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# ***Allegany Area Historical Association***

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

November, already! Are you ready for Thanksgiving? Are you making your Christmas lists? I know I'm not ready in the least. But we are getting ready at the association. Our annual **Christmas Cookie Sale** will be on **Saturday, December 3** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (or until we're sold out) at **Nature's Remedy, 120 West Main Street in Allegany.** So start digging out your favorite recipes so you will be ready when you're called to help bake. We made over \$800 on the sale last year and hope to do as well this year. We also need workers that day, so if you can help there, let Alice Altenburg know.

We are also planning our **23rd annual Community Christmas Service** to be held on **Sunday, December 4th** at the **Heritage Center**, 25 North Second Street at **2 p.m.** We will be collecting canned goods and paper products at the service to benefit Genesis House. This is always a nice way to begin the holiday season, so we hope to see you there.

We held our annual election of officers and trustees at the October meeting. The new officers are: President - Francie Potter; Vice-President - Marge Geise; Recording Secretary - Shirley Russell; Corresponding Secretary - Marion Elling; Treasurer - Alice Altenburg. Two trustees were elected for a 3 year term: Jim Hitchcock and Mel Duggan.

Speaking of Mel, he may regret saying yes to another term, as our ceiling is once again falling down. Mel's crew patched up last year's ceiling collapse, but now it's falling down in a different place. Mel said that once the weather brought his crews inside, they would get to it in earnest this year.

We thought we'd mention, for the benefit of our out-of-town members, some of the items we have in our collection. One of the most valuable items is the complete *Allegany Citizen* on microfilm, from 1896 to 1976. This has proved to be a tremendous resource for us. We have family histories donated by various families who have done extensive research on their ancestors and have given us a copy of the results. And, of course, we have many brief and not-so-brief genealogies on families whose roots are in Allegany. We have old maps which are a big help to us. And we have many items for sale, which we will offer at the Christmas Cookie Sale.

One way to find out more exactly what we have is to access our web site at **Allegany Area Historical Association** or through a link to us at the excellent web site of the village and town of Allegany at **Allegany.org**. The combined web site is very good and worth a look, and an excellent way to keep up with what is going on in our area. Our AAHA web site is maintained by Tom Healy of Buffalo, and he deserves thanks for designing it and keeping it up to date.

Another reminder, in case you forgot in October, that your dues are due. A single membership is \$10, family \$15 and patron is \$20 or more. Make your check to AAHA and mail to PO Box 162, Allegany, New York 14706.

The village had a festival during St. Bonaventure's family weekend, called Bonagany. It was on Main Street between 4th and 2nd Streets. The weather was perfect and it was a huge success. Our association took part, answering questions about Allegany history, and selling our books and cards. It was a good way to make people aware of us.

Francie Potter, President

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## Pages from the Past

### **GIRLS FOR RIVETTING WANTED**

*Allegany Citizen August 5, 1905*

Girls wanted at once at the cutlery factory to do rivetting on knife & fork handles. Call at once at the factory, or at residence of W. L. Burritt, Harmon Avenue.

### **SOUTH NINE MILE**

*Allegany Citizen August 26, 1905*

Mrs. Jacob Gallets and Mrs. A. Hoffman of Buffalo visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Karl Tuesday. Miss Ragina Gallets, who spent a few days with her cousin, Miss Teresa Karl, returned home Tuesday. Mr. Roy Bickmier, who had the misfortune of cutting his foot with an ax last Tuesday is able to be out again. Miss Dorothy Karl entertained a number of her friends at a lawn social at her home Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. John Roll of Depew. Mrs. Jacob Gallets and Mrs. A. Hoffman of Buffalo spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallets. Miss Dorothy Karl spent Sunday with Miss Mae Waters. Mr. Roy Bickmier made a flying trip to Allegany Monday. Miss Julia Caldwell of Allegany is spending a few days with Miss Mae Waters of the South Nine Mile. Miss Agnes Karl of Allegany is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Karl. Miss Martha Brown of Cuba and Miss Amelia Geise and Fred Geise spent Sunday with the Misses Dorothy and Cathryn Karl. Mrs. Joseph Betz of Buffalo and Mrs. Henry Gallets visited Mr. Jacob Karl Tuesday last. The Misses Kathryn and Agnes Schuman spent Saturday evening with Miss Minnie Lippert. Miss Agnes Brandel of Rock View, Misses Agatha and Sophia Gallets, Mr. Frank Norris and brother, Pursey, of Rochester, NY were the guests of the Misses Dorothy and Kathryn Karl Sunday last.

### **FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT**

*Allegany Citizen August 19, 1905*

Is there another community in the state that like Allegany expects its fire fighters to climb rotten ladders to fight a fire? Rotten ladders like those precipitated V. J. Nenno, Dave Forness and others to the ground with a crash at last Wednesday's fire. These ladders were not public property. The public has not even as much as rotten ladders of its own!

### LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

*Allegheny Citizen (spring 1905)*

April. Clean up. Spring is here. This is all fools. 'Tis moving time. Dig up your horseradish. Get out your garden tools. Soon time for dandelion greens. Clean up your back yard & cellars.

Eggs took a great slump.

James Lynch is seriously ill.

L. A. Merrill is down with the grip.

Did you see that flock of pigeons?

