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**The Diary of Joe Aiken:
A WW1 Soldier**
by Rita Ferraro

I have just completed transcribing the handwritten diary of a WWI soldier who left his job at the Warrensburg Woolen Co. to enlist in the Army in April of 1918. Page 1 of his diary reads: "At the Burg one night in church I made up my mind to join the army." He goes on to talk about joining as if he's applying for a new job: "I got an application to join an aviation band. My intentions then were to join a band. They informed me that there was not an opening at that time but that they would let me know as soon as there was one."

This young volunteer had me hooked from the start and I zipped through his eloquent one year accounting of a soldier's life in the United States Army Ambulance Service (USAAS) with the Italian Army. It doesn't sound as if he got his intention to join a band does it?

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"PATRIOTS ORGANIZE Warren County Body Created for Home Defense." *The Warrensburgh News* 12 Apr. 1917: 1+. Print.

PATRIOTS ORGANIZE
Warren County Body Created for Home Defense
BIG MASS MEETING IN GLENS FALLS

All Male Residents Eligible for Membership
—Various Towns Represented by Prominent Citizens on Advisory Committee.

At a monster mass meeting held Tuesday night, in the state armory in Glens Falls, attended by more than 1500 people, a county patriotic society was organized, known as the Warren County Patriots, the purpose of which is:

"To promote patriotism; and to care for the soldiers who shall go to the front from Warren county, their families and dependents; to do all possible to assist our government in the successful prosecution of the war against Germany; to aid in the home defense, and to co-operate with all organizations having these purposes in view.

'All male residents of Warren county who believe in the principles of the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York, and who desire to aid in the purposes for which this organization is formed, and who signify such desire by signing the enrollment cards, are eligible to membership there in.

"The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic patriotic demonstrations ever held in Glens Falls.

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"WAR CHEST FILLED Warrensburgh's Patriotic Strong Box Overflows with Generous Contributions." *The Warrensburgh News* 25 Apr. 1907: 1+. Print.

WAR CHEST FILLED

Warrensburgh's Patriotic Strong Box Overflows with Generous Contributions.

TOTAL GIVEN UP TO LAST NIGHT
\$13,679

Objective Passed on Second Day—Remarkable Response of Rich and Poor—Congressman Parker Opens Campaign—Great Work of Solicitors—List of Subscriptions.

Warrensburgh's War Chest is filled and overflowing with the generous contributions of our patriotic citizens. The objective - \$10,000 - was reached before the close of the second day, and last night, when the campaign *was just half done*, the grand total was \$13,679. While of course the bulk of the contributions have been received, Chairman Milton N. Eldridge and his corps of earnest and efficient workers are confident that they will be able to increase the total to at least \$15,000 in the remaining three days of the campaign.

This wonderful response of the people of Warrensburgh, both, rich and poor, to the call of patriotism is extremely gratifying and must be a matter of great pride to every resident and friend of the town. Never has there been a movement started here that has met with such unanimous support and achieved a result so complete and glorious. Starting with the Schroon River Pulp and Paper Company's extremely generous subscription of \$2,000, followed by \$1,000 from the Warrensburgh Woolen Company and the same from the Emerson National Bank, every industry, business firm and individual practically without exception, has given to the limit of their ability. The wage earners, many of them

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Society Page

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This column will bring members up to date on the Society's activities since mid-January.

On Wednesday, February 8, Steve Engelhart, executive director of AARCH (Adirondack Architectureal Heritage) in Keeseville gave a program titled There's More to Adirondack Architecture than Great Camps at Richards Library. The program was co-sponsored by the Society and the Library.

At the Society's annual meeting on February 23, two amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws were passed; these allow us to have as many as 13 on our Board of Directors. At the meeting, three new board members were elected: Dot Langworthy, Susan Miller, and Liz Sebald.

At our regular board meeting on March 1, officers elected for the current year were: Paul Gilchrist, president; Donne Winslow, vice-president; Elizabeth Sebald, treasurer; Wendy Peluso, secretary.

Yours truly gave a presentation on March 15 at the Warren County Historical Society's first program on prominent women from the county's various towns more than a century ago. Minerva Richards King was chosen as the woman from Warrensburg. This was part of the recognition of the centennial of women's suffrage in New York State, which was enacted in 1917, the first state east of the Mississippi to do so. Territories in the far west were eager for statehood, but had to have a certain minimum number of voters in order to qualify. Consequently, by allowing women the right to vote, they could reach the necessary quota of voters much sooner.

