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DROPPING THE H

By Paul Gilchrist

The February 7, 1934 issue of the Warrensburgh News was the last one to be published with the "h" on the end of the town's name. The paper the following week dropped the "h" with no explanation from the editor or publisher. Several decades earlier, the U.S. Postal Service had notified each town and city in the nation whose name ended in "burgh" that the "h" would be dropped unless the municipal government requested that it be kept. Only three places in New York State made that request. They are: the City of Plattsburgh, the City of Newburgh, and the Town of Middleburgh, which also contains the Village of Middleburgh. In respect for our town's heritage, the Warrensburgh Historical Society decided many years ago to use and preserve the historical spelling. Readers may have noticed that Warrensburgh Beautification, Inc. has done the same. Readers may notice that the old spelling is also preserved by Warrensburgh Beautification, Inc., whose chairperson, Teresa Whalen, once explained that she took the "h" from Theresa and donated it to the organization's name.

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THE PASSING OF ANOTHER ADIRONDACK GOLF COURSE: 1000 ACRES GOLF CLUB

By Bill Lamy

CONTINUED FROM THE LAST ISSUE

There were opportunities for the local golfers to join in some more intense competition. Tom Smack the Director of Golf at the Sagamore in the 1980's and 1990's would bring one of his staff members to 1000 Acres to play. Tom was a very accomplished golfer and held his own in competition in the Northeast NY PGA Section. He qualified for the US Senior Open. The skins game was popular with several of us participating. On a couple of occasions, we would draw for partners and play a better ball match. Tom and his partner always won. It was educational to play with Tom and watch the flight of his golf ball.

Carmen Maciariello bought the Ford Dealership in Warrensburgh in the 1980's and he was an avid golfer. As a marketing tool he organized and sponsored the first Warren Ford Tournament in the area and it was held at 1000 Acres. The tournament was a big deal, prizes were lucrative and it drew golfers from the surrounding area. Based upon the popularity, Carmen also held tournaments at Cronin's and Green Mansions. The Warren Ford Tournaments were highly anticipated by area golfers.

Lamy (continued on page 3)

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

By Sandi Parisi

June 12, 1913: Warrensburgh News—Wealthy Californian at the Elms. (Now The Pillars)

Judge Charles B. Richards, of San Diego, California, is in Warrensburgh on a visit to his niece, Miss Clara Richards, at the Elms. Judge Richards is a native of Warrensburgh, being the youngest son of the late Pelatiah Richards. He was born in 1832 in the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Louise Howard. (Season's Bed & Breakfast). At that time his father was building the home now occupied by Fred W. King, (Tops parking lot), which he occupied for many years. After graduating from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, Charles Richards studied law with Judge Spencer of Utica, and in 1855 began practice in fort Dodge, Iowa. After the Civil War he was appointed by President Lincoln a member of the Land Commission. He has lived in California thirty years and has amassed an immense fortune, being now considered one of the wealthiest men on the Pacific Coast.

Speaking of California, another article appeared in a July 1919 issue of the Warrensburgh News:

Warrensburgh Resident is Reunited with Sister in California After 42 Years.

Mr. & Mrs. Coleman Younger, 42 Horicon Ave., returned Thursday

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

SOCIETY PAGE

This is a summary of Society activities since the last Quarterly.

Our Holiday Dinner at Lizzie Keays December 11th was well-attended by 30 members and guests.

We've again applied for the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant to support our after-school Enrichment Program and our involvement in the elementary school In The Zone program, as well as any of our other activities that are of benefit to children under 18. In years past we have received \$500 from Stewart's. Notification of awards will be made in March.

The Society's preservation committee is now chaired by Margaret McMahon. We plan to continue our efforts to establish a recreational and historical park on the 2.7-acre lot that runs for 1,200 feet along the Schroon River across from the Gristmill Restaurant. The Society owned this lot for a few years, but deeded it over to the town due to liability issues that would preclude our operating it as a public park. We will be partnering with Warrensburgh Beautification and also expect to work with the town and individuals from the Soil and Water Conservation to create walking paths, overlooks with benches and signage to identify the sites of historic mills, tannery, factories, and electric plant, and to identify flora and other natural features of interest.