Mrs. Chas. Karst is on the sick list.

Marie Clare is visiting in Chipmonk

Geo. P. Karst was a caller in town yesterday.

Mrs. Wm. A. Flynn is confined to her home by illness

Mrs. Kate Jones was called to Swissvale, Pa. Thursday.

E. F. Smith is in Potter Co., Pa. on a business trip.

A quantity of hard stove wood for sale by Mrs. E. P. Blair.

Charles & Andrew Forness are starting some wells at Genesee, Pa.

J. W. Felt was home during the week from the W. Va. oil fields.

Mr. Kreamer has rented & taken possession of the Hewitt farm on John Street.

Wm. N. Hall was severely burnt yesterday while starting up the gas engine at Hall Bros. sash factory.

If you happen to see a plug hat in the middle of the sidewalk, don't kick it! There's a brick in it.

Mrs. T. Forness, who has been ill from an attack of locomotor ataxia, is again able to be about her duties.

Looks like an oil boom right on Harmon Ave.!

J. F. N. Mutschlechner & Henry G. Bockmier have returned from a trip over the country; visited Buffalo, Perry, & Bradford.

The best & only bread fresh each day can be had only at Brooks' Bakery. Fresh pies, cakes, & cookies every day in the week.

McAuliffe & Son have their new burglar proof vault safe, weighing 2000 pounds, in position in their store, and the one recently damaged by burglars was shipped out.

The new well that was drilled in on the Waldeck lease last week has sent land values on Harmon Ave. soaring. If this sort of thing only lasts, electric lights, concrete walks & pavements for us in the near future!

On account of the grip fastened on the editor during the week, many matters and occurrences had to be cut short, or left out altogether. We expect to be let loose before another issue.

The editor of a nearby exchange had the misfortune to burst a button off his trousers the other day. He secured the services of a generous hearted, lady who sewed the perforated disc back into place, after which he said, "Thank you, Madam. I'll do as much for you sometime."

# Memorials



For: Vernon Field  
From: Winifred Prozeller Wirth, PhD.

For: Geraldine McLaughlin  
From: Winifred Prozeller Wirth, PhD.

For: Pete and Dorothy Fortuna  
From: The Fortuna Kids

For: Rita Salmonson  
From: Francis Hirt  
Virginia Yehl

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**October 1, 2004 - October 1, 2005**

This report is presented to give you an understanding of our sources of income and our expenses.  
 AAHA receives no public assistance from village, town or state.

Income

Membership Dues	\$3,185.00
Memorials	3,125.00
Donations	228.00
Christmas Cookie Sale	806.00
Heritage Days Profit	1,511.00
Copier Usage	21.00
Checking Account Interest	27.00
Sales -	
Tales of War	263.00
Allegany History Book	465.00
Allegany Videos	40.00
Misc. Sales	107.00
Chairs	300.00
	TOTAL
	\$10,078.00

EXPENSES

NYSEG	\$ 2,186.00
Niagara Mohawk	747.00
Insurance	1,151.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	150.00
PO Box Rental	48.00
Newsletter Printing	321.00
Newsletter Mailing	152.00
Programs	150.00
Service Contract	319.00
Dues	90.00
Collections	89.00
Supplies	145.00
Maintenance	16.00
Street Sheet Expense	171.00
Equipment*	1,138.00
	TOTAL
	\$6,873.00

\*Equipment (table, chairs and memorial labels purchased from Memorial Fund)

# THE LEAVES OF LATE NOVEMBER

It is the need of fresh air  
that brings me here,  
to a bench in Lincoln Park  
on a cold November day.

In front of me is a maple tree,  
its branches almost bare.  
But going back in time,  
about six weeks or so,  
full was the foliage that covered this tree.  
And bright were the colors of scarlet and gold.



The foliage, though, did reach its peak  
and then did scatter everywhere,  
driven by the wind.

A few leaves, though, they did remain,  
stubbornly clinging to the tree.  
They are survivors,  
they are the leaves of late November.

Like these left over leaves,  
I, too, am wrinkled and gray.  
I, too, am a survivor.  
And to me "each day is a gift,"  
a gift from God who reigns supreme  
in His kingdom far away - up there among the stars.

*By David McGranaghan, Allegany*



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**Saturday, December 3 at Nature's Remedy, 120 West Main Street, Allegany 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Again this year, we need a lot of fancy decorated cookies. All the cookies sell well, but the fancy ones sell the best! See you there!!!!



# IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



**Tales of War and Confinement** - \$6.00, plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

**Our Allegany Heritage: 1831-1981** - \$7.50, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

**Allegany Christmas cards** - 30 cents each, or 12 for \$2.50, plus shipping and handling.

**Video of History of Allegany** - \$10, plus \$5 for shipping and handling

Contact AAHA at: PO Box 162, Allegany, NY. 14706 to order.

## November Meeting

Our meeting will be on **Sunday, November 13** at the **Heritage Center** at **2 p.m.** Our speaker will be Allegany County Historian **Craig Braack**, who will talk about and show slides of the most recent war memorials in Washington D.C., the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial. It is very fitting we are having Mr. Braack at this time as Novemer 11th will be the annual Veterans Day commemoration.

Mr. Braack is always an entertaining speaker, and I hope you will be able to join us for his talk.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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