Minerva was a prominent woman in the period leading up to the suffrage movement. Her story was told in the last Quarterly. If you missed it, you can read it online at our website: whs12885.org. Type "quarterlies" in the search box, then tap "winter" in the first line of Volume 21.

A large group of Cub Scouts and parents

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MEMBERSHIP

Current: 229

Upcoming Events

Artifact Program	June 20, 2017
Sticky Wicket	August 6, 2017
Warrensburgh and the War to End All Wars: World War I	June 2, 2017

Donation Wanted

Small refrigerator to replace the old one at the museum that recently stopped working. A table-top or under-the-counter would be perfect.

IN MEMORIUM

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We welcome and encourage corrections, comments, and additional information as well as articles from our readers

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Historian's Corner By Sandi Parisi

The Village/Town Historian from Lake George, Margy Mannix, recently sent a photograph of a building that had a sign reading Toll Gate Inn. She wanted to know if I knew where it was. I thought it might have been in Queensbury or at the intersection of Routes 9 and 28. I knew it was not the one on Route 9 as you leave the Village, because we have a photo of that one.

I sent a copy to John Hastings who is one of my go-to people for photos. In the meantime, I went to my other go-to source, which is www.OldFultonPostcards.com That is a site that has copies of the Warrensburgh News, and several other local newspapers in the area.

After reading several articles, I knew it was the one at the north end of Warrensburg. This was a great find, as I had never seen a photo of the Toll Gate at that end of the highway. My findings were later confirmed by John Hastings, who had written an article for the Fall 2011 issue titled: Charles Holloran & The Spruce Camp.

An article in the June 1, 1922 issue of the Warrensburg News state that Charles Holloran opened the Toll Gate Inn. A short three weeks after the opening, Bobby Lee, a 133 pound lightweight Florida fighter came to the Toll Gate Inn with his manager and trainer to go into training. Lee had several bouts scheduled in the area.

By 1923 it was a thriving establishment, with music and was host of several banquets, including the American Legion. [*Bear in mind, this was during prohibition!*] Carl Swan was hired to paint and spruce up the building, and Alfred Stone worked in the Inn.

A 1924 headline in the Warrensburgh News read: **Queen of Bootleggers Evades Law**

Bootleggers escape federal officers and bootleggers are caught, but the "Queen of the Bootleggers" continues to evade the hand of the law despite many efforts made to nab her. Her latest tilt with the officials was Saturday, when she was seen driving south, at a point north of Chester, with her Cadillac automobile heavily loaded with wet stuff. When troopers stopped her near the Toll Gate Inn, on the Warrensburgh-Chestertown road, the liquor had been removed to another car and the "queen" had only two girls with her. [Does anyone know who she was?]

In May of 1925 the Balsam Lodge, about six miles north of the Inn was robbed. On their way south, the robbers stopped at the Toll Gate Inn, smashed a pump on the gasoline tank and broke into the garage, but only took a large hammer.

On October 1st of that same year a fire, starting from burning roof asphalt, totally destroyed the Toll Gate Inn, with a loss of over \$10,000. Apparently when the job of putting a new roof was almost done, a bucket

of asphalt was placed at the rear of the kitchen range to warm it up before it was applied. The tar boiled over and in a moment the kitchen was a mass of flames, fanned by a stiff north wind. Within a few minutes nothing remained but a pile of smoking embers.

A week later an article appeared saying that Charles Holloran planned a bigger place. He moved to his "Spruce Camp" on the Glen Road.

It appears that he never did rebuild, sold the property in 1927 and died in 1931. After his death his estate went to Miss Jessie Soper.

As an aside, he and Jessie A. Soper of Warrensburg and Frank Sage of Chestertown had incorporated the "Warrensburgh Land and Timber Company, Inc." on June 27, 1922. The company was authorized to acquire real estate and property and deal in lumber, logs, wood pulp, etc. After Charles died, the articles of dissolution were filed on August 10, 1933. It had hundreds of acres near the intersection of Routes 9 & 28.



Toll Gate Inn—north of Warrensburgh



Two 4th graders examine the controls of the high-tech device used to make announcements over the school loudspeakers.



2017 Enrichment T-shirt design. Sponsored by Stewart's



Two 4th grade young ladies look for answers to items on their questionnaire in the historic industry section of the museum.



Mark Brown monitors 4th graders looking at the historical architecture display at the museum.



4th graders being watched by uniformed mannequins.



