

CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the enjoyable things about being interested in local history is that you get to learn information about people and events that have had an impact on our Candor culture that, at the time, were just part of everyday life.

In our last newsletter we featured an article submitted by Robert Woodford that gave insight into early 19th century life in Candor as lived by his great, great grandfather, Romanta Woodford. Recently the Society received a doctor's case that was used by Candor veterinarian Dr. Arnold Hilbert that has prompted me to want to know more about him and the impact he and his family had on the community.

It is going to take some digging and I am hoping some of you who knew them can help supply some information so the Society can put together a history that can be displayed along with the case and some other memorabilia that came with it. If you can help, please contact me, one of the officers, or Historian Carol Henry. What I have learned so far is that he began his practice in Candor in 1928, and was active in the Congregational Church.

The Candor Community Club has a long history in the community and over the years was active in organizing and promoting many local events. At the June 24th Society meeting the history and activities of the Club will be the topic of discussion and reminiscence. Marian Richards, Arlene Moyer, and Mary White have been gathering information, and will lead a round table discussion. I am hoping that many of you who took part in the Club events will add to the conversation.

Future Society activities for the year are listed separately in the newsletter. I urge you to not only attend but to become an active part of the Candor Historical Society with your membership and support.

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Carol Henry (Historian/Newsletter Editor) – 659-7661



(Photo: 2015 Memorial Day Parade led by the Candor American Legion Post 907 Color Guard)

MARCH HISTORY

TALK: Rick Musa, owner of Fish Haven Farm. Bass Haven Hatchery received a NYS Ag and Market grant in 1985 to study bass raising techniques, which eventually led to the development of the current business and site. Today, Fish Haven Farm provides many species of fish, serving over 2,500 customers in NY and PA to individual ponds and lakes, as well as supply county soil and water stocking programs. The farm focuses on a 'green' approach to farming and does not use or sell chemicals.



MAY HISTORY TALK: Gary Emerson presented a talk on "Helmira" a Civil War Prison Camp in Elmira, considered to be one of the deadliest prison camps of the North. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the camp, and in the years following the Civil War, Elmira and Andersonville became symbols of the divisiveness of the war, hindering reconciliation between the North and South.



JUNE SPECIAL PRESENTATION—joint program with the Candor Historical Society, the Candor Chamber of Commerce and Candor Community Services: Logan Hill Nature Preserve: a 290-acre plot of land donated by Dick and Betsy Darlington to the Finger Lakes Land Trust, will be developed with hiking trails, parking area, and a public canoe/kayak launch area on the Catatonk Creek.

ON MAY 26, Candor Historian, Carol Henry, presented a PowerPoint talk to Candor Central School 7th graders on The Underground Railroad, and the route between Owego and Ithaca, and known Abolitionists and their connection linking people, places, businesses, and means of helping runaway slaves.

CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE: Thanks to Nancy Riggs, the Historical Society has its own website. Take a moment to check it out:

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

2015 SCHEDULED EVENTS

- * **June 24:** Annual Meeting/Election of Officers and Board Members. Topic: Candor Community Club—Marian Richards, Arlene Moyer, Mary White—Roundtable Discussion; 7:00 p.m., Candor Town Hall—come and share your stories & pictures.
- * **July 4th Parade**—Historical Society Float Theme: Cape Canaveral
- * **July 29:** Jim Raftis—Local Servicemen; 7:00 p.m. Candor Fire Hall
- * **August 15:** Annual Historical Society Picnic—dish to pass (beverage and table service provided)—**open to the public**; 11:00—2:00, Moyer Park. Bring items of interest to share.
- * **September 30:** Eva Mae Musgrave—Edge of Thyme; 7:00 p.m., Candor Town Hall
- * **October 10:** Rummage and Bake Sale—Candor Fall Festival; 10:00—4:00; donations for gently used items (no clothing) and bake sale items needed; Masonic Lodge; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (drop off items day before, or 9:00 a.m. Saturday)
- * **October 18:** Wayne Meyers—Bald Hill, The Lost Community; Candor Town Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- * **November:** No meeting—Happy Thanksgiving
- * **December:** No meeting—Merry Christmas/Happy New Year

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Note: All meetings/talks are free and open to the public. Refreshments are always served. Membership is encouraged, but not necessary in order to attend meeting.

NEW: *Ithaca and Owego Rail Road—a History of the Railroads in Candor*

by Donald F. Weber, and Howard J. Scharf
available at the Candor Free Library
Limited copies available for purchase.



75 Years Ago (1940)

By Don Weber (Based on Candor Courier Items)

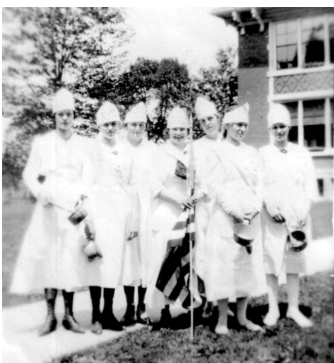
- ◆ The Hubbardtown school (corner of Howard Hill Rd. & Rte. 96) was sold to George Cowles for \$500. It was converted into a dwelling (as were a number of other rural district schoolhouses).

- ◆ A new Fire District pumper truck was being inspected and tried out at the “lower” millpond when a fire broke out in Charles Scoefield’s attic on McCarty St. Alert Hose (“upper-enders”) were first on the scene and had hose in place when the pumper arrived and “soon demonstrated self to be efficient.”



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- ◆ The Town purchased a 57-acre woodlot off Ketchum Hollow Rd. (Martin Hollow). Able-bodied men applying for relief were to work there and receive \$1 in credit for groceries for each (face) cord of wood they cut. The “orders” could be used in any store they chose.



- ◆ Ward & Van Scoy held a “big opening day celebration” at the Grange Hall to mark their taking on the Allis Chalmers line of farm tractors and machinery.

- ◆ By leasing the old bus garage (owned by Charles Marshall) in front of the school, C.C.S. was able to move the Agriculture Department and free two rooms in the main building. Each grade had one teacher and Biology was added. The Home Economics room and one adjacent were used as an “informal cafeteria.” Milk, sandwiches and a hot dish were served by Senior and Junior girls and the Home Ec. Class (photo: Cooking Class). Milk could not be served until pasteurizing equipment was installed in the Maxwell Dairy (Leo Maxwell—Water St.). About 58 students and faculty were served each day.

- ◆ C.C.S. sent Phyllis McCune (Brown), Elizabeth Hovey (McDermid), and Athene Ward (Butterfield) to the state-wide typing competition at Syracuse University. Out of 580 contestants from 85 schools, the Candor trio placed 3rd overall. Miss McCune won individual first place with 55 words per minute, 3 more than her nearest competitor.

- ◆ Fred Miller and son, Myron, purchased a new Pontiac combination funeral car and ambulance.

- ◆ The 1940 census showed little change in Candor since 1930, with the Town up 26 to 2,590, and the Village down 12 to 657.

- ◆ Winston S. Ives opened a law practice over the Post Office (89 Main St., and served the Candor area for over 40 years. He was Village Attorney for 38 years, having the Village Hall named for him. He also served Candor Central School, Town of Candor, Candor Fire District, and Tioga County).



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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/>