

# CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**Happy Holiday**

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## President's Message

"Why do you like history?" That is a question I have been asked in one form or another over the past several years. It is a good question and one that should cause me to ponder an answer. Why do I like history?

As I think about it I also wonder why do we have a few committed people who are willing to spend time and effort to serve on the Historical Society Board? Why do we have around 70 individuals who are interested enough in Candor history to become members of the Society? Why do we have several people each year who are willing to prepare and present historic programs for our monthly meetings?

As you read this and think about it, how would you answer the question? I'm not a philosopher so I don't have any deep thoughts about the answer but I do have a few basic reasons as to why I am interested in history and especially the history of the Candor area.

My father's ancestors bought land in Candor in the early 1800's and it is still in the family. I want to know what life was like when they moved here. My mother's family moved from the lush farmland of Illinois to a rocky hill farm in Candor in the early 1900's. That farm is still in the family. I am interested to know the history of that time that prompted them to do that.

The Town of Candor was formed over 200 years ago and there is a rich history of people and events that have occurred during that time. I want to learn about them to understand more about the area where I have lived all my life. The Candor Historical Society was formed for the purpose "to bring together those people interested in history, especially in the history of the Town of Candor" (from our incorporation statement) and our theme is "Tying the Candor of Today with the Candor of Yesterday."

While you are reading this newsletter I would like you to think about the importance of the history of your family in your life. What would you like to know about your ancestors? As you ponder that, also consider how important this Society is to the community and fill out the enclosed membership form. Help keep the Candor Historical Society an important community organization.

I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy and Successful New Year.

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Milton Dougherty, President

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In June, Marian Richards, Arlene Gillett, Arlene Moyer, and Mary White hosted a roundtable discussion on the Candor Community Club, highlighting the Madre Gras events.



The Historical Society participated in the 4th of July parade, and once again Gary Henry and Roger Westgate came up with a unique float, and built a rocket depicting Cape Canaveral.

Also in July, Jim Raftis spoke about our local military, including the Fallen Hero Funeral in Candor, and the Gold Star Father doing Maple Grove Cemetery survey for veterans; and the need for Candor to erect a memorial to honor the fallen.



In August, the Candor Historical Society hosted a picnic that was open to the public, and was held at Moyer Park. It was well attended and there was good food, great conversation and several historic albums to look through.

Eva Mae Musgrave gave a talk that focused on the historic aspects of The Edge of Thyme B&B at 6 Main Street in Candor, including the history of the home from the original owners to present. Originally built in



1860, this site once belonged to the Canfield's as a summer home--Rosa Murphy Canfield was the Executive Secretary to John D. Rockefeller. In 2010, The Edge of Thyme was designated the Best Rural Bed and Breakfast in the World, and The Best Tea Room in the World, by Pamela Lanier of Lanier B&B Travel Guide, the

foremost B&B spokesperson in the world.

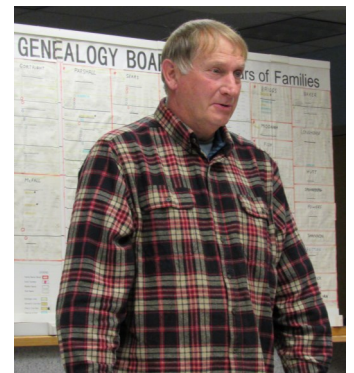
Participating in the Candor Fall Festival of Events in October, a handful of Historical Society Members pulled off another successful yard and bake sale. As an extra event, Candor Historical Society, held a historic tour of Maple Grove Cemetery, thanks to Dick Zavetto. The fun and educational tour highlighted some of the art, architecture, and people of Candor's past.



And because of it's success, another walk was planned on October 24, again to a group of enthusiastic participants.

A special Planting ceremony was held at the McKendree United Methodist church to honor Charles Estelle's memory, officiated by Roy Yarrington. Estelle was a long time resident of Candor, and a member of the Church, and served as a trustee, was on the Administrative Board, as well as other committees. He was a Past Master of Candor Lodge #411 of Free and Accepted Masons, a Staff Officer for the Masonic Chemung/Schuyler/Tioga District, and a member of the Stowell Chapter #495 Order of the Eastern Star. He served as an active member of the Candor Ambulance Squad for many years, and served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Ending our 2015 Talk Series, Wanye Myers gave an impressive talk on the Bald Hill Community, and the farms that were disbanded in the 1930s, when the Federal Government took over, and FDR's Agricultural and Resettlement program was initiated. The program forced farmers to move away from their three-generation family farms to what was considered better farm lands. Myers also talked about the relationship of the Bald Hill Community to the Civil War.



## Candor 75 Years Ago—1940, by Don Weber

### (Based on the Candor Courier Items)

- Fred Miller & Son (Myron) purchased a new Pontiac combination funeral car and ambulance.
- James H. Jennings Sr. was honored on his 90th birthday. He had been a druggist in Candor for 70 years (last at 84 Main—now Main Street Spirits).



- Willseyville citizens constructed a “water hole” for use in case of fire (probably scooped out at the Hands Hill Rd. bridge).

- The eligible-for-draft list for Candor totaled 211 men. Everett “Bus” Longrod, married (Irene Chaffee) with one son, was called for Tioga County’s first contingent. First Candorites to go in Tioga’s second contingent were Irvin Schoonover, Edward Olkowski, Lester Hulslander, and Loren “Larry” Lohmeyer (who married Doris Gridley the day before he left).

- The restaurant in the Keystone Station (latterly the Loft and now an apartment) became a “Lubritorium” when their outside lift was moved inside.

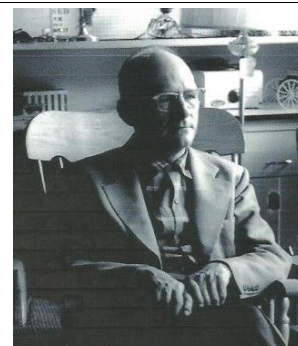
- Tioga County went for Franklin D. Roosevelt in the presidential election. Candor wanted Wendell Wilkie, giving him a 741-vote majority.



- Candor Glove Co. was manufacturing gloves for the U.S. Navy.

- Ward & Van Scoy received a flatcar load of (8) Alice Chalmers tractors (the last for the duration of WW2).

- Deer season opened on November 25 for the first time since deer were wiped out in the late 1800s. There were “many hunters and many posted signs.” A lot of the bucks (only) killed were mature, with “extremely” large antlers and weighing 200 lbs. or so. Town Clerk C. Arthur “Stub” Beebe ran out of licenses and left town!



Myron Miller



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Fred Quinlan)  
Robert Woodford

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## LOCAL WEBSITES

### **Candor Historical Society's New Website**

<http://www.candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com>

**Town of Candor:** <http://candorny.us/>

**Candor Town Board Future Meetings Info:** <http://www.CandorTownBoard.blogspot.com>

**Candor Village:** <http://www.candorvillage.com>

**Candor Chamber of Commerce:** <http://www.Candornychamber.org>

**Candor Calendar of Events:** <http://www.candorcommunitycalendar.info>

**Candor Central School:** <http://www.candor.org>

**Candor Emergency Squad:** <http://www.candorememergencysquad.org>

**Candor Volunteer Fire Department:** <http://www.candorfire.org>

**Candor Free Library:** <http://www.candorlibrary.blogspot.com>

**County of Tioga:** <http://www.Tiogacountyny.com>

**New York State:** <http://www.state.ny.us>

**Postcards Across America:** <http://www.candorpostcards.com/>