

# Marshall Historical Society

*Looking to the past to inspire our future*

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Newsletter

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**Next Meeting**  
**6.00 pm on**  
**Thursday May 15**  
**Joan's Country**  
**Cafe, Deansboro**

**Join!**  
Provide your name  
and address to the  
secretary and pay  
the membership fee:  
individual: \$ 5.00  
family: \$ 7.50

**Donate!**  
Your donations to  
the Marshall  
Historical Society are  
tax deductible.

We were very happy to have Wade Lallier present the Chenango Canal program on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. He certainly has done much research and the photos of the local locks really tell the story of days gone by and how the Irish knew how to build a canal. The stonework is still evident after all these years.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) Our Annual Banquet will be held at JOAN'S COUNTRY CAFÉ in downtown Deansboro on May 15, 2008, at 6:00p.m. The menu will be a buffet with dessert for \$13.00 including tax and tip. All interested in attending please call Carol Gilley at 821-6628 for reservations by May 8th.
- 2) The Clinton Historical Society plans to have Richard Williams' book on Barns and Farms of the Town of Kirkland on sale by July 5, 2008.
- 3) Oneida County History Day will be September 27, 2008 with all museums and historical societies open from 1-4 p.m. We must plan a celebration for Marshall that day. Any ideas will be greatly appreciated.

IN SYMPATHY: In recognition of a life well lived - G. Harlan Lewis, 30 year mayor of Clinton, died at the age of 99 on April 22, 2008. He presented the "Bells of Clinton" for our Marshall Historical Society on February 21, 2002. Sympathy is extended to his family.

Hope to see you at the banquet.

Fondly,

Dorothy McConnell, Vice-President

## PILGRIM PLAYERS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By Fred T. Kirschwing  
1953

In the beginning of the year 1950 some of the members of the church recognized a place in the social life of the church for a dramatic club. It was felt that such a club would draw members of the Society who would not otherwise participate in the activities of the church. Also, it was hoped that if the club was formed with the stated intention to turn any profits from plays directly into the church treasury to be used as needed by the trustees, this new club might set an example.

In February 1950, Jean and Fred Kirschwing, Mary Wagner, and Marion Pughe met in the church parlors for the first meeting of this club. Shortly after this meeting a play "The Campbells are Coming" was chosen and the club was in business.

Despite its tremulous start, the Club presented its first play twice in Deansboro, once in

Waterville and again in Clinton. Mary Wagner directed this play, also "Home for Christmas" and "Her Step-Husband". Alexander MacLeod directed a bill of two one-act plays. "Little Nell" and "Cabbages". Marjorie Miller directed "No Soap" and Dorothy Shaver directed the last play "Brides to Burn". Fred Kirschwing was president of the club for the first two years, followed by James Hart for one year. Jean Kirschwing is the president for 1953. Other activities of the club have been to sponsor a candy booth at the fall bazaar for missions and they also undertook a "Lord's Acre" project which helped to bolster the Mission goal.

The Players have turned over nearly \$500 to the church treasury since they started and have also replaced the old scenery. There are thirty-two members at present and the club has achieved well-knit camaraderie which makes each meeting a satisfying experience.

## NOTES ON THE MOORE FAMILY

by Ponroy Jones  
Annals and Recollections of Oneida County, 1851

Richard Moore & Nathan Moore 1820? – 1831?

A wilderness when the first Mr. Moore came prior to 1800s by ox team from Saybrook, Connecticut. It took them 2 weeks. They slept on the way on a tick filled with unthreshed oats. They used the oats for seed around the tree stumps.

The first home was of logs, then a framed one and the present one of (15 or more rooms) built by Nathan Moore.

The barns were across from the house. The farm consisted of 300 acres purchased for \$300.

Their first money came from the sale of little pigs.

They made their own soda. A staple food or dish was boiled dinners served all on one platter.

There were 3 boys and 4 girls in the family. Daniel Moore, a brother of Nathan's, built the Hat place now Alfred Eisenhut's. The farm extended to the Conrad Eisenhut farm where Samuel Buckingham built a home in the Civil War days. His wife was a daughter of Nathan Moore's. Orin Foote was the builder. They raised grain which was taken to the grist mill in Forge Hollow.

## DEANSBORO FIELD DAY ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

The Waterville Times, August 7, 1930

Parade and races Feature Annual affair-Prizes awarded-William R. Small Heads procession

The second annual field day of the Deansboro Band provided to be a real success. Nearly 1500 people thronged the village streets Saturday to witness the parade & races. The opening feature was the parade led by Supervisor, William R. Small and the band. Many gayly decorated cars and floats made up the procession.

Prizes were offered for the best decorated car and the funniest and the judges had a hard time making their selection.