Our program committee, chaired by Candice Healy, is developing a schedule of programs for the rest of the year. On March 11th and 12th, a large group of students from grades 1-5 will visit the museum as part of the school's "In The Zone" program. We plan an artifacts show and tell in May. Delbert Chambers will give a talk on Warrensburgh architecture in June. Exact times are to be announced. Sticky Wicket Croquet Games will be August 4th.

Always remember: keep looking backwards.

Paul Gilchrist

PRESIDENT

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CURRENT: 240

WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2018 & '19 MEMBERS:

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019:

- ♦ March 11th & 12th – In the Zone
- ♦ April 14th – Artifacts Discovery
- ♦ May 19th – Who Remembers the Odd Fellows?
- ♦ June 16th – Warrensburgh Architecture with Delbert Chambers'

IN MEMORIAM

Jane LeCount
Florence Carrington
Joseph Wulken

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Senior Family	\$18.00	(Individual only)	

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

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Lamy (continued from page 1)

When the golf was over we retired to the club house to socialize. Most of the stories were true, the others were entertaining. Some of our players, earned nicknames. There was Killer, Rock, Sergio and Sandtrap. We had golfers who talked to their golf ball in flight thinking the ball would follow their instructions. Normal instructions given to the ball were; get up, get down, bite, hop, fade, draw, skip, float. Some of the older golfers were so steady, we knew where their ball would land on certain holes and we named the ground after them. Hence the Beswick flats and Alty's garden. We had cookouts, there were get-togethers for family events, including wedding parties, retirements, birthday celebrations. One night we celebrated the birthdays of eight of our members who had reached the age of 75. In the picture from left to right; Herb Billington, George Remington, Alty Muglia, Hugh Sullivan, John Countryman, Lionel Ross, Roy Gould and Dick Beswick.

Several kids learned the game of golf at 1000 Acres and became accomplished players. Some played college golf. Several young men ended up working in the golf industry and a few became PGA Golf Professionals. Unfortunately, due to the lack of jobs in the Adirondacks, they moved away to better job markets.

The one thing that lured some of the golfers to the course was the remoteness and once here, the ease of access to the course. This would eventually lead to the death of the course. In the early 1970's there were fewer golf courses in the area and 1000 Acres Golf Course had enough players to pay the bills. Then other golf courses were built or renovated and people had options to play golf rather than driving all the way to Stony Creek. As a result, revenue decreased and this started a downward spiral that led to the closing of the golf course.

The course was sold to new ownership and golf was not part of their business plan. The course has

now returned to pasture land. The Adirondacks has lost another golf course, but the memories and stories will be carried by those that were fortunate enough to play 1000 Acres.

New Fall Line
Just Received
**Dry Goods, Notions
and Shoes**
Groceries and Provisions

We aim to carry a general stock, complete in every detail, of strictly dependable goods. Prices as low as the times will permit. We make it profitable for you to trade with us. Come once and you'll come again.

**Home-Knit Socks
and Mittens
wanted in exchange
for goods.**

Chas. E. Lavery
Warrensburgh
Near the Osborne Bridge

Parisi (continued from page 1)
from a month's visit with relatives in California.

For Mr. Younger, the occasion was a reunion with his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Bullock, whom he had not seen for 42 years, and an introduction to her children and their families. Neither Mr. Younger nor his sister was certain until a few weeks ago that the other still lived. Recently one of Mrs. Bullock's daughters succeeded in locating her uncle through the efforts of her Congressman in California and arrangements for the visit were made.

Mr. Younger had last seen his sister in Rosebud, Montana, where they were both born. He had returned there briefly after discharge from service at the end of World War I and said "goodbye" to his sister in a railroad station where he purchased a ticket to Albany, NY and she, a ticket to a western point.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
FROM 1998

This community of Warrensburgh has over 4000 residents. This publication has a readership of 300 to 500 or more, depending upon the issue. This Society has a membership of 70 plus. Why is it that the same six people do all the writing? (With four exceptions to date). In the past I've tried politely, I think, to encourage stories from more of you. I now offer the hard reality that without more contributors, it is questionable as to whether this Quarterly will continue as the fine publication it has become. If you want to see the Warrensburgh Historical Society Quarterly continue in its present form, get involved! Call me, or Linda Denner, or just mail script to us!

I hope that many of you will join us at our Holiday Dinner Social. This year our hosts will be the Carringtons, proprietors of the Merrill-MaGe House. This, now annual affair is looked forward to by many of our members.