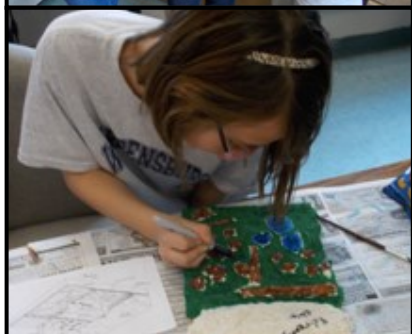
Steve, Donne-Lynn and Mark introduce 4th Graders to the local history museum during the WHS enrichment program.



Above and left Bonnie Jenks helps two fourth graders paint their glacial salt maps.

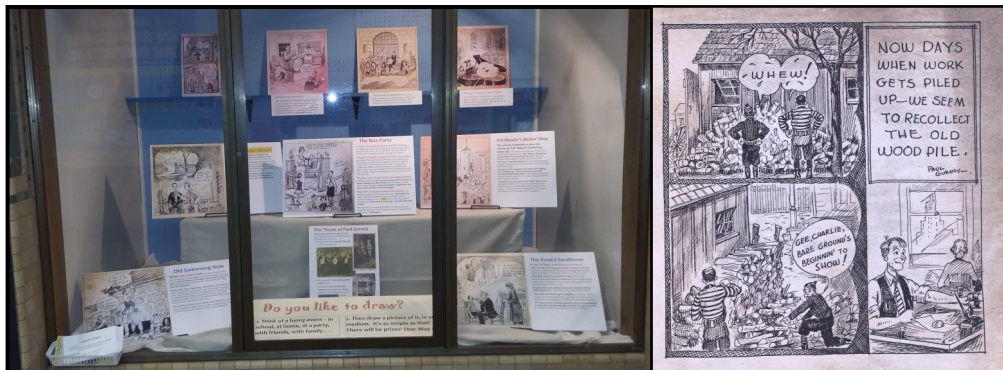


Dean Moore teaches 4th graders about stream erosion using the Soil & Water simulation table.



Paul Gurney's Cartoons on display at the school

The museum & Art Department collaborated on a cartoon contest for the students. The winners and cartoon titles are; Lilly Joseph, "Levi Ham-bone"; Alivia Baker, "The Perm People"; Paige Morse, "The Fat Cat"; Derrick Tyrell, "Detention Time"; and Haley West, "Clueless Dog".





Donne Lynn Winslow supervises as fourth-graders color computer-generated outlines of historic Warrensburg houses and buildings representative of various architectural styles, while one student (green shirt) works on his project designing and constructing a house from paper materials .

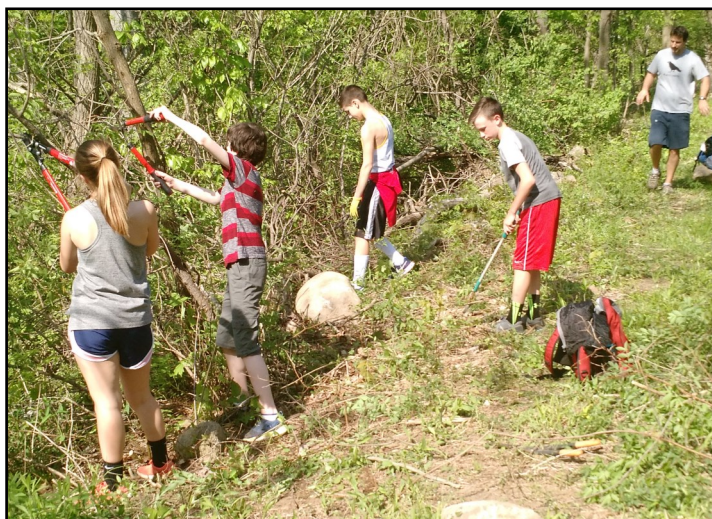


Looking high across the river from the Grist Mill parking lot, junior high students and teacher John Burns clear brush for an overlook along the hiking trail



Teresa Whalen addresses a crowd of three dozen attending the dedication on May 4th of the Bicentennial Garden at the south end of Marcus Bruce Park on Hudson Street. The historic McNutt Fountain is newly painted with gold trim and a sign has installed honoring the late Lenore Smith, who restored many properties in Warrensburg and served on the boards of Warrensburg Beautification Inc. and the Warrensburg Historical Society.

Junior high environmental science students and teacher John Burns clear brush for an overlook along a hiking trail of a future historical educational park on the Warrensburg Historical Society's tannery property.



