

CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As is true of many organizations the Candor Historical Society depends entirely upon volunteers for its success and continuing operation.

From the very beginning when Carol Henry started in 1996 what was first called the Candor History Group, the growth and success of the group depended on people who were interested in Candor history and who were willing to volunteer their time to meet and work to develop the organization.

From that small beginning, the Candor Historical Society was organized and incorporated, and has continued to be an important part of the community for nearly 20 years. That is due to the willingness of people who volunteer their time and effort.

There are many examples that could be used to demonstrate the point, but I would like to focus on one for this newsletter. That example is the float that the Society enters in the Candor 4th of July parade. A float has been entered every year since the Society was organized and many people have been involved in building and riding on them. However, in recent years the recognition for successful and unique floats goes to a few individuals.

The Society Float Committee consists primarily of three individuals: Roger Westgate, Gary Henry and Herb Dougherty. This committee is tasked with the job of conceiving, planning and building a float that embodies whatever the theme of the parade is for that year. Their willingness to volunteer several hours of their time to create floats that draw many good comments and much applause from the viewing crowd has contributed a great deal to the exposure and recognition of the Candor Historical Society as a dynamic organization in the community.

To keep the Society as a dynamic organization it is important that more people who love this community and its history be willing to come forward and volunteer some of their time, perhaps on one of the committees—Library, Museum, Publications, Historic Sites, Programs, Membership, Nominations, Audit, or as a member of the Board. As the Society moves forward with plans to make the former Grange building into a history resource center, I urge you to become involved. Contact me or any Board member and let us know that you are interested in helping.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our January meeting at the Town Hall was a video of a talk given by Annie Jenkins (2006), who, as a Jewish girl, went through horrible experiences during WWII.

At the February talk, Dick Warner presented a look at the history and variety of woodworking planes and how they were used to produce such products as picture frames, cabinets, and other furniture pieces.



Also in May, The Historical Society, held a special historic walking tour of Maple Grove Cemetery, arranged by Dick Zavatto, following the Memorial Day Parade. Veterans ranging from the Revolutionary War to Operation Iraqi Freedom were highlighted.



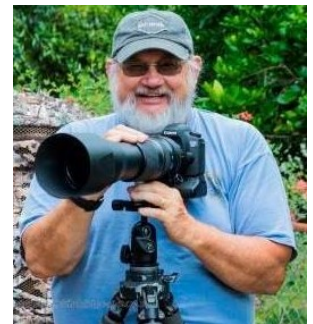
The focus in June was a roundtable discussion on the historic Candor School District, from its early days of one-room schoolhouses, the students, the teachers, Candor Free Academy's fire, to centralization and the many changes to the buildings and programs over the years. A short video produced by historian Carol Henry while president of the Alumni Association in the 1980s was shown. Carol also displayed her huge school poster board presentation.

July 4th parade float: Thanks to Roger Westgate and Gary Henry, and the rest of the committee, for their hard work on this year's float—Gary, pictured right, as President Teddy Roosevelt, helped us win 2nd place.



Also in July, Carol Henry organized a history booth at the 4th of July Celebration at the fairgrounds. Thanks to Dick Zavatto, Gary Henry, Nancy Riggs, and Jeannie Ahart for helping at the booth on Friday Night.

July 27: Bob Strickland, local award winning photographer presented a slide presentation on many of the farms in the Candor area— current and long gone, as well as an assortment of many of the birds that hang out in Candor.



In March, Phil Jordan gave an historical, and sometimes hysterical account of his reminisces of his five-year stint as an Ithaca Journal Newspaper Boy in the Town of Candor, and his escapades and encounters with many of Candor's citizens.



On April 27, Connie Fedorowicz presented a talk on the up-dated account of the history of Weltonville, and the many changes that have taken place, and the implications of what those changes have meant to the small but active community. Connie had previously given a talk on the history of Weltonville in 2009, which covered the settlement of the area.



On May 25, Gary Emerson presented a talk on the 1779 Sullivan/Clinton Campaign — one of the largest military operations of the American Revolution. His talk centered on the many expeditions of Generals John Sullivan and James Clinton in the Finger Lakes area, and how the white settlers moved into the region to establish farms and towns as the Iroquois nations were dispossessed of their land.