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Warrensburgh Historical Society Business Member Suffers Fire

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Rob Griffin regarding the fire on January 31 that severely damaged his two businesses, Bob Griffin & Sons Automotive and Rob's Motorsports. It is reported he will rebuild and reopen. This is a historic automotive service and repair business, having been operated by George Lane for several decades during the 20th century. Rob is a member of the Historical Society.

20th century toys

Every year there is a new toy that grabs the attention of kids - and adults - in time for holiday shopping. Discover Warrensburg - the Museum of Local History has assembled a collection of the most popular toys from the early 1900s to 1999. Many are on loan from members of the community. Please enjoy the photospread of our most recent exhibit.



What was your favorite toy growing up?

**A train set?
A Cabbage Patch doll?**



What board games did you pull out again & again?



1980 - Keys of Learning - Child Guidance 1980
On loan from Tamara Jones

Medium shell
1976 - Fisher Price Little People House
On loan from Liz Sebald
1968 - Fisher Price Little People Barn Set
1978 - Fisher Price Xylophone - Fisher Price
1980 - Fisher Price Push Popper
On loan from Tamara Jones

1973 - Lite Brite Flash
On loan from Tamara Jones

What board games did you pull out again and again?

The Museum's current exhibit of 20th Century Toys is on display until the end of February. No matter what your age (and children are always welcome!), there is a toy included that you are sure to recognize! We are free and open to the public on Sundays 1-3 and on Wednesdays 12-4, fully accessible, with parking in the back.



We love school visits! Here we have Michael Kocher's class (along with Library Media Specialist Jen Casabonne and Teacher's Assistant Jessica Monroe) with Museum Director Steve Parisi, learning about local landmarks.

The museum is a rich resource for teachers, Scout leaders, and Program Directors of any organization. Let us help you share our community's fascinating history!

Contact Museum Director Steve Parisi at parisis39@yahoo.com or by phone at 518-232-7349.

(View latest school visit photos to the left and directly above).



Hello from the Greeters at the museum! Here we are with calendars in hand, setting up the schedule for the New Year. We would love for you to join us, and we need your help! You don't need to memorize facts or know all of Warrensburg's history.

Just provide a warm welcome to our guests. Resources are always available if there are questions. Stop by the museum Wednesdays 12-4, or Sundays 1-3 to get more information, or call Museum Director Steve Parisi at 518-232-7349.

REMEMBERING FLORENCE CARRINGTON

SUMMARISED FROM THE POST STAR

At the beginning of January business woman, and former resident Florence Carrington passed away in Venice, Florida at ManorCare Health.

Born and raised on City Island, in the Bronx, Carrington lived in various places over her lifetime. From Halifax, Nova Scotia, to England, (where Florence and her husband Ken started their family), and eventually to Warrensburg in 1957.

Florence Carrington stayed active in the community, while stile maintaining her duties as a wife, and mother to six. She obtained her real estate and broker's licensing, and started her own business in the field, Rondack Realty. In the early 1980's Florence and Ken opened the Merrill Magee House, anchoring them in Warrensburg.

Just before the new millennium the Carrington's retired to Venice, Florida. In retirement Florence enjoyed reading, art and entertaining her friends and family.

REMEMBERING JANE E. LECOUNT

SUMMARISED FROM THE POST STAR

In this world from February 5, 1927 to December 3, 2018, Jane LeCount was a dedicated mother, grandparent, and friend.

Originally hailing from Fal-mouth Massachusetts, Jane graduated from high school in Long Island before heading east to New York City in search of a career. She held a deep passion for both reading, and writing.

Josiah A. LeCount was her husband for 68 years before his passing. They married in the Trinity Church of Northport.

Jane LeCount was a dedicated citizen of Warrensburg. Her impact on this town can be recognized in; her affiliation with the Warrensburg Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce; her selection as Citizen of the Year, as well as Realtor of the Year; her work in the founding of the World's Largest Garage Sale.

Excerpt from a 1998 Quarterly
**GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE WE CARE
ABOUT YOUR WELL BEING, WE
OFFER THE FOLLOWING:**

How to Bathe:

Reader, we are disposed to take care of your body as well as your mind. Be duly thankful, therefore, for the advise we are about to give you.