MYSTERY PHOTO



Congratulations to M. Betsy Remington for correctly identifying the Winter 2016 Mystery Photo showing an aerial photo of Thomson's garage which was in operation from 1937—1955.

See page 6 for Betsy's wonderful description of the photo.

Email your answers for the current mystery photo to whs7396@yahoo.com or call Paul at 623-3162 Or email him at prg12824@yahoo.com

Best of Luck

From the Museum

The current exhibit, "The Cartoons of Paul Gurney" will be replaced during late June by a new exhibit, "Warrensburgh and the War to End All Wars: World War I." Townspeople have been invited to lend the museum photos and artifacts of ancestors who participated in that conflagration. The United States came to the defense of Great Britain and France in April, 1917, just 100 years ago. Among those featured will be former Town supervisor, Lee Orton, Louis Bidwell, a member of one of the earliest families to settle in Warrensburg, and Joe Aiken, whose wartime diary is a permanent feature of the museum. Artifacts of the period will also be on display.

A reception will be held on Sunday, July 2 between 1 and 3 PM. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will remain up through October.



Sandi Parisi displays her 2017 Citizen of the Year plaque at the Chamber of Commerce banquet on May 25 at the Merrill Magee Restaurant. Standing beside Sandi is Julie Harrington, owner of J. Gallup Farm, the 2017 Business of the Year.

Photo courtesy of Suzanne Tyler

Winter 2016 Mystery Photo Response

The Winter 2016 issue features a wonderful aerial photo of property that - when I was a child in the fifties - was an auto dealership that sold Plymouth and perhaps DeSoto autos. The Warrensburg Garage was once located here next to the Judd Bridge. It looks like this was taken mid-to-late 1940's. I'm impressed by the young trees and lamp posts along Main Street. It must be spring as there is plenty of water in the Schroon River and the trees have not leafed out as yet. It looks like gasoline and a service station are shown in this complex. Later, a country western shop was here with Mr. Binder's palomino horse creation on top of the portico. This location was a measured mile from my home at 11 First Avenue.

M. Betsey Remington / Class of 1960

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came to the Museum on Friday, March 17. The Society and Museum place a great deal of emphasis on reaching students at both the elementary and jr./sr. high school level. So we were very pleased to again receive a Stewart's Holiday Match Grant of \$500 for our Enrichment Program at the elementary school. Again this year we did our sessions on glacial landforms, museums & artifacts, and architecture. See photos on pages 4 & 5.

Regarding our plans for an historical park at our Tannery property across the river from the Grist Mill Restaurant, we are being assisted by Dean Moore and Jim Lieberum from the Soil & Water Conservation Office in designing the layout and preparing trails. We will also have help from the Town this summer. However, our application for property tax exemption was denied by the assessor, but, since no reason was given, we have appealed to the Assessment Review Board and are awaiting their decision. We believe the Society meets both tests for property tax exemption: 1) we are an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and 2) we already use, and have used, the property exclusively for educational purposes.

Recently, John Burns, who teaches environmental science at the Jr./Sr. High School, again this year brought a volunteer crew of his students to work clearing brush for the trail and overlooks at our Tannery property on May 18. It's also an opportunity to teach the students about the numerous industries that existed along both sides of the river and where they were located, i.e., John Smith and Emerson sawmills, John Smith's electricity generating plant, grist mill, Burhan's tannery, coal tipple, grain elevator, shirt factory, carding mill, woolen mill, shoe peg factory, sash factory, trolley electrical power plant and the two dams that powered it all. In this way, the work sessions actually become historical educational field trips.

Steve and Sandi Parisi attended the MANY (Museum Association of NY) conference in New York City on April 3-4, their expenses paid by the Town, as they are both employed by the Town - Steve as Museum Director and Sandi as Town Historian.

We note sadly the passing this past winter of Society member and museum guide Jonette Erminger, she will greatly missed.

Besides being the centennial of women's suffrage in New York State, 2017 is also the centennial of U.S. entry into World War I - The Great War - in April 1917. That war will be a focus for us this year and possibly next year as well. It's worthwhile to not lose awareness of such an enormous event, even though it's difficult to comprehend how a cataclysm so insane could have happened.

On Thursday May 4 a ceremony took place at the Marcus Bruce Park on Hudson Street to dedicate the Bicentennial Garden with its historic McNutt Fountain and a large plaque to honor the late Lenore Smith. State Sen. Betty Little spoke and several local people related memories of Lenore. See photos on page 5.

We participated on May 10 in the Volunteer Recruitment Fair at the community room of the Warrensburg Health Center. At least 10 organizations were present to give people an opportunity to learn about many ways they can serve the community by volunteering.