DVD's Available: Don Weber-1) Candor Hall 2) Owego to Ithaca Turnpike 3) Owego to Ithaca Rail Road; Howard Weber-Old Tools-; Bob Weber-Milk Bottles; Carol Henry-Candor in the 30s; Milt Dougherty-Civilian Conservation Corp; Sigrid Bergland-Catatonk Hall; Dick Warner 1) Barns; 2) Wood Planes; Bill Calaroso-Trains of Candor; Assorted Residents-1946-56 Oral History; Donn Kemp-Jewelry; Mary Lou Field-Life Stories; Annie Jenkins-WW2, Experiences; Florence Roberts-The Grange; Roger Westgate-Wood Carving; Jim Roberts-the Coursen farm; Connie Federowicz 1) Weltonville 2) Weltonville Update; Rick Musa-Fish Haven Farm; Hanna Robinson-Nancy Love, WW2 WAFS Commander; Gary Emerson 1) The Elmira Civil War Prison Camp 2) The Sullivan/Clinton Campaign; Phil Jordan-Memories of a Candor Paper Boy.

By Don Weber's 100 Years Ago—1916 (Based on Candor Courier Items)

- Will Beebe, manager of the Candor Theatre (Candor Market storeroom) obtained several war-related (silent) films including the highly advertised “The Battle Cry of Peace” and the 6-reel “Uncle Sam at Work.” Later they presented “Beloved Vagabond...a fine 6-reel hand colored Gold Rooster play featuring Edwin Arden” and “Cabiria” a 12-reel film considered to be the “greatest spectacular ever made.”
- After 13 years of horse and van delivery of mail on Rural Route 3 (southern part of town) an automobile (probably a Model T Ford) was used. The carrier left the Post Office at 8:00 a.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m. (cutting about three hours off the run).
- Construction of the Candor-Spencer highway (to the line) lagged until contractor Connelly brought in a “large force of Spaniards” to augment his crew of 18.
- The Candor Blanket Factory (site of Family Health Care) was sold by George Hart and John Fiebig to Peter Fowler who made improvements, including hot and cold water to the lavatory, inside toilets, and steam heat.
- The First National Bank listed deposits of \$9021.00 in “postal savings,” the new means of “war support.”
- A large concrete-walled ice house was built on the south bank of the “upper” mill pond by G.F. Roe.
- A milk strike by the Dairymen’s League cut New York City’s milk by about half. Catatunk and West Candor shipped no milk. A few non-league farmers brought about 380 pounds per day to Candor’s Campbell Plant (Quick-crete location), not enough to affect the strike. Candor striker’s milk went to Edgett’s Fairfield Cheese Factory (junction of Candor Hill and Fairfield Roads). Edgett honored the strike by not taking any non-league member’s milk. A ditty “sung in New York City: ‘...It’s a long way to the upstate dairy./It’s a long way to go./It’s a long way to the upstate dairy,/And the milk I used to know./Then good-bye cream and custard;/Farewell pumpkin pie;/It’s a long, long way to the upstate dairy,/When Borden’s cans go dry.’”
- Candor High School (C.C.S.) installed an electric motor to replace the “noisy and uncertain” gasoline engine that had been driving the large ventilating fan.
- Seely Electric (Spencer) installed a larger steam engine and generator and began providing 24-hour service.

I REMEMBER WHEN...

A Glimpse of Candor’s Good Old Days
First-hand accounts of local citizens who lived in
Candor, New York - Vol. I



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I REMEMBER WHEN—A Glimpse of Candor’s Good Old Days—First-hand accounts of local citizens who lived in Candor, New York—VOL. II.

The Candor Historical Society is excited to announce that **they** are working on Volume II of “I Remember When—A Glimpse of Candor’s Good Old Days.” **They** invite you to send in your special remembrances of living in Candor for this special edition. As Historian, Carol Henry will be acting as compiler and editor for this project. Please submit your ‘stories’—handwritten or typed, to Carol Henry at: 90 Dry Brook Road, Willseyville, NY 13864, or via email: carolhenry@frontiernet.net.

Deadline for this project is December 31, 2016. You do not need to be a member of the historical society to submit a piece for this publication. And length is not a problem—short or long—we want you to share your memories with us.

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2016 SCHEDULED EVENTS

- * **August 9: Clean-up day at the Catatonk Building, and at the Grange. Starts at 10:00.**
- * **August 20: Historical Society Dish-to-Share Picnic at Moyer Park—12:00 noon.** The picnic is free and open to the public and those who are interested in Candor's History. Drinks, bottled water, paper products and tableware will be provided. Bring stories (I Remember When...), pictures, notebooks and other items of interest to share.
- * **September 28:** Roundtable on the history of the poultry industry in Candor, will be at the Candor Town hall, 7:00—9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to share their stories of living on, or working on one of the poultry farms in the area.
- * **October 8:** Society's indoor Flea Market and Bake Sale. 10:00 am—4:00 pm, Candor Masonic Lodge. Drop of donated items on Friday, October 7, and Baked Goods Saturday morning starting at 8:00 a.m.
- * **October 26: Tentative:** Dimir Lazaric—Policing Candor Village; 7:00—Town Hall
- * **November:** No meeting—Happy Thanksgiving
- * **December:** No meeting—Merry Christmas/Happy New Year

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.