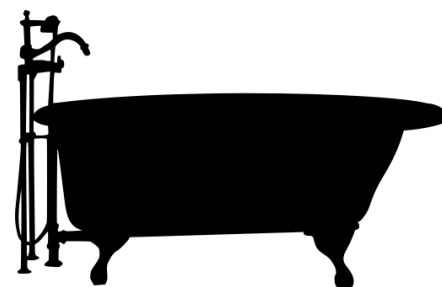
The spring hath some, "refreshed earth, reviving all but man"; your head aches and you feel occasionally drowsy, languid, and uncomfortable-take a warm bath, it will relieve you in an hour; but take it in the proper way;

"When 'tis done, 'twere well

It were not done quickly"; for in this lies the mischief of a warm bathing. A man generally posts a bath as if he were carrying an express, or running away from a broomstick. He is out of breath and in a perspiration on his arrival. He undresses himself in a great hurry, souses his body in the hot water, kicks about for five minutes, emerges with every pore open, puts on his garments, looks complacently in the mirror, and thinks he has taken a warm bath. No such thing; he has taken nothing but a cold.

In one hour he begins to sneeze, and the next day he commences coughing, and curses the bath. Philosophy grieves over his folly but will not relieve his nose and lungs. Why did the bath give him a cold? Because he was in a perspiration when he went into the water, which said perspiration was increased by the heat, and checked as soon as raised into the colder medium of the air. The order of nature must be reversed to prevent a man from taking cold under such circumstances.

Now reader, we will tell you how to take a bath. In the first place, pay your note if it be due; or if you cannot do that let it be protested and think no more about it. Tranquility of the mind is all important in rendering the warm bath beneficial. Walk leisurely to the house of ablution, and disrobe yourself with moderate hast. You may make the water hot enough to parboil you if you choose; that is left to your own taste. In with you; and, to beguile the time, read a newspaper or smoke a cigar. In about half an hour the water will cool to nearly the temperature of the air, and you will have gone gradually and safely through half a dozen climates. You will have left the torrid for the temperate zone.



Then let in the cold water, very slowly, almost drop by drop; and in the course of twenty minutes you will find yourself in a cold bath. Your pores will have closed gradually and moderately, your sensations will be exquisite during the process and you emerge from the cold water into warm air, dry your body thoroughly with a coarse towel, and feel like a new man. It is an impossibility for you to take cold; if you do, you are at liberty to come and box our ears for giving you bad advice.

JARS

We have just received a
large carload of Jars,
large and small.

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**EARLY WINTER MADNESS | TURNING
BACK THE PAGES**

BY JEAN HADDEN

January 9th 2019

Excerpt From The Sun

Jan. 1, 1925 – Records showed that in Warrensburgh, in 1924, 40 people died and 30 babies were born, according to Town Clerk Charles E. Wheeler.

Jan. 1, 1878 – The Warrensburgh News debuted with owner/editors J.W. Morris and A.H. Morris, from Granville, at the helm.

Jan. 1, 1933 – Editor John L. Tubbs retired from the Warrensburgh News.

Note: Tubbs joined the Warrensburgh News staff in 1887 and the post office officially dropped the “H” in Warrensburgh on June 2, 1891. After his retirement, the “H” was finally deleted from the title of the newspaper and the last issue of the paper that used the hotly debated “H” was Feb. 7, 1934. Tubbs died in 1937. The debate is still going on today.

Jan. 1, 1948 – Berry W. Woodard, 71, colorful proprietor of the Woodard Funeral Home in Warrensburgh, was found dead of a heart attack. He is best remembered for his glass enclosed, horse drawn hearse which today is in the Blue Mountain Lake Museum.



Photo courtesy of Warrensburgh Heritage Trail

Jan. 8, 1966 – A winter parade was held in Warrensburgh and Supervisor Spencer LaFlure, of Chestertown, appeared on horseback in the Warren County mounted patrol.

Jan. 29, 1971 — A fire did extensive damage to the Colonial Arms swimming pool bar and era, in Warrensburgh.

