from the Palmer souvenir shop in 1950) and an old Freehold Church hymnal were displayed, both contributions from Elnora Phinney.

Nine o'clock rang and we were done - a reasonable hour to close most meetings but early for us.

An extra copy of this newsletter has been included. Feel free to pass it on to someone who might be interested. I guess it's my sneaky way to keep as many people as we can involved in knowing what we are doing.

Sincerely,

Don Teator