The award for the best decorated car was given to Clarence Tollhurst of Clinton. The car was bedecked with huge baskets of gladiolas and attracted a great deal of favorable comment. Honorable mention was given to Benjamin Smith of Deansboro.

The funniest car proved to be a 1912 Buick driven by "Amos and Andy". This fresh air taxi also attracted considerable attraction. It was driven by the Misses Alice and Alta Grower. An "Amos and Andy" driving a team of mules was given honorable mention. Grant Shaver and William Bishopp were the drivers.

Two other groups were considered by the judges and for organizations floats the Home Bureau and the Travelers Clubs were mentioned.

In the historical floats the judges decided that the oxcart at one time owned by Plumb Loomis was worthy of mention as well as barouche owned by Seymour Lloyd. The judges were Howard Miller, Deansboro; Dr. G.J. Pollard, Oriskany Falls; and Ted Townsend, Waterville.

The hill climb, a one and two-tenths mile climb, was won by Storey Brothers in a Chevrolet roadster in 1:56 1/2 in the class for cars under \$1000 while the McRorie Sautter Motor Car Company of Utica captured the free-for-all in an Oakland in 1:43.

In the secret time race Clarence Lloyd of Deansboro

and the entry of the Deansboro Feed & Lumber Company under Driver Gallup finished in a tie.

In the field sports competition was keen and amusing resulted as follows:

Peanut race, 6 to 9 years, won by Kenneth Tracey, Raymond Kennard second; ball throw for women won by Dorothy Wilbers, Mary Bedder, second. Wheelbarrow race for women, won by the Misses Wilbert and Bishop; Mrs Saltzman and her daughter, second; nail driving contest for women: won by Mrs Stockweather, Margaret Kennard, second.

One legged race for girls won by Mary McMahan, Pearl Tracey, second; Three-legged race for boys won by Burnham and Garbowski; fat women race won by Mary Bedder, Ila Saltzman, second; women's free-for-all won by Dorothy Wilber, Margaret Kennard second; horse and rider race won by Conklin and Rycroft.

Cracker eating contest, won by Grabowski, Hikes, second; fat man's race won by Luenberger, E. Rockwell, second; backward race for boys won by Conklin, Howard Brown, second; obstacle race won by Tracey, Hicks, second; 75 yard dash for boys won by Bartletto, Salvatore, second; 75-yard dash for girls won by Grace VanHyning, Viola Rycraft, second.

Horseshoe contest won by Joe Billings, Ray Ferris, second; 100 yard dash for boys won by Conklin, Barletto, second; 100 yard dash for girls, won by Miss Shoemaker, Grace VanHyning second; 100 yard free-for-all won by Tracey, Kennard, second; standing broad jump won by Tracey, Shaver, second; running broad jump for boys won by Burnham, Conklin second; greased pole contest won by Conklin.

The committees in charge of the various events follow: General Committee-Peter Klotzback, Ralph Moore, C.F. Shaver, Parade Committee- Orin Barker, E.D. Ingersoll, Arnold Pughe. Hill Climb Committee-Gardner Hart, H.L. Sanders-Refreshment Committee-Leon Cloe-Baseball Committee-Jay E. Davis, C.F. Ingersoll-Programs, Tags, and Posters-H.R. Pughe, I.B. Weaver; Field Sports Committee-Bert Whaley, William Burnham.

## **“Celebrating Barns and Farming in the Town of Kirkland”**

As a major feature during Historic Clinton Week this summer and to coincide with the release of their new book on agriculture; the Clinton Historical Society is inviting area artists and photographers to submit one of their works to their regional exhibition, “A Celebration of Farms and Farming in the Town of Kirkland”, before the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. It is open to all artists in the region, regardless of where they reside. However, their submitted works must somehow reflect images related to the town and its surroundings.

The Society will host a formal public exhibition and book signing on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. The exhibition and new book are intended to focus on the heritage of agriculture in the Town and its contributions to its economy and quality of life.

Artists and photographers may submit entries using any art and photographic medium and process. Works must be suitably framed and ready for hanging. Each work must reflect a relationship to agriculture in the Town. It is the

intention of the exhibition to allow area artists and photographers to express their feelings about the aesthetic beauty of farms and farming as well as the contributions agriculture has made to the economy and quality of life in the Town of Kirkland.

This project is open to artists of all styles of art and interests – works do not necessarily have to be landscapes, but may be portraits that honor the role of individual farmers or other workers in farm related tasks. Works may be related to the bounty which comes from a successful harvest, reflect images from today or images from long ago. From memories of clanging milk cans on the back of a wagon heading to the milk plant at Chenango and College to fields of hop blossom; to each of us, “farms and farming” in the Town of Kirkland can take on a different meaning.

**Questions and entry forms may be obtained by contacting Frank Cittadino  
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