**TALES OF WARRENSBURG
BUSINESS FROM JACK TONEY**
(as related to Paul Gilchrist)

This is about a little incident from the early 20th century in the era of the grandparents of those who were growing up in the 1950s. Many of our readers will remember Bob Wilsey and Mary Crandall, WCS '57 and '61, respectively. Orson Wilsey, Bob's grandfather, ran a market on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue, beside what is now Bill's Restaurant. One day a local lawyer named Lewis E. Crandall, grand uncle of Mary Crandall, came into the store to buy some groceries. Orson took the opportunity to ask Lew for his opinion: "If a dog came into my market, grabbed a piece of meat and ran off with it, would the dog's owner be responsible?" Lew replied, "Yes, of course, the dog's owner would be liable for the cost of the meat." "Well," said Orson, "your dog did just that two days ago, so you owe me \$2.50 for that piece of meat." Lew thought a moment, then said, "Yes, you're right, I do, but you just asked me for legal advice, which I gave you, and which is worth \$5.00, so you owe me the difference, which is \$2.50. I'd like to use it to buy that nice piece of meat you have right there marked \$2.50, please."

**LETTERS TO OUR STAFF
IN 1998**

Jean Hadden recently reported a letter received from Jean L. Bennett of Schenectady, a niece of Floyd Bennett, on October 27th 1998.

"Dear Ms. Hadden,

I really enjoyed your article in the Fall Edition of the Historical Society Quarterly. I had picked one up Sunday at the Dedication of the Airport.

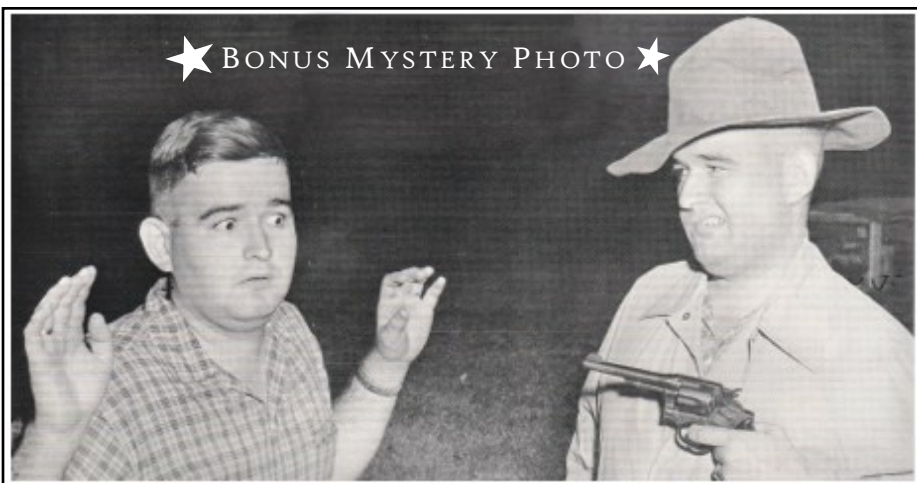
I do not know if you were there or not. It would have been nice to meet you. There were four of us attending. There was some sort of "glitch" and we never got introduced. Can you correct some information for your records? Leroy Bennett's children: Jean L. Bennett of Schenectady, NY, Lucille McCumber from Georgia, Lura Hunter from Colorado, Joyce Mikita of Florida, Leroy D. Bennett of Syracuse, NY and Betty Lou Hardel of Atlanta, Georgia. (Joyce and Lucille's were wrong).

Also one of the Bennett's grandchildren have a picture of my father and grandmother at the funeral. As soon as we can locate it, I will send you a copy.

Again thank you for your work. It was a welcome addition to the Dedication.

Sincerely,
Jean Bennett

P.S. Four of us were at the dedication. There are about 41 nieces and nephews great and great-great living."



Can you identify each figure in this 1958 photo? Contact Paul: prg12824@yahoo.com or 518-623-3162

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ANSWER FOR
 THE LAST
 QUARTERLY'S
 MYSTERY
 PHOTO

The structure in the last Mystery Photo was on upper Elm Street just south of the Glens Falls National Bank parking lot. It was the carriage shed behind the 1873 Russell Thomas house (which in more recent years housed the Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, and Warrensburgh Beautification, Inc.). The concrete wall is still there. The Soil and Water Conservation office was in this structure until it was torn down; then the site had several community garden plots.

Congratulations to Fred Weiss, Jack Toney, Tom Sprague, and Liz Sebald for correctly identifying it!



MYSTERY PHOTO

This building on Main Street still exists. If you can identify it, please email Paul at prg12824@yahoo.com or leave voicemail at 518-623-3162.