Until next time, keep looking backwards.

Paul Gilchrist

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Society Donations over \$100

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Memorials for Jonette Ermiger

Justin Ermiger

Stephen & Sandi Parisi

Judith & Robert Korcz

Diary—Continued from page 1

While serving in Europe his Ambulance Section 571 racked up over 78,000 miles carrying over 7,000 wounded in just one year in the hills and mountains of France and Belgium. He writes of many dangerous close calls, especially while wearing his uncomfortable but necessary gas mask. As for his wish to join a band, he did purchase a mouth organ somewhere in Italy and became a one man band for the American Officer's Club earning some extra pay and tips. This remarkable soldier wore another hat (or helmet). He was assigned as a cook since he did a lot of K.P. He wrote that the ambulance service was a little slow for a time, and so he and Cook Snook (no kidding, his full name was William W. Snook) cooked for their Section.

When our soldiers debarked in Genova, Italy on June 27, 1918, they were the first American troops in Italy and were received with a very hearty welcome and parade where they were showered with flowers and cries of "viva L Americano". Soon after, a headline featuring a letter written by an unidentified soldier to his "dearest" appeared in *The Camp Crane News* (the camp in New Jersey where our soldier had his basic training). It read, "USAAS Receive Royal Welcome Over In Italy".

In the *Camp News* article (a copy of which our Museum has) the last paragraph in the unknown soldier's letter to his dearest reads, "...we were assigned to quarters and such a nice place to sleep. Eight men to a room on the top floor. Not on the floor itself ...we also had two sheets and a heavy blanket. Luxury at the start..." A very nice letter, but in his diary, our soldier elaborated a bit more: "We had nice new wooden cots with sheets, pillow and one heavy blanket and it looked like we were in good but we weren't there for many hours before we discovered beautiful things moving about on the walls...one of them was caught by the ears just as it was trying to dodge under a cot and after wrestling with it, we all crowded around and someone said it was called a bedbug.

That was enough! The boys picked up their beds and slept on the cement floor outside or wherever they could find a space.

"I escaped many a good bite by being on guard duty. Some of the boys looked as though they had smallpox the next morning." I think the camp article's letter writer didn't want to alarm "dearest" about the creepy crawly, but beautiful bedbugs! In case you're wondering, our soldier, the writer of this very interesting diary, came home safe and sound in May of 1919, and resumed his old job at the Warrensburg Woolen Co. I don't know if he ever got to join a band here at home but I plan to visit our Town Historian, Sandi Parisi, and go through the files.

Please see his display at the museum



Artifact Program

Joseph Zarzynski, the noted underwater archaeologist, will present a program at 7:00 pm Tuesday, June 20 at Richards Library. The program derives from his efforts to track down artifacts of a 44-foot British war sloop from the French & Indian War that was sunk in Lake George during a French raid in March 1757. It was raised in 1903 and then was cut up for souvenirs. The Warrensburg Museum of Local History happens to have in its collection two gavels that were made from pieces of the sloop. Mr. Zarzynski will talk about the history of the sloop, its demise and resurrection, and other objects that were made from its remains. The program is co-sponsored by the Warrensburg Historical Society and Richards Library

Refreshments will be served.

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It was preceded by a big street parade in which there was more than 500 men and boys. The Glens Falls band and the Italian band furnished music and from the time the meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Edward Singleton until it closed everyone present displayed loyalty to the flag and to the nation.


The speakers were Hon. Addison B. Colvin, Hon. Edward M. Angell, Elmer J. West and Mr. Singleton, members of the committees appointed at a preliminary meeting last week Friday to make plans for Tuesday night's big demonstration. Each speaker was enthusiastically applauded.

Immediately after the society was organized enrollment cards were distributed and it is believed that every person present enrolled as a member of the society. Any person who was not at the meeting may enroll by applying at the headquarters of the society in Mayor Reed's office in City hall.

The enrollment card called for the following pledges:

"I pledge my allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. I hereby enroll as a member of the Warren County Patriot* and subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of that organization."

Present at the meeting and serving on the Advisory Committee from Warrensburg were: State Senator The Hon. James A. Emerson, Town Supervisor Henry Griffing and John L. Tubbs, editor and manager of The Warrensburg News.



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Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017

At the Warren Country Fish Hatchery
Eleven AM through the afternoon

*In the beautiful setting on the banks of
the Hudson River.*

*We turn back time for this
"old-fashioned" affair.*

Admission is \$5.00

WITH SINCERE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

We will supply chicken, corn, beans,
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Tournament play is pen to all for a \$5.00
entry fee

WHS Rules of play are available.



