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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

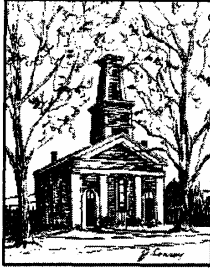
A brief report this time as I seem to have covered a lot of things last month. Be sure to check out the information about our upcoming meeting on Sunday, November 14th. Craig Braack is always interesting, and a lot of the War of 1812 happened right here in Western New York and neighboring Canada. When I was in Niagara-on-the-Lake this summer, I saw a tower-fort at the mouth of the Niagara River that had been built from the remains of the town which had been burned by the American army during that conflict. Fort George in Canada and Fort Niagara on the American side were busy shelling each other then, the Americans were repulsed by the British at the Battle of Queenston Heights, and there were battles in Buffalo, which was burned, and in Fort Erie. So the history of that war is really in our backyard.

In going through the microfilm of *The Allegany Citizen* at the Heritage Center, we came upon an article from 1927 which gives a little of the sports history of Allegany Central School. "The year 1922 marked the first year that athletics were ever had in our high school. The first year we had baseball and basketball teams. Our baseball diamond was up to par, but what about our basketball court? (If it could be called that). The old livery barn which stands on Fifth Street (*Ed. Note - Today this site is the post office parking lot*) was used as a place for our boys to play their home games. Despite the fact that our "gym" was not up to the standard, the people nevertheless came to the games and gave the team their loyal support, of course this was when we had a championship team. In the year 1925 our new school was opened. This building as we all know is an honor to our town and stands out as one of the best buildings in our village. Our school has the best "gym" in Cattaraugus County, and well as all other facilities. Last year (1926) was the first time in its history that the A. H. S. turned out a football team. The record made by the boys last year was not very impressive, yet it must be taken into consideration that it was their first year in this branch of athletics. The support given the various teams last year as well as so far this year has been nothing sort of terrible." The article goes on at some length to scold everyone for their poor support of the athletic teams, and notes that the students will be selling game tickets for a match with Little Valley, and they also plan to hold a parade to drum up enthusiasm. The editor of the *Citizen* was never shy about expressing his opinion, which was always on the front page, and it all makes for some very interesting reading. We'll try to have some more from past issues in future newsletters.

We have a new Recording Secretary. Shirley Russell has volunteered her services, and we are very grateful. Thanks, Shirley.

There is mention elsewhere in this newsletter about our annual Community Christmas service. We hope you will be able to attend this "opening" of the holiday season. As always, thanks to all our members for their support of the cookie sale and the Christmas service. We would be out of business without all you do for us.

Francie Potter, President

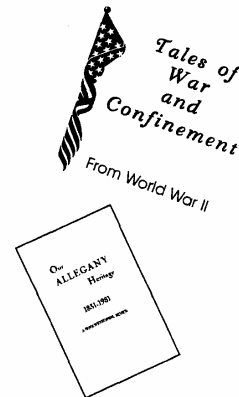


COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

We will hold our 22nd annual Community Christmas Service on Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Center, 25 North Second Street. A collection of canned goods and paper products will be taken for the benefit of Genesis House in Olean. Refreshments will be served after the service. We hope you will be able to join us.

BOOKS

When you are looking for Christmas presents, don't forget we have some very interesting books for sale. Tales of War and Confinement from World War II contains letters from Clem Martiny and Richie Boser written to the editor of the Allegany Citizen; and a letter from Van Munson detailing his experiences as a German prisoner of war. The cost is \$6.00, plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Our Allegany Heritage: 1831 -1981, is a reprint of our original history book. This soft cover edition costs \$7.50, plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Make your check to AAHA, and send to PO Box 162, Allegany, NY 14706. We will have copies of both books available at our Christmas Cookie Sale on December 4th at Nature's Remedy.



In our files at the Heritage Center, we have a small (possibly 3 inches by 5 inches) embroidered piece, that says, "Allegany Lily Club, No. 484." We think it might possibly be related to the Grange. Does anyone have an idea on this? Please let us know.

Grandma Tells It As It Was

by C. D. Barber

Some folks talk of the "good old days"
When Grandma was a lass;
They tell us things were better then,
And they're sad to see them pass.

Well, I made jelly, canned the corn,
Spent hours at the churn;
Fed the hired hands, baked the pies,
And at weedin' took my turn.

I carried out the chamber pots,
Plucked feathers for my bed;
Scrubbed all the clothes upon a board,
Stoked fires and made the bread.

I fed the ducks and chickens,
Picked berries in the bog,
My only entertainment was
Sears-Roebuck catalog.