Warrensburgh Historical Society Kayak Raffle

Two Old Town Heron XT 11" Kayaks

Total Value \$1200

One Winner

Drawing held Sunday, October 1st
2:00 PM

at the World's Largest Garage Sale
WHS booth

Tickets: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

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I HAVE A RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH

by Alan Seeger

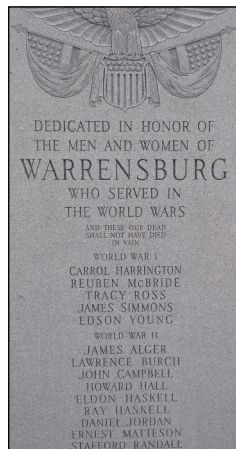
I have a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade
When Spring comes round with rustling shade
And apple blossoms fill the air.
I have a rendezvous with Death
When Spring brings back blue days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand
And lead me into his dark land
And close my eyes and quench my breath;
It may be I shall pass him still.
I have a rendezvous with Death
On some scarred slope of battered hill,
When Spring comes round again this year
And the first meadow flowers appear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep
Pillowed in silk and scented down,
Where love throbs out in blissful sleep,
Pulse nigh to pulse, and breathe to breath,
Where hushed awakenings are dear.
But I've a rendezvous with Death
At midnight in some flaming town,
When Spring trips north again this year,
And I to my pledged word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

About the Author

Born in 1888, Seeger was an American poet, a graduate of Harvard living in the Latin Quarter of Paris when the war broke out in 1914. He joined the French Foreign Legion with a romantic notion of war. One reviewer said his poems manifest "the idealism that swept over his generation." Over time, it inevitably became fatalistic. Although he was not from Warrensburgh, his best-known poem is printed here because, as another reviewer said about it, "...you breathe the very spirit of the war." This spirit, both positive and negative, was what American troops encountered when they got to France. Seeger died at the Somme on July 4, 1916, a year before the American army began arriving in France. Many other Americans had already joined the French as aviators and ambulance drivers.



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have undoubtedly made great sacrifices to give their \$11 and they are entitled to fully as much or more credit than the wealthy or well-to-do people who have given a higher amount. It can be truly said that all have conscientiously given as much as they could afford to.

The War Chest plan was first proposed by the Rev. G.H. Purdy, who has always been at the front in every Warrensburgh movement for the public good. His efforts have not always met with success - through no fault of his, however - but this glorious victory affords him such delight that all else is forgotten.

The Board of Directors elected for the War Chest Association proved their fitness for the work entrusted to them when they chose as their chairman and leader Milton N. Eldridge, supervisor of the town and general manager of the Warrensburgh Woolen Company. He organized the War Chest campaign and to his peerless leadership and indefatigable efforts its wonderful success is largely due. The captains of teams in the twelve districts into which the town was divided, and their assistants, are also entitled to the highest praise for the great work they have done.

The week's campaign was opened with a big mass meeting Sunday evening in Fairyland Theatre, which was first addressed by Attorney J. Edward Singleton, of Glens Falls on the War Chest proposition. Mr. Singleton made a powerful appeal which made a deep impression upon the audience. Congressman James S. Parker, of Salem, was the principal speaker. He exhibited stereopticon views made from photographs taken by him personally on the battle front in Europe and vividly described the conditions existing there and the sacrifices made by the men who are fighting for the world's freedom. It was an address which will long be remembered here and the appreciation it received was voiced by great applause at frequent intervals. Hon. Louis W. Emerson, who is receiving treatment in the Samaritan hospital in Troy, accompanied Congressman Parker to Warrensburgh and returned with him after the lecture, but did not appear in the theatre, spending the time while here at the home of his brother, Hon. James A. Emerson.

Senator James A. Emerson presided at the meeting and explained the purpose for which it was held. He announced that \$5,000 had already been subscribed for the War Chest by the industrial concerns of the village and a few of the citizens.

The weather was bad for the meeting but enough people came out in the rain to fill the theatre to its capacity. Before the meeting there was a parade of the Home Reserve corps and the Warrensburgh Cadets headed by the band, assisted by several players from the North Creek band who were accompanied by some of the leading citizens of that town. Gen. Loyal L. Davis of Glens Falls, was also in attendance.

A meeting of the War Chest directors was held after the speaking and Monday morning the active campaign was begun.