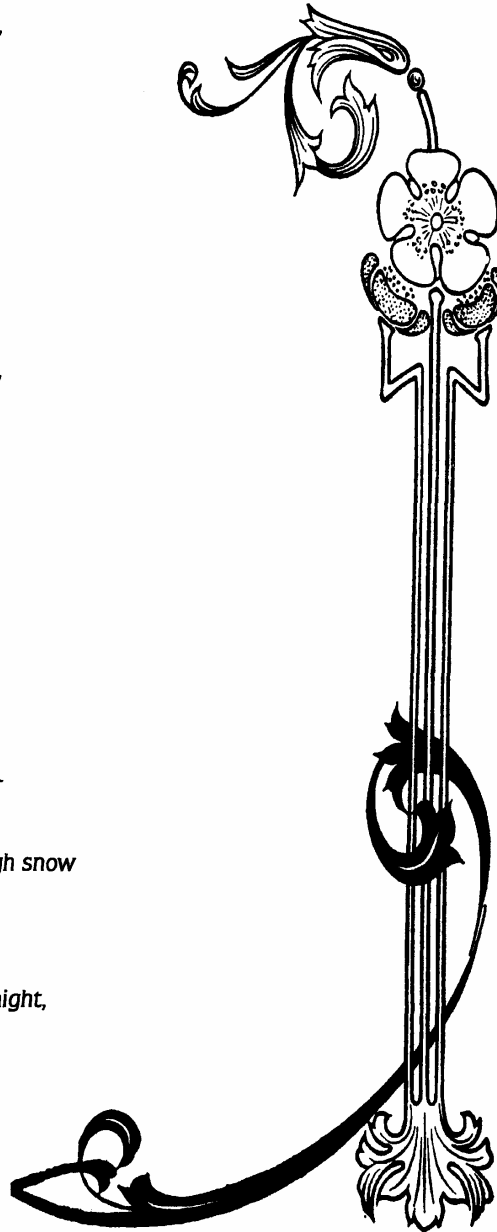
I made the scrapple, kraut and soap,
And all the children's togs.
Then if I had time to spare,
I helped at butcherin' hogs.

I raised a pack of droolin' kids,
Was doctor, farmhand, wife.
There was no respite from the chores -
It was a gruelin' life.

The children walked three miles through snow
Before they reached the school.
I often went to bring them home
Upon our old gray mule.

I scraped and scoured from morn till night,
And to make my day complete
I hopped into an icy bed
With hot bricks at my feet.

I milked our old cow twice a day
And often chopped some wood.
If these were the "good old days,"
I'm glad they're gone for good!



TREASURER'S REPORT
October 1, 2003 - October 1, 2004

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	\$2,528.00
Memorials	1,020.00
Donations	326.00
Christmas Cookie Sale	745.00
Heritage Days Profit	1,215.00
Microfilm Reader/Printer Fund	150.00
Misc. Sales	131.00
Copier Use	32.00
Checking Account Interest	25.00
American Legion Donation (Tales of War)	1,000.00
Sales of Book	342.00
Anonymous Donation (Allegany History Book)	600.00
Sales of Book	165.00
TOTAL	\$8,279.00

EXPENSES

NYSEG	\$2,124.00
Niagara Mohawk	825.00
Insurance	1,111.00
P.O. Box Rental	48.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	150.00
Newsletter Printing	399.00
Newsletter Mailing	154.00
Programs	75.00
Dues	85.00
Service Contract	319.00
Supplies	86.00
Collections	260.00
Maintenance	79.00
Street Sheet Expense	234.00
Printing Costs	
Tales of War	2,186.00
Allegany History Books	1,211.00
TOTAL	\$9,346.00

Memorials

For: Kay Karl Schuman
From: Bill and Kay Palmer

For: Ruth E. Capozzi
From: Charles, Leonard and Steven Boser

For: Ann Boser
From: Thomas R. Walsh



For: Josephine Gaylor Weinman
From: Dan, Cindy and Stephanie Pikulski
Jim and Diane Boser
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jonak
Mrs. Rita Keim
Orin and Margaret Parker
Kathleen Karl
Stephan and Joan Gollaher
Bob and Francie Potter

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will be on Sunday, November 14 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Center. Our speaker will be Allegany County Historian, Craig Braack. His talk is entitled "Home At Last". In October of 1987, 28 sets of remains were uncovered by accident near Niagara Falls, Ontario. Tests proved they were United States soldiers from Western New York who fought in the War of 1812 Niagara Peninsula Campaign. In June of 1988, they were re-interred in the National Cemetery at Bath, New York Veterans Administration Hospital. We hope you will be able to come to hear this interesting talk. Mr. Braack is always a delightful speaker, and will be glad to answer any questions you might have. See you there.

DUES—DUES—DUES

Our dues are coming in very nicely, but **you** may have forgotten. If you have, please send your check, made out to A.A.H.A., to AAHA, PO Box 162, Allegany, NY 14706. Cost is \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family, and \$20 or more for a patron membership.



Christmas Cookie Sale

We are having our annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. But we have a **new location!!!!** This year, instead of the Olean Mall, we will be at **Nature's Remedy** at **120 West Main Street** in **Allegheny**. Our sales have been flat the last couple of years at the mall, and the owner of Nature's Remedy, Linda Kruppner, has graciously agreed to let us use part of her store for the day. Be sure to come see us in our new location. A word to our cookie bakers - several of our ladies who have contributed the fancy decorated cookies in the past are unable to do so this year. So when you are baking, please try to make some decorated Christmasy ones. All the cookies sell well, but the fancy ones sell the best.

**DON'T FORGET - CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE - SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 4, NATURE'S REMEDY, 120 WEST MAIN STREET, ALLEGANY - 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

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